

**ILLINOIS ORCHID
SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER**

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FEBRUARY 1996

EDITOR: JIM SPATZEK

February 1996
Meeting

Sunday, February 18, 1996
Chicago Botanic Garden
Glencoe, IL
12:30 PM

Lecture: Auditorium
Hospitality: All Purpose Room

New members, beginning growers, lovers of all things beautiful, and serious Phalaenopsis aficionados, this month's speaker is for you! Our speaker will be **Dick Wells of Hilltop Orchids, Cloverdale Indiana.** Dick will be talking on **Phalaenopsis Culture**, and getting ready for Spring. His talk will be geared for us who are just starting with Phalaenopsis orchids. Phals(for short) are one of the easiest, and most rewarding of groups of orchids to grow. They give a tremendous 'bang' (or bloom) for your buck! Everyone should try one! Dick will do a survey of what is available in Phalaenopsis today and focus on how to grow them. This is not a long detailed hybridizer's talk. This talk will be focused on the how-to of Phals.

Dick has been growing orchids since 1954. He and his wife, Sandy, have greatly

expanded Hilltop Orchids in the last 5 years. They are famous for their culture, one of the best growers in the country of Phalaenopsis. They have received numerous AOS flower quality and culture awards over the years. If you get Awards Quarterly you will recognize their name. See Hilltop's display at the **Batavia Orchid Society Show** this weekend at the Charlestowne Mall on Rte 64 in St. Charles, IL. Dick will be bringing plants to the meeting for sale, including a selection of his hybrids which will not be available at the Batavia Show. Even if you visit his sales table at Batavia, you will still have a reason to check out his table at the CBG. See you all there.

Don't forget to bring some baked goods for our hospitality table!

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Sorry!! In my haste to get the January Newsletter in your hands, I forgot only the most important detail--the date of the meeting. For the old timers, you know that 90% of the time it's the 3rd Sunday; for the rest of you--Sorry!

A tentative schedule of the 1996 meetings appears elsewhere in this issue, in case I forget again.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by
LEO SCHORDJE

"Seize the Day", the informal talk that **Dr. Ben Berliner** held during our workshop is certainly one of the most eloquent and emotional speeches we have had in a while. His years of experience and long history of social activism (he's got a long resume in environmental, public health, and social issues) certainly give him the moral authority to say the things he does. Between Ben Berliner and Fred Case we have had two extraordinary and inspirational speakers. If I read the crowd right, many of you got fired up. The question is, "What are we going to do?"

There are things, personal and private, that we each can do. There are things the Society can do. I want you, the members, to make sure that your Society does act. The only way it will is if you, the members, become actively involved and make sure ideas get explored and come to fruition. I was pleased that two members joined the Conservation Committee after the meeting, and are going to start exploring ideas. We always need more volunteers. The IOS has no paid employees; everything we do is done by unpaid volunteers. Everyone on the Board has a full plate going, so it is up to your to make sure things don't go by the wayside. I hope this new charge of energy evolves into steady on-going action. After the meeting I had to sit and make notes for a half hour just to make sure I didn't forget any suggestions.

The IOS is always pleading for more volunteers but occasionally I hear that someone tried to volunteer and never heard back. Sorry! This does happen; we are a bunch of ordinary people, often a bit disorgan-

ized, and things get forgotten. Please try again. None of us would ever be intentionally rude. We need and appreciate all the help we can get. I hope to hear from you!

Next topic is to remember the upcoming shows--Batavia in February and our Show in March. Please read Linda Schubert's article. Thanks!

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Next Board Meeting:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at the home of Sherry Maloney, , Northbrook, IL., on Monday, March 11 1996, at 7:30 PM. All officers and directors are expected to attend. Committee chairmen and interested members are also welcome. If you are unable to attend please let Leo Schordje (708-746-9355) know before the meeting.

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IN MEMORIAM

Sadly we report the passing of one of our members, **ED BULOW**. Ed's smile and "always wanting to help attitude" will be sorely missed, as well as the fine plants he grew and showed. By the line of mourners at the funeral home, one could see that his life, unjustly short, was nonetheless a full one and a large one and that he received a lot of joy from it.

Our sincere condolences to his wife and four young sons and the entire Bulow family.

When the physicist, **Richard Feynman** was near death, he remarked that it might take years and years for him to really die because he was spread out among so many people's minds and memories. The same thing is true of Ed.

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truly spectacular. The awards description reads, "7 flowering pendant canes to 153 cm. In length; foliage present and without blemish on proximal third of the canes; flowers typical for species but larger than previous awards; light lavender flowers with darker lavender throat exhibiting intense raspberry fragrance."

This award was created in memory of **Joe Koss**, a former member, director and officer of the Illinois Orchid Society, who was instrumental in establishing the Judging Center in Glencoe among many other accomplishments. The award is presented annually to the owner of the highest pointed AOS awarded plant at any of the Glencoe supplemental judgments or either of the two Illinois Orchid Society annual shows.

Previous winners of this award are:

1992

Neolauchia pulchella 'Etc' CCM/AOS

(Cyps, Etc.)

1993

Phragmipedium besseae 'Fox Valley'

FCC/AOS

(Fox Valley Orchids)

1994

Masdevallia ophioglossa 'Megan'

CCM/AOS

(Hoosier Orchids)

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TIME TO RENEW!!!

If you haven't renewed your membership, please your second and final dues notice is enclosed with this newsletter.. If you can't find your original envelope send \$15 for a single and \$18 for a couple to : Jack Coutts,

106 E. Sheridan Road, Lake Bluff, IL 60044. Please include your complete name, address, and telephone number with your new area code if it is changing.

Note: The postoffice may be able to speed up delivery of our bulk-mailed bulletins by our including 9-digit zips on our mailing labels, so you'll notice that we're requesting that information.(If you don't know those extra 4 digits for your address you can find them on your telephone bill or on the address of almost any magazine sent to your address.) Also, if your telephone area code is scheduled to change before publication of the new IOS directory in June, we'll need to know your new code(847 as of January for many of us), so please give us that information where applicable. Thanks again!

This is your last notice. If your dues is not received by the end of February, you will be dropped from our membership roster!

Jack Coutts

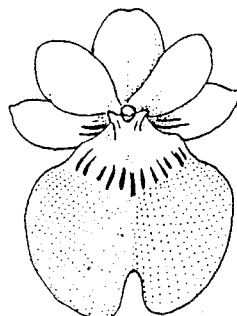
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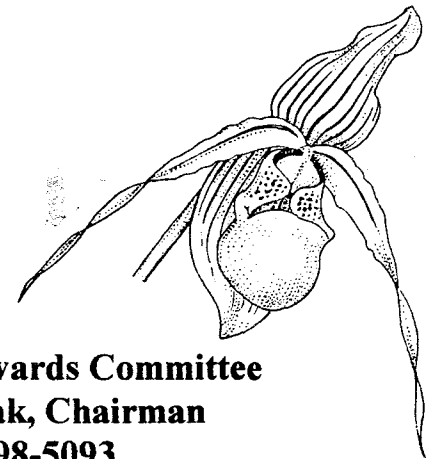
**COMING TO THIS NEWSLETTER
IN THE MARCH, 1996 ISSUE:**

**GROWING SOPHRONITIS CERNUA
BY OTTO LEUPI**

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITH THIS SPECIES FROM THE ONE PERSON WHO EXCELS IN GROWING THE FABULOUS GENUS, SOPHRONITIS.

LOOK FOR THE COMPLETE DETAILS NEXT MONTH!





Sounds like a great recipe to me!!!!

Here's a great recipe stolen from the Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Newsletter. The recipe is from the kitchen of RUTH FREYE.

HERSHEY BAR TORTE

1/2 box Vanilla Wafers, crushed. (Put 2/3 on the bottom of a 9x13 pan and use the rest for topping). In a double boiler, melt 16 marshmallows, 1/2 cup milk, and 1 large Hershey Almond Bar. Let cool!

Whip 1 pint of heavy cream 'till very firm. Gently mix with the chocolate and put on top of the vanilla cookie crumbs. Sprinkle the remaining 1/3 cookie crumbs on top.

Make 4-6 hours before serving.

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1996 Illinois Orchid Society
Donations

The Illinois Orchid Society is pleased to announce its initial gifts for 1996.

- Chicago Botanic Garden \$ 300.00
- American Orchid Society \$ 200.00
- The Volo Bog \$ 100.00
- The Nature Conservancy \$1000.00
- Orchid Digest/Fowlie Color Fund \$ 200.00
- Selby Orchid Identification Center/Books \$ 696.19

Report of the Awards Committee
Tom Franczak, Chairman
(708) 398-5093

Here's the seventh report of the 1995-96 competition year. Included in the point totals are results from the December AOS Judging at the CBG and ribbons from the Christmas Party at Hausermann's.

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| The Orchid Outlet | Dendrochilum anfracta 'Jack's Wonder' CHM/AOS |
| Joe Dixler | Batemannia ciliata 'Stonegate' CBR/AOS |
| Joel Edwards | Habenaria dentata 'Tuxedo' HCC/AOS |

JoeD's award is his first so we want to congratulate him...it's been a long time coming. Adequately done, Joe! Meanwhile Joel E earned the first quality award ever granted to H.dentata. You might look at its white flowers, note the clonal name, and think of white tie. Nope! Joel named it after his cat. Do you recognize our commercial member, **Orchid Outlet**? No? It's just **Barry Jones**' stage name. I can think of at least one other awarded plant that came from Orchid Outlet, but this might be the first that went to Barry rather than to a customer. In any case, congratulations!!!

We brought 113 plants to the December meeting at Hausermann's--70-greenhouse grown and 43-lightstand grown. **Laima Sahagian** took Plant-Of-The-Month honors in the greenhouse category for her *Liparis condylobulbon*. **Joe Dixler** (him again?) won

Plant-Of-The-Month in the lightstand category for his *Liparis nutans*. (Very adequate, Joe).

You know, most orchid societies don't have a member who's ever seen an actual *Liparis*, let alone a member who grows one. *Liparis* is a pretty darn rare genus. Hey, but we're the IOS! So three of our members brought such plants in for show-n-tell last month and two of them were so well grown that they won Plant-Of-The-Month honors! Now it happens that *L. condylobulbon* 'Henry Shaw' CCM/AOS arrived about three years ago and, believe me, it grows like a weed (true to its award). Everyone can get a division of this clone, but so far Laima's grown it best.

And yes, Virginia, there's a knock-down-drag-'em-out battle for first going on in the Greenhouse Category. The leader *du jour* is **Jodi Hirt** who collared **Laima Sahagian** last month. Both of the frontrunners put some daylight between themselves and **Sue Golan**. But Sue is our defending champion for the past generation or so, and I expect that she is just gathering her strength for a stretch drive where she will pull out all the stops. You know, Sue was in Mexico when the Christmas party was taking place. When she told me she'd have to miss the meeting, I teased, "Hey, send a dish anyway." Sue sent plants to the meeting instead.

First Place Ribbons

Greenhouse Category

G. Calilao & Jim Wortmann

Ascda. Fiftieth State Beauty
Epidendrum ciliare

Frieda Cogswell

Cattleya Stephen O. Fouraker

Sue Golan

Sophranitis cernua
Paph. Fair Student 'Stanley Masierak'
HCC/AOS

Jodi Hirt

Ada elegantula
Dend. antennatum
Oncidium croesus
Maxillaria sp. (Brazil)
Phrag. Sedenii
Phrag. Hanne Popow
Pleurothallis colorata
Pleurothallis kautskyii
Pleurothallis alligatorensis
Habenaria rhodocheila
Restrepia antennifera v. striata
Laelia rubescens
Chondr. chestertonii x Coch. marginata

Bob Hoel

Epidendrum lechleri

Rhonda Peters

Ascda. Nora Tokunaga
Cym. Sweetheart

Maggie Kuntz

Gomesa recurva
Dendrobium fimbriatum v. oculatum

Laima Sahagian

Liparia condylobulbon
Dend. tetragonum v. giganteum
Maxillaria lindleyana
Stenorhynchus speciosus
Paph. (complex vini. hybrid)
Dendrobium lawesii
Barbosella portia
Dendrobium Ise 'Yaydi'
Dendrobium Ise 'Pearl'
Barbosella portia
Masdevallia strobilii

Carole Thompson

Leptotes unicolor
Aerangis distincta
Haraella retrocalla
Ionopsis paniculata

Jerry Stueben

Dendrobium Blue Twinkle
Cma. Cari Lea
Oncidium Aloha 'Iwanaga'

Nicola Radcliffe

Blc. Nuuanu Dawn x Pot. Pastushin Gold

Lightstand Category

Cathy Bloome

Ascda. Su-Fun Beauty 'Orange Belle' AM/AOS

Kim Anderson

Paphiopedilum Sacred Dancer

Joe Dixler

Catasetum macroglossum
Phrag. bessear

Phal. Orchid World 'Bonnie Vasquez' AM/AOS
 Paph. Jogjae
 Batemannia ciliata
 Pescatoria lehmanni
 Paph. gratixianum
 Liparis nutans

Tom Franczak

Cattleya maxima
 Renanthera monachica

Charles High

Phrag. longifolium

Sherry Maloney

Paph. W.N.Evans x Sandra Mary

Bob & Helen Younghale

Ansellia gigantea v. Nilotica 'Waunakee'
 AM/AOS
 Blc. Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle' FCC/AOS
 Paph. Whitemoor 'Norriton', FCC/RHS,
 FCC/AOS

**Point Score Accumulations
 through 12-31-95**

(* indicates new member for purposes of the 1995-96
 competition year.

Lois Cinert	10
Joe & Rosalie Dixler	647
Kevin & Irma Dixler	77
Joel Edwards	93
John & Joan Emmerich	10
Tom Franczak	128
Ron & Joan Hale	32
Charles & Jane High	116
Pat Kralik	27
Wilfred Losert	199
Sherry Maloney	205
Lorraine Meyer(*)	56
Armon McPherson	91
Margie Poor	10
Sherrie Reddick	9
Michael Rossler	27
Mel Schmidt	114
Leo Schordje	71
John Shepler(*)	5
Linda Silva	5
Ken Vrabel	13
Chris & Renee Welch	63
Bob & Helen Younghale	42



Greenhouse

G. Calilao & J Wortman	102
Frieda Cogswell	15
Jack Coutts	45
Ed Gamson	32
Sue Golan	731
Sophia & Jim Harris	399
Jodi Hirt	903
Bob Hoel	15
Suki Kroeber	15
Maggie Kuntz	167
Jay Mullen	52
Rhonda Peters	417
Nicola Radcliffe	35
Al Rich	1
Bill Rogerson	60
Laima Sahagian	874
Jim Spatzek	52
John Stubbings	106
Gerald Stueben	67
Carole Thompson	143
Sam Tsui(*)	143
Bob Wolf	91

Lightstand

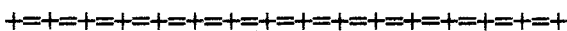
Walter Andersen	5
Kim Anderson	39
Michael Ault	6
Cathy Bloome	184
Olga Boor	5
Mary Childester	5

**Please plan to volunteer at least
 once during 1996. Your society
 needs your help to continue to
 succeed!**



**1996 IOS Meeting
 Schedule**

February 18, 1996	Chic. Bot. Gard.
March 23/24, 1996	Spring Show
April 21, 1996	Unscheduled
May 19, 1996	Chic. Bot. Gard.
June 16, 1996	Awards Brunch EFG Orchids
July 21, 1996	Chic. Bot. Gard.
August 18, 1996	Oak Hill Gardens
September 28/29	Fall Mini Show
October 20, 1996	Chic. Bot. Gard.
November 17, 1996	Chic. Bot. Gard.
December 15, 1996	Hausermann Orchids



March 22-24, 1996

Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show

"A Kaleidoscope of Colors"

We are ready again to treat the world to our very special event--one that is a lot of fun and very rewarding. The learning process of putting on one of these shows never stops--and the information we gain about orchids is endless.

As you can see from the list of jobs on the **Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet** which precedes this article, there is something for every member. And the friendships that result from working shoulder to shoulder with other orchid growers is just another plus. We learn from each other continually.

This is our **BIG** show (until our really BIG Mid-American event comes along in the Spring of 1997). This March at the beautiful Chicago Botanic Garden there will be approximately 50 exhibits and 45 or more vendors displaying and selling a wide range of orchid plants and growing materials and dispensing information. (Never mind that the last jewel of growing knowledge you gleaned was the complete opposite of your most recent tidbit. In the end you try them all, and at some point you get to a stage where you're bringing in plants to add to the IOS exhibit or even setting up your own display).

So, let's get those faxes and letters coming in. I'll be waiting to confirm your work times. And, I'll see you in March when the fun begins. We'd like this to be an enjoyable and profitable show for all our participants.

Linda Schubert

Our Second Away Show of 1996

THE IOS WILL HAVE AN EXHIBIT AT THE BATAVIA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW, FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 1996. THE SHOW WILL BE STAGED AT THE CHARLESTOWNE MALL, IN ST.

CHARLES, IL, ON RTE. 64 (NORTH AVENUE). UNFORTUNATELY, SHOW SET-UP IS NOT UNTIL 9:00 PM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16. FORTUNATELY, THAT WILL ALLOW ALL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE BY HELPING AND BRINGING THEIR PLANTS TO THE MALL. THIS IS AN IOS MEETING WEEKEND, BUT WE EXPECT YOUR BLOOMING PLANTS WILL BE AT THE SHOW. BESIDES YOU GET DOUBLE POINTS FOR DISPLAYING AT AWAY SHOWS.

WE DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS, AS USUAL, SO PLEASE CALL LINDA SCHUBERT, 847-835-0799, DURING REASONABLE HOURS TO GET FURTHER DETAILS.

WE NEED YOUR PLANTS TO MAKE THE IOS EXHIBIT A SUCCESS. DON'T BE EMBARRASSED BY BRINGING THEM TO THE MEETING INSTEAD!!

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THE ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING SHOW
Sign-up sheet for volunteers

If you would like to be a part of the IOS Spring Show, please use this form to indicate the times you would like to work and what jobs you would like to do. Just circle the hours you can work if you don't know what job you want.

<u>Days</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Jobs</u>
<u>Thurs., Mar. 21</u>	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Plant Registration _____
<u>Fri., Mar. 22</u>	9:00 am - Noon	Plant Registration _____
		Plant Traffic _____
		Worker Hospitality _____
	Noon - 3:00 pm	Plant Registration _____
		Plant Traffic _____
		Worker Hospitality _____
	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Plant Registration _____
		Plant Traffic _____
		Worker Hospitality _____
	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Judges' Supper _____
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Clerking _____
<u>Sat., Mar. 23</u>	9:00 am - Noon	Security _____
		Information _____
		Raffle _____
		Worker Hospitality _____
	Noon - 3:00 pm	Security _____
		Information _____
	Raffle _____	
	Worker Hospitality _____	
	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Security _____
		Information _____
		Raffle _____
		Worker Hospitality _____
<u>Sun., Mar. 24</u>	9:00 am - Noon	Security _____
		Information _____
		Raffle _____
		Worker Hospitality _____
	Noon - 3:00 pm	Security _____
		Information _____
	Raffle _____	
	Worker Hospitality _____	
	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Security _____
		Information _____
		Raffle _____
		Worker Hospitality _____
	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Tear-down _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Fax or mail to: Linda Schubert, 745 Grove St., Glencoe, IL 60022
Phone and Fax: 847-835-0799

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING SHOW
March 21-24, 1996
REGISTRATION FORM FOR SALES AND DISPLAY SPACE

1. I would like to request display space.
- a. More than 50 square feet _____
 - b. 50 square feet maximum _____
 - c. 25 square feet maximum _____
 - d. Cut flowers arrangement _____
 - e. Educational display _____ (Indicate size needed & whether or not it is table top) _____
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2. I would like to request orchid plant sales space (must have a display in the show which must follow show schedule guidelines).
- a. 1/2 table (3' x 3') _____
 - b. 1 table (3' x 6') _____
 - c. 2 tables (3' x 12') _____ (may be L-shaped)
 - d. 3 tables (3' x 18') _____ (may be L-shaped)
 - e. Other _____ (explain) _____
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3. I would like to request sales space for orchid-related items (must also have a display in the show which may be educational, but must be completely orchid related and follow show schedule guidelines).
- a. 1/2 table (3' x 3') _____
 - b. 1 table (3' x 6') _____
 - c. 2 tables (3' x 12') _____
 - d. Floor space _____
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4. I would like to clerk at the judging on Friday, March 22 at 6:30 pm
Yes _____ No _____

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Ten per cent (10%) of all sales will be collected by the Illinois Orchid Society and will be given to the Chicago Botanic Garden. There is no charge to display and no table charge to sell.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Your display sign as you would like it to read. _____

Comments and suggestions: _____

Mail to: Linda Schubert
745 Grove Street
Glencoe, IL 60022

Telephone: 847-835-0799
(May fax to this number also)

COMMERCIAL CORNER

GEORGE HAUSERMANN JR. PHONE: (708) 543-5628 FAX: (708) 543-5608

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- TAYLORS ORCHIDS:** SOTEROSANTHUS SHEPHEARDII \$30.00, GALLEOTIA NIGRESCENS \$40.00
- E.F.G. ORCHIDS:** PAPH. JAVANICUM ALBA \$200.00, PHAL. MAHALO "CARMELA ORCHIDS" FCC/AOS \$30.00, PHRAG. RUBY SLIPPERS \$100.00, PHAL. GOLDEN EMPEROR "SWEET" FCC/AOS \$20.00
- ORCHIDS BY HAUSERMAN:** PAPH. SUPERBIENS AM/AOS \$25.00, PHAL. AMY JEAN "ADDISON TRAIL" HCC/AOS \$30.00, ONC. LANCEANUM "BOYNTON AM/AOS \$22.50, LAELIA PURPURATA "CINDAROSA" \$30.00
- GREENVIEW GARDENS:** NEOBENTHAMIA GRACILIS \$12.00, PHAL. PULCHRA \$12.00, PHRAG. CARDINALE "GREENVIEW" \$45.00
- WINDSONG:** P.CHROMIUM EMPEROR "RISING SUN" AM/AOS \$35.00, PHRAG. BESSEA \$50.00, PAPH. PSYCHE \$35.00, PAPH. MAGIC LANTERN \$35.00
- HOOSIER:** DRACULA HIRTZII "LESTAT" \$145.00, DRACULA VAMPIRA "CLAUDIA" \$125.00, EURYCHONE GALEANDRAE \$75.00, PHRAG. SCHROEDERAE "HOOSIER HYSTERIA" AM/AOS \$300.00, STENORHYNCHOS SPECIOSUS \$65.00

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