

TBOS NEWS

The Newsletter for the Tampa Bay Orchid Society ♦ August 2007, Vol. 26, No. 8



Calendar

Speakers

August: Jeff Higel, owner of Orchids Etc. of Sarasota, will discuss general orchid culture with the hopes of teaching new growing methods. Jeff is the past president of the Venice Area Orchid Society and has been a commercial grower for 10 years. His specialty is "not specializing" and he grows miscellaneous orchids, including cattleyas, vandas and dendrobiums in naturally ventilated greenhouses. Jeff will bring a variety of orchids for sale; member sales will be closed.

September: Robert Hague, owner of Venice Orchids, will talk about growing specimen plants and impossible potting. If you have a difficult potting job that you're afraid to attempt yourself, bring it in -- as long as you don't mind Bob tackling it. Bob has been growing orchids since 1989 and has owned his wholesale company for five years. This October, Venice Orchids will open to the public. Specializing in Cattleyas and species, Bob will have blooming cattleyas, bareroots and some others for sale.

October: Ken Roberts: "Becoming an AOS judge; Why would anyone want to do that?" Ken is a retired government official who has been growing orchids for more than 60 years. He is a member of the American Orchid Society, an AOS judge and chairman of the Florida North-Central Judging Center. Prior to that he was the training coordinator for that center. He is one of the North American representatives of the Orchid Species Group, Species Survival Commission of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. In his youth he worked for two commercial orchid growers, Earl Small Orchids in St. Petersburg and Bob Wilson's Fantastic Gardens in Miami. Ken is a former AOS Trustee and chairman of the AOS Historical Committee and currently serves on the AOS Judging Committee. He specializes in growing and line-breeding species cattleyas.

November: Keith Emig of Winter Haven Orchid nursery will talk about flasking.

February: June Hill of June Hill Orchids

April: Dr. Martin Motes of Motes Orchids



Photo by Carol Wolfe

Some lucky members and guests of the Tampa Bay Orchid Society attended the field trip to Carter and Holmes Orchids in Newberry, S.C., from June 22-24.

Members enjoy S.C. orchid adventure

By Jo Anne Hartlzer
Field Trip Chair

Thirty-three members and guests made sure they caught the bus on a sunny Friday morning in June heading for a weekend vacation to Carter and Holmes Orchids. After loading up and heading out, everyone was treated to orange juice, granola bars, bananas, sub sandwiches and chips, plus endless sodas and water to get the party going.

It wasn't long before we pulled into our first stop, Savannah, Ga., where we crossed the waterways into town to see horse-drawn carriages. Ah! There she was: Lady and Sons restaurant, owned by TV personality, chef and author Paula Deen. Wrapped around the building were lines and lines of hopeful diners, knowing their three-hour wait would be worth the Friday night treat.

As Mel, our driver, pulled up to the curb, we felt like celebrities when a hostess stepped through the doors asking if we were "The 33 from the Tampa society of orchids?" (sic) "Pull around the east side," she said. "We'll meet you there." Mel turned the big bus like a Volkswagen bug as all of those having to wait on the street saw us pile out with smiles of anticipation. The whippers of "Wow! Who are they?" only fueled our appetites.

Inside, we took up nearly half of the restaurant while being able to chat from table to table. New friends were made as we were served hot corn cakes and biscuits with honey. Off we went to check out the buffet of Southern fried chicken, barbecued shrimp and fish, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, sweet potatoes and more than I can remember. "Dessert?" the waitress asked. Oh my, we thought but only for a second as we answered with requests of banana pudding, cheese cake and peach cobbler. Enough!

One final piece de resistance caught a few of us as we purchased cookbooks personally signed by Paula Deen.

We took a quick photo then we jumped (well maybe at that point we couldn't really jump anymore), stepped slowly onto the bus.

Energized again, we were off to Columbia where we soon were able to check in for a great night's rest.

Saturday morning, we met bright-eyed over the hot breakfast buffet of waffles, oatmeal, sausage gravy, biscuits, bacon, cereal, fruits, yogurt, juices and coffee.

On the bus and off we were to Newberry, S.C., the home of Carter and Holmes Orchids. As we pulled in,

Events

Judging:

Florida North Central Judging Center
Tampa, Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Garden Center
2629 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa, FL

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Orlando, Aug. 11, 1:30 p.m.
Palm Room, Harry P. Leu Gardens,
1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL

Sales:

Tropic 1 Orchids Inc. 24th annual sale
Aug. 25-Sept. 1; closed Sunday
2494 Neptune Rd.,
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Shows:

Aug. 17-19
Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show, Cocoa
Expo Sports Center,
500 Friday Rd., Cocoa, FL
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Sept. 15-16

Ridge Orchid Society Show,
Tiger Town Hanger 2,
2301 Lakeland Hills Blvd., Lakeland,
Contact: Keith Emig, (863) 325-8926
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AOS Classes:

August 11

Orchid Basics for Beginners – Part 2

Instructor: TBOS member Barry Reese, owner, Eclectic Orchids of Ft. Lauderdale, orchid farm in Hawaii and orchid grower for 33 years. Barry continues his "Orchid Basics for Beginners" with more information on popular genera and expanded coverage about pesticides and insect control. Practical tips and advice make this a popular class.

August 18

Popular Brazilian Cattleya Species

Instructor: Luiz Hamilton Lima, grower, hybridizer and author, 40 years' growing experience, Plantation, FL. Luiz Hamilton has been an aficionado of the Brazilian cattleyas since age 9, when he cultivated *Cattleya violacea* in a lath house in the back yard of his home in Manaus, Amazon, Brazil. Here, Luiz will review the beautiful *Cattleya* species native to Brazil, focusing on plants that are desirable to hobby growers in South Florida, either because of their intrinsic beauty or ease of cultivation outdoors under a shade house or even a tree. Tips will be provided on how to grow the Brazilian *Cattleya* species well for hybridizing, for exhibit or for the great pleasure they give.

August 25

Successful South Florida Vanda Culture

Instructor: Rhonda Heide, AOS student judge, president of the Jupiter/Tequesta Orchid Society. Vandas are some of the most glamorous and rewarding orchids grown in Florida. Learn how to give them the care they need, and reap the bene-

Promoting interest in orchids is vital

President's Message By Tom Wolfe

Hello, folks,

This has been a relatively dry month for July. I hope you are getting enough rain to keep your orchids and plants happy. Try to keep the air moving on these hot, sultry days and nights to prevent fungus and dampoff.

Since our speaker for July cancelled at the last minute, Dory did a great job improvising by enlisting several of our in-house experts and judges. Nancy Losgar narrated a panel discussion composed of Patty Cartwright, Joan McLain, Charlie Ochipa and Betty Burkam. They all did a great job fielding questions from the audience. We all came away with a great deal of information on how to grow our orchids better. Thanks to all of you for pitching in to help.

The object of our society is to promote interest in the culture and artistic use of orchids according to Article II of our by-laws. I would like to add that the purpose of our society should be to promote and maintain public and scientific interest in the research, development, preservation and distribution of orchids, both natural and hybrid, throughout the Tampa Bay area. The better we perfect our cultural practices the better chance we have to preserve species for future generations. TBOS member Jim Clanton recently donated more than 400 orchid plants to The Florida



Aquarium. When people begin the process of retiring and/or moving, their lifetime collections may suffer. Many times, family members might not have the interest or the time to care for an inherited collection and it is soon depleted. I believe that donating your collection to a botanical garden or a place such as The Aquarium, where they will be properly maintained, is a wise move. Thanks, Jim, and we know that many people from around the world will enjoy your orchids!

Hope to see you at the next meeting on Aug. 22.

July Expense Report

Income: \$445.70

Expenses: \$642.27

Checking Balance: \$5,229.55

Unpaid dues should be paid.



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fits of beautiful, colorful blooms. Feel free to bring in a plant that's giving you trouble, and troubleshoot with the instructor. (Please place infected orchids in plastic bags to prevent contaminating other plants.)

September 1

Introduction to Growing Orchids

Instructor: Martin Motes, owner, Motes Orchids, Homestead (e-mail vandas@mindspring.com). Orchid grower for 50-plus years and author of two books, including "Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month." Martin Motes will explain the special needs of orchids in Florida and discuss the different types to choose and grow. While covering basic cultural needs, he will cover pots and watering plus share his observations for growing orchids successfully.

September 8

Common-Sense Approach to Growing Orchids

Instructor: Dan Christensen, co-owner, Dan & Margie Orchids, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (e-mail damorchid@aol.com). Dan Christensen, an orchid grower for more than 20 years, will explain the cultural needs of vandas, cattleyas and oncidiums. He will also show how to divide specimens in need of repotting.

September 15

How to Grow Phalaenopsis

Instructor: Ron McHatton, PhD, AOS director of education and regional operations, AOS accredited judge. Come learn from this master grower how to flower the best phalaenopsis (moth orchids). Ron McHatton is well versed in knowing what's necessary to nurture plants into robust specimens that put forth dazzling floral displays.

September 22

Infectious Diseases and Noninfectious Diseases Commonly Found in Orchids

Instructor: Robert T. McMillan Jr., PhD, director of research and development, Kerrys, Homestead, Florida, with 42 years' experience in plant pathology (plant diseases and their control) and five years' practical orchid production experience dealing with orchid diseases. This class is designed to assist in the diagnosis of orchid diseases, whether in the field, laboratory or diagnostic clinic and to provide recommendations for their control. The class will cover infectious diseases caused by fungi, bacteria and viruses and noninfectious diseases caused by abiotic factors, such as moisture stress, temperature stress, pesticides, and mineral deficiencies and toxicities.

September 29

Orchids for Beginners

Instructor: Arlene Maguire, AOS accredited judge and project manager, Awards Quarterly, Palm Springs, Florida. This class is for gardeners and homeowners who have just bought or received their first orchid. Come learn about temperatures, light, fertilizer, watering and more so your plant will flower again.

Minutes from TBOS Meeting, July 19, 2007

Recorded by Geri Almand
Secretary

Tom Wolfe, TBOS president, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership Chair Vilma Rastom reported that 48 members had signed in. There were four new members and no guests.

FINANCIAL: Tom Smith, newly elected TBOS treasurer, gave a financial report. In June, society expenses totaled \$4,500. The only reported earnings were \$.60 interest, leaving a checking account balance of \$5,365.

Preliminary accounting suggests that TBOS lost approximately \$515 on the Spring Show and Sale. Some suggested that the financial loss was because of a decrease in paid admissions to the show, a considerable increase in rent for the facility from the previous year, and competition from other gardening events held in the Tampa Bay area during the same weekend.

EDUCATION: Joan McLain, education chair, introduced Jo Anne Hartzler, who gave a presentation of the TBOS field trip to Carter & Holmes Nursery in South Carolina that was held June 22-24. Her talk included a slideshow of people, places and lovely orchids. It was suggested that this outing become an annual event. In appreciation to Jo Anne Hartzler and Gary Krotz for all their work in planning and hosting the Carter & Holmes trip, Tom Wolfe presented them with a large, blooming Blc. Waianae Leopard 'CH.'

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AOS AND ORCHID DIGEST:

Tom and Carol Wolfe, no report
Tampa Orchid Club Liaison: Position remains open, with no one volunteering to assume this responsibility.

TBOS PROGRAM: Dory Gallagher reported that the scheduled speaker for tonight's meeting, Megan Wilkinson of Tom Ritter Orchids in Orlando, cancelled at the last minute. Unable to find a replacement speaker, Tom Ritter compensated TBOS by giving additional orchids for the raffle table.

SUNSHINE: Jeanelle Hires reported that a sympathy card was

sent to Jim Clanton on the recent loss of his wife, a sympathy card to Don and Betty Burkam on the recent loss of Don's mother, and get-well cards to both Richard Johnson and Margie Shelor.

DISTRIBUTION AND

EXCHANGE: Corinne Arnold reported that TBOS had received \$500 worth of orchids for tonight's raffle table for only \$150, due to the cancellation of the scheduled speaker for tonight's meeting.

PLANT SALES: Jose and Carolyn Llamas reminded members to make sure they put stickers on any orchids brought to the member's sales table. The sticker should include the price of the orchid and the initials of the seller. All sales are recorded in an official record, with TBOS receiving 10 percent of each sale.

HOSPITALITY: Gary Krotz, no report

CORRESPONDENCE: Tom reported that Margie Shelor had resigned from this position. Jim Brunton volunteered to assume this responsibility.

LIBRARY: Betty Burkam filled in for Robin Saunders, who was absent. Newsletter: Avril Wick was announced as the new newsletter editor for the upcoming year. As TBOS has not yet obtained a current membership list, there was concern that some members may not have gotten their newsletters this month. Tom Wolfe had copies available for those who wanted them. Publicity: Tom Wolfe announced that Anne Boldrick had resigned from this position. Ginny McKinney volunteered to assume this responsibility.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Gary Krotz, no report

DISPLAYS: Position remains open

WEB SITE: Jo Anne Hartzler announced that "something was in the works" and that members should check the Web site in about a week. Yearbook: Deborah LeMonde reported that work is in progress. At next month's meeting, sheets will be passed around to verify addresses and phone numbers of members.

HISTORIAN: Deborah LeMonde, no report

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Florida West Coast Orchid Society
Bob McKinney

Orchid Digest
Carol Wolfe

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FIELD TRIPS: Intrigue was generated as Jo Anne Hartzler hinted at an "outdoor" field trip in either October or November with another group, with the destination remaining a mystery. Interest has been expressed in a field trip to Miami in January for the 19th World Orchid Conference. Interested members were encouraged to view the WOC Web site and then e-mail Jo Anne with their preferences regarding dates and the number of days to stay. The trip will be planned around the preferences of the majority.

OLD BUSINESS: None was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Ogle shared information about a holiday market/open house sponsored by the Tampa Garden Club on Friday, Oct.

26, 2007. Invitations are being extended to all garden clubs in the area to set up booths and sell plants between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Tom Wolfe announced that the Ridge Orchid Society has invited TBOS to place a display in their show Sept. 14-16, 2007. Although interest was expressed and several members volunteered to help, no one volunteered to be responsible for the display. The discussion was tabled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tom Wolfe had copies of catalogs from Hatfield Orchids and from Carter & Holmes if anyone wanted them. He also had copies of the July 2007 TBOS Newsletter for members and guests who might want one.

Paul Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting and Bob McKinney seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

FIELD TRIP From Page 1

Mac Holmes was there to greet us and showed us into a brightly lit room glistening with orchids. There, he gave us his expert growing tips and answered questions ranging from watering and repotting to hybridizing. We then ventured off to the 18 greenhouses he had described, including the personal-stock house they opened just for us. The Draculas were incredible and the Psychopsis were humongous. The Paphs and Phrags were big, round and unique. The beauty was nearly overwhelming, but not so much that we couldn't add to our collections the Lycaste, Anguloa, Angrecum, Vandanopsis, Masdevallia, Cymbidium, Oncidium, Bulbophyllum, Pescatorea, Laelia, and Cattleya plus ferns, unique Oxalis, Begonias, Silaginella, Cotton Candy ferns,, Strawberry Begonias and Anthurium.

Around lunchtime, when we finally pulled ourselves away from the orchids,

we were given another lesson by Raye Holmes, who, with a lovely spread, taught us the difference between North and South Carolina barbeque and that Klondike bars come in four flavors, including my favorite, Cherry!

Checkout time came and we had a little unplanned competition about who "earned" the highest discount. When I thought the three boxes that Gary and I had gathered had to come in first, Mac informed us that we weren't even in the running, but perhaps came in at fourth or fifth. The good news was that we still had a 25 percent discount, quite a buy for a \$15 Paph for only \$11.25!

Our bus soon became a greenhouse with the extra seats and floor space taking on the appearance of Carter and Holmes nursery – just beautiful.

Our next stop was downtown Newberry. Some visited the Opera House where they were practicing for the Mrs. South Carolina pageant that was held there that evening. A few of us browsed antique shops while others visited the Japanese Gardens, which was somewhat overgrown but a happy home to

an uncommon bird, the Eastern Towhee.

Saturday night, our driver, Mel, taxied us to downtown Columbia where we checked out several local restaurants before meeting together again at the capital building for our Ghosts and Legends of Columbia tour as the sun set over the city.

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Around the historical buildings and through the cemeteries in the dark of the night, we heard the stories of those who inhabited the dormitories and other creaky floored buildings. Spotlights over the capital lit up common nighthawks in the sky as our tour leader asked, "Are there ghosts? Who really knows?"

On Sunday morning it was not apparent at the breakfast buffet that any of us had eaten during the two days prior, as nearly everyone made an appearance. We loaded the bus with luggage, homemade treats from several of our members, and our precious bounty of orchids. We all clapped and cheered as one of our smiley faced members finally appeared just a few minutes after departure time. Sleepy-eyed but ready, we were headed for Tampa.

Being able to walk around the bus and visit with each other

was a fun part of the return trip. While we checked out each other's orchids and played cards, others either slept or discussed special orchids.

The Georgia Peach stands called us as we stopped along the scenic route home. We bought honey, peaches and nuts as though we didn't have them at home.

Our return time was scheduled to be between 6 to 6:30 p.m., and at 6:15 we pulled into the lot with friends and relatives waiting to greet us, including those members who couldn't make the trip but had placed an orchid order that we happily picked up and delivered.

No, we didn't win the lottery but we all felt like we had really hit the jackpot!

Thank you, everyone, for being so appreciative and cooperative!

A special thanks to Scott Bagget, who last year made the suggestion for the trip and helped significantly with the itinerary.

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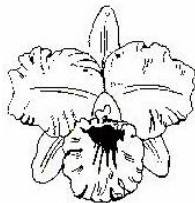
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Spring Show and Sale Ribbon & Trophy Winners

The following list includes the winners from the TBOS Spring Show and Sale.

Ribbon Winners

Member	Blue	Red	White
Corinne Arnold	1	2	1
Gerri Almand	1	2	1
Betty & Don Burkam	2	2	
Ida Evans	1	1	1
Jo Anne Hartzler/Gary Krotz	1	4	
Eileen & Julio Hector	1		
Richard Johnson		2	1
Deborah LeMonde	3	1	1
Virginia & Bob McKinney		1	1
Charlie Ochipa	2		2
Cathy Povolish	1		
Robin Saunders		1	1
Donna Sitton	6	4	3
Laurie Stoner		2	1
Tom Wolfe		1	

Trophy Winners

Byrd's Orchids: best cymbidium,
best seedling blooming for the first
time, best bulbophyllum

Cathy Povolish; best Florida
native

Donna Sitton: best phalaenop-
sis, best first-blooming seedling
phalaenopsis

EFG Orchids: best oncidium,
best species

Featherstone Orchids: best den-
drobium

Florida SunCoast Orchids: best
encyclia, best encyclia intergeneric

Jo Davis: best phaius or calanthe
Jo Anne Hartzler/Gary Krotz:

best jewel orchid

Krull Smith Orchids: best first-
bloom seedling cattleya, best
small cattleya, best yellow cattleya

Louis Del Favero: best paphiope-
dium

Orchid Babies LLC: best phrag-
mipedium

Phelps Farm: best specimen

Society Exhibits

Congratulations to the societies
who won best exhibits: first place,
Ridge Orchid Society; second
place, Sarasota Orchid Society.

AOS Awards

Cattleya intermedia forma rubra
'Miranda's Heart,' JD/AOS,
Francisco Miranda

Cattleya intermedia forma tipo
'Nancy Jane Losgar,' HCC/AOS,
Francisco Miranda

Oncidium sphacelatum

'Ursula,' AM/AOS, EFG Orchids

Paphiopedilum lowii 'Krull's
Hallelujah' FCC/AOS, Krull Smith
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