



Come and Grow With Us

## December Program

Orchids in Alaska...don't be silly! Much to the surprise of most orchid lovers, there are nearly forty species and varieties of orchids in Alaska... most of them are large enough and colorful enough to be very interesting. This talk presents the results of five years of field work all across Alaska and presents the species in their habitats.

The images will present a combination of orchids, Arctic landscapes, virgin mountain ranges, wildlife and the adventures encountered in finding these wonderful flowers. The program is visually delightful and educational as well.

Our speaker, Dr. Clair Ossian, is currently a Professor of Geology at Tarrant County College (Hurst, TX), teaching Physical Geology, Historical Geology and Environmental Geology. He has grown orchids since 1958 and is a Life Member and accredited Senior Judge in the American Orchid Society.

Please join us for 'Dinner with the Speaker' at the Blue Mesa Grill on University Drive.

### **2009 Schedule**

*meetings at 7:00 p.m.*

January 5th  
Dr. Clair Ossian

Feb. 2nd  
TBA

March 2nd  
TBA

April 6th  
TBA

## **FWOS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

At this year's Christmas Party the recipient of the 2008 Special Recognition Award was announced. This year Jody Mastin was recognized for her many years of dilligence and hard work, not only for the FWOS, but for the Botanic Gardens as a whole. She was given a Life Time membership and all of our Congratulans and Best Wishes.



## The President's Message

Fort Worth Orchid Society has spent another year together having shared our passion for our beautiful orchids, learned some new things from our speakers, acquired some new plants and had some fun along the way. It is hard to believe that the New Year is upon us with celebrations, black eyed peas and some resolutions to do better in the coming year.

My hope for Fort Worth Orchid Society is that we will continue to work together to learn more about growing orchids, build our society both financially and with new and continuing membership, and have some fun along the way. Bob Hawkins, our Vice President and Speaker Chairperson has done a good job arranging for some good and interesting speakers for 2009, some of whom will be bringing plants to sell. We will have another fun and informative greenhouse tours during the year as well as an AOS Judged Show in the Spring. Beside the sale that occurs with the show, we will have two plant sales, as always, to help bolster the treasury a bit to pay for the speakers that we enjoy. We are hoping to be moving the orchid collection to its new green house in the coming week or two. I know you all have heard that before but honestly, they have done all the inspections and supposedly the move will be very soon.

My personal goals for the coming year for the society is to get the orchid collection settled into its new home greenhouse and continue to work to keep it flourishing. I will work hard to make our meetings meaningful and helpful for both our newer orchid growers and members as well as those of us who have grown orchids for years. I, with your help and hard work, will try to make our sales and our show well attended to increase interest in growing orchids as well as hopefully make enough profit to leave the society on solid ground at the end of the year and the end of my term as your President. These goals can be accomplished only with the same commitment from each of you to help make our organization the best it can be. It will involve some work and fun along the way.

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## ***Show and Tell Table***

**Hybrid Table**

**N/A**

**Species Table**

**N/A**

## **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  
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## ***Member News***

Mary Butler is having surgery on Jan. 8th on her foot and will be hobbled for a while but is looking forward to wearing 'real' shoes again.

Tom Phillips is having surgery on Jan. 8th. We all wish him a speedy recovery and a quick return to his greenhouse and us.

Ronnie Brandenburg informs us that Leonard Ingalls has been accepted into the student judging program. Congratulations and good luck!

It's Membership renewal time again! We have new forms that will be available at the meeting and ready to send out next month.

**Membership Dues  
as of January 1, 2009:**

**Single membership  
is \$18.00**

**Family membership  
is \$27.00**

## **IT'S A JUNGLE - OPEN HOUSE AND SALE**

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