

Gainesville Orchid Society

Newsletter



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October 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.

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Membership Information:

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

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President's Message

We had a wonderful turnout for our orchid show at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, October 10 and 11. It was a long weekend but the hard work was worth it, as we won 45 ribbons (20 first place, 17 second place and 8 third place), and Margi Brannan won a trophy for best cypripedium of the show for her Paph. Yellow Butterfly. Great job!

Along with GOS, the Jacksonville and Volusia County Orchid Societies participated as did our orchid vendors and a Wardian Case display from St. Augustine as well. Many thanks go to our vendors, B & D Orchids, Byrd's Orchids, Chapman's Orchids, EFG Orchids, Odom's Orchids, Woodland Orchids and Hicks Supplies for bringing so many beautiful orchids and much needed orchid supplies for purchase. We also had a lot of visitors indicating an interest in attending our meetings to see what we are all about.

Special thanks go to all of the hard working volunteers that made this show a success but especially to Joan MacLeod, Candy Hollinger, and Marian Sheehan. We couldn't have done it without you!

This year is going by too fast. Before you know it you will be second-guessing yourself and wishing that you cooked a larger turkey so that there would still be more left for sandwiches. Of course, you always have too much cranberry sauce.

See you October 26th.

Sue Weller

ORCHIDS IN THE GARDEN

We would like to extend our thanks to the many members who participated in making this year's GOS annual Orchid Show at Kanapaha a big success. Many newer as well as experienced members came to help out both in planning our show and making it happen.

We heard many comments from judges, vendors, and other societies' members, complimenting our society and noting that our members were very supportive and helpful. Kudos to everyone who helped

Joan and Candy

The Gainesville Orchid Society

Meeting at the Summer House, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Monday, October 26, 2009

7:00 Beginners' Program: "Beginners, make your own orchid corsage.
Flowers and supplies provided" presented by Chaz Darling

7:30 pm "Today's Mini and Compact Cattleyas"

presented by Fred Clarke

Treasurer's Report September 2009

INCOME

Membership	20.00
Silent Auction	46.00
Raffle	63.00
2009 Show	
Trophy sponsors	50.00
Individual Sponsors	355.00
Advertising	280.00
Vendor fees	175.00
T-shirt sale	25.51

Total Income \$1,014.51

RESERVES

Hollien Award \$950.00

EXPENSES

Silent auction reimburse.	30.75
Refreshments/supplies	6.30
Speaker fee	150.00
Printing	9.74
Raffle plants	53.25
2009 Show	396.96

Total Expenses \$647.00

Balance as of

09/31/09 \$6,823.79

Petty cash on hand 75.00

Less Reserves \$950.00

AVAILABLE FUNDS \$5,948.79

Respectfully submitted by
Neil MacLeod, Treasurer

Upcoming Shows

Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 - Delray Beach Orchid Society Show, Old School Square Gymnasium, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL Contact: Lorna Hanson, 2716 SW 6th St., Delray Beach, FL 33445; (561) 265-3703.

This month's picture is Margi Brannan's paph. Yellow Butterfly, trophy winner for best cypripedium of the show.

Gainesville Orchid Society Meeting Kanapaha Botanical Gardens Summer House Minutes, September 28, 2009

The September GOS meeting began with our 7:00 pm Beginner's class on "Mounting Miniature Species" presented by Carolyn Robinson. This was a very interesting presentation showing different types of mounts for those tiny little orchids that Carolyn loves to grow. It was informative and well attended class for both beginners and long time members. The regular GOS meeting began at 7:35 pm and we had one visitor. We held our presentation first and then after the break we had our business meeting.

Our speaker Darryl Saffer presented to the group a movie called "The Wild Orchid Man in the Ghost Orchid Swamp". The movie was made in South Florida in the Fakahatchee Strand. The film was well made and narrated with vivid pictures and an abundance of humor thrown in. A DVD of the film was available at the meeting or you can purchase a copy and receive a print by going to their website at www.wildorchidman.com. Our members asked questions after the film was over. The presentation was entertaining and informative.

After the break we then had a brief business meeting.

- Sue Weller received in the mail information on AOS Botanical Garden memberships. Please see her if you want more info.
- We still have a few T-shirts available with our club logo. See Carol Turner if interested in purchasing one.
- A March 2010 Costa Rica Orchid Tour is being planned. It is \$1600 per person from Miami to Costa Rica and includes airfare, hotel, and tours. This is through American Travel Group. Many of our members have been on this tour and thoroughly enjoyed it.
- Discussion concerning our Orchid Show was held with volunteer sheets available for signing up to assist.

Suzanne Farnsworth provided beautiful raffle plants for our meeting. She owns a greenhouse with plants and supplies for sale about an hour from Gainesville. A tour will be organized for sometime in November for members who want to go to her location to view and make purchases.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectively submitted by Linda M. White, Secretary

September Blooming Table ... and our winners are...

Cattleya All.	Lc. S. J. Bracey (Sc Mrs. Medo x C Thebes)	Sue Weller
Dendrobiums	Den Diane Kouchi "Kapahulu Beauty"	Nyi Henne
Oncidium All.	Mttsa Olmer Kano	Linda White
Other Misc.	Cynoches logedesii	Georgia Shemitz
Phalaenopsis	Dtps Chao Praya Sweet x Chao Praya Gem	Linda White
Vanda	V Pak Cheng Blue "Korat"	Araxy Bablanian

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GOS Show Welcoming Committee

We were very happy with the show results. There were 1042 "ticketed" visitors plus a conservative estimate of 500 more that did not get raffle tickets. Those 1542 were really very good numbers. We also received some \$525 in donations...not to be sneezed at. And many people picked up applications for membership and seemed enthusiastic in joining.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the ten members who worked the table. Many thanks. Hopefully we can double the number next year. It actually is enjoyable "work" and it is much appreciated. Thank you.

Roy Cline

* EXPERT GROWERS' ADVICE COLUMN *

Fall Orchid Notes

As I write these notes, it certainly doesn't feel like fall! We've only had a hint of cooler weather. With day temperatures still in the high 80s and nights in the 70s, I've had to delay my fall spraying schedule. Usually by this time, I've already begun.

To prepare my orchids for winter in the greenhouse, I spray them before bringing them inside, as it's much easier to get good spray coverage. I use 'Year Round Orchid Spray' as an all purpose insecticide at a rate of 2 ½ tps per gallon of water. Because this is an oil spray, I make sure temperatures are below 85° to avoid plant damage. I spray again 7-10 days later. Usually two spray cycles will be adequate, but for heavy scale infestation, a third application may be necessary. I also look for fungal problems and treat with a fungicide like Dithane M-45. I also make a paste and apply with a Q-tip to spot treat or drench the pot using 1 tbs. per gallon of water.

After my orchids have been sprayed, I begin bringing them inside. Magically, my greenhouse seems to shrink in the autumn. Orchids taken outside in the spring have now doubled in size and face crowded benches - not the optimum growing conditions, but as I tell them, it's better than freezing. Bromeliads under the benches help provide more humidity in the winter.

With the exception of Cymbidiums, Nobile Dendrobiums, and a few Paphs, I try to have the rest of my orchids inside before temperatures drop into the low 40s. Temperature dips into the 30s can happen in late October onward. My Cymbidiums stay outside all year except for winter freezes, when I bring them into the garage. Nobiles and Paphs. Come into the greenhouse after 2 to 3 weeks of 35-45° nights.

A note about fertilizer: since days are getting shorter and orchid growth is slowing, I fertilize less and use an orchid bloom booster (like Better Grow 11-35-15) for 4 to 6 weeks.

Let's hope we have a long fall and the winter's a mild one. Happy autumn orchid growing.

Nancy Mason

Don't miss the 2009 Paphiopedilum Symposium!

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

Educational Program

Today, mini and compact growing Cattleya's come in many colors and shapes. Learn about the small growing Cattleya species, the important breeding plants and what hybrids are available for the orchid enthusiast. In conclusion we cover the 'best practices' for growing these little gems. This is a PowerPoint presentation.

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 33 years and has been hybridizing for 25 of those years. With over 25 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

Carol Turner

Greenhouse Tour

The anticipated greenhouse tour planned for November has been postponed until next spring, when the grower feels there will be more plants in bloom.

If there is someone who grows orchids during the winter without adequate greenhouse conditions we'd love to set up a visit to see how its done. Many of our members do not have "regular" greenhouses and would learn how to get their plants to survive under winter conditions. Please call Roy Cline at 352-336-8523.

AOS Corner

The American Orchid Society is busy with its Fall 2009 meetings in California, the winter show season and then we're right into planning for the spring meetings in Oklahoma City in April 2010. These meetings and shows are a great opportunity to find the best orchids as well as make friends with people who have similar interests to yours. You do not have to be a member to attend any of the shows although being a member and helping with the show makes it a richer experience. You can find all of the details on shows and meetings in Orchids magazine or at our web site www.aos.org and then you can put it on your calendar so you won't miss any of the fun.

Carol Holdren



Our display at the show. There will be a special issue of the newsletter mostly with pictures of the show.

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Araxy Bablanian, Editor