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ORCHID SOCIETY

Monday evening
April 3, 2006

Stig Dalström presents . . .

What You Can't
Grow From Bolivia

Marie Selby
Botanical Gardens,
Activities Center
811 S. Palm Ave.
Sarasota

Beginners: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Canadian Speaker Delights Crowd



Our March speaker, Mr. Howard Ginsberg, brought a refreshing and knowledgeable viewpoint to the art of hybridizing of phalaenopsis to our members, with slides and commentary that was highly entertaining. He spoke at length about the phalaenopsis Golden Peoker, Golden Parent, which was first presented at the WOC but updated since. The Golden Peoker is a triple threat; first for its own hybrids; second, as the parent of Brother Purple, it has changed the face of red breeding and, third, in its mutated form it is the basis for

all of the harlequins. He pointed out that if you have a harlequin phal, you certainly have a Golden Peoker offspring. Some of his comments were as follows: fertilizer is a salt, you wouldn't give your baby salt every mouthful, so why fertilize your orchid baby that way. If you purchased a community pot, repot those babies in sphagnum moss, and water once a week, instead of drowning them three times a day. As you can see, he was highly entertaining. Mr. Ginsberg is a AOS judge, and is the head of the Montreal Judging Center. He began growing orchids in 1977

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STIG DALSTRÖM *Curator, Orchid Identification Center*

Stig Dalström has degrees in civil engineering and horticulture, is a self-taught watercolor artist and botanical illustrator, and is an experienced orchid taxonomist. His specialty is the study of Oncidiinae (Orchidaceae), a group of beautiful Andean orchids including *Cochlioda*, *Cyrtochilum*, *Odontoglossum*, and *Oncidium*. He has worked extensively with orchid

taxonomists such as Cal Dodson, Bob Dressler, Carl Luer, Franco Pupulin, and Norris Williams, and has acquired a broad knowledge of orchids, particularly of the New World. He frequently provides lectures at orchid shows, conferences, and society meetings around the world, including World Orchid Conferences (1984, 1999). He has conducted field work in Central and South America and Asia, has published 47 new species

of orchids for science, and has had 23 plant species named in his honor. Stig assists with the identification of orchid specimens submitted by individuals, plant societies, and botanical institutions, provides popular and scientific articles and lectures, conducts fieldwork to inventory and classify orchids, and helps to continue build the world-class resources of the OIC.

The Sarasota Orchid Society Inc. (SOS) meets on the first Monday of each month at Selby Gardens, 800 South Palm Ave. Sarasota, FL. The SOS Inc., an affiliate of the American Orchid Society, is a nonprofit association with the aims of promoting the development, improvement and preservation of orchids through the dissemination of information concerning the culture, hybridization or development of orchids; and generally to extend the knowledge of orchids. Annual dues are \$15 - \$20 for family. Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the previous month. *Contributors to this newsletter give reprint rights of their work to newsletters of other affiliates of the American Orchid Society.*

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Treasurer's Report

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| Balance 2/14/06 | \$8258 |
| Receipts | \$362 |
| Expenditures | \$868 |
| Balance 3/14/06 | \$7752 |

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and in addition to learning Mandarin, visiting Taiwan on a regular basis, finds time for his law practice. He created and maintains his own web site - <http://www.bedfordorchids.com>. He supplied little seedlings and compots at the meeting, which was rather unusual, as usually the members can find established plants in the past. He then gave the members quick overall instructions on how to grow these little seedlings. In a nutshell, don't overfeed the plants. Water once a week, use little plastic bags when separating, and keep them in the shade. The ideal fertilizer has been developed by Michigan State University, under the name of Green Care Fertilizer Inc. For more information, log onto his web site. He then reviewed our plant table and was impressed by our good growing practices. It was a great evening, one that was not to be missed with its unique moments.

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Bits & Pieces . . . Odds & Ends

✂ **TROPIFLORA and FENDER'S FLORA Annual Spring Open House and Sale, March 31st (Friday), April 1 and 2 Saturday and Sunday.** Hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guest vendors will have plants for sale as well as orchid related items. Bar-b-que, music, etc. Hundreds of bare root divisions for sale.

✂ **ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA; MARIE SELBY GARDENS.** April 15th to 30th. Selby is looking for volunteers to work any day of the event. There will be two shifts 10 to 1 and 1 to 4 p.m. There will be a table there to supply information about our Society.

✂ At the time of this newsletter, Robert Palmer's sale is over but that does not mean that you cannot drop in at any time... from dawn to dusk...we need to support our vendors and suppliers and Palmers has some great plants for sale. Call him for directions.

✂ We thank Jo Davis for babysitting the left over plants from the auction. How did she find room?

✂ Again, *we thank the hospitality committee* for the great job in the food department. The little jar on the table next to all the food, is for your generous donations...we run out of coffee sometimes so every little bit helps.

✂ **ORCHID MANIA ANNUAL SALE.** APRIL 7th through April 17th. Lots of wonderful deals. 5050 261 St. E. Myakka City. Phone 941-322-1678 or email orchidmix@aol.com and ask for Karen. She will be happy to give your directions.

✂ The plant table winners were: *Paph. Alex's Spots (paph.kolopankingii x paph. Lowii)*. Grown by Jo Davis. The Species of the month winner was *Eria bractescens* grown by Monroe Kokin. Photographs of the winners can be seen on our Society web site.

✂ Vandaceous orchids are now breaking new roots and this is the moment to top them if they have grown too tall and if they have three good roots on the top cutting. Count down from the crown and cut below the 3rd or 4th root on the stem. Conserving one or more leaves on the stump will ensure a good production of offshoots. Take care each has three or more roots and be sure you tie them firmly in their new container until they have rooted solidly. Wobbling vandas will NEVER root. Mist twice or three times a day until they are well rooted.

✂ March is the month for acclimatizing sunloving plants to the full sun. Vandas, dendrobiums and reed stemmed epidendrums that have not been blooming as they should because they are in too deep of shade can be gradually moved to more light, slowly.

Minutes of the March Meeting

President Monroe Kokin called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. He asked for a motion that the minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report be accepted as stated in the last newsletter. The motion was made and was seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. President Kokin then announced upcoming events. The Tampa Bay Orchid Society requested us to participate in their upcoming show but no one volunteered. Verona Simmons is updating our current membership form to be placed in various places in Sarasota. President Kokin announced new nominations to the Board, and were accepted. Carolyn Langdon is our Secretary, taking over for Geri Reed. Sally Werlinich and Bresa Cabrera volunteered to serve on the Board, and nominations were then closed. Our speaker, Mr. Howard Ginsberg showed us how to deflask orchids from a compot and showed slides on "novelty" phalaenopsis. The raffle was held, the display table was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Carolyn J. Langdon
(From notes taken by Jo Davis in my absence).*

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