

# SUN

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## WWD-FRIDAY

The New York Botanical Garden held its annual Orchid Dinner in the beautiful paneled library of the University Club among zillions of breathtaking orchids, a number of orchid-acious women and a dashing man or two. The evening's honorary chairman was **Caroline Herrera**, who looked as if she'd just stepped off the runway in a dress of her own design. The chairmen of the evening were House & Garden's **Dominique Browning** and **Ann and Philip Miller**, who — listen, it's no secret — are simply mad about orchids. Thirty-two designers created an array of exquisite centerpieces made from blooming orchids on black velvet cloths for the guests to dine around. **Kitty Hawk's** contribution was a nest of speckled lizard eggs, complete with hatching little lizards, surrounded by pink cymbidium orchids. **Bunny Williams'** crystal trumpet vase was wrapped in coco palm bark filled with cymbidium orchids, curly willow and palm fronds resting on a base that hid a whole reptilian world, if you care a lot about reptilian worlds. Jackson, Siegel and Aarons' miniature 19th century winged chair was upholstered in white orchids on a moss-covered pedestal. **Ralph Lauren's** whimsical antique bird cage held exotic orchids of fuchsia, purple, orange and yellow. **Jamie Drake's** cachepots covered in pink suede and jewels held masses of roses and crisp white orchids. **Tiffany & Co.** and **Robert Couturier** also did luscious designs.

The evening's vice chairmen included such as **Mary and Howard Phipps**, **Molly Rockefeller-Millbank**, **Dana Buchman**, **Fernanda Kellogg** and **Mik Henckels**. More than \$450,000 — the orchids were for sale, you know — was raised to benefit the Botanical Gardens and its highly celebrated orchid collection.

**Bob Hardwick** and his orchestra played for the dancing, and among the razzle-dazzle crowd were such as **Blaine and Robert Trump**, former Time Inc. editor in chief **Ralph Graves**, **Honore Wamsler**, **Nancy Pynes** of the New Jersey Pynes, **Jean Beard** (she's Blaine Trump's mother), **Greg Jordan** and **Reinaldo Herrera**.

### Petal Pushers



Ann Miller

Caroline Herrera