

# Gainesville Orchid Society

## Newsletter

Editors: Mallorie and Matthew Gaughran

January 2011

The Gainesville Orchid Society meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Summer House at **Kanapaha Botanical Gardens**, 4700 SW 58th Drive. For additional information contact any of the GOS officers listed below.

### **Elected Officers:**

**President** - Georgia Shemitz  
386 454-2147

**Vice-President** - John Bouret  
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**Secretary** - Linda White  
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**Beginners' Classes** - Johanna Willink 372-6624

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**GOS Show** - Joan MacLeod

375-6744 and  
Candace Hollinger  
335-0715

Georgia Shemitz  
386-454-2147

**Web Site** - Marilyn Bachmann

**<http://www.gainesvilleorchidsociety.org/>**

### **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

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### **President's Message**

January 2011

We said goodbye to 2010 with a fantastic Christmas party, beautifully organized by Candy Hollinger and Marian Sheehan. Thanks to all who brought in items for the raffle and live auction, and to those who decorated the room. The ham picked by up Trey, the turkey cooked by Neil, and Patty's delicious salmon dish were perfectly complimented by all of the scrumptious side dishes and deserts. Tom's games were, as usual, challenging and fun. Special thanks go to Brad from Gardener's Edge who provided a great selection of wine for all to enjoy.

Congratulations to Carolyn Robinson who earned the Good Grower Award for 2010 and to John Vernam who won the Best Cattleya Award. Other members were given special recognition: Sue Weller for her excellent work as President of the GOS for the past two years; Araxy Blabian who, like the proverbial mailman, delivered our newsletter for many years running in all kinds of weather no matter where in the world she happened to be; Carol Turner who, as Vice President for the past two years, lined up varied and interesting speakers for our programs; and Roy Cline for his hard work in many roles.

Despite the cold start to this winter, everything in my growing space seems to be earlier than usual. Catasetums were showing their new growths, the deciduous Dendrobiums had flower buds, and some Cattleyas were beginning new roots before the new year had even begun. I am reminded that there is always something surprising (sometimes good, sometimes bad) or delightful going on with my orchids and that there are always tasks to attend to if I want to be rewarded with blooms.

Our Society needs attending to as well. We had a great year last year with lots of new members participating and pitching in. Let's make 2011 even better. Resolve in 2011 to get involved in the society in some new way. Bring a plant in for the bloom table, be a bloom table judge, help with an away show, volunteer to bring in refreshments for one of the meetings, enter a plant in an away show, join in the fun at our GOS show, host a greenhouse tour (to name just a few of many ways to participate). We will all be richly rewarded; friendships will blossom, your orchid know-how will be enriched, and our society will flourish.

See you at the meeting,

Georgia Shemitz

### **The Gainesville Orchid Society**

Meeting at the Summer House, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

**Monday, January 24, 2011**

7:00 pm "You too can grow orchids inside your home" presented by Carolyn Robinson

**7:30 pm "Phalaenopsis Culture" presented by Nancy Nountford**

**Treasurer's Report****DECEMBER 2010****INCOME**

Membership 40.00  
 Silent Auction 81.00  
 Raffle 330.00

**Total Income \$451.00**

**RESERVES**

Hollien Award \$850.00  
 Donation \$1,000.00

**EXPENSES**

Refreshment supplies (November—  
 Smith) 35.00

Raffle tickets—2 rolls (Susannah)  
 14.92

AOS 2011 show registration 110.00

**Christmas party**

KBG donation 100.00

Salmon (Patti) 55.54

Ham (Trey) 54.41

Decorations (Candy) 106.13

Patti Hollien Cattleya Award  
 (Jack Vernam) 50.00

Good Grower Award-2010  
 (Carolyn Robinson) 50.00

**Announcements:****Reminder: It's Time to Pay Dues**

Your GOS dues for 2011 are expected during the month of January: \$20 for individuals and \$25 for households. Treasurer Susannah Link will be available to collect dues at the meeting or you may mail your check to GOS, PO Box 5927, Gainesville, FL 32627-5927. It's very important that you inform us of any changes in your contact information, especially your email address.

**You are invited to attend the Venice Orchid Show, February 5th & 6th.**

This annual show celebrates its 45th year and always attracts the best orchid enthusiasts on the west coast of Florida, as well as being a major community event in Venice. More than 4,000 visitors from the greater Sarasota area are expected to attend. They'll see thousands of blooming orchids in 20 artistically unique displays and have the opportunity to purchase plants, supplies and orchid art from 15 premier vendors. Blooming plants will be judged and awarded by 25 American Orchid Society certified judges.

Admission is \$4.

Show hours are 11 - 5 on Saturday and 10 - 4 on Sunday. Sales begin at 10 both days.

Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Avenue, Venice.

Visit [vaos.org](http://vaos.org) or email [vaos.showinfo@gmail.com](mailto:vaos.showinfo@gmail.com).

**Beginners' Class**

**Beginner's Classes are for everyone!**

**January 2011 Beginner's Class: You too Can Grow Orchids Inside Your Home**

**New members**

No New Members for December 2010



“ Expert growers' advice column”


**Premature Flower Wilting**

If you find that your orchids' blossoms are wilting as soon as you bring the plants into your house, make sure there are no sources of ethylene gas in the room. Ethylene gas is produced by ripening fruit and other produce and will cause orchid flowers to wilt prematurely. Ever notice that the orchids in grocery stores are usually sold in or near the produce section? Go figure. Anyway, the gas doesn't hurt the plant, it just accelerates the flowering process. The bottom line: keep the fruit bowl away from your blooming plants.

Candy Hollinger

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**January 2011 “A Bit About the Speaker”**

**By John Bouret**

Nancy Mountford will be our guest speaker for our January 24 GOS meeting.

Nancy Mountford is going to talk about “Taking the Mystery out of growing Phalaenopsis”. This will be a presentation of how to grow a good plant from the level of beginner orchid grower to fine tuning for the more experienced. Nancy is a long time member of NCOS an Accredited AOS judge and an AOS Trustee. She is a partner in Orchids Dominicana (<http://www.orchidom.com/>), a nursery in the Dominican Republic where she raises and hybridizes Phals, Vandas, and the occasional Paph and Cattleya. Nancy has both exhibited and judged in many domestic and international orchid shows. She is a marine biologist in her ‘day job’ and she identifies polychaetes at her company Cove Corporation. She will bring plants and flasks to sell.

**House Cleaner**

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**Gainesville Orchid Society**  
**Kanapaha Botanical Gardens Summer House**  
**Meeting Minutes from Monday, December 6, 2010**

No meeting minutes due to the society's holiday party. Good food, drink and fellowship were had by all members in attendance.

**AOS Corner**

By Lynn Fuller

What does it mean to be an affiliated society of the American Orchid Society? Why should orchid societies be affiliated? I am often asked this question in conversations about the AOS. First and foremost, being an Affiliated Society affords your society a membership in the American Orchid Society and a subscription to *Orchids*. Society membership provides access to a number of video and slide shows. The Education Committee of the AOS is working on production of more shows and updating some of the outdated video and slide productions. For a listing of the available programs, check out the website [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) on the Affiliated Society page. Your society may borrow any of these programs.

A program that AOS is starting to implement on a trial basis will be useful to your society's recruiting efforts. If your society sends the contact information (preferably email) of any new member (forward to [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org)), that new member will receive a subscription to the free e-mail newsletter as well as a copy of a recent issue of *Orchids* magazine with an invitation to join the American Orchid Society. A membership in the AOS will complement your local society membership.

As an Affiliated Society, you have your own AOS Representative. That AOS Representative acts as the liaison between your society and the AOS. They should have information and membership materials relating to the AOS at each of your meetings. The only requirement of that AOS Representative by the AOS is that they also have their own membership in the AOS. In addition, the Affiliated Societies Committee holds a membership breakfast at each of the two member meetings where we exchange ideas relating to societies' issues, programs and the like.

Of course, in order to provide AOS judging at any shows, the sponsoring society or group must be an Affiliated Society.

I look forward to working with you all through the upcoming year. If any of you have any comments or suggestions on how the American Orchid Society may better serve its affiliated societies, please feel free to contact me (you may reach me at [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org)).

## Member Pictures:

2010 GOS Show:

“Where’s Waldo?” Submitted by John Bouret ( Roy Cline in Picture)



**If you would like to submit pictures of your blooming plants, please send them to [mgaughrangator@yahoo.com](mailto:mgaughrangator@yahoo.com)**

### The Gainesville Orchid Society Library

Don't Forget our library has great books on Orchid care to help get you through the changing seasons. From repotting to pest control, the books will have what you need to educate yourself further on caring for and understanding Orchids.

Coming Next Month:

Book of the month! A special book will be highlighted each month from our library!

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*Mallorie and Matthew Gaughran, editors*