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## Message from the President

Welcome everyone to our February newsletter. February is a big month for us as a society. It is the time when we nominate officers for the Board of Directors for the next two years. The positions of President and Vice President will be open for nomination. I would encourage anyone interested in helping run the society in any of these positions to please consider putting your hat in the ring. I have served 3 terms as president and will not be seeking another term.

As most of you know, Dee Van Meer, our VP and Show Chair, and Co-Chair, Debra Pease, have been busy putting together the final touches on our March 23<sup>r</sup>-25 show. This should be a great show and I am looking forward to seeing it all come together. With that said, we are still in

need of as many volunteers as possible to help put the show together. So please, if you are interested, contact any member of the board if you can help in anyway. No support is too small.

Our February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a slide presentation from Dave and Cheryl Holesovsky on the Bamboo Farms Greenhouse that is currently undergoing renovation for use and participation of the society. I cannot thank the Bamboo Farms enough for their generosity. So please plan to attend our meeting so you can see and learn more about our new venture.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at the mall.

Jim Keplinger  
President

Along with donated plants, we will have some Vandas & Phaius for raffle/auction at the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### February Meeting Refreshments

Bob Carson &  
Dee Van Meer

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DSOS  
Board Minutes  
January 30, 2012

The meeting was called to order at the Xerox Office at 6:10 pm. The following were in attendance:

Jim Keplinger                      Dee Van Meer                      Bob Carson                      Pat Keplinger  
Sandy Hardy                      Guest: Gail Mathews

### Treasurer's Report

The balance as of 1/30/2012 was \$2327.94 in checking and \$5921.67 in a CD, making a total of \$8249.61 as operating funds

The minutes were read and approved and as submitted.

### South Carolina Show (February 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>)

- Sandy will send out an email to members asking for plants to be taken to the show
- Dee will put the display in on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>
- Stanley and his wife will take down the display on the 12<sup>th</sup>
- Jim volunteered to bring some greenery and will have it to Dee by Wednesday
- Anyone bringing plants can bring them to Savannah Mall Hospitality Room by Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, no later than 7:00 pm

### March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> Show

- Jean Carson and Christina Negrea will put in the society's display
- Jim volunteered to be the Orchid Doctor and do repotting
- Stanley is Publicity Chair
- Pat and Jim will do hospitality again this year
- Bob will be Head Clerk
- Gail Mathews is Trophy Chair
- Our Vendors will be: Live Oak Orchids, May River Orchids, Marble Branch Farms, Tom Wise, Keiki Pro, and Hicks Orchid Supply
- Herb and Trisha Windom have graciously volunteered to do the Judges' Dinner again this year
- Pat will ask members at the meeting if they would be interested in bringing brownies, cookies, and snacks to have during registration and throughout the show, anyone interested in doing so, please see Pat
- We will have repotting again this year beginning at 1:00 pm on Saturday along with Geni Smith from Atlanta doing a presentation

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For those of you who have looked at Orchid Wiz but thought it might be more than what you need, the developers of Orchid Wiz have introduced a new product.

### Jacksonville Orchid Society Show

March 17 and 18, 2012

### JOIN THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

12 issues of Orchids, the Society's monthly full color magazine chock full of insightful articles and tempting ads for plants and supplies. 10% off on purchases from the Society's Bookstore and Orchid Emporium. Reduced or free admission to participating botanical gardens.

For a limited time, if you join for two years you will also get a \$30 gift certificate (good on an order of \$100 or more) at any one of 13 commercial growers who advertise in *Orchids*. **JOIN TODAY.** Single Membership 1 year \$65, 2 years \$125 Student Membership 1 year \$40, 2 years \$75 JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE AT: [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

**OrchidWiz Express** is an easy-to-use application that allows orchid growers to get cultivation and genealogy information for thousands of species and more than 145,000 hybrids. Growers can keep track of their orchids by using the Orchid Journal that is included with the software, as well as print labels for their tags. This version of OrchidWiz comes with more than 4,000 photographs of the most common species and hybrids and is aimed at the beginner to intermediate hobby grower.

#### Features

- Basic cultivation for species and hybrids
- 4,000 color photos of the most common orchids
- Orchid Journal to keep track of your plants
- Search for Cross / Genus / Hybridizer
- Comprehensive genealogy charts
- Ability to print labels and profile reports
- Search by RHS or Sander names

### JOIN THE ORCHID DIGEST CORPORATION

Don't let the name fool you, the Orchid Digest is a non-profit membership-based organization dedicated to orchids. Designed to appeal to the mid-range to advanced grower, nothing beats the *Orchid Digest*. For just \$34/year you get 4 issues of full-color, in-depth articles about orchids. The magazine is large format and the fourth issue of the year is always an extra-special issue devoted to a single genus. For membership application forms contact [Fred Missbach \(404-237-1694\)](mailto:Fred.Missbach@orchiddigest.com)

# SHOW TROPHY SPONSORS NEEDED

Your donation to the trophy fund will be greatly appreciated. No amount is too small and donations will be acknowledged in the show schedule. As always, your donations are tax deductible, as Deep South Orchid Society is a 501(C) 3 non-profit organization.

Please see Bob Carson at the Feb. 13th meeting. We accept cash or checks. If paying by check, make it payable to DSOS & designate that it is for the trophy fund. If you can't come to the meeting, just mail your check to DSOS, PO Box 15602, Savannah, GA 31416.



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## February 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- Election, Charles Breitenbach will announce the nominees for the March election
- President and Vice Presidents positions will be open for nominations
- Pat has agreed to stay on as secretary and Bob has agreed to stay on as treasurer
- Dee has been nominated as President
- It is open to anyone else who would like to run for President or Vice President
- Our topic will be a slide show presentation given by Dave and Cheryl Holesovsky on the greenhouse at the Bamboo Farm
- We will have a plant auction and raffle
- We will also have a discussion about our show and how to fill out the forms for registration
- Dee will do refreshments and Bob will bring the drinks and ice

## Newsletter

- Jim and Pat will email Sandy the board minutes and Presidents Column
- Newsletter will be mailed the 8<sup>th</sup> of February
- Dee will email Sandy the show information to be put in the newsletter also

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next board meeting will be February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Savannah Mall

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Keplinger  
Recording Secretary

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# It's Almost Here!

Show Time is just around the corner and preparations are well under way.

- Committees are in place.
- Judges have agreed to come.
- Vendors have signed on.
- Sister societies are coming to dazzle us with their displays.

With so many orchids in bloom and many, many more coming along, this could very well be one of our more beautiful shows!

I encourage everyone to help. This is your society so please remember when the signup sheet comes around at our next meeting, to sign up to help. And if you can't be at the next meeting, be sure to call (898-1382) and volunteer. No job is too small or too large. If we all pitch in, there is no need for anyone to feel overwhelmed. Remember, in order to attend that wonderful judges' dinner at the Windom's, you must participate. Maybe you would just like to bake or cook something for hospitality. That is great! Or help with set up on Wednesday evening, or possibly clerk for the judges on Friday morning. Anything is welcome and ok. I am getting excited and I certainly want to be a part of it! I hope you do too!

## IPA (International Phalaenopsis Alliance)

SE Region 12 Meeting  
Peach State Orchids, Woodstock, GA  
Saturday, February 18, 2012

### Agenda

9 AM—Greenhouses Open—Hospitality and Plant Sales

10 AM—Announcements and 1st Speaker  
*David Kessler—Developing Harlequin Orchids*

David is in training to become a certified AOS Judge based in the Atlanta Center. As part of his educational requirements, he developed this PowerPoint program addressing the development of the Harlequin patterns in Phalaenopsis. It was very well received by the members of the Atlanta judging center, and now he is going to present this program to us. We are in for a treat with David's presentation.

11:30—Lunch on your own

1 PM—2nd Speaker  
*Cultural Workshop – hosted by Tom Harper*

At past IPA SE regional meetings, this workshop has always been a hit with attendees. We'll cover all manner of Phalaenopsis cultural questions and experiences. Bring your sick and ailing plants and be ready to join in the Q&A session.

2:30 PM—Auction to benefit the IPA Color Fund and Region 12.  
(Please bring selected divisions, keikis, mericlones and selected plants to donate to the auction.)

*The next DSOS meeting is the second Monday of the month, February 13th beginning at 7:00 pm in The Community Room of Savannah Mall, Space #1106 at the Target/Burlington Coat Factory end of the mall.*

### Treasurers Report January 30, 2012

<b>Checkbook balance begin</b>	<b>\$2196.00</b>
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<b>Deposits:</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
<b>Auction</b>	<b>\$ 87.00</b>
<b>Raffle</b>	<b>\$ 63.00</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>
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<b>Checks Written:</b>	
<b>Dee Van Meer (Christmas Ham)</b>	<b>\$ 73.90</b>
<b>Bob Carson (Show Fabric)</b>	<b>\$ 64.16</b>
<b>Total Checks Written</b>	<b>\$138.06</b>
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<b>Total Monies on Hand:</b>	
<b>CD</b>	<b>\$5921.67</b>
<b>Checkbook end</b>	<b>\$2327.94</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8249.61</b>