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Newsletter



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September 2013

President's Message John Ingram

As you all read this Newsletter, Tom and Marian Sheehan and I have returned from our stay in Thailand to visit family and friends; and yes, we met new friends. Of course we also checked out many indigenous orchid species, both on the mountain roads and in a mountain nursery. We visited with Rapee Sagarik, Mr. Orchid in Thailand, but unfortunately, the rains had been so plentiful that it was simply impossible and unsafe to take our orchid hunting trek in one of Thailand's natu-

ral preserves. We did visit two private collections, one of which had many orchids that were species native to Thailand, including an alba form of a *Vanda coerulea*. One of the collections had many additional orchids, including several plants of *Trichoglottis* that easily were a yard in every direction. This is not to forget that this grower also had several *Dendrobium* species that were of equal size.

The fall show planning committee continues its work apace, and we'll have some new (or re-

turning from an extended hiatus in attendance) growers. This month's beginner's class will focus on "Clerking for the Show"; if you have signed up for clerking please try to attend. I again encourage our members (veteran and new) to participate in any one of the numerous opportunities that the show will present to learn, exchange information, and simply enjoy the company of our fellow orchid enthusiasts! See you all at the September 23rd meeting!

Next Meeting: Monday September 23, 2013 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: 7pm

Clerking for the Show: all people signed up please plan to attend

General Meeting: 7:30 pm

Speaker: Dr. Mark Whitten

Topic: "Orchids and Euglossine Bees: 150 Years after Darwin"

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Let's Talk Orchids

New Member:

Jacqueline Dawson
Dowe

*Adapt the pace
of nature; her
secret is
patience*

*Ralph Waldo
Emerson*

The summer has flown by, as have the hummingbirds, who have left for their winter home in Central America. It seems so quiet and gloomy without them twittering and flitting about in the yard. Only a few butterflies remain, and they will soon disappear, too.

September days are shortening, and shade cloths that protected orchids from the hot summer sun are no longer needed. I've even trimmed some overgrown tree branches to provide more light for hanging orchids. Increased air circulation to aid rapid drying is even more important with increasingly longer nights. This time of year it's necessary to watch for fungal problems and to keep orchids clean of dead leaves and organic debris. Also frequent applications of snail bait are a necessity.

This time of year when using fertilizer along with pesticides and fungicides it's not a good idea to use a fertilizer with phosphorous (the second number in Nitrogen - Phosphorous - Potassium) Phosphorous can change the pH of water and can interact with many chemicals to reduce their effectiveness. I avoid this problem by not fertilizing at the same time I use a pesticide or a fungicide. Since the growing season is winding down, a missed application of fertilizer does little harm. "Hardening off" orchids is important in September and October. Weak new growth spells trouble, so decrease nitrogen when fertilizing.

Preparations now are being made for moving outdoor orchids back into the greenhouse in October. That means cleaning greenhouse walls and benches with Physan to eliminate algae buildup. Several weeks before my plants come into the greenhouse, I spray them for pest and fungal problems.

Orchids blooming in September include Neostylis Lou Sneary (white/pink lip), Epc. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire' (orange), Hasegawaara Red Stella 'Hawaii' AM/AOS (red), Lc. (amethystoglossa x Ann Follis) x (Blc. Greenwich x Lc. Landate) (pink/ purple lip), Colm. Wildcat 'H & R' (yellow/red), and Lc. Angel Heart 'Hihimanu' AM/HOS (pink). Blooming later than usual have been some miltonias and oncidiums including Milt. (bluntii x spectabilis) (purple/pink lip), Milt.(Guanabara x Tropical Rios) (white/red), Onc. Volcano Queen 'H & R' (yellow/red) and Onc. Florida Gold 'Merkel' AM/AOS (yellow/mahogany).

Enjoy your orchids. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Nancy Mason

Plans are complete for the AOS Members and Trustees meeting being held in Coral Gables, Florida, November 14-16, 2013. Registration is open for the show and sale at www.aos.org. Reservations for the hotel may be made directly through the Courtyard Miami Coconut Grove hotel site (CourtyardMiamiCoconutGrove.com). Be sure to mention American Orchid Society to get the special rates (if still available). Speakers will be Dr. Kait W. Tan, CEO, Gardens by the Bay Singapore; Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids and Mr. Munekazu Ejiri, Director & Judge of Japan Orchid Growers Association (JOGA). All of the lectures, the show and most of the meetings will be held on the premises of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. Entrance to the Gardens will be part of the registration cost.

Fall Show season is gearing up. Just a reminder that AOS offers liability insurance to affiliated societies which on an annual basis can cover multiple shows a society may have during the course of the year. For more information, contact AOS headquarters at TheAOS.org and an application form can be sent to you. In addition, there are AOS documents available on the website for use at the shows: cultural information, uniform show schedule, judging request form and AOS membership forms (in color or black and white). These documents are available to download and print out to use at your shows and meetings. The members' only section of the website has more detailed cultural information as well. AOS also provides a free listing on their calendar of all AOS society events if you provide the information with enough lead time.

Call for Nominations: Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society. AOS is seeking nominations for members of the Board of Trustees. 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 2013. If you are interested in pursuing a nomination, see the website for more information regarding qualifications, expertise they are looking for and requirements and forward the nomination (with biography) to Nominating_Committee@aos.org. You may also mail it into headquarters.

Bloom Table Winners August 26, 2013

Phal.	Nancy Mason -----	Beardara Henry Wallbrunn
Oncidium	Gary Sukow -----	Onc. Ollie Palmer
Cattleya	Candy Hollinger-----	C. labiate
Vanda	Mike Sielaff -----	Aerangis bilola
Species	Trey Yon -----	Hexisia imbricate
Species miniature	Carolyn Robinson	Schoenorchis fragrans
Cyripedium-----	Carolyn Robinson	Paph. Doll's Kobold
Den.	Mike Sielaff-----	Den. formosum

Membership Information

Website: www.gainesvilleorchidsociety.org

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

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TOTAL INCOME 2338.74
EXPENSE
Silent auction 218.68
Refreshments 34.37
TOTAL EXPENSE 253.05

Checkbook Balance 11,736.66



Special Note:
(again for September)
We are lifting the “3
plant rule” for the auc-
tion/raffle table this
August because our
guest speaker will not
be bringing plants!
Feel free to bring
more than 3 plants for
the auction/ raffle
table.

Meeting Minutes August 26, 2013

The meeting began at: 7:00 pm in the Summer House at Kanapha Botanical Gardens.

Refreshments: Ginnie Aiello, Jonie Sielaff and Brenda Vernam

Visitors/new members: 1 visitor (John Bouret's daughter) 1 new member, Jacqueline Dawson Dowe

Beginner's Class: Thanks to Tom Sheehan: The Orchid Flower, very informative and great handouts!

Announcements:

Volunteers Many hands are needed to provide a quality show, Please sign up to participate .

AOS Members meeting November 19, 2013

No more away shows for now

Ads for Show: See Carolyn Robinson to get copies of brochure to take to places you frequent and ask for an ad, it's everyone's job to get ads and it's easier than you think.

GOS Show: Setup will be Friday October 18, 2013, actual show Saturday 10/19– Sunday 10/20/2013

Volunteers: Barbara Fennelly

Food: Marian Sheehan (please sign up for Potluck on Saturday evening for all show helpers)

Clerks: Sharon Curran (Come to Beginner's class on Clerking September 23, 2013)

Special note:

Members interested in helping with the GOS display for our show are invited to a display planning committee meeting on Weds Sept 25th at 7 PM at the home of Joan and Neil MacLeod (4411 NW 15th Place, Gainesville. 352-375-6744).

Volunteers are needed for our upcoming show October 19-20.

There are so many ways you can help with our Fall Show; in a small or big way. We will be updating you at our meetings and through the newsletter with requests for various positions and opportunities for service to your organization.

Please bring your calendars to our next meeting and add your name to our growing list of helpers. (Can also call Barb Fennelly 226-8549)

We also need sponsors so when you are at a local store or appointment see if they would like to advertise at our lovely show!

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Wear your Gainesville Orchid Society Tee-shirt proudly at our Fall Show. If you need one or want another please contact Paula Turpening for sizes and availability, 352-331-0019

Special show information pages 6-7, Check it out!

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 15-16

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

Georgia at plbgs2@windstream.net or 386-454-2147

Thursday, October 17

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 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.

Gainesville Orchid Society Annual Show Orchids in the Garden 2013

Be sure to tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers about our orchid show on October 19 and 20 in conjunction with the Kanapaha Botanical Garden's Annual Open House and Fall Plant Sale. Hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm 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 the September meeting.

Enter Your Orchids---Wednesday-Thursday, October 16-17

Enter your best blooming orchids. See guidelines on the next page in this newsletter. If you are interested in helping with registration on Thursday evening, contact Georgia at plbgs2@windstream.net.

Set-up---Friday, October 18, 9:00 am-until we're done (usually by 5:30) 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, unloading and distributing background plants, and helping the vendors and societies unload. There will be coffee in the morning and lunch is provided. Come for the whole day, an hour or two, or just stop by to see what is going on.

AOS Judging---Saturday, October 19, 8-10 am

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 19, and Sunday, October 20, 9 am-5 pm

Welcome Tables - Greet the public, hand out raffle tickets and collect donations.

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 19, 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 20, 5 pm 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.