

# EAST TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

## October 2008 News

### First Meeting a Success!

The first East Texas Orchid Society organizational meeting was held on Sunday, October 4, 2008 at 2:00 pm at Unity Church on South Street. It was a great success! Although small, the meeting included most elements of a top-notch orchid society meeting. There were delicious refreshments thanks to Mrs. Garrison and a comfortable meeting place thanks to Unity Church. Dr. Olie Garrison graciously donated several orchids for door prizes so nobody left empty handed. Four blooming orchids were displayed on an improvised "show and tell" table. Justin Daniel brought a *Dendrobium chrysanthum* and a *Spiranthes odorata*. Dr. Garrison brought a blooming *Phalaenopsis bellina* and a *Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi*, as well as several other orchids at different stages of maturity. Pretty good for our first meeting, huh?



*Dendrobium chrysanthum*

Many aspects of orchid growing were discussed at the first meeting including different types of orchids and their habitats, different cultural requirements, growing techniques, special considerations for local growers, hybridizing, and conservation. Other discussion topics included American Orchid Society judging, upcoming orchid shows and exhibits, and benefits of forming an active local society. While two in attendance had previous orchid growing experience, two had never grown an orchid before (until they went home with a door prize). All are welcome regardless of age, race, gender, or level of experience. We certainly had a good mix, from an accredited AOS Judge, to those completely new to growing orchids.



*Spiranthes odorata*

While this first meeting was very informal, it was a complete success. Figurative ground has been broken, and our local society is on it's way to becoming a vibrant, diverse group of orchid growers – open-minded and enthusiastic about our common interests. All of the official "stuff" will fall into place with time, but we need all of you to come to the next meeting and bring your ideas, skills, talents, and blooming orchids! An official society name, officers, bylaws, and committees will begin to give this group a life of it's own and move us towards AOS affiliation or even an orchid exhibit here in Nacogdoches, but it's the people that make a society work. Come be part of the fun, you might even go home with a new orchid! ~

#### NEXT MEETING:

**WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 1:00 PM**  
**WHERE: UNITY CHURCH, 2400 SOUTH STREET**

#### Upcoming Events:

October 24-26 - Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society Show, Pecanland Mall, Monroe, LA

November 2 - - Our 2<sup>nd</sup> organizational meeting! We need you there! 1:00 pm @ Unity Church, 2400 South St., Nac, TX

November 7-9 - Red River Orchid Society Show/SWROGA Fall Show, Wichita Falls, TX

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