



Come and Grow With Us

### February Speaker

For our February 4th meeting, Patsy Boersma will speaking to us about Green Cattleyas. Patsy is an accredited AOS judge, a member of the Shreveport Orchid Society, The Central Louisiana Orchid Society, The Arkansas Orchid Society, the AOS, the Orchid Digest and SWROGA. She is also the training coordinator for the Shreveport Judging Center. Patsy has been growing orchids for 17 years. Although she grows several different genera of orchids, Cattleyas are her favorite.

Please join us for "Dinner with the Speaker" between 5:30-6:00 p.m. at the La Familia Restaurant, 814 Foch, Fort Worth, 817/870-2002.

### I Goofed!

I received a call from Oakhill Gardens to let me know that I was mistaken or misheard about a 25% discount for any plant that you order from them and have shipped along with our raffle plant order.

The society is getting a 25% discount off the raffle plants. However, plants that our members order from them will be at the retail price and they will ship them with the raffle plants.

I am so sorry that I misunderstood this and told you something in error. I hope that this has not caused any of our members embarrassment.

**Mary Butler, President**

### Spring Plant Sale

Our Spring Sale coming up the last weekend of March and we need your help. As Mary said at the January meeting, this is a rebuilding year.

Basically, we need to raise money and that's where you come in. We all have a tropical or an orchid that needs dividing, so go ahead and do it. And then donate a plant to the Society. It will help pay for the quality Speakers we want, the mailings- the list goes on.

So please, let's work together and help make the FWOS financially strong again. Thank you for your help.

### Something New

Starting in February, Gardening Warehouse Direct will start delivering orders for supplies to our Members, which will be delivered at the following meeting.

Please call the store at 817/275-6554 to place an order or go on line to:

**[www.gardeningwarehousedirect.com](http://www.gardeningwarehousedirect.com)**

### 2008 Schedule

*Meeting at 7:00 p.m.*

February 4th

Patsy Boersma  
Green Cattleyas

March 3rd

TBA

March

29th & 30th  
Plant Sale

April 7th

TBA

May 5th

Eric Christenson  
Vandas



## The President's Message

Occasionally, there are circumstances that force us to leave the warm, lush environment of our greenhouses to deal with issues far from the beauty of our blooms. I hate it when this happens but recently it did occur, it does

impact our Society and I would like to try to explain it to you.

As many of you may have heard, there has been a change in the State Sales Tax law for nonprofit organizations. As a nonprofit organization, FWOS will have two (2) days in each year to have public plant sales (or any fund raiser) and not collect sales tax. Because of this, we are going to limit our fund raising activities to our Spring and Fall sales. This change will not apply to the plant table at our meetings where we sell plants and planting supplies to each other, just sales to the public.

Due to these new laws, we will not be participating in the Home and Garden Shows, at least not this Spring. We are continuing to look into this change to see if there is some way that we can include the Home and Garden Shows in our fund raising efforts. But for right now, it is more prudent for the Society to not participate. If we find that there is a way for our members to sell at these shows under our name, we will be there with bells on, and hopefully that will be in the coming Fall season.

To be able to continue to have quality speakers for our meetings, we all will have to work very hard to make the two Plant Sales as profitable as possible. Please try to donate at least one plant to the Society for our table at the sale.

I feel that our Board has developed a plan to deal with this and we will keep you informed as we learn more about it. I think it is safe now for us to return to our plants and breathe in their perfume.

## Member News

Nov. 10, 2007, Chris von Kohn took a V. Betty Baderman to the Dallas Judging Center. It was awarded an HCC, received 78 points and had 10 flowers & 5 buds. Chris was allowed to name the cultivar and being a good son, he named it for his Mom, V. Betty Baderman 'Janet'. Our congratulations to Chris as well as our heartfelt apologies for not having announced it at the January Meeting.

Vera Bailey's husband, Ben, had to have emergency gall bladder surgery. The surgery went well but he developed an infection that required several rounds of antibiotics. He's feeling better now and on the road to recovery.

### Officers and Board Members

**President**  
Mary Butler

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Ronnie and Jerry Brandenburg

## **Show and Tell Table January 2008**

### **Hybrid Table**

#### **1st Place**

Janet von Kohn  
Mary & John Butler  
Carlos Kessel

#### **2nd Place**

Eric Matsko

#### **3rd Place**

Chris von Kohn

### **Species Table**

#### **1st Place**

Jody Mastin  
Glen & Lila Glass  
Aron Bush

#### **2nd Place**-none

#### **3rd Place**-none

### **Affiliations**

*American Orchid Society*

*Orchid Digest Corporation*

*Southwest Regional Orchid  
Growers Association*

*Fort Worth Garden  
Club Council*

*Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.*

*For information about the  
FWOS Library contact:  
Mickey Hooper  
817-236-9888*

*Membership Dues  
as of January 1, 2008:*

*Single membership  
is \$18.00*

*Family membership  
is \$27.00*

### **\*\*\*\*Directory Cutoff Date- Feb. 4th 2008\*\*\*\***

#### **2008 REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Make checks payable to: FWOS

Mail checks & registration to:

Janet Von Kohn  
3903 Parker Oaks Court  
Arlington, TX 76016

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