

Shreveport orchid society
Presents
“The All-Hallowed Orchid”
Theme for the
2012 Fall SWROGA Meetings and Show
October 26-28, 2012

Dear Fellow Orchid Growers,

The Shreveport Orchid Society members are looking forward to welcoming you to Shreveport in October. We are planning a great weekend for your enjoyment!

First, we have great rates at the neighboring Sam’s Town Casino which is only one block away from the Barnwell Center where the show will be held. There are great restaurants at both Sam’s and at the El Dorado next door. We hope you will plan to come early and enjoy the hospitality.

Second, please note the change in the SWROGA meeting schedule. This is the first time we will have the meetings on Friday evening since the membership voted to change to that venue. The meetings will be held right there at the Barnwell Center – very convenient if you are setting up an exhibit and entering plants...

...and we hope you WILL be setting up an exhibit and entering plants! We need you! We need both individual and society exhibits. We will be glad to help in any way we can. One nice thing is that it’s easy to unload and get your plants inside; and we plan to have folks helping to unload.

Third, the Affiliated Societies Breakfast on Saturday is included in your registration. It’s not a continental breakfast either; it’s a real sit-down, full breakfast; and you don’t want to miss the important program afterwards.

Fourth, we have planned a superb banquet for Saturday evening. The Shreveport Club is not far from the hotel. There is valet parking, but if you do not have a car, we will make sure you have transportation. Just be sure to note that on your registration form.

As you will note from the Calendar of Events, the auction is also going to be at the Shreveport Club. Please remember that the auction depends on DONATIONS FROM YOU. If everybody brings one nice thing, SWROGA will benefit from a great auction.

Fifth, Patsy Boersma, who is in charge of the Saturday afternoon seminar, has lined up two great speakers – Dr. Yin-Tung Wang, Adjunct Professor and Graduate Faculty, Texas A & M University, and Gene Crocker, long-time hybridizer for Carter and Holmes Orchid Nursery. Your registration fee includes admission to their talks.

Sixth, don't overlook the invitation for all registrants to a brunch at Lena Parker's house on Sunday morning. This is a "come and go" affair -- another opportunity to get together and enjoy each other's company. Again, if you need transportation, please note that on your registration form.

Lastly, remember that Shreveport is well known for our hospitality. Our hospitality room is always one of the highlights of our shows. This time we will actually be providing a Friday night meal for all registrants so that everyone can attend the SWROGA meetings without having to go out for something to eat.

Quite a full agenda, isn't it? We plan for you to go home well satisfied with your weekend, perhaps with a lovely trophy or two, maybe with an AOS award, and certainly with memories of a great SWROGA show.

See you in Shreveport!

Charlie Riner,
Show Chair