

# Gainesville Orchid Society

## Newsletter



Editor: Araxy Bablanian

September 2009

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** - Sue Weller  
352 514-7058

**Vice-President** - Carol Turner  
378-0745

**Secretary** - Linda White  
375-1971

**Treasurer** - Neil MacLeod  
375-6744

### **Permanent Committees:**

**Beginners' Classes** - Chaz Darling  
466-4955

**Greenhouse Tours** - Roy Cline  
336-8523

**Library** - Trey Yon  
373-2102

**Membership** - Georgia Shemitz  
386 454-2147

**Newsletter** - Araxy Bablanian  
335-4932

**Refreshments Coordinator** -  
Dagmara Mohuczy 378-1422

**GOS Show** - Joan MacLeod  
375-6744 and  
Candace Hollinger  
335-0715

**Web Site** - Marilyn Bachmann  
<http://www.afn.org/~gos/>

### **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

This newsletter is published monthly. Submit material to the editor at [amt2@cornell.edu](mailto:amt2@cornell.edu) no later than the 10th of the month.

### **President's Message**

By the time you receive this newsletter, our Annual Orchid Show at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens will be less than a month away (October 10 & 11)! Kanapaha is a wonderful venue for our orchid show and it being held in conjunction with the Kanapaha Fall Festival we have a very good opportunity to attract new members. I have several orchids that are in spike right now and I am keeping my fingers crossed that they will be in bloom in time for the show.

We are nearing the end of our year and it is time to start thinking about officers and committee chairs for next year. We are members of this society because we have something in common – we love orchids. Meeting each month, getting to know each other, sharing our knowledge and experience makes this a great society but it also needs to be a sustainable society. That means we need our members – you – to consider taking on the responsibility of assisting the society in some manner. None of the board or committee positions are that difficult or time consuming and you do not need to be an expert in anything! So if you would like to become more involved with the society, please let me or one of our board or committee members know.

Also of note – Geiger Orchids, located in Wellborn, will be holding their Fall Sale on September 19th and September 26th and the 12th International Slipper Orchid Symposium will be held on November 7-8 in Orlando.

See you at the September 28th meeting.

Sue Weller

### **ORCHIDS IN THE GARDEN**

October 10 and 11

**Your help is needed**

### **The Gainesville Orchid Society**

Meeting at the Summer House, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

**Monday, September 28, 2009**

7:00 Beginners' Program: "Mounting Miniature Species"

presented by Carolyn Robinson

7:30 pm "The Wild Orchid Man"

presented by Darryl Saffer

## Treasurer's Report August 2009

### INCOME

Silent Auction	166.00
Raffle	54.00
2009 Show	
Trophy sponsors	175.00
Individual Sponsors	305.00
Advertising	150.00
Vendor fees	175.00
T-shirt sale	12.00

**Total Income           \$1,037.00**

### RESERVES

Hollien Award           \$950.00

### EXPENSES

Silent auction reimburse.	95.75
Refreshments/supplies	32.81
Speaker fee	100.00

**Total Expenses           \$228.56**

### Balance as of

08/31/09	\$6,649.77
Petty cash on hand	75.00
Less Reserves	\$950.00

**AVAILABLE FUNDS   \$5,774.77**

Respectfully submitted by  
Neil MacLeod, Treasurer

**T-shirts** Newcomers, are you aware GOS has its own T-shirts?

Some of you still have not picked up your shirts. If there is a problem with attending the meetings, phone me at 372-6624. I also have a number of extras:

**Ladies'** scoop neck, Bimini Blue, XL (They run smaller than the regular T's) \$13.45

**Men's T** Royal Blue or Forest Green, Large \$12.06

They will be available at the meeting.

Johanna

This month's picture is Araxy's no-name Phalaenopsis. from the FL Keys.

## Gainesville Orchid Society Meeting Kanapaha Botanical Gardens Summer House Minutes, August 24, 2009

Our August GOS meeting began at 7:00 pm with the Beginner's Class on "Grooming Plants for an Orchid Show" presented by Patti Hollien. This is always an informative and well attended class for both beginners and long time members. The regular GOS meeting began at 7:37 pm. A brief business meeting was held prior to our scheduled program.

- A reminder was given about the Ridge Orchid Society Show that will be held September 19 – 20 in Lakeland, FL. It will be held at the Lake Mirror Center – 121 S. Lake Ave.
- On October 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a speaker's day held in Miami, at the Signature Gardens . Plants can also be entered for judging.
- Congratulations to Margi Brannan for her 80 photographs that were submitted and accepted in the new revision of Orchidwiz Encyclopedia 6.0.
- Trey gave us an update concerning our library. He said if you are interested in a book from the library, please call no later than the weekend prior to our next meeting. A listing of our library contents can be found on our website. Also, Trey announced that due to his greenhouse roof problems, a volunteer is needed to handle the "new member plants". Patti Hollien volunteered to assume this duty.
- October show updates were given.
  - o Members need to sign up for areas to help make our show a success. A brief description of each area was given and all members were encouraged to sign up for one or more areas. Come on folks! We need everyone to chip, even if you can only spare an hour or two.
  - o The next show planning meeting will be held at Candy's house on September 16 at 7pm. All GOS members are strongly encouraged to help in these planning efforts.

Our program this evening was "Conserving Native Florida Orchids – A status report" presented by Philip Kauth. He discussed Florida orchids, indicator species, state of the environment as it relates to orchids, threats to orchids, protecting orchids. He included a slide show.

The meeting adjourned about 9:00pm.

Respectively submitted by Linda M. White, Secretary

### August Blooming Table ... and our winners are...

Cattleya All.	Lc. Maria Ozzella Mendenhall AM/AOS	C. Hollinger
Cypripedium	Paph. Dr. Jack	N. Mason
Dendrobiums	Den Sri-Racha	L.White
Oncidium All.	Mtssa. Cartagena x Milt. William Kirch 'Porcelan'	N. Mason
Phalaenopsis	Phal. Amun Ra	N. Mason
Misc.	Habenaria Medusa	T. Sheehan
Species	Grammatophyllum scriptum var citrinum 'Hihimanu'	C.Hollinger

MAURICE L. GEIGER  
LILLIAN P. GEIGER  
(386) 963-6371

ORCHIDS, STAGHORN FERNS,  
AFRICAN VIOLETS &  
BROMELIADS



NO REGULAR HOURS — APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDED  
12 MILES WEST OF LAKE CITY VIA U. S. HIGHWAY 90  
3 BLOCKS EAST OF WELLBORN POST OFFICE

**LUXURY ORCHID  
SHOW TOURS  
GARDEN TOURS  
CRUISES**

*We Represent All Cruise Lines*  
**FULL SERVICE TRAVEL**

FUN FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUBS

Call for Information  
**1-800-266-0755**

**AMERICAN TRAVEL GROUP**

VISIT OUR EXCITING  
NEW WEBSITE!  
americangrouptravels.net  
americantravels@earthlink.net

*It's More Fun To Travel With Friends!*

### GOS Show Art Display

We'd like to have a display at our upcoming show where members can show off their favorite orchid photographs, paintings/drawings or other artwork. We have plenty of space at Kanahapa this year to really highlight our members' talents.

Please contact Georgia Shemitz (plbgs2@windstream.net or 386-454-2147) if you are interested in participating.

### \* EXPERT GROWERS' ADVICE COLUMN \*

#### Paphiopedilum Pots

We all know that the secret to strong, healthy, blooming orchids is the roots. I like to observe the roots inside the pot to quickly evaluate a Paph. Therefore, I use clear plastic pots. The square pots with a cone in the center promote good air circulation to the roots. I place one inch of medium aliflor (clay aggregate that does not retain salts) in the bottom of the pot, and add a mix of 3 parts fine bark (aged Douglas fir is best) and 1 part perlite (white sponge rock) around the roots. Select a pot to fit the roots of the plant. Generally 3 or 4 inch pots will work for all but the largest Paphiopedilums such as mature rothschildianum, kolopakigii, or philippinense species and their hybrids.

Repot all Paphs once a year. Paphiopedilums respond to fresh medium by producing buds that emerge from the center of the leaves and promise to bloom within a few months.

*Margi Brannan*

#### Educational Displays for the GOS Show

Individuals are encouraged to set up table top displays to educate the public about various aspects of growing orchids. Some examples are: photos of orchid blooms; Orchid genera (ex. cattleya, dendrobium, phalaenopsis, etc.); potting materials; mounting and basket culture; growing from flasks or seeds; native orchids in Florida; miniature species; orchid pests and diseases, etc..... Please contact Joan MacLeod 375-6744 or Candy Hollinger 335-0715 if you are interested in a display.

- Each individual display table needs to be set up on Friday, October 9, between noon and 5 pm.
- Contact Joan Macleod or Candy Hollinger to reserve a table at the show.
- GOS will provide the table.
- Participants need to bring a tablecloth; exhibit identification poster and/or sign.
- Orchid plants and/or blooms must be correctly and clearly labeled.
- GOS will provide some small background plants and/or greenery if prior arrangements are made with the show chairs.

#### Don't miss the 2009 Paphiopedilum Symposium!

You are invited to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> International Slipper Orchid Symposium November 7-8, 2009 in sunny Orlando, Florida. Visit the official 12<sup>th</sup> International Slipper Orchid Symposium website for more details <http://www.slippersymposium.com>

## Educational Program

**The Wild Orchid Man** - Our September program will be a showing of the pilot episode of The Wild Orchid Man, the first educational series focused on wild orchids and their ecosystems. The series will follow the wild orchid man, Stig Dalstrom -- noted orchid curator, botanist, artist, and author, and filmmaker Darryl Saffer as they explore exotic terrain from South America to Bhutan searching for wild orchids, in the pursuit of important knowledge about their continued survival in an increasingly hostile world. The pilot episode has been shown at film festivals and orchid society meetings and has been received enthusiastically. Darryl Saffer will attend our meeting to show the pilot and answer questions. He will have copies of the dvd available for sale.

Carol Turner

## THIS IS A TEASER ANNOUNCEMENT

**SAVE** November 1st (Sunday) 1-4PM

Last greenhouse tour of the year. You won't want to miss it!

Where and directions on how to get there will be in the October Newsletter.

Meanwhile concentrate on the annual show: Kanapaha, Oct. 9 (Friday) Set-up. Oct 10-11 (Saturday-Sunday) Show.

Volunteer and have a good time.

Roy Cline

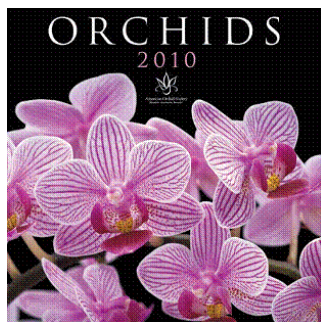
## AOS Corner

It's fall and that often means Nominating Committee time for orchid societies! I have an orchid society talk which is titled "Ten Orchid Tips" and tip number 10 is that you don't need to know about orchids to be involved in your society but you will become a better orchid grower when you are involved. Serving on your orchid society board often gives you the opportunity to be at another board member's home and see how they grow. Or if they come to your home they might have a helpful idea for your collection. You really do get back more than you give and it is a great way to help grow your society as well as your orchid expertise.

Carol Holdren, AOS

## Growing the Best

Share the magic and joy of growing orchids with a gift of the AOS 2010 Calendar. The 12 superbly grown orchids pictured show the diversity in color, size, shape and fragrance found in the orchid family. Join author Ken Slump as he shares secrets for growing the best orchids and then offers advice for successfully cultivating and flowering a dozen choices suitable for the greenhouse, home and under lights.



### ORCHID EMPORIUM

To Order Call 561-404-2062 or 561-404-2060

E-mail [TheAOS@aos.org](mailto:TheAOS@aos.org)

Gift Shop 561-404-2026

Fax 561-404-2100

Web Site [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

*\$2 from each calendar sold benefits orchid conservation*

*\$12.95 plus shipping and handling*

*Order No. CL919M*