

The CIOS Newsletter

CENTRAL INDIANA ORCHID SOCIETY

HOLIDAY PARTY & ORCHID BINGO

“It’s the most wonderful time. . .of the year”. Oh, just thinking of the annual holiday party makes you want to break out in song! Quite possibly our most anticipated meeting of the year is scheduled for December 6, beginning at noon. As normal, we ask our members to “pitch-in” and bring a dish to share of your choice. Generally, things like appetizers or desserts are a big hit. We’ll start the festivities in grand fashion by setting down to eat. The CIOS will be providing service-ware and drinks are covered.

Once we are done feasting on goodies,

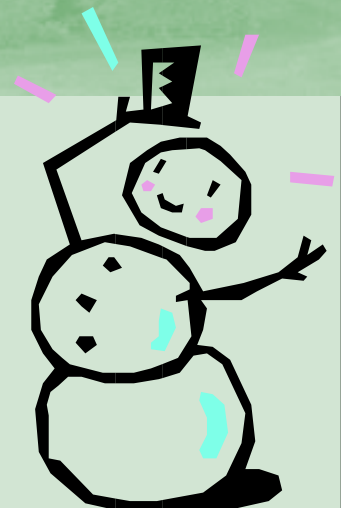
we’ll start our traditional game of Orchid Bingo. We’ve got orchids coming in from Carmela’s, New Vision, Mikel’s, & Hilltop so there will be quite the booty to claim for the winners. If you’d like to contribute healthy plants (and that includes not just orchids) to the bingo prizes, they are always welcome.

To play bingo, members will be asked to contribute \$10, non-members \$15. That’s quite a deal, considering your guaranteed at least one plant.

Directions to Garfield Park:

Take I-65 to the Raymond St. exit, turn west toward Shelby St. Turn left (South) onto Shelby St. and go approx. 3 blocks. The entrance to Garfield Park will be on the right side (West) of Shelby St. The Conservatory is located just inside the park on the left.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all, it is almost incomprehensible that we are already approaching the Christmas season. It seems like yesterday that we were discussing our upcoming 2009 and already we are getting ready to start 2010! Time flies when you are having fun, no doubt about it!

We have had a great year. I have seen some of the most beautiful Orchids in my life, most I might add, have come from small

greenhouses, windowsills, and the grow-lights of our members. We have had a learning year. Thanks to the Hinshaws, we have had a year that can be equivocated to a year long Orchid growing workshop. I have learned so much!

In all, I can only hope that 2010 is as great as 2009. I am very appreciative to all of you that have made this year a success and for so many of you that have continued to give me great constructive

criticism on how to be a better non-profit president. Have a great Holiday Season and don't forget to treat your Orchids to a nice light dose of extra fertilizer as a token of appreciation for all the joy they have brought you over the past year!

~Chad Williams
CIOS President

UPCOMING EVENTS

*"November
always seemed to
me the Norway
of the year."
- Emily
Dickinson*

Home & Flower Show
March 5-7, 2010
Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis,
IN

CIOS Spring Orchid Show
April 17-18, 2010
Garfield Park Conservatory, Indianapolis, IN
Set up -4/16

2010 DUES RENEWAL

Another thing this time of year brings is the reminder that dues are. . .well, due. Membership runs from January 1 through December

31. Attached in this newsletter, you'll find a membership renewal form. If you'd like, please bring it filled out, along with a check made out to

CIOS, with you to the December meeting and give it to treasurer, Claudia Ford or you can also mail it to her at the listed address.



2010 OFFICERS

The nominations committee has finished their job and finalized a slate of officers for next years.

Chad Williams will be staying as president, Mike Hinshaw as vice president of programming, Claudia Ford as treasurer, while Kortney Bewley will be taking over

responsibilities of corresponding secretary and Lowell Flint as recording secretary. I believe a formal vote will be called for at the December meeting so officers would become effective on January 1.



AOS ON FACEBOOK

Submitted by Susan Taylor, Orchid Editor of BellaOnline.com

If you're an avid user of Facebook or a newbie, just getting started, be sure to join the American Orchid Society's Facebook Membership Page. It was set up to create a forum for discussion, questions and news all about the national headquarters and affiliate organizations of AOS. People from New Hampshire to Florida are already

members, sharing their orchid-related news.

Just log-on to your Facebook account (or create one at www.facebook.com; it's free and easy!), then in the Search box, type in "American Orchid Society.." Click on the icon with two, blue people on it, indicating a **Membership** page. Once you're in, become a Member and join the conversation. If you have any

questions about how to join Facebook or the AOS Membership page, please contact the Page Administrators Carol Holdren of AOS.

*"From December to March, there are for many of us three gardens - the garden outdoors, the garden of pots and bowls in the house, and the garden of the mind's eye."
- Katherine S. White*

REFRESHMENTS

December-Holiday
Bingo and Pitch-In

Please start looking at your 2010 calendar and see if there are any months that you would like to host the refreshments!



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A O S C O R N E R

*Submitted by Carol Holdren, AOS Affiliated Society
Committee*

The **American Orchid Society** has Members Meetings twice a year, once in the spring and then in the fall. These events are open to any orchid lover to attend. Think about going to the next one which is in Oklahoma City from April 28 – May 2, 2010. You can obtain information under “Events” at the AOS web site or at <http://www.2010aosshow.oosorchids.org/> At each of these meetings the AOS has been hosting Town Hall meetings where they have been answering questions from membership in a public setting. Let me share a couple of the questions and answers from the recent California town hall meeting.

Q. How is the AOS doing financially?

Answer: The organization is struggling and has cut its expenses in every instance that it can. The staff has been dramatically cut back. Also several fundraising campaigns have been initiated including the Garden Committee’s “Save the Garden” campaign and the Development Committee has asked for donations from Trustees, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. Also the Development Committee, along with the Affiliated Society Committee, has asked for financial assistance from Affiliated Orchid Societies. If we all pull together we can make it through this difficult financial time.

Q. Have we absolutely concluded we can’t unload the headquarters?

Answer: If AOS can attract enough people to the facility we are better off having it open. It provides positive cash flow. It also provides the means for AOS members to have reciprocal membership to over 200 other gardens around the world. The headquarters was paid for by donations from several generous AOS supporters.

If you have a burning question for the AOS leadership, come to a Town Hall meeting—you’re sure to get your answers there! Or you can email me and I will get an answer to you: affiliated_societies@aos.org

