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“Happy New Year” to all of you and yours,

What a great Christmas party and a great turnout of our members! A good time was had by all. No one went home hungry or without an orchid. This outfit sure eats well. Thanks to everyone who brought the great food and to Gary Krotz, Jo Anne Hartzler, and Susan Ogle for ordering and delivering the meats and other foods and displaying everything so well. Thanks for all your hard work including hosting the pot painting party. We hope you like your colorful painted TBOS orchid pots filled with candy and favors! Thanks to Joan McLain and Jay Sespico for obtaining the pots in Apopka and delivering them to us. Our thanks to Corrine Arnold for securing the distribution pants. Thanks to Jo Anne Hartzler for making the party such a fun evening! Everyone did a great job! Deborah Le Monde was out of town but she had some helpers deliver our yearbooks to the party. If you were not at the party, please pick up yours at the next meeting. Thanks Deborah for a great job.

We are starting the New Year off with a bang and hopefully you have heard that [Hermann Pigors of Oak Hill Gardens, Dundee, Illinois](#) is going to be our speaker. We are attaching a flyer about the story of Oak Hill Gardens for your information. Oak Hill Gardens is also one of our advertisers. If you want to order from Oak Hill, do so right away by phone (847) 428-8500, Fax (847) 428-8527 or internet oakhillgardens@sprintmail.com. Be sure to let them know you are a member of TBOS and would like to have the plants shipped to the meeting. You can ask for a discount on five or more of the same plants. Way to go Lamar! Let's shoot for an international speaker next. Thanks again Lamar for your persistence in getting TBOS the very best speakers! Lamar says we are going to pack “the meeting house full” so maybe you should bring your folding chairs. I am not sure how many chairs we have but this will assure you of a seat!

By the time you read this the Sarasota Orchid Show will be over (Jan. 6, 7) but our thanks to John & Anne McGrath for volunteering to set up the display, for all their hard work during the holidays and for all the members who helped them! Results are on following pages.

[The Florida State Fair is right around the corner, February 8 – 19th](#). The display will be inside the Family Life Center where the woodworking is usually held. This will be a great location and should give us the best exposure to date plus we will not have to worry about the cold weather for the orchids or ourselves. The theme is “Always in February and Always in Tampa.” A minimum crowd of 500,000 people is expected and it could go to another 100 – 150,000 if the weather continues to be good. In addition to our regular income for putting in the display, I believe that first place is about \$500. Let's have some good ideas at the next meeting for our display and win First Place! We need people to pass out information about the fair and we should have shifts of members working maybe 10 a.m. to 12:30; 12:30 PM to 3 PM; 3 PM to 5:30 PM. The fair will usually give us free tickets for the workers so after your shift is over you can enjoy the fair for free. We will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

[SHOW TIME APRIL 27, 28, 29, 2007 at BAYANIHAN ARTS & EVENTS CENTER, 14301 Nine Eagles Drive, Tampa, FL.](#) Get ready for an exciting time at our upcoming show. We are on the countdown with only 3 months until showtime! This will be the largest horticultural show in Hillsborough County so we need your help to make it an unforgettable show. Mark your calendars and please help the show committee when you are asked!

Together, we can have the best year ever! See you at the meeting.

Tom Wolfe, President

MEETING TAMPA BAY ORCHID SOCIETY 7:30 PM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

Seminole Garden Center, 5810 Central Ave., Tampa, FL

GUEST SPEAKER: Hermann Pigors

Founder / Laboratory of
Oak Hill Gardens, Dundee, Illinois



Oak Hill Gardens Story

Oak Hill Gardens was founded in the fall of 1973 when Hermann and Dorothy Pigors purchased the five-acre site with three existing greenhouses, home and service buildings. Hermann had the benefit of five years professional training and work experience in Germany plus an additional 17 years of working with orchids and orchid hobbyists with the Hausermann firm in Villa Park, IL.

The previously empty greenhouses purchased in Dundee were gradually stocked with a variety of house plants and orchids. The houseplants were propagated on site and the orchids were purchased from domestic and overseas sources. An internal laboratory for seeding and tissue culture was established, producing many thousands of unusual orchid species from seed and tissue culture, as well as hybrid varieties. Many of these were and are exported world-wide.

Initially a price list was issued, and then catalogs were mailed to customers every two years. Thus a substantial mail-order business has been established. Participation in orchid shows in the continental US and Canada was and is a part of the steady growth.

The business quickly grew to require additional help beyond immediate family members Robert, Liese, and Susan, who all helped during their school years. Robert and Liese remained active full-time after school and Liese returned in the summer of 1995 with husband Greg and sons Cameron and Jared. The firm is now incorporated and includes Greg and Liese as officers. Since 2001, Greg and Liese have been primarily involved in the day-to-day running of the business. Hermann has been concentrating on the development of the laboratory, and most of his time is spent in this capacity. Six additional employees make up the entire staff at this time.

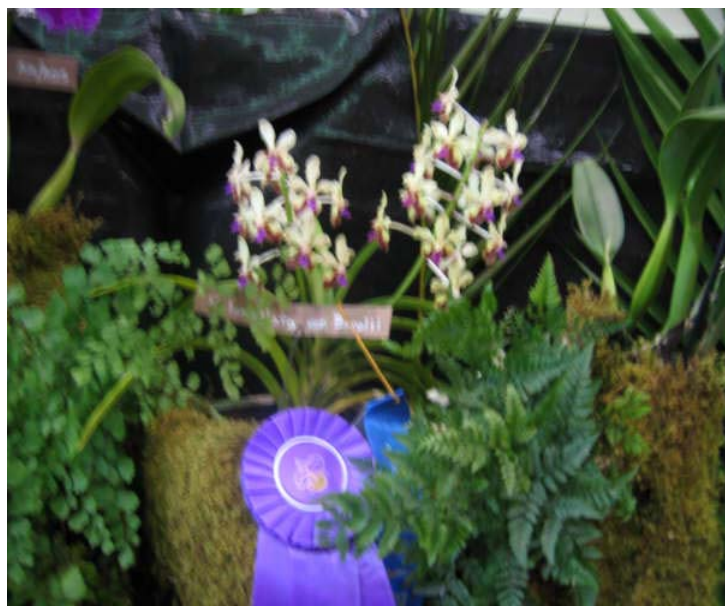
Oak Hill Gardens' diversified business includes plant rental, gift plant deliveries to the Chicagoland area, orchid and house plant walk-in trade (both retail and wholesale) as well as mail-order to the orchid hobbyist, a segment of the business which has grown substantially over the last five years. Species orchids are an especially strong feature of the firm as well as hybrids of the unusual type for the hobby grower. Expansion has brought a total of over 20,000 sq. ft. under glass in eight greenhouses.

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Christmas Celebration Photos



TBOS at the Sarasota Orchid Show



Several persons at the Christmas Party requested this recipe, which was featured on the holiday table:

CRANBERRY CHUTNEY

- 1 cup raisins
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons julienne of peeled ginger
- 2 tablespoons orange peel julienne
- 1 cup fresh orange juice
- 6 cups fresh cranberries
- small tart green apples, peeled, cored and finely chopped
- 1 cup toasted, slivered almonds (about 5 ounces)

Place raisins in small metal bowl. Pour boiling water over. Let stand 15 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Bring sugar and vinegar to boil in heavy medium saucepan over medium-low heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Increase heat and boil until syrup turns light golden brown, stirring constantly, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in ginger and orange peel. Add orange juice and bring to boil, stirring constantly. Add cranberries and cook just until they begin to pop, about 5 minutes. Add raisins to cranberries. Mix in apples and almonds. Cool. *(Can be prepared 2 days ahead. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Will keep approx. 2 weeks.)*

Happy Holidays - enjoy! -Paul Mitchell

Treasurer's Report

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Income—\$2,311.44 Expenses—\$642.96

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Income—\$450.99 Expenses—\$1,029.11

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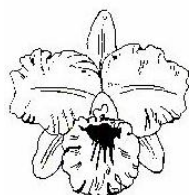
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Tampa Bay Orchid Society At The Sarasota 50th Annual Orchid Show

‘Pot of Gold’ Display -- First place

Best Vanda of the show -- Trophy

12 First place ribbons

7 Second place ribbons

2 Third place ribbons

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped with this project.

Gerri Almand –	Den. Thongchai Gold	– first place
	Hknsa. Sogo Doll ‘Little Angel’ AM/OSROC	- second place
	Slc. Fire Lighter x Pot. Frank Smith	- third place

Anne Boldrick --	Lus. discolor	- second place
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Doris Dukes and Bill Thoms

Paph. Michael Koopowitz	- first place
Blc. Steve Stevenson x Blc Golden Jade	- first place
Paph. LEEANUM ‘Martino’ HCC/AOS	- first place
Asctm. garayi	- first place
Den. Green Wonder ‘A-doribil’ AM/AOS	- first place
C. Horace Maxima AM/AOS	- second place
Lc. Melody Fair ‘Carol’ AM/AOS, HCC/AOS	- second place

Dory and Ric Gallagher

Lc. Rosie’s Surprise	- first place
Schom. Gloriosa x Schom. Undulata	- first place
Paph. Sander’s Pride	- second place

Jo Anne Hartzler and Gary Krotz

V. lamellate var. Boxalii	- TROPHY ‘n’
Most outstanding Vanda plant of show	- first place
Ludisia discolor	- first place
Bulb. lasiochilum	- second place
Paph. World Exploit	- third place

Toni Hinchcliffe	V. Gordon Dillon	- first place
	Asda. Betty May Steel	- second place

It takes a village to run a successful show like this. We want to thank everyone who helped and everyone who encouraged us along the way. Special mention should go to Geri Almand, Corinne Arnold, Anne Boldrick, Doris Dukes and Bill Thoms, Dory and Ric Gallagher, Jo Anne Hartzler and Gary Krotz, Julio and Eileen Hector, Jeannelle Hires, Toni and Mark Hinchcliffe, Barbara Johnson, Jim Van Koolberger, Warren and Karen Martinson, Joan McLain, Lamar Mitchell, Susan Ogle, Cathy Povolish, Vilma Rastom, Tom and Jeanne Smith, Tom and Carol Wolfe.

The great reputation of the Tampa Bay Orchid Society was upheld. You should be proud of the great people you are associated with. We need each person's contribution for the upcoming projects.

Anne and John McGrath



Calendar

- **Jan 13, 2007**— Florida North Central Judging Center/
Orlando—Leu Botanical Gardens,
1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL
Entrie s 1PM, Judging 1:30 PM
- **Jan 11, 2007** — Florida West Coast Orchid Society Meeting
7:00 PM at the Pinellas County Co-
operative Extension Service at 12175
125th St. N. Largo, Fl.
- **Jan 18, 2007** Tampa Bay Orchid Society Meeting – 7:30 PM at
Seminole Garden Center, 5800
Central Ave. Tampa, Fl
- **Jan 24, 2007** - Florida North Central Judging Center/Tampa -
Tampa Garden Center, 2629 Bay-
shore Blvd., Tampa, FL. Entries:
7PM, Judging : 7:30PM

<i>January 2007</i>						
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