

TBOS NEWS

The Newsletter for the Tampa Bay Orchid Society ♦ October 2007, Vol. 26, No. 10



Calendar

Speakers

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 the 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 chair 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: Tentatively scheduled Dr. Martin Motes of Motes Orchids

Events

Judging:

Florida North Central Judging Center
Tampa, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Garden Center
2629 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa, FL

FNCJC Orlando, Nov. 10, 4:30 p.m.
Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs
350 S. North Lake Blvd.
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Oct. 19-21

AOS Fall Members Meeting & Symposium,
American Orchid Society Visitors Center and
Botanical Gardens, 16700 AOS Lane
Delray Beach Contact: Carol Holdren
(561) 734-3026, cjholdren@gmail.com
www.aosfall2007.com

Shows

Oct. 20-21

Gainesville Orchid Society Show, Savannah
Grande, 301 N. Main St., Gainesville, FL.
Contact: Joan MacLeod, 4411 NW 15th Pl.
Gainesville, FL 32605; (352) 375-6744
nmacleod2@aol.com.

Hague tackles problematic potting issues during September meeting

By Avril Wick
Editor

September's meeting featured an entertaining and informative presentation by Robert Hague, owner of Venice Orchids. Robert is obviously a caretaker. When he isn't taking care of orchids or his family, he's taking care of people as a physical therapist.

In addition to orchids, Robert sells trees, cactus, succulents and bromeliads. He recently built a second greenhouse on his property, where Fender's Flora and a palm-tree vendor have opened shop.

As Robert began his talk, while cutting and dividing a massive cattleya, he offered tips and suggestions for difficult repotting. Among the top tips: Don't sterilize your hands with a propane torch. Here are the rest:

- Sterilize hands with alcohol-based gels; sterilize tools with a propane torch.
- To avoid rotting backbulbs, mount plants. Do not mix different seasonal bloomers on mounts. Driftwood is good,



Robert Hague, owner of Venice Orchids, demonstrates how to divide a large cattleya.

but baskets are the next step up.

- Pots are good for divided plants.
- Use net pots turned upside-down inside of pots to prevent center of plant from rotting.
- Mounting plants is good when they grow sideways.
- To grow specimen plants, using fungus control is a must.

Make plans to jump on the 19th WOC Tour Bus

By Scott Baggett

Here are the details to date for the TBOS field trip to the 19th World Orchid Conference slated

- Leave on Wednesday, Jan. 23, by 9:30 a.m. and travel to Homestead Studio Suites (parking to be determined)
- Stay Wednesday, Jan. 23, and Thursday, Jan. 24.
- Check out on Friday, Jan. 25, and travel to Tamiami International Orchid Festival.
- Bus trip: \$90 (we can start taking payments in October)



- Hotel room: \$124.37 (includes taxes)
- Each person must notify Homestead Studio Suites by one of two ways.
1) Preferred: e-mail reservations to Gail Gabbidon at ggabbidon@extended-stay.com

- 2) Call Gail Gabbidon at 305-436-1811
Please provide the following: dates (Jan. 23 & 24), address, and credit card info. Also they must identify themselves by **Tampa Bay Orchid Society** and group number 35350 through 35363. According to Gail, it is more important to let her know we are a part of the Tampa Bay Orchid Society than having those numbers.
- Only Tampa Bay Orchid Society members may sign up through Dec. 1, after that date the trip will be opened up to other orchid societies.

For more information or questions, please call Scott Baggett at 932-7411.

Shows Continued

Nov. 2-4

Tampa Orchid Club, U.S.F. Botanical Gardens, 4202 E. Fowler, Tampa, FL.
Contact: Doris Cook, 3205 Laurel Dale Dr. Tampa, FL 33618-1032; (813) 963-7454
doris32@tampabay.rr.com

AOS Classes:

The following classes are held at the American Orchid Society, Visitors Center And Botanical Garden, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, Florida. Cost is \$25 for AOS members and \$35 for non-members. For more information or to register, contact Tara Williams at 561-404-2011, fax 561-404-2034 or e-mail: twilliams@aos.org

October 20

How to Grow Vandas

Instructor: Vic Fowler, owner, The Orchid Peddler, Lake Worth, Florida (www.theorchidpeddler.com) Vandas are excellent plants to cultivate and admire in South Florida, where they bloom their heads off when grown in a pool cage or placed in the garden. Vic will explain their cultural needs and show how to repot these dazzling orchids.

October 27

All About Cattleyas

Instructor: Axel Cahiz, owner, Amazonia Orchids, Inc., Homestead, Florida (sales@amazoniaorchids.com). Cattleyas have been called the queens of the orchids. With their bold colors and classic shapes, these flowers have captivated imaginations of growers, artists and writers for decades. Join Amazonia Orchids owner Axel as he discusses the care of cattleyas.

November 3

Orchid Basics for Beginners – Part 1 (limit: 20 people)

Instructor: Barry Reese, owner, Eclectic Orchids of Ft. Lauderdale, orchid farm in Hawaii and orchid grower for 33 years. If you want to learn about Cattleya, Encyclia, Dendrobium, Phalaenopsis and Vanda species and hybrids, sign up for this class. Barry will share tips and demonstrate how to repot and mount orchids, two tasks that are especially important.

November 17

Ikebana (Flowers Kept Alive) with Orchids for the Holidays (limit: 20 people)

Instructor: Brenda Kassel, curator of American Orchid Society orchid collection, orchid grower and floral designer for 20 years (kasselorchid@yahoo.com). Ikebana is an ancient Buddhist technique of Japanese flower arranging representing heaven, earth, man and the beauty of nature. Join Brenda as she instructs students how to incorporate orchids into ikebana flower design. Please bring either a moribana (shallow) vase or a nageire (tall) vase in which to work. If you have a favorite orchid bloom that you would like to use in your arrangement, please bring that as well.

November 24

Orchid ABCs (limit: 20 people)

Instructor: Dot Henley, avid orchid grower since 1976, editor of the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society newsletter. Beginner orchidists will want to join Dot, a dedicated teacher whose passion for orchids is truly contagious, to learn basic orchid growing tips and techniques. Dot will discuss how to nurture your orchids to keep them healthy, strong and beautiful. Remember to bring questions.

Minutes from TBOS Meeting, Sept. 20, 2007

Recorded by Gerri Almand
Secretary

Dory Gallagher, Second Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. in Tom Wolfe's (President) absence. The minutes from the Aug. 16, 2007, meeting were accepted and approved as read. There was a request from the floor for the reading of the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting, which had been held on Sept. 7, 2007. Copies of these meetings were distributed for member review, with the qualification by the secretary, Gerri Almand, that the minutes were a draft and had not been accepted and approved by the Executive Committee.

MEMBERSHIP: Forty-four members and 12 guests signed in. The guests were introduced and welcomed.

TREASURER: Tom Smith, treasurer, announced that revenues for August 2007 were \$214.59, coming from membership dues (\$60.00), the raffle table (\$154.00), and interest income (\$.59). Expenses for August 2007 were \$415.09 (checking service fee, hospitality, membership, newsletter, office supplies, and program), resulting in a negative income of \$200.50. Tom announced the current assets of TBOS to be \$28,362.45, which included the checking account and three CDs.

EDUCATION:

Joan McLain introduced Jay Sespico, who gave a very entertaining and informative program on whether the hobbyist should

focus on collecting clones or seedlings. Jay stressed, "Long-term purposes overcome short-term failures." With clones one can be assured of good flower quality, whereas with seedlings it is a roll of the genetic dice. In shopping for clones, Jay recommended shopping around, as not all clones are created equal. Seedlings, though more difficult to grow, hold promise for producing exciting new flowers. Members cringed as Jay suggested that seedlings not producing "good" flowers be thrown out. Jay

"worked" his audience well, with many laughs as well as intakes of breath as people caught on to what he was saying in terms of how one might want to build an orchid collection of quality plants.

Committee Reports

AOS AND ORCHID DIGEST: No report.

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September Finances

Income: \$360.01

Expenses: \$1,073.23

Checking Balance:

\$6,860.94

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MINUTES From Page 2

FLORIDA WEST COAST ORCHID SOCIETY: Bob McKinney announced that Jim Clarkson would be the speaker at the next meeting. Flyers were available with information about the Florida West Coast Orchid Society "Fall into Orchids" Show and Sale on Oct. 5-7, 2007, at the Honeywell MINNREG Hall in Largo.

TBOS PROGRAM: Dory Gallagher announced that that the speaker for Oct. 18, 2007, would be Ken Roberts, who would talk about the process of becoming an AOS judge.

SUNSHINE: Jeanette Hires announced that there had been no requests for cards, so it was assumed that everyone had been healthy.

DISTRIBUTION & EXCHANGE: Corrine Arnold announced that plants on the raffle table tonight came from Palmer's Nursery. Corrine also reported that two of our vendors are having sales in the near future: Florida Native Orchids on Oct. 21, 2007, and Louis Del Favero on Oct. 27-28, 2007.

PLANT SALES: Carolyn Llamas announced that there were many plants for sale on the member's table.

HOSPITALITY: Gary Krotz thanked members for the food brought in for tonight's break.

CORRESPONDENCE: Jim Brunton was absent but had sent word that a thank-you card had been sent to last month's speaker.

LIBRARY: No report.

NEWSLETTER: Avril Wick announced that there was a "naming contest" for the TBOS Newsletter. Submissions should be submitted to either Avril or Tom Wolfe by Sept. 30, 2007.

PUBLICITY: Ginny McKinney announced that notices had been submitted to the usual publications. Some of tonight's visitors had learned of the meeting through these notices.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Gary Krotz announced that several things were "in the works" but not definite yet.

DISPLAYS: Patty Cartwright reported on the set-up of the Ridge Orchid Society Show that was held in Lakeland on Sept. 24-26, 2007. Thanking all the members who helped out in both the set-up and the breakdown, Patty reported that TBOS had won third place and received a \$50.00 award. Members applauded Patty for taking the leadership in this successful endeavor.

WEB SITE: Jo Anne Hartzler reported on the Website. Pat Clauser volunteered to assist in making monthly

changes to keep the Website up-to-date.

YEARBOOK: No report.

HISTORIAN: No report.

FIELD TRIPS: Scott Baggett announced that the society had been unanimous in electing at the August meeting to leave on Wed., Jan 23, 2008 and return on Friday, Jan. 25, 2008 for a field trip to the 19th World Orchid Conference in Miami. More information will be forthcoming. A sign-up sheet was passed around for members wishing to participate.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Jo Anne Hartzler announced that a contract has been signed with the Bayanihan Arts Center for our Spring Show and Sale on March 7-9, 2008. Setup will be March 6. Jo Anne indicated that the goal would be to "offer more to the public" this year. Members were encouraged to begin to think creatively about the show.

The proposed budget for TBOS for the 2007-08 year was introduced. After discussion, a motion was made by Paul Mitchell and seconded by Bob McKinney to table any decision regarding the budget until members could be provided information in writing.

Dory reported that the board recommended that the membership dues for TBOS be increased for the upcoming year, effective Jan. 1, 2008, from \$15.00 to \$20.00 for a single membership and from \$22.50 to \$30.00 for a family membership. There was considerable opposition from the floor, with questions raised as to why the board would want to raise membership dues when TBOS had so much money in CDs. The question was raised regarding our tax status and whether we were really a nonprofit organization. After discussion, it was moved by Paul Mitchell and seconded by Bob McKinney that this motion be tabled until next month.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Hospitality News

Hi, everyone. We would like to thank our members who have contributed food to the buffet table at our meetings. For our new members, hospitality has a plant raffle for everyone who brings in a dish, dessert, etc. So bring in your favorite dish and share it with the members.

Thank you,
Susan & Gary



Dory Gallagher, TBOS
2nd vice-president, won
the September Member's
Choice award for her
Paph. godfroyae x Paph.
Conco-bellatulum.



September Bloom Table

Dory and Ric Gallagher: Paph.
godfroyae x Paph. Conco-bel-
latulum

Jo Anne Hartzler: Jacqueline
Thomas x (halawa Beauty x
Passionate Pink)

Ginny & Bob McKinney: Lctna.
Mary Kimi 'Lakeland'; Den.
Anna x Den. Sakura; Doritis
Pulcherrima 'Fangtastic'
AM/AOS x 'Monte Vista'
HCC/AOS

Joan McLain: Den. Kuniko

Lamar Mitchell: C. Chocolate
Drop; C. loddigesii coerulea
'Blue Sky' x C. Dupreana
coerulea 'Heritage'; Ctna.
Jamaica Red x Lc. Orange
Nugget

Paul Mitchell: Yam. Leone

Everett 'Isle of Venice' (Blc.
Toshie Aoki x Enc. tampense);
Pot. King's Jewels

Robin Saunders: Pys.
Mendenhall 'Green Valley';
Oeceoclades maculata;
Pholidata imbricata; Slc. Love
Castle

Tiffanie: Angraecum leonis; Lc.
Loog Tone 'Yellow'; Dtps. Fire
Cracker 'Blue Martini'

*Friendly reminder: When fill-
ing out your bloom table
entries, please include your
first and last name and dou-
ble-check the spelling of your
orchid. Please print clearly,
too. This will take the mystery
out of transcribing the entries
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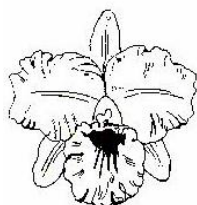
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