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Newsletter



September 2014

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President's Message John Ingram

Well, it is again September, and the autumn is soon to fall upon us all and bring some much missed cooler temperatures, which will be appreciated by both us and our orchids. Unlike last year at this time when I reported on a trip to Thailand, we (Tom and Marian, joined by Candy, Julie and respective spouses, friends and family members) are only about to begin our travels, this time to South Africa for the 21st World Orchid Conference, and some other venues! However, it will be October before we all begin to relate our adventures, discoveries, and chills and thrills of the visit.

Spring is about to begin in that latitude which means dry

weather and ever increasing temperatures, and the blooming of many African plant species in the wild, including orchids. The conference exhibits promise to present many of Africa's most beautiful and unusual orchids, both species and hybrids, as well as many other blooming African native plants. It should truly be a veritable feast for our eyes and for our cameras, be they smart phones, digital or analog versions. Who knows, perhaps we'll even do a joint presentation on the highlights of our visit.

The fall show planning committee under Georgia's able direction continues its work apace, and we'll again have some new and returning

growers to satisfy our own individual desires to add to our collections. This month's beginner's class will again focus on prepping your orchids for display at the show. I again encourage our members (veteran and new) to participate in any one of the numerous opportunities that the show will present to us: to learn, exchange information, acquire, and simply enjoy the company of our fellow orchid enthusiasts! See you all at the September 22nd meeting!

John

Next Meeting: Monday September 22, 2014 at

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

The Gainesville Orchid Society meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month at starting at 7:00 pm (Beginner's class) in the Summer House at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Drive. For additional information contact any of the GOS officers.

Beginner's Class: 7:00pm "Getting your orchids ready for the show" Candy Hollinger and Carolyn Robinson.

Guest Speaker: Jerry and Sharon Meola, from Fort Meyers, (see additional write up in this newsletter, p. 6) Jerry is bringing orchids to sell.

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AOS Corner

AOS Corner- From the Desk of Laura Newton, Chair- Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee

Our webinar this month is titled "It's All About the Roots" with John Salventi. I am a firm believer that if you can produce great roots, you can grow awesome orchids, and so I can't wait to hear what John has to say! Check it out Saturday, September 27th at 11:00 am EDT. This webinar is open to all participants, so you need not be a member to enjoy it either live on the 27th or the recorded version which should be available about a week later.

*Don't forget to register for the Fall AOS Members' Meeting in Orlando, Florida (October 31st-November 2nd)! Friday and Saturday will be jam-packed with speakers, auctions, and a barbeque, not to mention a fabulous Orchid Show with more than 15 vendors from all over the country and abroad.

You don't want to miss this event

Check out all the details on the main page of the website www.aos.org

***The Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society is seeking nominations for members of the Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society. Members may nominate any member in good standing, including themselves. All nominations will be evaluated by the Nominating Committee and a slate will be mailed, in accordance with the by-laws, prior to the election at the Members' Meeting in the spring of 2015. The following competencies have been determined by the Board and Trustees and will be used in the evaluation:**

All nominees shall be:

A member in good standing, Exhibit integrity and ethical behavior, Possess strong interpersonal and communications skills and have board experience with a non-profit organization.

Expertise in the following is desirable and will weigh heavily in the evaluation:

,business, and/or investment strategies, Non-profit governance, Development/fund raising, Legal background, Strategic planning and implementation or Marketing.

Responsibilities include:

Attend monthly conference-call type meetings, Attend two face-to-face meetings annually (Trustees must pay their own expenses), Financially support the organization in a manner commensurate with one's ability, while seeking additional financial support elsewhere, Advocate on behalf of the organization and be ambassadors to the orchid community.

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*Flowers are
heaven's
masterpieces.*

*Dorothy
Parker*

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Nominations should be submitted in writing by e-mail to nominating_committee@aos.org or to the — American Orchid Society at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd., Coral Gables, FL 33156 and must include biographical information as well as a statement of the nominee's qualifications. Nominations must be received no later than October 31, 2014.

*The AOS has recently released its new stand-alone award program "Orchids Plus". It is now available both as an online feature as well as the new stand-alone version. You get both programs for one low price \$58.50 and you need not be a member of AOS to purchase (but of course we hope that you will consider membership also!). There are many new and interesting features; it is not just a tool for judging. You can search awards by the month they were awarded, thereby giving you a good idea of when your plants should bloom, or helping you find a flower to purchase if you want it to be in bloom for a certain month of the year. All award photographs are included so that you can see the best of the best, along with some very interesting photos of species some of which you might not have ever seen before!

*This month's *Orchids Magazine* has many wonderful articles, including my favorite "Dendrobium Section Densiflora". I just love the beautiful hanging clusters of flowers, and Thomas Miranda does an excellent job outlining this section, which is an excellent companion to Ron McHatton's webinar on the genus *Dendrobium* that can be found on the website under webinars.

Sue Bottom's article "Thrips on Orchids" is very thorough on the detection and treatment of these horrible little sucking insects.

While we are speaking about insects, the website has a complete section on pests and diseases. From the main page, just hover over the "All About Orchids" tab and then click on "Pests and Diseases"

Growing our membership, one Orchid lover at a time,

Laura Newton

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Calling All GOS Members..... Volunteers are needed for our show!

Please consider helping out with our show, which will take place October 25th-26th, with set-up on Friday, October 24th. Take a look at the Schedule of Events in this newsletter and think about how you might lend a hand.

Gainesville Orchid Society has a reputation for putting on a good show....beautiful displays, great venue, excellent vendors, and helpful and enthusiastic GOS members who assist our participants and interact with the public. This is possible because of all you members who participate to make it happen. It's a great opportunity to learn more about orchids and interact with fellow orchid lovers.

Most importantly, WE HAVE FUN!!!

Don't miss out. Sign up to participate at the September meeting.

Georgia Shemitz

GOS 2014 Show Chair



Gainesville Orchid Society Annual Show

Orchids in the Garden 2014

Be sure to tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers about our orchid show on October 25 and 26 in conjunction with the Kanapaha Botanical Garden's Annual Open House and Fall Plant Sale. Hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm both days. Admission to the gardens and show is free.

Hopefully most of our GOS members will find some time to help out with the show and enter some orchids for judging. For those of you who are new to our show, below is a schedule of events. It is a busy week. If you haven't signed up to help, see how you might lend a hand and sign up at our next meeting.

Enter Your Orchids—Wednesday-Thursday, October 22-23

Enter your best blooming orchids. We'll be having a beginner's class in September on getting your orchids ready for the show.

Set-up—Friday, October 24, 9:30am-5:00pm

Set-up is a lot of hard work, but I think it is the most fun part of the entire show. We start with two empty rooms and by the end of the day they are transformed into an orchid paradise. Tasks during set-up include helping to set up the GOS display, setting up the sponsor board, unloading and distributing background plants, and helping the vendors and societies unload. There will be coffee in the morning and lunch is provided. Sign up and come for the whole day, an hour or two, or just stop by to see what is going on.

AOS Judging—Saturday, October 25, 8-10am

During AOS judging, Orchid Society members act as clerks. Three GOS members are assigned to each team of judges. They assist by helping the judges locate plants, recording ribbon award information and placing ribbons on the plants. It is fun and informative to listen to the judges discuss the orchids and their reasons for choosing one bloom over another.

The Show—Saturday, October 25, and Sunday, October 26, 9am-5pm

Welcome Tables—Greet the public and hand out free raffle tickets.

GOS Membership Table—Hand out orchid culture sheets and info about GOS and AOS. Collect names and emails for GOS mailing list.

Potluck Dinner—Saturday, October 25, 5:30 pm, at Barb Fennelly's house. Everyone who helped with the show in any capacity is welcome to come with spouse, significant other, etc. Please be sure to sign up so we know how many are coming and what dishes to expect.

Takedown—Sunday, October 26, 5pm Help collect foliage plants from displays, collect and pack up GOS show materials, help orchid vendors transport and load their plants and take down their booths as needed.

How to Submit Plants for our Annual GOS Show

Please follow these guidelines:

Getting Your Orchids Ready

- *Clean plants thoroughly with soap and water. Use diet 7-up, lemon juice or mild soap to clean up leaves (do not use commercial leaf shine products).
- *Inspect plants for insects: scale, mealy bugs, etc. and remove.
- *Groom plant...cut off dead material, brown tips of leaves.
- *Anchor plant in pot with rhizome clips or whatever works for your plant.
- *Stake all flowers securely (no colored plastic clips, please).
- *Each plant must have a legible tag in the pot.
- *Put your name on each plant pot.

Packing Your Plants

Pack all of your plants in a box or a crate that can be transported in a vehicle and carried by an average person. Use packing material to secure the plants. Put your name on each box or crate. Plants that are not packed in boxes may be damaged or left behind.

Registering Your Plants

During the week before the show (Mon-Wed), you need to research your plants for the following information:

- *Plant name
- *Parents if the plant is a hybrid. If you do not know the parents of your plant(s), please contact Georgia at plbgs2@windstream.net or Candy Hollinger at drahcir7@bellsouth.net.
- *A detailed **color** description and **bloom size** (e.g. white with red spots, 1.5")
- *Paphiopedilums and Dendrobiums---type if known

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 21-22

Before 5pm on Wednesday send the information for each plant to:

Georgia Shemitz at plbgs2@windstream.net

Thursday, October 23

Bring your plants ready to go to Joan and Neil MacLeod's by 7 pm Thursday. The people responsible for registration will verify that each plant is properly labeled and enter it in the appropriate class. Name Labels will be made.

Joan and Neil MacLeod

4411 NW15th Place

Gainesville, FL 32605

neilmacleod@bellsouth.net 352-375-6744

Please bring your plants to Joan's for registration on Thursday evening if you are able. We need to register Gainesville's plants Thursday evening because the orchids for the four visiting societies must be registered during set-up on Friday. If you absolutely cannot get your plants to Joan's and need to bring them to set-up on Friday morning, you must still send Georgia your plant info by Wednesday (if possible send along a photo if you have one or snap one with your smart phone). **Sue and Katryna, our registration team, will have plenty to do on Friday, so please show them some consideration by following these guidelines.**

You can pick up your plants at Kanapaha between 5 pm and 6 pm on Sunday.

Bloom Table August 2014

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| Species 1 | Stanhopea jenishiana | Phylis Craig |
| Species 2 | Stanhopea wardii | Georgis Shemitz |
| Vanda | Ascocenda Somski Sunset 'New Star' | Robert McGraw |
| Cattleya | C. Bactia 'Grape Wax' | Mike Sielaff |
| Onc. | Mtssa. Flying High 'Stars & Bars' AM/AOS | Nancy Mason |
| Phal. | Phal. Jungo Viotris x violacea 'Three lip' | Tere Fischer |
| Other misc. | Catasetum pileatum x clowesetum | Marshall Margolas Mike Sielaff |

Thanks to our Judges, Carol Holdren, Jane Shaw, Bob McGraw.

About Our Guest Speaker:

Jerry and Sharon Meola are the owners of a family business in Fort Myers where they raise Orchids and Louisiana Irises. Jerry conducts many lectures around the state each year. In addition to the readily available orchid families like Cattleya, Dendrobium, Vanda and Phalaenopsis, they also stock exotics like Bubophyllum, Habeneria, Leptodes, Grammatophyllum, Oenellia and many other families of which you may never have heard of.

The orchid lecture will concentrate on using natural organic products as well as commercial fertilizer to grow your orchids. Examples of newly available orchids will be shown and discussed. Questions will be accepted from the audience on any topic.

They have an extensive web site with over 3500 photos and lots of instructions. The website is www.OrchidsAmore.com. Contact the Meola's through their website and pre-order plants that they will then bring to the meeting.

Membership Information

GOS annual membership is \$20 per individual or \$25 per household, and may be mailed to :

Gainesville Orchid Society
PO Box 5927
Gainesville, FL 32627-5927

Treasurer's Report August 2014

INCOME

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| DUES | 20.00 |
| VENDOR FEE | 175.00 |
| SPONSORS, TROPHIES | |
| BOOTH RENTALS | 1215.00 |
| DONATION | 7.00 |
| SILENT AUCTION | 182.00 |
| RAFFLE | 91.00 |
| AD | 60.00 |
| TOTAL | 1750.00 |

EXPENSE

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|-----------------|-----------|
| SPEAKER | 150.00 |
| AOS TROPHIES | 100.00 |
| SILENT AUCTION | 121.34 |
| TOTAL | 371.34 |
| CHECKBOOK BAL. | 13,006.01 |
| MINUS RESERVES | 1800.00 |
| AVAILABLE FUNDS | 11,206.01 |

Our Next Greenhouse Tour will be

September 27, 2014

10am until 1pm

The Hammock

5310 NW 98th Terrace

Gainesville, FL

Many of you heard Jane Shaw tell about her greenhouse trials and tribulations!

Now you get to see it!

Directions:

1. Take 43rd St North to 53rd Ave, Mill-hopper Rd.
2. Drive 3.5.miles to the second entrance into The Hammock, 97th St.
3. Take second right, 54th Pl, at the fork go left onto 98th Terr.
4. Jane's house (5301 NW 98th Terr) is the first house on the right, look for the

greenhouse.



Meeting Notes

A very warm Thank You to Henri Logan and Judy Johnson for our refreshments.

Thanks also to our guest speaker in August; Carol Holdren for a wonderful talk and help with the bloom table.

Special Note: Our guest speaker is bringing plants for sale, so the membership is limited to only 3 plants per person for the silent auction.

Do you need a Gainesville Orchid Society Tee Shirt?

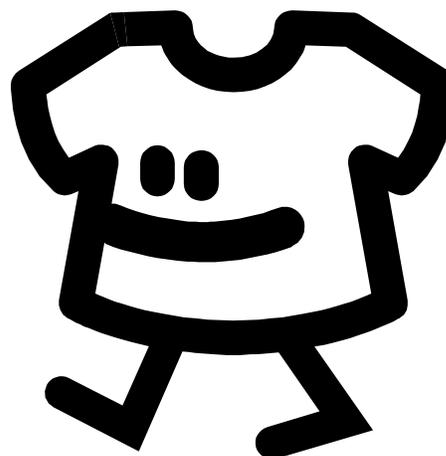
Order now to get before our show in October!

We need a minimum of 24 to put together an order.
Call Paula Turpening to order and get size, color and price information:

352-331-0019

pturpening@cox.net

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! CALL PAULA ASAP



Editor's Note:

Would you like to contribute to our newsletter? Maybe a one time article or a special topic series? Suggestions and contributions will be welcomed if space is available. Ideas may include but certainly not limited to:

- ◇ Beginners' Progress, The good, the bad and the ugly
- ◇ Diseases and Pests
- ◇ Greenhouse ideas
- ◇ Tips and Solutions to everyday problems



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