

Gainesville Orchid Society

Newsletter



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July 2010

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.

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

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President's Message

I really enjoyed last month's presentation by Prem Subrahmanyam on "Florida's Wild Orchids". I think we forget about the great variety of orchids that we actually have in our state. Too much our focus is on the newest hybrid or the largest showiest flower. With the beautiful photos Prem shared with us, we were able to see just how beautiful our Florida orchids are. If you missed the presentation, you can visit Prem's website at www.flnativeorchids.com to view some of the wonderful photos that we were privileged to see.

The planning for our annual orchid show at Kanapaha this October is well under way. A show planning meeting was recently held and while it takes considerable organizing to put on such a show it is well worth it. Our orchid show not only allows you to see beautiful orchid displays and provides you with an opportunity to buy orchids from several different orchid vendors, it also provides you with an opportunity to become more involved with the society and learn more about orchids. The annual orchid show is one of our two fund raisers which allows us to bring such great speakers as Prem to our meetings for your benefit. So I hope you will consider volunteering to assist with the show, even if it is for one hour, we can always use your help.

So far July has been a pretty dry month and based on information from Dr. Martin Motes' monthly newsletter (Motes Orchids) this is a good time to let your orchids dry "hard". Which means let them dry out until they are bone dry. According to Dr. Motes this allows your orchids to combat fungus since the only defense fungus has during a severe drought is to stop all growth and "retreat into a spore stage". Just make sure that you adequately re-hydrate your orchids after a hard drying by saturating the pot, roots and media by watering two or three times spaced a few minutes apart. Also use this opportunity to substitute fertilizing for watering, saturating the roots and media thoroughly as you would have with water.

See you at the July 26th meeting.

Sue Weller

The Gainesville Orchid Society

Meeting at the Summer House, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Monday, July 26, 2010

**7:00 pm Beginners' Class "What is in an Orchid name?" by Tom
and Marian Sheehan**

7:30 pm "Orchid Photography for the Digital Age"

presented by Greg Allikas

Treasurer's Report**June 2010****INCOME**

Silent Auction	216.50
Raffle	16.00
Vendors' fees (Oct. Show)	175.00
Newsletter ad (Amer. Travel for 1 year)	140.00
Total Income	\$547.50

RESERVES

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EXPENSES

Newsletter printing	10.19
Silent auction reimburse.	113.00
Speaker fee/expense	170.00
Refreshments	32.04
Misc. supplies	54.41
Total Expenses	\$379.64

Balance as of 07/01/10	\$4,308.38
Petty cash on hand	75.00
Less Reserves	900.00

AVAILABLE FUNDS \$3,483.38Respectfully submitted by
Susannah Link, Treasurer**Gainesville Orchid Society Meeting****Kanapaha Botanical Gardens Summer House****Minutes, June 28, 2010**

The Beginners' Class began at 7:00 pm. The topic was "Bring Us Your Questions" presented by Johanna Willink, Joan MacLeod, and Linda White. Members asked a variety of questions and discussion was held to answer their questions. The regular GOS meeting began at 7:35 pm with Sue Weller leading and there were no visitors or new members. A brief business meeting was held to discuss the following items:

- Do you want a new GOS T-shirt or polo shirt? See Paula if interested as a new order will be placed, if we have enough interest. The polo shirts are \$30, ladies scoop neck t-shirts are \$13.45 and the regular t-shirts are \$12.06.
- Did you read about the large alligator biting the researcher recently? Well, the researcher is Georgia Shemitz's husband, but he is home now and is expected to make a full recovery!
- The next GOS Show Planning Meeting will be held on July 7, at 7 pm, at Joan's house. Planning for the show will be discussed. Sign up sheets were passed around at the June meeting for volunteers to sign up for show area duties.

Our meeting presentation this month was "Orchids in Our Backyard: Florida's Wild Orchids", presented by Prem Subrahmanyam. The presentation was very informative, explaining where to look for these native Florida orchids, when to look for them and finally how to look for them. The speaker showed us pictures of what these wild orchids look like, where in the state they grow and even how small most of them are.

The meeting adjourned about 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda M. White, Secretary

Hospitality

We thank Marian and Tom Sheehan for providing the refreshments in July.



This month's picture is Margi Brannan's Paph. armeniacum

June Meeting Blooming Table ...and the winners are.....

Cattleya All.	Encyclia elata	Tom Sheehan
Cyrtopidium	Paph. Armeni White	Nancy Mason
Dendrobium	Den. – no name/lost tag	Linda White
Miniatures	Nagelia purpurea	Carolyn Robinson
Phalaenopsis	Dtps. Minho Princess 'Flying'	
	HCC/AOS	Carolyn Robinson
Species	Isochilus Linearis	Tom Sheehan
Vanda	Neofinetia fulcata	Trey Yon
SPECIAL Award	Paph sukhakulii (owned 41 years!) – Longest owned orchid	Tom Sheehan
SPECIAL Award	Paph callosum (owned 41 years!) – Longest owned orchid	Tom Sheehan

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“ EXPERT GROWERS’ ADVICE COLUMN”

Here is an interesting list of orchids which I copied from a Jones and Scully catalog, circa 1973. I shortened the list to include only species due to space limitations. Jones and Scully was a Miami-area orchid nursery that was destroyed by Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

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| Aeranthus grandiflora | Dendrobium canaliculatum |
| Aerides odorata | Diacrum bicornutum |
| Aerides radicata | Epidendrum atropurpureum |
| Angraecum comorense | Epidendrum mariae |
| Angraecum eburneum | Epidendrum radiatum |
| Angraecum falcatum | Gomesa crispa |
| Angraecum magdalenae | Gomesa recurva |
| Angraecum sesquipedale | Gongora galeata |
| Brassavola acaulis | Lycaste aromatica |
| Brassavola cucullata | Oncidium uniflorum |
| Brassavola digbyana | Peristeria elata |
| Brassavola glauca | Rhynchostylis gigantea |
| Brassavola nodosa | Rhynchostylis retusa |
| Brassia caudata | Stanhopea tigrina |
| Brassia geireoudiana | Vanda lamellata |
| Brassia longissima | Vanda luzonica |
| Catasetum expansum | Vanda tessellata |
| Cattleya schroederiae | Vandopsis parishii |
| Cattleya walkeriana | |
| Cynoches chlorochilon | |
| Dendrobium anosmum | |
| var. album | |

Candy

Orchid Show Calendar

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| Sept. 18-19 | Ridge Orchid Society Show |
| Oct. 1-3 | FL West Coast Orchid Society Show |
| Oct. 2-3 | Gainesville Orchid Society Show |

House Cleaner

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References Available.

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Beginners Classes – Looking ahead:

In **July** we will learn the rules governing Orchid names.

August will bring us Patty Hollien, to show how to groom plants for a show.

In **September** Georgia Shemitz will explain clerking for our G.O.S. Show. All newer members are encouraged to attend and find out how easy and how much fun clerking really is.

Johanna

Educational Program

Our speaker, Greg Allikas, will show members how to prepare and pose orchids for photography, offer tips on backgrounds and lighting, digital camera choices, and then offer suggestions for finishing images off on the computer. His website, www.orchidworks.com, is updated weekly with new photos.

He will be bringing books for sale and maybe some prints as well.

About the Speaker

Greg Allikas, an orchid grower since 1970, has been a commercial photographer in the Palm Beaches and is well known for his library of theater photography. Allikas is awards photographer for the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center, Florida-Caribbean Judging Center in Miami, and many annual South Florida orchid shows. His photos appear in many orchid books and are regularly seen in numerous AOS publications including the annual calendar and the *AQ+* and *Orchids* magazine. He has written articles for both *Orchids* magazine and *Orchid Digest* and has been published in Germany, South America, Sweden and Russia.

In 2005 Allikas was honored to consult on, and supply photography for a United Nations Postal Administration endangered species stamp release featuring 12 endangered orchid species. He was the recipient of the Silver Medal from the American Orchid Society for his service.

He enjoys field trips to photograph orchids in their native habitats and rarely turns down an invitation to see and photograph orchids growing in the wild. He maintains a mixed collection of over 1,000 orchids comprised of Cattleyas & Laelias, Vandaceous, Dendrobiums and Oncidium allies as well as many unusual species orchids

Carol Turner

GOS presence on Facebook is at

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=373650173910>

Paphiopedilum Dragon Knife



Margi Brannan's Photo