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The SIOS meets on the
3rd Tuesday of each month at
7:00pm at
All Saints Episcopal Church,
2329 Victory Blvd., SI, NY 10314

Next meeting December 16th 6:30pm

A Message from John

Season's Greetings Friends!

I hope all your Halls are Decked and you are feeling Merry! We here at SIOS send Best Wishes to all our friends and loved ones for a wonderful Holiday.

We also invite everyone to join us on **Tuesday December 16th at 6:30 pm** for our **Auction and Potluck Dinner.**

That's right Folks, It's that time again The plants have been ordered (and a fine assortment I might mention!) The shrimp are ready to boil (Norman!)

And..... Gerry and Dick are resting their voices for the big event.

So all we need now is a bunch of people.....with money.

Bring your friends...enemies too

Bring your family....

We'll take the pets also Co workers, Strangers...we love them all. 6:30

No Showtable!

Bring Food and Cash

See Ya'll there

Be well and Be Good

~John

RAFFLE PLANTS

We need raffle plants.
If you have any plants you wish to donate, please bring them to the next meeting.

Show Tally Table for November

WINDOWSILL

No windowsill entries

GREENHOUSE

Dave O'Dell 13
 Anthony Penza 49
 Colman Rutkin 12
 Ron Altman 12 —Oct. 21

LIGHTS

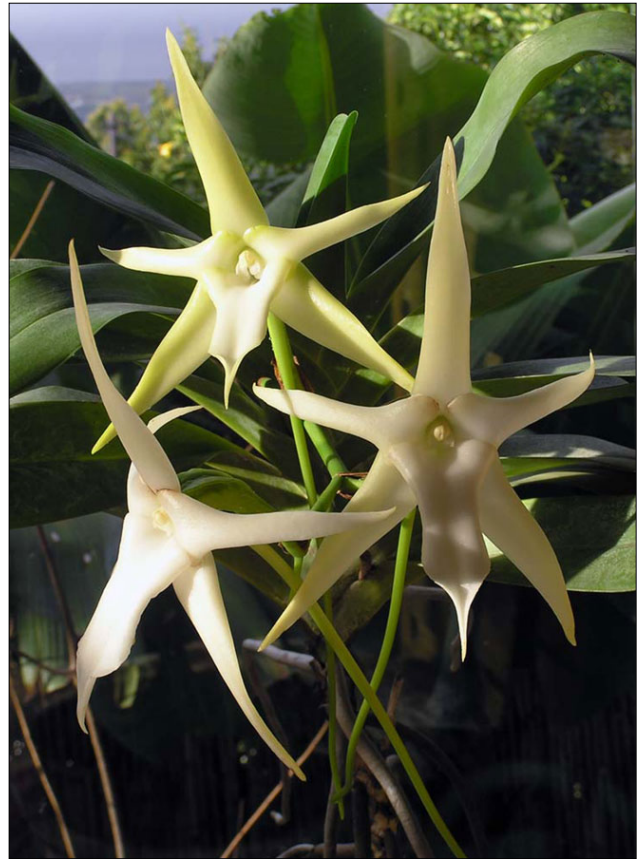
Olga Federico 21
 Joseph Schwab 29
 John Stallone 7
 John Stallone 6—Oct. 21



Angraecum sesquipedale

The “Christmas Orchid”

Angraecum sesquipedale will grow in conditions similar to Cattleya. It is also known as the "Star of Bethlehem" orchid because of the large star shaped, white flowers that emerge every year in December. The genus Angraecum is one of the largest groups of African orchids -it includes up to 200 epiphytic, lithophytic and even terrestrial species. The most typical, best-known and the most often cultivated species is A. sesquipedale, even though it is not very suitable for amateur collections where space is limited because it is rather robust. The species has a thick, lignifying stem that is densely covered with leaves, and grows to a size of over 40 in / 1 m . The leaves are tough, in the shape of a narrow belt, and up to 12 in /30 cm long . The spikes are arched over and bear 2-4 star- shaped flowers. Their size is almost surprisingly large for an African orchid -the flowers are often over 5 in /12 cm in diameter ! All the tepals including the lip are snow-white, widening at the base and narrowing at the top into a pointed tip . Another notable feature is unquestionably their giant greenish spur, which can grow up to a truly record breaking length of 12 in /30 cm!



Angraecum sesquipedale is a fairly easy orchid to grow, even in your windowsill. This orchid likes a little shade and no direct sun. Maintain day temperatures of 70-80F (21-27c) and night temperatures of 60-68F (16-20c). Keep the medium evenly moist and the humidity around 60%. Water less in the winter after flowering for a few months. Plant in baskets or pots with bark or other media that will provide good drainage. A sesquipedale should be cultivated in the same way as the related species; its size makes it suitable only for growers who dispose of spacious cultivating equipment . It blooms in the winter and its home is in what is left of wild nature on the Island of Madagascar.

NORTHEAST JUDGING CENTER

Annual Judge's Auction

We appreciate the generosity of all our plant donors, and, their support of the Northeast Judging Center.

NORTHEAST JUDGING CENTER

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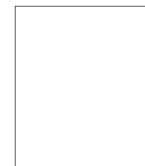
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2008
AT 10:00 AM
THE HAMPTON INN
ELMSFORD, NY

Ideal flower form and optimum cultivation are elusive goals orchid hybridizers and growers strive to achieve. The American Orchid Society system of judging has been developed to grant recognition to new and superior forms of orchid species and to improved forms of orchid hybrids. Recognition is also given to growers of plants for superior culture.

This is a wonderful opportunity to buy at auction very special plants, mostly grown by our Judges, and to take the mystery out of orchid judging. All members and guests of AOS affiliated Societies are invited to our Holiday Party, Auction, and Judging Sessions.

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Orchid Related Websites and Information

ORCHIDS ON THE WEB

For all you web surfers here are some sites you might enjoy visiting:

orchidweb.org

This is the AOS official website. It is a wealth of information on all things ORCHID

orchidmall.com

Looking for plants to buy? Here's a resource for you. Listing vendors from all over the world.

repotme.com

Everything you need to supply your orchid collection.

That's a start. Happy surfing!!