As I began my November column a year ago, I’d also like to begin the final column from my current term as president of the Gainesville Orchid Society by echoing all the good words that were spoken at our meeting in October: our annual show at the Kanapaha Botanical Gardens was a resounding success for all who participated in its production: vendors, visitors, and especially our volunteers (that is you all!) without whom none of this would have happened. Especial thanks go to our show chair, Georgia Shemitz, who managed to bring us all together from beginning to end, and maintain her composure even as she was fighting the onset of a nasty virus. It was a banner event for both the GOS and the KBG with reported visitation at more than 5,000 persons, and with many potential new GOS members to share in our love and admiration for orchids. It is my hope that next year’s GOS shows in the spring and the fall will be even more fulfilling for us all.

Now to business:
In the words of several of our former presidents: It is time to wrap up the year with the November Auction and our annual Holiday Dinner. Likewise, it is time for me to conclude my stint as this year’s President of GOS. It has been a privilege for me to serve the society and I thank all of you who supported GOS for the past year by volunteering your time and talents. I am especially gratified by the increase in participation in our monthly meetings as well as by the upswing in new members. We do have many new members of the Society through our outreach efforts at shows and also through word of mouth. Courtesy of Linda White’s program recruiting efforts, both former and new speakers have presented entertaining and enlightening lectures and demonstrations, each of whom brought a unique and individual perspective on our favorite obsession. Tom Sheehan, Marian Sheehan, Candy Hollinger, and Georgia Shemitz visited the vendors at the combined AOS/Slipper Symposium meetings in Orlando, and

Next Meeting: Monday November 24, 2014 at
Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Come one, Come all
to our Blow Out
Fall Auction!
Orchids, Plants and Supplies
(no beginner’s class due
to the auction)
Begins at 7:00 pm

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
AOS Corner

From the desk of Laura Newton, Membership and Affiliated Society Chair

The AOS Fall Members’ Meeting was a great success, kudos to Julio and Eileen Hector for their dedication to details in ensuring that all bases were covered, and to Ed Gilliland and the Central Florida Orchid Society for stepping in to host at the drop of a hat! Thank you to all who attended, it was great to meet lots of new Orchid friends and get a little time to catch-up with some old friends too!

The Stanhopea supplement to Orchids arrived with the November issue, along with the 2015 Orchid Source. If you are not already a member of AOS, join today so that you do not miss out on this great annual addition to our magazine. I can’t wait to read it!

The November edition of Orchids Magazine is jam-packed with interesting and informative articles.

• For the beginning growers Sue Bottom’s article explains why plants need a temperature drop, so if you’ve ever wondered why that Orchid on your dining table hasn’t re-bloomed for you, this article will outline what it takes to get it back on track.

• In conjunction with last month’s webinar on Catasetums, Fred Clarke has followed up with a great article on “Magnificent Mini-Catasetums” this article explores Catasetum denticulatum and its hybrids.

• I was fascinated with Sergey Skoropad’s article on “Growing Fine Orchids without a Greenhouse” Sergey has had great success growing, blooming and showing his plants. He shares his secrets to growing his highly awarded plants indoors and out, as a hobbyist grower.

• For those of you that like things a little off the beaten path, see Leon Glicenstein’s continuing collection of articles on “Jewel and Painted-Leaf Orchids XXII”. These jewel orchids are grown specifically for their foliage and are the only Orchids that can be judged without flowers.

This month’s webinar is on November 20th at 8:30p.m. EST with Nile Dusdieker. M.D. presenting “Spiders, Gnats and Greenhoods”. Nile is an accredited judge with the Chicago Judging center and lives in Iowa. This webinar is open to everyone, so you do not have to be a member to attend. Please sign up on our website www.aos.org (Webinars tab: http://www/aos.org/Default.aspx?id=509) Also check out the recorded versions of past webinars. It’s great being able to listen to the talks in the comfort of your own home!

The Pacific Orchid Expo in San Francisco, California is the premier Orchid show on the west coast. There are many fabulous vendors attending from all over the world. The San Francisco Orchid Club is offering a discount to all AOS members. Check out their website for complete details https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-pacific-orchid-exposition-the-thrill-of-discovery-tickets-12481363093?discount=AOS15
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secured some interesting, and perhaps, even beautiful, orchids to peak your interest and loosen your purse strings (money pouches?) for the auction, where I shall again have the privilege of being the main auctioneer. See you all (and numerous friends, family, relatives, et al) at the auction on the Monday before Thanksgiving.

Finally, please don’t forget our Holiday Party on Monday, December 8 at Kanapaha. If you haven’t signed up yet we’ll have sign-up sheets at the upcoming meeting. For those of you who signed up to assist in decorating, please plan to arrive at 6:30 p.m. If you are bringing a covered dish, please plan to be there by 7:00 p.m. I hope you will make every effort to attend the Holiday Party. We will have great food, a chance to chat with good friends, and a fun time.

Cheers, and good orchid growing through the winter and throughout 2015!

Christine McGraw and Sue Weller working at the Registration Table GOS show 2014

Mike Sielaff’s Award winning Best in Show Catasetum
We Put on a Show to be Proud Of!

The displays in the Summer House were beautiful and were seen by a record-breaking 5200 visitors. Our vendors went home happy as did the many smiling owners of newly-purchased orchids and plants of all kinds.

Thanks to the more than 50 GOS members who helped out during the show.

And special appreciation goes to the following members who were part of the show-planning group. They spent many hours in preparation, and chaired the committees: Sharon Curran (clerking), Candy Hollinger (membership), Judy Johnson and Sue Peloquin (welcome tables), Marian Sheehan (food), Bob McGraw and Roy Cline (hourly drawings), Joan and Neil MacLeod (signs and registration), Sue Weller (registration), Julie Graddy (publicity), Barb Fennelly (kid’s corner and hosting our meetings and Saturday night dinner), Patti Hollien (GOS display), Tom Sheehan (judging). Without these hard workers there would have been no show.

Out of 115 Ribbons awarded GOS won 43. There were 19 first place ribbons, 14 second place ribbons and 10 third place ribbons. Here are the ribbon winners:

Carolyn Robinson (13), Jack Vernam (7), Sue Weller (5), Chaz Darling (3)
Linda White (3), Mike Sielaff (2), Sharon Curran (2), Joan MacLeod (2), Candy Hollinger (1), Bob McGraw (1), Trey Yon (1), John Sullivan (1), Barb Fennelly (1), Georgia Shemitz (1)

GOS members also won 7 trophies:
AOS Show Trophy: GOS
Best Orchid Plant in Show: Mike Sielaff
Ruby Raines Memorial for Best Cattleya: Mike Sielaff
Bruce Ruiz Memorial for Best Dendrobium: Carolyn Robinson
Marion Sheehan Memorial for Best Species: Carolyn Robinson
Best Miniature: Carolyn Robinson
Best Individual Exhibit: Carolyn Robinson

Mike Sielaff and Georgia Shemitz entered plants that were given AOS awards.
(See pictures of GOS Displays next page)

Congratulations to all!

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
Bloom Table October 2014

1. Other misc.        Mormodia Leopard Drop x Catasetum expansum        Mike Sielaff

2. Species             Liparis parviflora            John Bouret

3. Vanda              No Name                        Nyi Nyi Henne

4. Cattleya            Blc. Tainan Gold ‘Orchis’      Mike Sielaff

5. Oncidium           Bllra. Marfitch ‘Howard’s Dream’    Sharon Curran

6. Dendrobium         Den. Sweet Winter                Barb Dodson

7. Paphiopedilum     Paph. Pirate Spice x fairrieanum     Christine McGraw

8. Cymbidium           No Name                        Nyi Nyi Henne

A special Thanks to our bloom table judges: Keith Emig, Sharon Curran and Sue Bottom

Meeting Notes October 27, 2014

A Big THANK YOU to Keith Emig for being our guest speaker, and bringing plants.

Also, Thanks go out to Judy Angley for the wonderful spread she put on for the refreshments table.

Don’t forget that November’s meeting is our GOS Auction. This auction benefits our organization in many ways. Please contribute by bringing plants can be orchids or non-orchids, gift items, supplies, be creative! Come early to look over plants, get your lucky number and plan your bidding strategy. We will begin as promptly as possible at 7 pm.

Cycnodes Wine Delight ‘Jumbo Orchids’

Georgia Shemitz
October 2014
Treasurer’s Report

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The GOS Display at the GOS Show 2014

Carolyn’s Display of Miniatures at the GOS Show 2014
You are cordially invited to join in the fun with our fall auction on Monday, November 24, at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. We have a selection of orchids from Krull-Smith, Odom’s Orchids and Wilson’s Orchids (see below). Members may bring orchids and other plants, potting supplies, plus gift items, food, wine, etc. for auction. Please arrive by 6:30pm to register and preview the items. The fun begins at 7:10pm and goes until 9:30pm. Cash and checks only are accepted. All proceeds benefit the GOS annual show (which we hope you enjoyed!) and our monthly educational programs and activities.

1. Bulb. carunculatum 'KC' HCC/AOS x Bulb. paluense
2. Paph. Supersuk x Paph. Raisin Pie
3. Paph. bellatulum 'Red' x self
4. C. lueddemanniana Plato 37 (‘Jim Elmore’ x 'Crownfox Goliath')
5. Vasco. Pearl Cooper
6. Onc. splendidum alba
7. Dtps. Sogo Vivien (variegated leaves)
8. Cyc. warscewiczii 'Sunset Valley Orchids' AM/AOS x Cyc. warscewiczii 'Jumbo' (mutation)
9. Blc. Chunyeah
10. Brassavola nodosa (in spike)
11. Den. Green Lantern
12. Cyc. warscewiczii 'Giant Swan' x Cyc. Richard Brandon 'Dark Swan'
13. Phal. bellina 'Blue Taiwan' x 'Blue Krull' (species)
14. Phal. hieroglyphica (species)
15. Ctsm. Olga x Ctsm. Nicolas Tavarez 'Mary Tavarez' AM/AOS
Requests have been made to have some of our wonderful recipes published in the newsletter for all our members to enjoy. Here are 2 of our favorites (some others will be our next newsletter too).
Submitted by Marian Sheehan.

**Asian Chicken Wings**

16 Chicken wings split, tips removed  
1 C chopped red onion  
1 C Soy Sauce  
¾ C packed light brown sugar  
¼ C Sherry  
2 Tbl chopped fresh ginger  
2 cloves garlic minced

Combine all ingredients in crockpot, stir to mix thoroughly.  
Cook 5-6 hours low or 2-3 hours high.  
Optional: sprinkle with chives when served.

**Crock Pot Lasagna**

10 oz Shredded Mozzarella cheese (about 3 C)  
3 oz Shredded Parmesan cheese  
16 oz Ricotta cheese  
1 large egg beaten  
3 Tbl ½ & ½  
¼ tsp salt  
5-6 C Meat sauce  
12 uncooked lasagna noodles

In a bowl, combine ricotta cheese, beaten egg, ½ & ½ and salt.  
In a crockpot layer sauce, uncooked lasagna noodles, ricotta cheese mixture and shredded cheeses until you have used up all the ingredients, ending with a topping of mozzarella.  
Place the lid on the crockpot and cook on high for 2-3 hours, or 6-8 on low.  
**Special note:** Be sure to use plenty of sauce as the uncooked noodles will absorb the extra moisture.

**Scenes from the Fall AOS Members Meeting and Show in Orlando**

Photos by Hoang Nguyen

Happy shopper Bob McGraw was spotted at the AOS Show loaded down with treasures.

Have some fear: THE AUCTIONEER IS HERE
GOS Holiday Dinner in December

The annual GOS Holiday Dinner will be held on Monday, Dec. 8 at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. If you are helping with decorations, please be there at 6:30 p.m. Everyone else should arrive with your potluck dish at 7 p.m. Judy Angley will have food sign-up sheets at the November meeting.

We have a fun evening planned with a gift raffle, games, good food and fellowship. We are asking for gift donations for our AOS raffle. Orchids are nice, but it doesn't have to be a plant, and could be any holiday gift item such as a bottle of wine, handicraft, baked goods, or a book. Please email Candy or Marian if you have something to donate. All proceeds benefit the American Orchid Society.

See you at the party!
Candy Hollinger, drahcir7@bellsouth.net
Marian Sheehan, snairam25@yahoo.com

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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