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May 2014

President's Message John Ingram

In looking over my column from last May, I started out by writing about what may or might happen during that month. It appears that all those notes about plants, auctions, greenhouses, potting etc are still relevant, so I won't repeat them except to note that many of us have new plants now and some of us also have new potting media by which to complete our appointed tasks of potting and repotting those new plants. I know that my group is impatiently waiting for my attention! Oh well, there is always June.

I also noted my visit to Hol-

land to supervise the packing of Ben Singer's library for its journey to the USA, where it is now safely ensconced with the other AOS library and archival holdings. Young Lucio Benjamin Singer, Ben's grandson, is now a year old and growing and reminded me often of his grandfather in looks and some mannerisms. Oh yes, Laelia, Ben's daughter, is also doing well. For the Facebook people, you can probably find some images from that visit and other orchid matters on their website.

As you will read elsewhere in our Newsletter from Candy Hollinger, the combined Or-

chid Society of Minnesota and spring AOS members' meeting is now in the history books. Suffice to note in addition to Candy's report that the event was successful for both attendees and for vendors as attendees listened to lectures, met orchid experts to discuss growing orchids more successfully, and purchased new plants to add or to start their personal orchid collections. On a personal note Marian Sheehan's Orchidabilia and my Ingram's Better Orchid Books both enjoyed success at the meeting with Hawaiian shirts walking out the door as well as orchid-themed publications following. See page 3

Next Meeting: Monday May 26, 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: Patti Hollien
"Chopping Up Orchids" a lesson on how to divide your plants.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Mike Kane
"Florida Native Orchid Conservation Research"

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AOS Orchid News

Highlights of the AOS Meetings in Minnesota

By Candy Hollinger

It was a cold and rain-mixed-with-snow day when John Ingram, Marian and Tom Sheehan, Georgia Shemitz and I arrived in Minneapolis for the Spring AOS Members' Meeting. However, the sun was definitely shining inside the conference hotel as we were greeted by the friendly Orchid Society of Minnesota representatives Dick Richter, Kim Livingstone, and Cindy Deters. Their hospitality committee was the best ever in my experience, with snacks and lunches provided each day--Minnesota smorgasbord style--with a smile!

We were excited to see the show and sales areas with their beautiful displays of orchids, many of which were cool-growing types and rare to us Floridians. (Meanwhile, a few orchids made the trip back to Florida to live under my growlights!) The show was a mix of table-top and floor displays, all of which were beautifully designed to show off these amazing orchids, many of which were grown in the Midwest.

When we weren't viewing and shopping for orchids, we attended committee meetings and learned about some exciting things in the works for AOS: the webinars, which are already well-received all over the world, plans for a digital-only reduced fee membership, more educational support for school children, and our ongoing partnership with Fairchild Gardens. At the AOS Members' Meeting, Frank Smith of Krull-Smith Orchids, who is familiar to many of us Floridians, was elected the new president of AOS.

Aside from the exhibits, shopping and business, there were some really good seminars to attend. I learned all about Calanthes from Chris Purver of the Eric Young Foundation and Sarchochilus orchids from Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids. Georgia learned about mounting orchids from Harry Phillips of Andy's Orchids--the gurus of "orchids on a stick"! The AOS Auction fund-raiser featured John Ingram wearing an orchid-embellished Christmas tree skirt created by Marian Sheehan and myself. Georgia, John and I were auction-runners and Marian and Tom helped Jennifer Reinoso with registration. At the banquet on Saturday evening, we were entertained by the uniquely Minnesotan humor of Tina and Lena, who engaged us with song-and-dance numbers and comedy skits.

Sandwiched in between all these activities, John and Marian tended their sales booths; Georgia, Marian and I visited the Mall of America and the Minnesota Aquarium; and Tom received a surprise flaming, baked Alaska, 90th birthday cake.

Yah, sure, it was a great week!

New Members:

Pat Williams

Gardening is
an art which
is learned by
practice,
experience
and sensible
advice.

-Jules
Oravetz, Sr

Show pictures on page 4

Bloom Table April

Other Misc.	Catasetum Jumbo Ego	Mike Sielaff
Miniature	Sophranitis Arizona	Candy Hollinger
Species	Calanthe rubens	Candy Hollinger
Paph.	Paph. Hsinying Marv x Dark Star	Judy Johnson
Cattleya	Iwan. Apple Blossom'Lemon Pie' AM/AOS	Geiger Orchids
Onc.	Onc. Space Race 'Chanel'	Phylis Craig
Den.	Den. aphyllum	Phylis Craig
Phal.	Phal. KS. Zebra	John Bouret
Vanda	Renanthera Tom Thumb 'Flicker'	Phylis Craig

President's message (continued from page one)

Two new books were very well received and sold very well: the late Eric Christenson's Maxillaria: an unfinished Monograph (finished by Patricia Harding and colleagues), and Don Parsons and Mary Gerritsen's Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species. Each two-volume set brings abundant new information on both groups of orchids to a very interested group of orchid growers, commercial as well as hobbyist. As one might expect, our meeting had more than its share of enthusiasts for cool-growing orchids, and the vendors supplied both plants and books to support that interest.

Cheers and good growing of orchids and see you all for Mike Kane's presentation on "Florida Native Orchid Conservation Research" on May 26th!

John

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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Pictures from the AOS Member's show in Minnesota



Masdevallia and Miltoniopsis



Encyclia citrina



Masdevallia



Phrag. Scarlet O'hara

Treasurer's Report

INCOME:

Dues	245.00
Raffle	61.00
Silent Auction	170.00
Total	476.00

EXPENSE:

Silent Auction	60.01
Box for bloom table	6.10
Speaker	250.00
Domain renewal/Web site	61.45
Tallahassee show mileage	432.0
TOTAL	809.56
Check book bal.	10,569.92
Less reserves	1800.00
Amount available	8,769.92
Cash Box	75.00

Pictures from the AOS Member's Show continued:

(Our own John Ingram modeling an orchid skirt for the auction)



Meeting Notes: April 28, 2014

Refreshments were generously provided by Katryna Stepp and Barb Fennelly

We had a visitor from Rhode Island, Barb's friend Lori Scionti

Nametags: If you have paid your dues then you now have a new nametag that has 2014 on it.

Our Show will be Oct 25, 26, 2014. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Nyi Nyi Henne is recovering from knee surgery at the Woodlands Rehab Center,

Volusia Show Picture



Our display took 3rd place in the Volusia Show. But our plants really were the success of the show. Out of 29 plants we garnered 28 ribbons! A special thanks to our set up team: Sharon Curran, Becky Fickett, Carolyn Robinson, Barbara Fennelly, Mike and Joni Sielaff. Thanks to our break down team: Mike and Joni Sielaff, Bob and Christine McGraw.

13 Blue (First place)

10 Red (Second place)

5 White (Third place)

Plants were entered by Chaz Darling, Joan MacLeod, Sharon Curran, Mike Sielaff, John Sullivan, and Barb Fennelly. Way to Go Team GOS!

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<http://www.fruitandspicepark.org/>

Three Day Event: Friday, May 16th, Saturday, May 17th and Sunday May 18th 9 am - 5 pm Admission \$10.00 Truly the largest annual orchid show in the U.S. featuring over 50 booths of educational exhibits and orchid vendors. An American Orchid Society judged event showcasing various types of orchids, plants and supplies for sale, as well as lectures by experts, raffles and international food.

(Our own John Ingram and Marian Sheehan will be there too!)

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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