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Distribution and Exchange:

Corinne Arnold

Education Program: Joan McLain

Guest correspondence:

Jim Bruston

Historian: Deborah LeMonde

Hospitality: Gary Krotz

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Membership: Vilma Raston

Newsletter:

Carol Wolfe

Plant Sales:

Jose and Carolyn Llamas

Program: Dory Gallagher,

Publicity: Virginia (Ginny)

McKinney

Sunshine: Jeanelle Hires

Web Site: Jo Anne Hartzler

Yearbook: Deborah LeMonde

Florida West Coast: Bob McKinney



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Wolfe

First. I would like to thank the Seminole Heights United Methodist Church for allowing us to meet there at such a nominal fee.

Also, I thank Carole Bennett for standing in for Geri Almand as Secretary last month. It's great when there is cooperation among the membership.

This is the month of our annual meeting which means we elect a new slate of officers and two new directors. The nominating committee will present the slate and I will take nominations from the floor. If you wish to nominate from the floor, be sure that you contact the person you wish to nominate before the meeting to make sure that they will accept the nomination and understand the responsibility of that office if elected. If in question, consult the by-laws in the yearbook for a job description for each office.

Please be generous with bringing plants for auction and also be generous with your bidding. It is for a good cause—The Tampa Bay Orchid Society. This is the societies biggest fund raiser so consider your bid a donation to the society.

See you at the meeting, Tom

What: **TBOS ANNUAL MEETING & FUNDRAISER**

When: Thursday, May 15, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Presentation and Election of Officers

Please bring your beautiful orchids
as a donation to Tampa Bay Orchid Society

Where: Meeting & Auction to be held at
Seminole Heights United Methodist Church
at the corner of Central Avenue and Hanna Avenue.

TBOS Minutes

April 17, 2008

Recorded by Carole Bennett
in absence of Gerri Almand, Secretary

Tom Wolfe, President, called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M. The minutes from the March 30 meeting as published in the March Newsletter were corrected by Corinne Arnold. The March raffle plants were from Orchid Babies, not Orchid Island Nursery.

Membership: Vilma Rastom reported that fifty-two members and five guests signed in this evening.

Treasurer: Tom Smith reported that TBOS's expenses in February were \$ 10,923.96 and income was \$9,574.89, resulting in a loss of \$1,349.07 for the month.

Education: Lamar Mitchell gave a brief discussion of repotting orchids. He showed plants in varying need of repotting. Lamar repots bifoliate in March and April, but other plants can be planted year-round. Lamar mentioned using cinnamon powder for bugs and bacteria deterrent. Another member recommended not putting cinnamon on WET plants or into the crown of Vandas. Keep cutting tools sterilized.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AOS and Orchid Digest: No report
Florida West Coast Orchid Society:

Bob McKinney reported that the annual auction of the Florida West Coast Orchid Society will take place the weekend of April 19-20 in Largo. Mark Jones will be the speaker for the next meeting. Mark's topic will be Judging Orchids.

TBOS Program: Dory Gallagher thanked Bill Thoms

and Doris Dukes for providing the video equipment for this evening's program. Next month is our annual auction. The following month will be the installation dinner.

Sunshine: A card was sent to Joan McLain who had been ill.

Distribution and Exchange: Corrine Arnold announced that tonight's raffle plants were provided by B & D Orchids. (continued Page 3)



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Plant Sales: Jose and Carolyn Lamas are both ill and have been hospitalized. Joan McLain reported that there were a lot of people at the USF sale, but sales were down this year.

Hospitality: Gary Krotz thanked people for bringing food and requested that we all clean up after ourselves. There is no janitor at this facility.

Correspondence: Jim Brunton reported that there was no correspondence this month.

Library: Robin Saunders showed storage cabinet with books available for check out. She also showed this month's magazine from the American Orchid Society.

Newsletter: No report.

Publicity: Ginny McKinney reported that she sent out all the regular announcements to local newspapers.

Community Service: The Pogonia native terrestrial orchid project is going fine. Members will be going out the next week to look for plants and document where they are growing.

Displays: No report

Website: Jo Anne Hartzler reported that the website is doing fine. She also mentioned that a number of visitors to our orchid show brought copies from our website. This indicates that the site is reaching the public. Jo Anne mentioned that many visitors also came with printed copies of the emails we had sent to our friends announcing the show. Electronic media is successful.

Yearbook: The Yearbook was available for distribution at tonight's meeting again for anyone who had not received it yet.

Historian: No report

Field Trip: Ginny McKinney reported that the Florid West Coast Orchid Society is having a field trip to Chapman's and Krull Smith Orchids May 3. Cost for FWCOS members is \$25. Non-members need to pay \$30. Fliers were available about the trip.

Jo Anne Hartzler announced that TBOS will have a field trip at the end of June. She only revealed that the trip is heading north toward Atlanta and it would also involve sight seeing. It will be a nice surprise.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – Dory Gallagher announced we needed to select four members from the floor to be on the Nominating Com-

mittee. Jim Brunton, Kathy Cox, Patty Cartwright, Jeanne Dyer, Jeanelle Hires and Julio Hector were nominated.

Jim Brunton, Kathy Cox, Jeanne Dyer and Jeanelle Hires were elected by written ballot.

NEW BUSINESS: None..

The meeting was adjourned 8:10 P.M., with Charlie Ochipa moving and Bob McKinney seconding the motion.

After the business meeting Dory Gallagher introduced Gary Carr, our speaker. Mr. Carr is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge and has been growing orchids for twenty-five years. He presented an interesting program on the Catasetinae sub-tribe which includes Catasetums, Cycnoches, Mormodes and Dressleras. He illustrated the different appearance of male and female flowers on these plants. He also demonstrated the differing inflorescence shapes among these genera. Some species have inflorescences from the upper nodes of the bulbs while other genera have flower stems from the base of the bulbs. Even the general shape of the flower spikes differ from one genus to another. He concluded with an explanation of the four basic culture requirements for these orchids which require a dormant period.

After refreshments Patty Cartwright and Nancy Losgar showed the plants on the bloom table. Vilma Raston won the Novice award. (No plant name was given.)

Betty Burke won the members choice award for BLC Orchid Glades "Happy Face".

Rainforest Orchid Fantasy TBOS Show Member Recognition By Jeanelle Hires

As a recap of our orchid show, Jo Anne Hartzler, our show chair, recognized every member who worked at the show, sponsored a trophy, clerked or helped in many areas of the show with a summary of each person's accomplishments by having them receive their choice from a table full of orchids and orchid related items donated in appreciation by our show vendors.

Susan Ogle, Gary Krotz, Jeanne Dyer, and Tom Smith were recognized as some of the many members who helped in numerous areas of the show before the doors opened as well as throughout the event making it a wonderful success. Members who were present at the meeting picked out plants for those who had helped with the show but who could not be present at the meeting.

In addition to their picks from the table, Susan Ogle received special thanks from JoAnne who personally presented her a sugar orchid from the World Orchid Conference for all of her sweet attention to the kitchen and the orchid booth. Jeanne Dyer had several visits to her home



(Photos by Jim Tear)

from JoAnne picking up and dropping off items prior to the show so Jeanne also received a home orchid spray, a reminder of her hard work and Julia Harding, our Botani-wipe Queen, received an apron customized with the Botani-wipes logo for her dedication to that booth.

Thank you to JoAnne Hartzler and all of our members and their families for your hard work and dedication to our society's annual show.

TBOS Celebrates Earth Day with Wild and Native Orchids of Florida

In order to inform the community about our society's efforts to conserve our native orchids in Florida, we celebrated Earth Day with a display of our Florida Native orchids.

As part of our community project, we were asked by Nature's Classroom in Northeast Hillsborough County to participate in their Earth Day celebration. Jeanne Dyer and Jo Anne Hartzler worked on a display showing orchids one might find in the wild in Hillsborough County. Jeanne made a trifold display with pictures and details of the orchids that everyone who came through the event had a chance to see. We also had live plants of *Habania repens*, *Cyrtopodium punctatum*, *Prosthechea cochleata*, *Encyclia tampensis*, *Sacoila lanceolata*, and *Epidendrum nocturnum*.

Four of us, Susan Ogle, Jeanne Dyer, Jo Anne Hartzler and I divided the staffing of our booth at the two day event over the Earth day weekend. We gave out bookmarks designed by Jeanne Dyer with pictures of the *Prosthechea cochleata*, *Encyclia tampensis*, *Dendrophylax lindenii*, *Sacoila lanceolata* and the naturalized *Zeuxine strateuimatica*. Each also



had a picture of the *Pogonia* on the back with a reminder to contact our society if anyone sees the *Pogonia* orchid in our area.

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Gary Krotz, Community Service
Pictures by Gary Krotz

Community Service-Pogonia Project Update Gary Krotz, Community Service Chair

The Pogonia project is in full swing with the first of what we hope may be many finds of Pogonias. Five members met Jyotsna Sharma of the University of Florida to record data relating to the first Pogonia find in Hillsborough County since at least 1984! We counted nine tracts of orchids with each group of Pogonias showing double flowered spikes rather than the more common single ones. Each flower was

measured for its width and height and we also noted the height of the entire plant.

In the same habitat where the Pogonias were found were pitcher plants of *Sarracenia*, *Drosera* and *Pinguicula* accompanied by another orchid the *Calopogon* orchid.

Those helping were Jeanne Dyer, Jo Anne Hartzler, Tom Smith, Gary Krotz, Stephen Dickman and Carole Bennett.

As the study continues, the society will monitor these plants to determine their seed production. For additional finds in the county, we'll need groups of five or six members to collect data and monitor the sites so be on the lookout for this elusive orchid!

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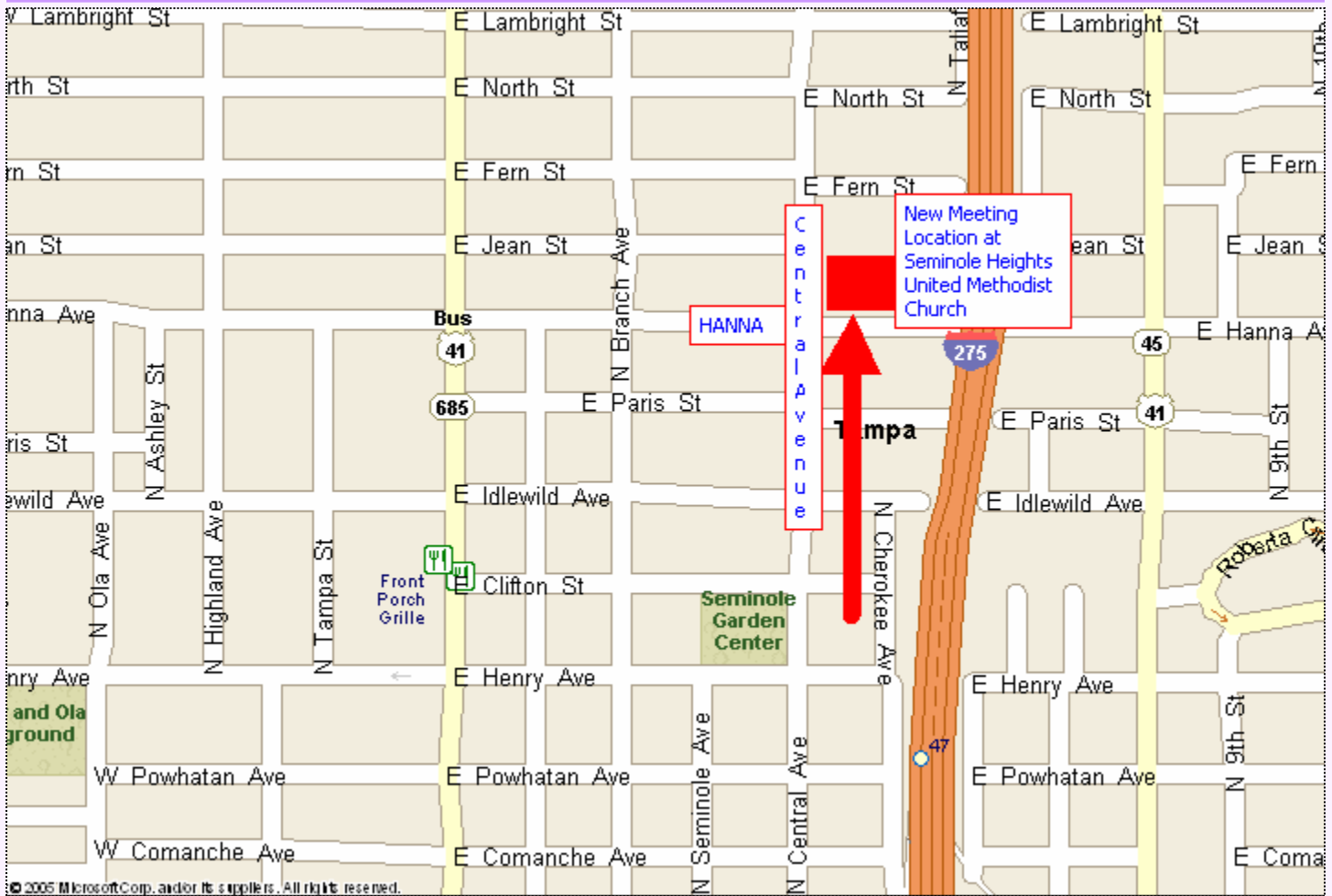
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