



## Officers for 2009

President:	Marianne Hilmy
Vice President:	Cindy Willson
Secretary:	Lee Baldazo
Treasurer:	Al Taylor
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## Words from Marianne

I'm honored to be elected as the President of TOTOS. Thank you very much for your confidence.

Plans for 2009 are already well under way. We hope that you will take advantage of the Society's providing a bus to the AOS Conference in Houston. Attending that meeting will be very important in our plans and programs for this coming year.

One thing that I want to get accomplished at this January meeting is to get directions from the membership on the type of programs and activities that you would like to have during 2009. This will be very important in helping Cindy with her program planning.

Please try to attend the January meeting. We need your input.

Marianne

## Heads UP! Pay Attention

When the temperatures start to get into the 40°s, most of our orchids begin to suffer.

If you are growing your plants out-of-doors, they need to be brought inside or your lath house needs to be covered on all sides and heating needs to be provided if the temperature is expected to drop into the low 40° and 30°s.

A key factor in protecting our plants from cold is that they cannot survive the sweltering heat of a sealed-up green house or lath house. As soon as the temperature gets back up into the mid fifties, the sides/roof need to be opened up to let the heat out. Failing to do so will pretty much assure you that you will have cremated your orchid collection! **It is critical to pay attention to the weather and to your own growing conditions and to adjust accordingly.**



## January Meeting

Our first meeting of 2009 will be  
Sunday, January 4, 2009  
at 2 PM

at the Valley Nature Center.

Director Martin Hagne will be telling us about the function of the Nature Center.

We will also have a discussion lead by our Program Chair Cindy Willson.

**It is VERY important that all members attend!**

## TOTOS Heads for Houston

The Houston Orchid Society's AOS Spring Show will be held April 22-26 at the Hilton Houston North. TOTOS is providing a bus to the show. We will be sleeping and eating at the headquarters hotel for two nights. The rooms will be \$115 per night. Transportation will be provided by the society for the first 23 people who sign up. We will be leaving early Friday morning and returning Sunday afternoon spending 2 nights in Houston. You need to make your own hotel reservations for the nights of April 24 and April 25, 2009.

Please let Del know at the January meeting if you are planning to ride the bus. It is very important that we have a count of the number of participants as soon as possible.

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