

# THE HOUSTON HAPPENINGS

The Monthly Newsletter of the Houston Orchid Society, Houston, Texas

## Speaker Spotlight Fr. Ted Baenziger: Awards Available at Shows

Fr. Ted has been a member of the Houston Orchid Society for about ten years now, but first came to orchids in France, in 1979, when he bought *Vuykstearea Cambria 'Plush'* FCC/RHS/AOS (*Odontoglossum* × *Cochlioda* × *Miltonia*) at the market.

Although this particular plant went to orchid heaven soon afterwards, he persisted in his admiration for the many shapes and colors this curious group of genera can produce. When he came to Houston as a chaplain in 1983, Joe Tenant, past president of HOS, gave him some plants and the bug bit, as they say. He has served in the society as raffle table guy, second and first vice-president and on the board of trustees. In addition, he is a certified judge (probationary) in the AOS and sits on the education committee with Regina Wilson.

Fr. Ted teaches French and the Great Books program (Honors) at the University of St Thomas and lives with 300 students in Guinan Residence, where he is the "Dorm priest." He also is the pastor of the French Parish, St. Basile, serving the Catholic francophone community of the diocese. His orchids are spread out around the campus, but mostly under the trees at the priests' residence, where he grows *Paphiopedilum* and *Cattleya*, as well as various botanicals.

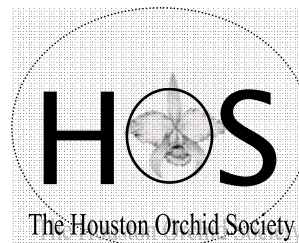


Delighted owner of *Promenea Margaret E Boice*, just awarded an AM/AOS

His talk this month will be about the many types of awards we can garner at shows (ribbons and trophies), as well as those given by the AOS (American) and RHS

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*The Houston Orchid Society was established in 1945 and is a recipient of the AOS Distinguished Affiliated Societies Service Award.*



## It's time to renew your membership in HOS!

Please fill out the enclosed application and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Holly Miller.

(British): HCC, AM, FCC, etc. He will explain why they are given, how to prepare for them and what they signify, with some dos and don'ts on presentation, and some interesting photos of awarded plants and exhibits. This ought to be a fun visit into the showplace, where beauty reigns and good growing and grooming pay off.

We must remember, however, that the hobby is all about sharing our love for orchids and advancing the knowledge about this fascinating family of flowering plants, not about getting the most ribbons or hardware. It doesn't hurt to get recognition for achievement and quality, but these are fleeting treasures compared to the joy we get from growing and blooming our friends.

## President's Post

*By Don Ghiz, President*

Let me begin by apologizing to those who had trouble finding parking space at last month's meeting. The matter of reserved parking for HOS members during concerts has been addressed with the City and I'm assured that we will have 75 spaces held for us in the future. There was a misunderstanding in October about the time that our meeting starts (we reserve the room from 6:30 PM until 10:00 PM) and the City employee in charge of this matter thought we would all be in place long before the 7:30 concert. The City conveys its apologies also.

On the brighter side, I would like all those who contributed their time and efforts towards the HOS exhibit at the 93rd SWROGA meeting to know that Byron McGraw, Show Chair, wrote a glowing letter for your efforts. Again, HOS has put its best foot forward.

Getting down to future business, last month the Nominating Committee put forth their recommendations for next year's slate of officers and Board positions. We will vote on these, and any nominations from the floor in November, so please come prepared to cast your vote. Voting is a privilege that we shouldn't take lightly.

As my term of office draws near to a close, I reflect back that there have been some successes and some not so successful projects. I think we have learned that Houston will not support a large venue orchid show such as we have been hosting in the George Brown Convention Center. We have changed our strategy for next year to be integrated into the Home Show. Our costs will be significantly less and thus a greater chance of making a little profit.

## HOUSTON ORCHID SOCIETY AOS JUDGING PROGRAM

*By Margaret Putman*

**HJC Results - October 4, 2007 -**

There were 59 plants on the show table with 11 pulled for further judging. Two were awarded: *Stanhopea fowlieana* 'Vera Cruz' (*Stanhopea ecornata* x *Stanhopea costaricensis*) HCC 77 points, owned by David Hunt, Houston, Tx  
*Potinara Netrasiri Starbright* 'Valentina' (Slc. Kauai Starbright x Blc. Orange Nugget) HCC 75 points, owned by Viola Charo, Houston, Tx

There were 11 Accredited Judges, 1 Probationary Judge, 2 Student Judges and 1 Clerk present.

## Winners' Tips

From October 2007 HOS Meeting

Hybrid Winner: Mtssa. Dark Star 'Darth Vader' grown by Malcom McCorquodale III



'Darth Vader' started blooming just before the September meeting, for which I was out of town, but it was still nice looking for the October meeting, so I brought it in. I was very pleased and honored to have it selected as hybrid of the month. It even got selected for judging. Last July, I repotted into a hanging basket and it been sitting in my shade house ever since. It gets rain water, city water, occasionally a little fertilizer and lots of light.

Species Winner: *Trichocentrum nudum* grown by Jean Finalle



Jean didn't get a chance to tell us how she grows this plant, maybe she'll be able to do so for the next newsletter. It was beautifully presented.

This species is a native of Panama and Columbia where it grows at low elevations.

## The Recent Genus Changes in Laeliinae

By: Alex Maximiano

In May 2007 the RHS decided to implement the genus changes proposed in *Genera Orchidacearum* Vol. 4. The changes stem primarily from DNA analyses of orchid species, which allow for more accurate classifications than those made by taxonomists 150 years ago. The changes had been in the making for several years but are only now taking effect.

By order of greatest impact, the revisions involve (1) the transfer of Brazilian laelias to *Sophranitis*, (2) the splitting of *Rhyncholaelia* from *Brassavola*, (3) the splitting of *Guarianthe* from *Cattleya*, and (4) the transfer of all *Schomburgkia* species to either *Myrmecophila* or *Laelia*.

What do the changes mean to the average orchid grower? If you grow *Cattleya*-alliance hybrids, in time you will see most of them change genus. Let's explore why.

According to the new convention, *Laelia purpurata* is now *Sophranitis purpurata*. This means the prior hybrid *Laeliocattleya* [Lc.] *Canhamiana* (*C. mossiae* x *L. Purpurata*) becomes instead *Sophracattleya* [Sc.] *Canhamiana*. In turn, when you cross *Sc. Canhamiana* with another *cattleya* you get an *Sc.* instead of an *Lc.* Since *Laelia purpurata* has 10 generations of progeny, the number of hybrids affected is massive. Combine that with the change of other *Laelias* to *Sophranitis*: *L. crispata*, *L. pumila*, *L. tenebrosa*, *L. cinnabarina*, etc., and the result is thousands of new *Sophracattleyas*. In fact, *Sophracattleyas* will soon become more common than *Laeliocattleyas*.

Among other important species affected, *Brassavola digbyana* becomes *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*; *Cattleya aurantiaca* becomes *Guarianthe aurantiaca*; and *Cattleya bowringiana* becomes *Guarianthe bowringiana*. Several new genera had to be created to accommodate these changes, of which the most important are:

*Rhynchosophracattleya* [Rsc.] = *Cattleya* x *Rhyncholaelia* x *Sophranitis*

*Rhyncholaeliocattleya* [Rlc.] = *Cattleya* x *Rhyncholaelia*

*Cattlianthe* [Ctt.] = *Cattleya* x *Guarianthe*

*Guarisophleya* [Gsl.] = *Cattleya* x *Guarianthe* x *Sophranitis*

*Thwaitesara* [Thw.] = *Cattleya* x *Guarianthe* x

*Rhyncholaelia* x *Sophranitis*

For example, the following popular hybrids have changed names:

- Blc. Goldenzelle is now *Rhynchosophracattleya* [Rsc.] Goldenzelle
- Slc. Hazel Boyd is now *Guarisophleya* [Gsl.] Hazel Boyd
- C. Chocolate Drop is now *Cattlianthe* [Ctt.] Chocolate Drop
- Slc. Jewel Box is now *Guarisophleya* [Gsl.] Jewel Box
- Bc. Mount Anderson is now *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* [Rlc.] Mount Anderson
- Blc. Momilani Rainbow is now *Thwaitesara* [Thw.] Momilani Rainbow

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## AOS Corner

By Melba and Jim Butler

*Orchid Trivia (results of perusing the 1948 AOS Bulletin): In the early days of the young American Orchid Society, the Society held quarterly meetings in the private homes of various members. Also, some of the AOS affiliated societies submitted minutes of their monthly meetings for publication in the AOS Bulletin.*

AOS Calendars will be for sale at the November HOS meeting. This year's theme is conservation and \$2 of the calendar sales will benefit the AOS Conservation Fund! Please plan to buy your calendars at the November HOS meeting -- cost to HOS members is \$10. (If you prefer to buy them on the AOS Web site, that would be good also; currently they are going for \$12.95, plus shipping charges.) The AOS gives a discount to its affiliated societies to make it convenient for members. HOS makes a minimal amount by charging \$10 and members still get them at a bargain.

New \$ incentives for Affiliated Societies - Keep reading to see what happens when you join the AOS now!! In addition to the benefits of AOS membership, the AOS will donate \$5 to your local society for each new AOS member! So, be sure to indicate on the membership form that you were referred by the Houston Orchid Society. (There is a place on the new form for that information.) This \$5 incentive is for new AOS members and includes former AOS members that have expired memberships of 13 months or more. Also, HOS will be competing with other affiliated societies for a special award to be given to the AOS affiliated society that gathers the most new AOS members in one year! Houston OS members should all become AOS members to gain more knowledge about orchids and other people who grow and love orchids. The cost of AOS membership averages \$5 per month.

As this article is put on paper, many AOS members are readying for the Fall AOS Meeting and Symposium to take place in less than a week in Delray Beach and Boca Raton. Carol Holdren and members of the South Florida Leadership Council plus AOS staff and volunteers are no doubt hurrying with last minute tasks, making ready for all the visitors! We hope to see some of you there!

It's not too late to plan on attending the AOS and WOC meetings in January 2008 that will happen in Miami! Visit to the AOS Web site <http://www.aos.org/aos/> for how to register for the AOS/WOC party on the evening of January 23, 2008 or you can also find a link to register for the WOC events plus the AOS events.

As always, the AOS Web site is the best source for all kinds of orchid information! Go to <http://www.aos.org/aos/> and be informed. The AOS phone number is 561-404-2000. Or contact us in Houston at 281-492-1437 if we can help you in any way!



## Culture Q&A

*HOS Culture Q&A Panel: Ted Baenziger, Jay Balchan, Dolores Fields, Joe Fields, Marvin Gerber, Renee Gerber, Doug Harris, Rick Hepler, Julius Klehm, Nina Rach, and Greg Scott.*

Editor's Note: We did not receive any questions this month for Culture Q&A, but will start it back up during January. Please send any questions you might have to [sataylor@eastex.net](mailto:sataylor@eastex.net).

### *Changes Continued from Page 3*

OrchidWiz has incorporated these changes into its database and the new names are available starting with Encyclopedia version 4.01. OrchidWiz allows users to search by either the new name or the old name. In addition, if the genus change was recent, the program will detail the prior name.

The name changes will be frustrating in the beginning but in time they will allow us a greater understanding of Laeliinae hybrids. For example, hybrids built on *Brassavola* species such as *nodosa* behave differently than those built on *Rhyncholaelia* species such as *digbyana*. If we can tell which ones are which by the genus name then we should be able to understand them better.

### *President's Post Continued from Page 2*

As to the Summer Workshop, for the second year in a row, we made a little profit. Moving from the Holiday Inn to U. St. Thomas has been the biggest adjustment, but that's not to take away from the good management and attention to details that was so apparent this year. Those who attended found the camaraderie and atmosphere they were looking for while enjoying the knowledge learned.

As we move into 2008, our programs are already laid out with cautious attention to profitability. This is all the more important because we prepare to host the AOS Membership Meeting in 2009. That venture requires a lot of up front capital that we recoup from the registration fees as the Show draws near.

It occurs to me that all this talk about profits and losses and capital this and that may be misinterpreted as that there is a problem with our financial status. I assure everyone that is not the case. Your HOS is enjoying excellent financial health and the future looks brighter than ever. Our membership is up a bit this year and our Newcomers are extremely active and energetic. As the song says, "Our future's so bright, I need sunglasses."

And lastly, my same old message repeated: With so much going on in the future, HOS needs volunteers and workers. Please consider doing more that just coming to the meetings once a month. I have found in my own case that making orchid growing and orchid clubs a social matter has paid off with great returns. One can never have too many friends or too much to do that is as enjoyable as orchid growing.

## First Orchid Fossil Puts Showy Blooms At Some 80 Million Years Old

*Reproduced from Science Daily, August 30, 2007*

*Science Daily* – Biologists at Harvard University have identified the ancient fossilized remains of a pollen-bearing bee as the first hint of orchids in the fossil record, a find they say suggests orchids are old enough to have co-existed with dinosaurs.



*Amber-preserved stingless bee carrying pollinia of Meliorchis caribea, the first unambiguous fossil orchid known to science. This discovery enabled researchers to calculate the time of origin of the orchid family. (Credit: Santiago Ramirez)*

Their analysis, published recently in the journal *Nature*, indicates orchids arose some 76 to 84 million years ago, much longer ago than many scientists had estimated. The extinct bee they studied, preserved in amber with a mass of orchid pollen on its back, represents some of the only direct evidence of pollination in the fossil record. "Since the time of Darwin, evolutionary biologists have been fascinated with orchids' spectacular adaptations for insect pollination," says lead author Santiago R. Ramirez, a researcher in Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology and Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology. "But while orchids are the largest and most diverse plant family on Earth, they have been absent from the fossil record."

The fossil record lacks evidence of orchids, Ramirez says, because they bloom infrequently and are concentrated in tropical areas where heat and humidity prevent fossilization. Their pollen is dispersed only by animals, not wind, and disintegrates upon contact with the acid used to extract pollen from rocks.

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Orchids' ambiguous fossil record has fed a longstanding debate over their age, with various scientists pegging the family at anywhere from 26 to 112 million years old. Those arguing for a younger age have often pointed to the lack of a meaningful fossil record as evidence of the family's youth, along with the highly specialized flowers' need for a well-developed array of existing pollinators to survive. Proponents of an older age for orchids had cited their ubiquity around the world, their close evolutionary kinship with the ancient asparagus family, and their bewildering diversity: Some 20,000 to 30,000 species strong, the showy plants comprise some 8 percent of all flowering species worldwide.

"Our analysis places orchids far toward the older end of the range that had been postulated, suggesting the family was fairly young at the time of the extinction of the dinosaurs some 65 million years ago," Ramírez says. "It appears, based on our molecular clock analyses, that they began to flourish shortly after the mass extinction at the so-called 'K/T boundary' between the Cretaceous and Tertiary periods, which decimated many of Earth's species."

Orchids, unlike most flowering plants, package pollen in unique structures called pollinia, which consist of relatively large masses of compact pollen grains. The 15- to 20-million-year-old specimen of a worker bee carrying orchid pollinia, recovered by a private collector in the Dominican Republic in 2000, came to the attention of Ramírez and his colleagues at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology in 2005. While this particular species of stingless bee, *Proplebeia dominicana*, is now extinct, the scientists' analysis of the shape and configuration of its cargo of pollen places it firmly within one of five extant subfamilies of orchids.

The specimen is one of just a few fossils known to illustrate directly a plant-pollinator association. The specific placement of the pollen on the bee's back not only confirms the grains were placed through active pollination -- as opposed to a random encounter with an orchid -- but also sheds light on the exact type and shape of orchid flower that produced the pollen tens of millions of years ago. By applying the so-called molecular clock method, the scientists also estimated the age of the major branches of the orchid family. To their surprise, they found that certain groups of modern orchids, including the highly prized genus *Vanilla*, evolved very early during the rise of the plant family.

"This result is puzzling and fascinating at the same time because modern species of *Vanilla* orchids are locally distributed throughout the tropical regions of the world," says Ramírez. "But we know that tropical continents began to split apart about 100 million years ago, and thus our estimates of 60 to 70 million years for the age of *Vanilla* suggest that tropical continents were still experiencing significant biotic exchange much after their dramatic split." Ramírez's co-authors on the Nature paper are Charles R. Marshall and Naomi E. Pierce, both professors in the Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology in Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Barbara Gravendeel of the Nationaal Herbarium Nederland in Leiden, The

Netherlands; and Rodrigo B. Singer of the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Their work was funded by the National Science Foundation, the Fulbright scholar program, and the Barbour Fund at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology.

*Note: This story has been adapted from a news release issued by Harvard University. A link to the Nature article is:*

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v448/n7157/edsum/e070830-01.html>.

## Cayman Islands Orchid Conservation Initiative

*By Susan Taylor*

The last several years have been very difficult for the Caribbean Islands and parts of Mexico as a result of extremely strong hurricanes which have decimated populations of native orchids as well as the native vegetation that it depends on for support. I was recently able to visit the Cayman Islands where a conservation effort is underway at the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park on Grand Cayman Island.

The Cayman Islands Orchid Society, in conjunction with the Botanic Park, has constructed a shade house where orchids rescued from construction areas will be nurtured as well as flasks of orchids which are endangered on the island. The shade house was built with funds from Coutts (Cayman) Ltd., a financial services company. It is a part of what is known as the Darwin Initiative in the Caymans supported by Kew Gardens and the Cayman government.

Seed grown plants in flasks as well as rescued plants will be cared for in the shade house. After the plants are raised in the shade house they will be reestablished in protected areas as well as in the Botanic Park in order to keep this botanical heritage of the islands alive.

According to Andrew Guthrie, General Manager of the Park, there are 26 orchids native to the islands, but most are rare. The three endemic to the Cayman Islands are *Myrmecophila thomsoniana*, *Dendrophylax fawcettii*, and *Encyclia kingsii*. *Myrmecophila thomsoniana* comes in two varieties, one on Grand Cayman and one on Cayman Brac Island and Little Cayman Island, close smaller islands. In addition to these three there are 23 more which have been found on the islands, but most are only found in inaccessible areas now.

*Myrmecophila thomsoniana*, or Banana Orchid, is the National Flower of the islands and is quite common both in the wild and in gardens. It was originally put in the *Schomburgkia* genus, but recently moved to *Myrmecophyllia* which means "ant loving" as the hollow pseudobulbs often harbor colonies of ants which protect the plant from sucking insects. It comes in both a yellow and an alba (white) variety which I was able to see while visiting the Park.

*Dendrophylax fawcettii*, which is related to the Ghost Orchid of Florida, is extremely rare now and its native habitat has almost disappeared especially after the destruction caused by Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

*Encyclia kingsii* is thought to be virtually extinct in the wild where it is found only on Little Cayman Island.

## Recap: October 2007

The Nominating Committee put forward the following slate of names for 2008 HOS officers and Board of Directors:

President	Deana Roberts
1st VP	Holly Miller
2nd VP	John Stubbings
Membership Secretary	Donna Williams
Recording Secretary	Katherine Brown
Treasurer	Jill Smith

Past President	Don Ghiz
Show Chair 2008	Don Ghiz
Show Chair 2009	Melba Butler

SWROGA Representatives	Julius Klehm and
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### Board Members

#### Two Years

Joe L Fields  
Greg Scott  
Melba Butler  
Jim Butler  
Dave Hunt  
Johnny Williams  
Sandra Higham  
Dolores Fields  
Marvin Gerber  
Jerry Stephens

#### One Year

Fr Ted Baenziger  
Calvin Starr  
John Jamerlain  
Phillip Free  
Richard Lund

In addition to the reading of the nominees for 2008, we had a wonderful program from the Houston Judging Center and a live judging from the plant table. Two teams of judges judged eleven plants while the members watched and listened as they discussed the flowers. We all learned a great deal!

## Get your newsletter notification by eMail and see the pictures in color!

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Just let me know at [sataylor@eastex.net](mailto:sataylor@eastex.net) and I'll add you to the list.

### Welcome New Members

Jeffrey Ader  
Holly Bousquet  
Mary Harper  
Bob Patterson

### Welcome Guests

Brian Clark

### Thanks for Month Refreshments

Mary Bahn  
Mary Gunn  
Susan Taylor

## We Worked the Bulb Mart and We Had a Blast.

Last weekend 14 very lucky HOS members volunteered to work the 66th Annual Garden Club of Houston Bulb Mart. These wonderful volunteers were Bill Bartlett, Tom Pickens, Jim Butler, John Williams, Mary Gunn, Mary Bahn, Holly Miller, Lee Murdock and me, Deana Roberts.

I told you all it was going to be neat but I did not really know how fabulous it was really going to be! Everyone who worked said they could not believe how much fun they had, people stopped and asked a million questions about orchids, they picked up all the literature we had to hand out and they bought up every orchid the Bulb Mart had for sale. WOW! it was a WOW, the food the fashionable ladies from the Garden Club of Houston prepared was DYNAMITE, they all vie to outdo each other during this 3 day annual event and it was delicious and delightful. We signed up 2 new members on the spot and hopefully enticed 40 or 50 more to join us in our fun. I saw more people that I do not see except at weddings and funerals and I had a great time. Next year I will have to fight all of you off because everyone is going to want to volunteer. Another wonderful aspect of the day is the fabulous rare plants and bromeliads that I was able to buy.



## Committee Bulletins

### *Newcomers Group*

*Chair: Katherine Brown* ([Ksbrown208@hotmail.com](mailto:Ksbrown208@hotmail.com) 318-243-3416)

*Co-chair: Jill Smith* ([jsmith8146@houston.rr.com](mailto:jsmith8146@houston.rr.com) 281-545-2023)

Sunday, October 21st found the Newcomers in Sugar Land enjoying the various orchids at Holly Huston's. Since she is a formidable grower of vandas, she shared with us her many techniques in their cultivation. She has a sizeable collection and it was inspiring to all to see her healthy, thriving plants and to learn about how she makes them grow and bloom so successfully. Holly and her husband recently re-did their patio using sandstone tiles and while the work was in progress she had the bright idea that they would make a terrific mount for certain orchids. She went ahead and mounted several to find that it was an ideal medium—they're porous and retain water, the roots stick like glue and grow like crazy. She demonstrated to us how she mounted her plants and made many suggestions for growing orchids this way. Thank you so much, Holly! It was a terrific meeting and we appreciate your hospitality.

The third Sunday in November we'll be meeting at Holly Miller's and it's sure to be an outstanding afternoon. Holly's greenhouse is wonderful and we all know her as being one of the frequent winners with the orchids she displays at our monthly meetings. Directions and more specifics will follow the week prior to the meeting.

### *Raffle Table*

*Chair: Johnny and Donna Williams*

The Raffle Table for November will feature plants from R.F. Orchids, Inc. They are located in Homestead, Florida, and specialize in vandaceous alliance hybrids, mericlones and species, but they also have hybrids, mericlones, and species in other alliances. They can be reached at the following phone numbers: 305-245-4570 or 877-482-6327. The email address is: [sales@rforchids.com](mailto:sales@rforchids.com) and the website is: [www.rforchids.com](http://www.rforchids.com).

For the raffle table, you may purchase 5 raffle tickets for \$1.00 or 30 tickets for \$5.00. These tickets may be used to win any of ten plants. In addition, another plant will be raffled as a door prize. Everyone who walks in the door gets a free raffle ticket for the door prize and if you wear your name tag, you get two free tickets.

There is also one plant raffled for the General Mills Box Tops for Education promotion. Bring in General Mills Box Tops and receive one raffle ticket for each box top. The Box Tops will be donated to schools for purchasing needed equipment.

Do you have a favorite orchid supplier? Is there a particular genera you'd like to see on the Raffle Table? Let us know some websites to check out. Please email me at [dfwilliam@mdanderson.org](mailto:dfwilliam@mdanderson.org). Thank you.

## Houston Orchid Society 2007 Officers and Committee Chairs

### Officers

<i>President</i>	Don Ghiz
<i>1st Vice President</i>	Deana Roberts
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	Holly Huston
<i>Recording Sec.</i>	Beverly Starr
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jay Balchan
<i>Membership</i>	Holly Miller

### Chairs

<i>Guest Hospitality</i>	Maureen Ferrara
<i>Happenings Editor</i>	Susan Taylor
<i>Librarian</i>	Sarah Bentley
<i>Newcomers Group</i>	Katherine Brown Jill Smith
<i>Parliamentarian</i>	Richard Champagne
<i>Plant Raffle</i>	Johnny and Donna Williams
<i>Refreshments</i>	Pam Vinson
<i>Silent Auction</i>	John Jamerlan, Debbie Peterson and Eddie Mitchell
<i>2007 Spring Show</i>	John Stubbings and Laurie Skov
<i>HOS Web</i>	Calvin Starr
<i>2007 Workshop Chair</i>	Ted Baenziger and John Stubbings

### Directors

<i>Two-Year Term</i>	<i>One-Year Term</i>
Joe Fields	Dolores Fields
Fr. Ted Baenziger	Marvin Gerber
Greg Scott	Jim Butler
Calvin Starr	Jerry Stephens
John Jamerlan	Julius Klehm
Phillip Free	Doug George
Richard Lund	Laurie Skov
	John Stubbings

### Representatives

AOS Representative	Melba and Jim Butler
IPA Representative	John Stubbings
ODC Representative	Joe Fields
SWROGA Representative	Julius Klehm and Terry Palmer

## Houston Orchid Society *November 2007 Meeting*

Program: November Program  
Plant Auction

Date: November 1, 2007

Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Place: Houston Garden Center

## Monthly Speakers

**November:** Ted Baenziger, Awards Available at Shows  
**December:** Houston Judging Center Auction

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