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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 7 to 18-Florida State Fair

February 21, 3008 TBOS Meeting

June Hill Speaker

March 5-8 TBOS Annual Show &

Sale, Bayanihan Arts &

Events Center

March 20, 2008 TBOS Meeting &

Moving Party

April 12 & 13

USF Sale

April 17 1st TBOS Meeting at

Seminole United Methodist

Church

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By the time you read this, the Florida State Fair, "Always in February and Always

in Tampa", will be in full swing There is still time to enjoy the fair as it will run from February 7 through February 18. Visit the Family Living Building to see TBOS's Orchid Display. Thanks to Patty Cartwright for being in charge of the display. The Club will earn \$250 for putting a display in the fair and up to another \$250 if it wins First Place.

Our thanks to Jyotsna Sharma for her unusual and informative program on Pogonias. It is interesting to know that the same species of orchid can survive and grow in two such diverse climates. We look forward to hearing about more results from our members that will be participating in the seed program.

Our own TBOS Annual Show & Sale, "Rainforest Orchid Fantasy" will be held at the Bayanihan Arts & Events Center, March 5 - 8, 2008. We will need a lot of help with the show; so, if you are asked to chair a committee or assist in anyway, please jump in and do your part to help us make this a great

The USF Spring Sale will be held the 2nd week of April. Set up will be Friday, April 11 and sales will be Saturday & Sunday, April 12 - 13, 2008. Plan to bring your orchids for sale; earn some money for you and the club.

The February provider of the raffle plants will be Phelps Farm Orchids, Inc. Our thanks for this generous provision to TBOS.

Our March meeting will be the last meeting held at the Seminole Garden Center due to renovations of the Center. Our thanks to Janelle Hires who contacted the Seminole United Methodist Church which is a few blocks north of the our present meeting place on Central Avenue. They have a fellowship hall and kitchen that they will allow us to use at a nominal fee. We feel this will be the best place to meet and will be easier to find since it is in the same vicinity of our present location.

Our first meeting there will be the 3rd Thursday: April 17, 2008. We must move our library and kitchen out of the Center during remodeling. We are going to rent a temperature controlled storage space for our materials. The Gallagers have suggested that we hold a moving party at the March meeting in lieu of a program. Please bring sturdy boxes suitable for moving books.

We have a great February meeting with June Hill. Whatever you do, don't miss this exciting Program! See you at the meeting.

Tom Wolfe, President



June Hill of Hill's Raingreen Tropicals

NEXT TBOS MEETING:

FEBRUARY 21, 2008

**SPEAKER: JUNE HILL
OF HILL'S RAINGREEN TROPICALS**

LITHIA, FLORIDA

We are delighted and privileged to have June Hill present our February program on "Paphiopedilum, Species and Hybrids".

I first met June at some of the Slipper Symposiums in Orlando and was immediately impressed with the quality of Paphs. she had for sale. She is an excellent grower and hybridizer. She is rapidly becoming one of Florida's most noted orchid growers and hybridizers.

June and her husband, Herb, are the owners of Hill's Raingreen Tropicals in Lithia, Florida. Herb is an internationally known bromeliad grower and hybridizer. She credits her husband as being the biggest influence in getting her started with hybridizing.

June first became interested in orchids in 1993 when she started caring for her husband, Herb's, collection. She said they began buying small plug size plants to bloom and have available for their customers that were purchasing bromeliads from them. It grew from there and has now become an important part of their business.

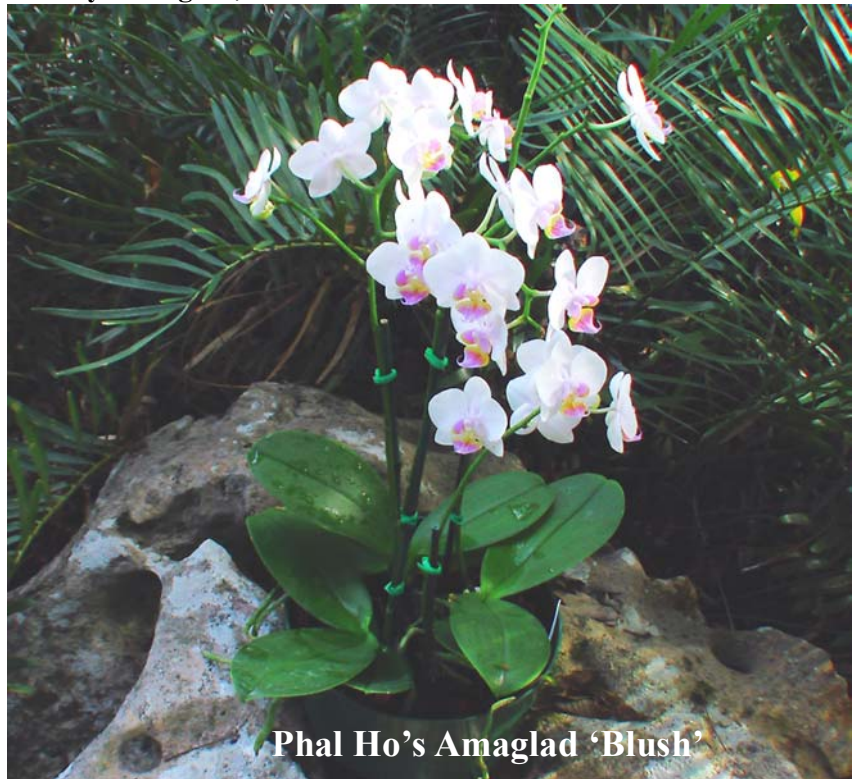
Many of our members had an opportunity to get to know June when she went on our bus tour to Carter and Holmes Nursery in South Carolina last summer. It was a great opportunity to get to know her when we were not buying orchids!

Be sure and attend this meeting for a look at June's new Paphiopedilum Hybrids.

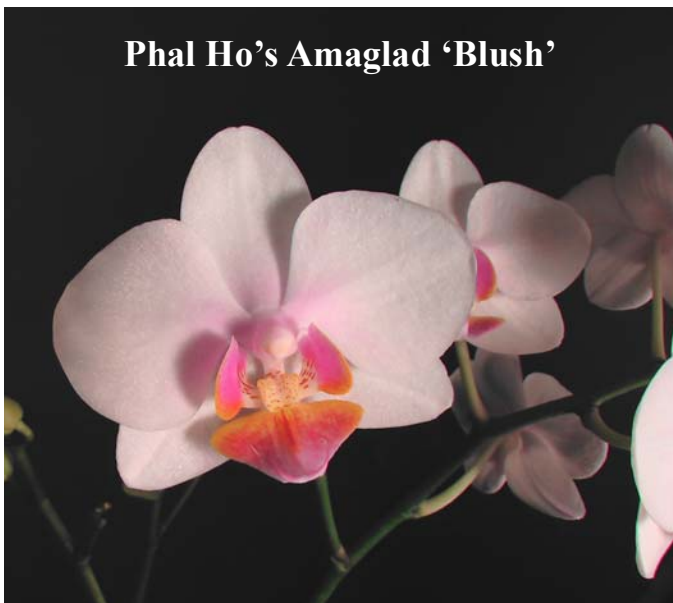
June will be bringing plants for sale so there will be no membership sales this month.

I know everyone will enjoy her speaking to us on Paphs.

Dory Gallagher, 2nd Vice President



Phal Ho's Amaglad 'Blush'



Phal Ho's Amaglad 'Blush'

Pictures: Carol Wolfe who was fortunate to have these beautiful hybrids made by June Hill.



Phal Oriental Love 'Red Lantern' x Brother Sara 'Gold Peach'



TROPHIES

Dory Gallagher

Just want to remind everyone that the Feb. meeting is the deadline to pay for the trophies as I have to send the money in to pay the balance so we will receive them on time. We still have about five less sponsors than we have had in the past, so if you are interested in being a sponsor please let me know. You can call me at 813-907-7025, email to rgallagher1@tampabay.rr.com.

You can mail your check to me at 7604 Thunderhead St., Wesley Chapel, 33544 or give it to me at the Feb. meeting.

Thanks for all your support and participation to make this a wonderful show.

SARASOTA SHOW

Dory Gallagher, Second Vice President

As most of you know by now our display at the Sarasota Show was a success and we placed 3rd among the societies. The display was beautiful and lots of our members got ribbons. No project like this is ever possible without great volunteers and working together as a team. I want to thank all of the members who gave generously of their time and effort. Thanks to Susan Ogle, Joan McLain, Corrine Arnold and Bob and Ginny McKinney for allowing members to drop off plants at their homes. To Tom Wolfe for collecting the needed items from the shed, taking them to Sarasota and then taking them back. Thanks also to Cathy Polovich for helping him pick out the items and also to her for the great job she has done with re-packing, organizing the shed and labeling everything so it is easy to find. We need to make sure we keep it as neat and organized as it is now. Eileen Hector was in charge of the labels and collected all the supplies and

picked out the most pleasing color combinations. Gerri Almand's great penmanship ensured that the labels were awesome. Eileen was also in charge of the beautiful sign that she designed and framed for the display. It was the icing on the cake! She and Julio also were a big help with breakdown. Jo Anne Hartzler brought down plants and our background greenery and she and Ric Gallagher spent a number of hours and made the registration process go smoothly. Jo Anne also loaned us the beautiful globe mugs that were focal points in display. Corrine Arnold came and pitched in where ever asked, as did Jeanelle Hires who also took pictures and took them to Jo Anne's to have them put on the computer, and also helped with breakdown. A big thanks to Jay Sespico who gave me lots of pre-show suggestions, designed the outline of the display and then was invaluable with the construction and coordination of the display. Everyone joined in at the end to put in the finishing touches.

Of course you cannot put in a display without plants, and a big thanks to all who loaned us their babies. If I have forgotten anyone I apologize. The following is a list of the ribbon winners and their plants:

Scott and Jeanne Baggett: 1 red for Den. Burana Sunshine, 1 blue for Blc. Chia Lin 'New City' AM/AOS, 1 yellow for Blc Orlade's Charm X Blc Goldenzelle
Julio and Eileen Hector: 1 yellow for Paph. A-doribil Niverich
Jeanelle Hires: 1 red for Den. Red Emperor 'Prince', 1 blue for Lc Gila Wilderness 'Takara'
Joan McLain: 1 Blue for Ascoc. Irene Dobkin 'Elmhurst', 1 red for B. Little Stars, 1 blue for Den. Mini Stripe
Jeanne Dyer: 1 blue for Paph. Fair Jewel, 1 blue for Paph. Hampshire Zoo
Gerri Almand: 1 yellow for Enc. cochleata, 1 yellow for Slc Firelight X Pot. Frank Smith, 1 red for Bl. Richard Mueller 'Newberry' X Epi. coropseum HCC/AOS, 1 yellow for Hknsa. Sogo Doll 'Little

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Jeanelle Hires



Angel' AM/AOS

Susan Ogle: 1 blue for V. Pachara Delight

Jo Anne Hartzler and Gary Krotz: 1 blue for Epi. Star Valley

Avril Wick: 1 red for Phal Violet King X Phal. violacea var. martoniaca, 1 red for Phal. fasciata

Dory and Ric Gallagher: 1 blue for Blc. Mt. Hood

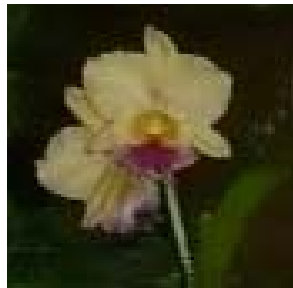
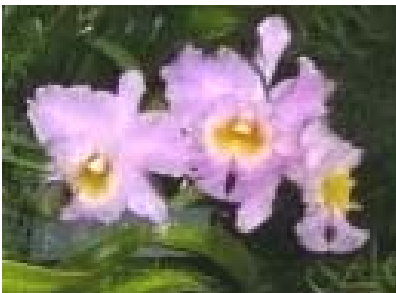
'Mary' AM/ AOS, 1 red for Ascda. Crown fox

Golden Dawn, 1 red for Paph. MaBell, 1 red for a

2nd Blc. Mt. Hood 'Mary', 1 yellow for Blc. Mt.

Hood 'Orchidglade', 1 blue for Den. Bangkok

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One, Two, Three!

It's Almost Show Time! "Rainforest Orchid Fantasy"

ONE: Let's Get Ready!

Mark your calendars for March 7, 8, 9, 2008 for our "Rainforest Orchid Fantasy" show being held again at the Bayanihan Arts and Events Center at Racetrack Road and Nine Eagles Drive.

Not only is this show for the public and for us to increase their interest and knowledge in orchids but this show is for YOU! What a great time to be able to have fun with other members while you show off our best orchids.

In case you haven't decided what you would like to do at the show, here is a list of fun options.

Admissions: Greet everyone at the front door while taking admission. (\$4 for non-TampaBayOrchidSociety members). Pass out flyers to let everyone know where they can find Paphs or Cattleyas, supplies or a beverage, or the beautiful displays that will be there.

Book Sales: Relax at a table where we'll be selling several books from the American Orchid Society plus make recommendations to those who want to know which book might be best for them. You'll get questions about everything at this location. (Two locations at the show.)

Membership Table: Explain the benefits



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to TBOS membership to visitors who have never been to our meetings or read our newsletter. Invite them to our meeting or to get a 15 month membership for the price of 12 months. (People who join at the show get in free.)

Food Concession: Quench someone's thirst with a soda or water or satisfy their hunger with popcorn. This spot will involve some standing.

Parking: Be the first to greet those eager visitors to the show and help them into a free parking spot. This is a very important job to keep cars organized and get the best use of the parking area.

Entries, registration and placement: This is a job for Thursday, March 6 from 10 to 4 and/or Friday March 7, from 10 to 2PM. If you are familiar with plant names and good with a computer, this may be a place for you. Placement involves organizing those plants that will go on individual tables rather than in the displays.

Clerking: Friday night will be judging and the teams of judges need members to help find each plant they will be judging, record the results, and place ribbons on the appropriate plants. This is a job that keeps you where the action is on Friday night at 6:00 PM. These slots fill up quickly so if you want to clerk again please let us know soon.

Potting shed: A lot of people buy bare root plants that they wanted potted or bring in their overgrown plants to be repotted. You can help this team to show people how to repot their plants on the spot. This is a hands on job and one that is greatly appreciated by the public.

Holding Area: We'll have an area at the show for people to store their purchases while they enjoy continued shopping or go to a lecture

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OBITUARY – RUBY ELLIS



I am sad to report that former TBOS member, Ruby Evelyn Ellis, passed away recently at the age of 98. Some of our members will remember Ruby as our TBOS Sunshine Chairman for a good part of the '80s. What a great deal of fun Miss Ruby always was.

Ruby was living in Hiawassee, Georgia when she passed away on January 16th. In addition to being a member of TBOS, she was a charter member of the Tampa Orchid Club.

A memorial service was held on Friday Feb 1st. 2008, at the Tampa Baptist Church. Interment followed at the First Baptist Church of Dover Cemetery, Dover FL. The Family Guestbook may be signed online at: http://www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Obit11/obituary11.htm#RUBY_EVELYN_ELLIS

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or have a soda. This is a fun area because it's free for the public and you can see all of the purchases.

Hospitality: Sign up to bring your favorite dish for Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday for the show workers (you) and vendors to have lunch. You have all been great in the past about making sure everyone has enough to eat! Contact Gary at (813)240-8864.

Set Up and Tear Down: Every show requires preparation not only with all of the ground work to be done but also on site. On March 5th and 6th, we'll need to help tape down plastic on the carpet where displays and vendor booths will go plus put up the final set up for the sales tables, food areas, entered plant tables, stage, etc. On Sunday March 9 at 4:00, we'll need to clear out and clean up so that's a great way to help too.

Orchid Doctor: Answer questions from the public about their orchids or about TBOS. Give a talk on something you love about orchids

To help schedule your time, you might think about the areas you can work the following shifts.

Friday, March 7, : 19:30-1:00, 12:30-3:30, 3:00-5:30,

Saturday, March 8: 8:30-12:00, 11:30-2:30, 2:00-5:00

Sunday, March 9: 9:30-1:00, 12:30-4:00.

Prior to the show, you can pass out flyers to your neighbors or post them at the stores you frequent. You'll be doing a favor because they



will thank you for letting them know about such a fun show!

TWO: Enter your Orchids

If you love your orchids, let everyone enjoy them too by bringing them to be entered in the show either Thursday, March 6 between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM or Friday March 7, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

What does that mean? Well, it means that you will need to fill out an entry form showing your name, address and phone number plus the name of each orchid you enter. If you know the cross of the orchid, that will save time for the people who are doing entries and classification. Also, note the color of the orchid and the size especially if it is in the Cattleya alliance. If it is



blooming for the first time, please note that too.

Your orchid should be groomed. That means simply wipe off the leaves and check the plant overall for any pests, dirt, etc that may make it not look as good as it could. Clean the pot or slip the pot into a 2nd pot. There are no restrictions on the container as there are with some plants. If you want, you can also stake the spike or blooms so that they show themselves to the most beautiful advantage.

Attached is the entry sheet for the show. Have it ready with your orchid when you bring it in.

By entering your orchids, you can win a ribbon for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place or one of the 22 crystal trophies being presented. Your orchid may also win an AOS award; you just never know.

If that's not enough, it's really fun to have

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your friends and family come through the show and see your orchid is on display. You can hear the public commenting on how nice your orchids are and asking how someone could grow it so beautifully. It makes for a beautiful show and is fun to be part.

Above all, DON'T BE AFRAID to enter your orchid. It's free and it's fun. Your orchid can't win if it's not entered!

THREE:



Meet at the Show Location Wednesday, February 13, at 3:30.

We'll have a short show meeting at 3:30 on Wednesday, February 13, at the Banyanhan Arts and Events Center at 14301 Nine Eagles Drive. This is an important meeting for all of the committee chairs for the show and for anyone who has not been to the center before. Finding the center is easy but it's not the time to try to find it when you're trying to make the deadline for entering your orchid or getting there the morning you're going to be first to work admissions.

At the 1 hour meeting, we can review the layout of the show and the set up. We'll discuss what we'll do at set up and tear down and do a thorough walk through of the logistics

Robin Saunders at the bloom table January 2008 meeting.
Photo Carol Wolfe



of the show. At that time, you can also sign up for what hours you prefer to work and get answers to any questions about the show. Please come out and see the beautiful location for our 2008 show! Directions: Take Hillsborough Avenue West to Racetrack Road. Go North on Racetrack road approximately 2.9 miles to Nine Eagles Drive. Turn left on Nine Eagles Drive. Or, from the North, Take Gunn Highway to South Mobley Road. Go West on South Mobley Road to Racetrack Road. Go South on Racetrack Road (left) to left on Nine Eagles Drive.

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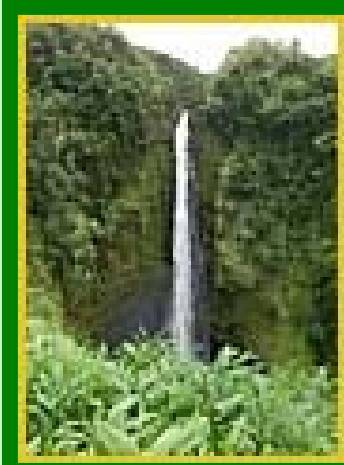
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In Memory of Linda Donley
By Jo Anne Hartzler

That smiling face is that of our long time member, 'Linda' Dorothy Donley. Linda could be seen at Tampa Bay Orchid Society meetings with a constant smile and cheery attitude. She was always ready to go and be part of anything and everything at a moment's notice. We knew Linda had at least 175 orchids that she cared for and loved but she could also grow most anything. If that wasn't enough, she had a true love for art and music and would attend as many concerts and shows as she could.

When we ran into Linda and her family at Busch Gardens just this past Thanksgiving, we never realized she had been a staple there as the head nurse for 22 years where she enjoyed caring for others and sharing her love of life. She was a bright light to all of us in addition to being a dear friend to members, Margie Shelor, Margaret Handlin and her neighbor Jeanelle Hires.

Yes, with a smile on her face at every meeting or function is how we will all remember Linda who passed away January 8, 2008. That smile will be missed by all of us but certainly not forgotten.



TRIBUTE PUBLISHED IN TBO.COM

DONLEY, Dorothy "Linda," 84, of Tampa, passed away January 8, 2008, at Melech Hospice House. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Carroll D. Donley. She was a Tampa resident for nearly 60 years. During that time, she led a very active and productive life as a registered nurse. She was very involved in the American Nurses Association and worked at several Tampa hospitals as a private duty nurse. She enjoyed 22 years as the head nurse at Busch Gardens' first aid station. She loved her role there and made many lasting friendships, which she treasured. Her life was distinguished by her caring and concern for others, her positive attitude and her exuberance for living. She always put others first. Dorothy lit up the room with her warm smile and encouraging presence. She loved sharing her wide range of interests including plants, pets, art, music and orchids. She belonged to Tampa Orchid Club and Tampa Bay Orchid Society, and cared for 175 orchids of her own. Dorothy made a lasting impression on all who met her. She will be dearly missed by all her friends and family members. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Trish and Mark Gates; two granddaughters, Patricia Van Pelt, and Margaret

Sumick and her husband, Doug; and three sisters, Ruth Gerard, Joan O' Dowd and Lois Bryant, and their children. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2008, at Blount & Curry Funeral Home. Graveside services will take place at 11:30 a.m. Friday, January 11, 2008, at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Melech Hospice House, 11125 N. 52nd St., Temple Terrace, FL 33617. Words of comfort may be expressed at [www. Blount-curry.com](http://www.Blount-curry.com)



Photo Courtesy of Carol Wolfe

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Wolfe announced that March 2008 would be the last time TBOS would be meeting at the Seminole Garden Club due to the Club's renovation. A moving committee chairperson is need to be responsible for the packing and moving of TBOS's library, kitchen tools and supplies, plant hangers, and the projector screen. A volunteer was called for but no one volunteered.

Tom announced that it was time for the Florida State Fair, with setup dates for plant exhibits being unclear but sometime during the week of Feb. 4, 2008.

Patty Cartwright volunteered to head up the committee to put in TBOS's display. The theme this year is "It's Show Time, Baby."

NEW BUSINESS

Jo Anne Hartzler talked about TBOS's upcoming Spring Show and Sale on March 7-9, 2008. Setup will be on Thursday, March 6th. TBOS members will meet at 3:30 p.m. Wed., Feb. 13, 2008 at the Bayanihan Cultural Arts and Activities Center so that members can view the facility and finalize plans. All members were encouraged

to attend this site visit as well as volunteer to work on the many things that need to be done for the show. Much assistance is needed with publicity, advertisement, and setup. Food will be needed for vendors, judges, and members. Food will be available for guests. The need to finalize the list of trophy donors was presented, with Dory Gallagher stating that she is still in need of trophy sponsors for the Show. She would appreciate payment from members who are sponsoring trophies so that the trophies can be ordered.

Carol Wolfe reported the need for TBOS to purchase a .PDF subscription for the conversion of the monthly newsletter. The cost for the subscription is between \$100 and \$125 per year. Ginny McKinney moved and Gary Krotz seconded the motion that TBOS make the purchase. This program is necessary to convert the newsletter into a compressed form that members can receive by email; otherwise the file would be too large for most mailboxes. After discussion, a unanimous vote in favor of purchasing the subscription was approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m. with Carol Wolfe making the motion and Ginny McKinney seconding it.

JANUARY'S MEMBERS CHOICE ORCHID GROWN BY ED HEALEY: LC Betty Ford 'York'



Photo Courtesy of Carol Wolfe

TBOS Minutes January 17, 2008

Recorded by Gerri Almand, Secretary

Tom Wolfe, President, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The minutes from the November 15, 2007 meeting were accepted as published in the December 2007 Newsletter, with Charlie O'Chipa moving Jim Van Koolbergen seconding the motion.

Membership: Forty-six members and five guests signed in. Two of the guests were welcomed as new members.

Treasurer: Tom Smith reported that TBOS's net profit for the month of December was \$2279.32. The current checking account balance is \$8959.90.

Education: Joan McLain introduced Marilyn O'Chipa, who presented an educational program on Phalaenopsis orchids. She recalled that her collection started with one Phal. and grew to over 500 in a 15-year period. When the O'Chipas moved from South Florida to Land O' Lakes several years ago, she lost most of her collection due to over watering. The O'Chipas had built a shade house with a sprinkler system, and Charlie reportedly loved to water daily. Marilyn noticed that her collection seemed to be gradually disappearing. In time, she and Charlie compromised, with the sprinkler heads shut off on the Phal. side of the shade house. She has about 100-125 plants in her Phalaenopsis collection at this time.

Marilyn grows all of her Phals. in 100% New Zealand sphagnum moss, repotting each plant annually after it blooms, usually in June and July. She uses Styrofoam peanuts at the bottom of each pot, and generally waters about once per week. Marilyn grows her Phals. under a shelter so that she can control the amount of water they receive and also to avoid the collection of water in the crown of the plants, which can be fatal. She never waters after 3 p.m. The O'Chipas are careful to always position their orchids with the tag on the eastern side of the shade house, thus ensuring that the plants are not inadvertently rotated in their orientation to the sun. A change in the orientation of the plant would produce a twisted spike.

Marilyn inserts Bamboo stakes as close to the spike as possible shortly after spikes begin to appear, waiting until the spike is a few inches tall before securing with a dragon clip. She feeds weekly weakly with Dynagrow 7-7-7 cut to ½ to ¼ recommended strength. In September, she applies Epson salts (magnesium sulfate) at the rate of 1 T. per gal. of water for two consecutive weeks. She applies Caside as a fungus preventative. Marilyn's Phals. reliably bloom under low light conditions. The plants she brought in to show were healthy and strong, with 2" spikes visible.

Members asked many questions of Marilyn, with Bill Thoms also offering opinions and advice. Marilyn's presentation was very straightforward, informative, and appeared to be appreciatively and enthusiastically received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AOS and Orchid Digest: Tom had free copies of AOS Journals and Digests for interested members. Applications for both were available.

Florida West Coast Orchid Society: Bob McKinney announced that the next program would be on the orchids of Brazil.

TBOS Program: Dory Gallagher announced that the speaker in June would talk about Pathiopidilums. March and April speakers have not yet been confirmed.

Sunshine: No report.

- Distribution & Exchange: Ginny and Bob McKinney brought in the raffle table plants tonight in Corrine Arnold's absence. The plants were from Byrd's Orchids in Lakeland. Plants in February will come from Phelp's Nursery.

Plant Sales: Carolyn Llamas announced that there were many plants for sale that members had brought in. She reminded members to use stickers to identify and price their orchids so that TBOS would know who had brought in the plants to sell.

Hospitality: Gary Krotz thanked members who had bought in food. He reminded folks attending the 19th WOC to make sure to take cameras with wide-angle lenses.

Correspondence: Jim Brunton reported no activity as December had been the Christmas party, with no speakers or guests.

Library: Robin Saunders announced that all the books in the library had been organized and cataloged. She reminded members to vote on their favorite on the Bloom Table.

Newsletter: Carol Wolfe published the newsletter in both December and January. She requested that anyone having had a change in email address please let her know.

Publicity: Ginny McKinney reported on some of the activities underway for TBOS's Spring Show and Sale. Flyers are now available and were distributed to members to post in prominent places. Several homeowner's associations in the Nine Eagles area (where our Show will be held) have been contacted regarding flyers in their monthly newsletters. Television and radio exposures are needed.

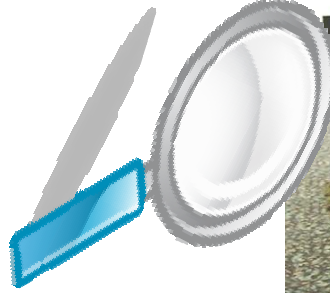
Community Service: Gary Krotz thanked members for the canned goods that were donated in December at the Christmas Party. The food was taken down to the Metropolitan Ministries the following day.

Displays: A special thanks was given to Dory Gallagher, who lead the group in creating a tabletop display for the Sarasota Orchid Show on Jan. 4-6, 2008. TBOS won 3rd place for its display. Dory thanked all members who assisted in both the setup and the breakdown. She distributed ribbons that had been won by members at the show.

Website: Jo Anne reported that the TBOS Website has been updated, with a special thanks to Jim Brunton for all the work in accomplishing this task.



Help Your Society Find
These
Missing
TBOS
Items!



In preparing for the show, members cannot find the following Tampa Bay Orchid Society items:

White lattice for hanging individual plants (used at 2006 & 2007 shows).
\$60.00

Software Entries program for entering plants for judging (Purchased 2006 and used at 2006 & 2007 shows). **\$99.00**

Orchid Wiz software program (Purchased by TBOS and used for 2007 show.) **\$245.00**

If we do not have these items by at least February 22, we will have to purchase them again.

THESE ITEMS BELONG TO THE TBOS MEMBERSHIP AND WAS PAID FOR BY TBOS.

Please let Tom know if you can find or know the whereabouts of any of the following items so that the society does not have to go through the duplicate expense of \$400 plus for these items again.

Tom can be reached at 961-1475.



Show Entry Form

Please label your orchid(s) with your name and if the orchid(s) has a hanger add the same information to your hanger. The hangers will be removed when placing them in the display. This information will make it easier to register your orchid(s) and give you back your hanger after the show. It is also very important that you groom your orchid(s). If you do not wish to enter your orchid(s) for judging, cross out the class section on your entry form, the orchid(s) will then be placed in the display but will not be entered for judging. Please do not fill out the Exhibitor #, Class, Entry or Space #'s

Exhibitor #	Owner's Name	Address	Phone
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Flower Description

Class	Entry #	Space #	Plant Name	Color	Size in Inches
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TAMPA BAY ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERS BUS TRIP TO MIAMI TO THE 19TH WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE

Our orchid venture started on Wednesday morning January 23rd when twenty TBOS members and 3 guests loaded the bus and headed for the 19th WOC in Miami Florida.

Our first destination was the AOS Headquarters however heavy rain and bad traffic prevented us from making it to the AOS. We arrived at our hotel for the journey, Homestead Suites at about 5:30pm to quickly unwind before we again boarded the bus for one of two TBOS dinners. Jo Anne Hartzler arranged dinner at the Versailles Restaurant, authentic Cuban food for our stay in Miami. Everyone loved the food from Ceviche to Peccadillo to flan with Cuban coffee. Toward the end of our meal, we were serenaded by a Cuban quartet who came over to our two long



tables of heavy tipplers.

Thursday morning we loaded the Bus at 8:30am and headed to the WOC to buy, buy, buy, orchids. Since we were some of the early





the Sheraton Mart to pick up 6 other members and guest as we drove to Monty's in Coconut Grove.

Jo Ann had seafood in mind as we drove to Monty's at the Pier. Another great restaurant picked out for members to eat

birds, many of us had time to have breakfast at the Sheraton Mart Hotel before entering the orchid mania of the WOC.

As you enter this mania of orchids, I remember one member used the word overwhelming and I must agree. It was amazing, it was breath taking, and it was true orchid mania. They came from Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Hawaii, Brazil, Ecuador, Malaysia, Germany, Philippines, and many in the United States. I saw orchid blooms that look

like someone shot them up with steroids. The colors were nothing short of breath taking and with color came many with fragrance. Some plants small, some medium sized, and some large, but you had to shop around as prices did vary from vendor to vendor for that same plant. We loaded the Bus at 5pm to head back to our hotel to prepare for another night in Miami. At 6:30pm we headed to

and talk all about the orchid mania. We enjoyed Stone Crabs, Coconut Shrimp,

Florida beverages, Oysters, and Mahi Mahi in a truly Florida atmosphere. At the Marina we pondered over which boat we would buy if the busload won the lottery.



Friday morning we checked out of the hotel and set our sites on another day of orchid mania as we drove to the Tamiami Festival. After breakfast and only 5 minutes from the Tamiami Festival, we unloaded the Bus at 9:30am waiting to enter the show at 10am. We had time for our bus driver to play cameraman as he used 10 different cameras to take pictures. Although not as overwhelming as the WOC there were many vendors from the WOC in both shows. The orchids, blooms, and plants were still amazing and well worth going to the Tamiami Festival. At about 1pm the Bus loaded to head back to Tampa and bring this orchid mania to a close. The Bus arrived back in Tampa about 7:30pm. Everyone said good bye and headed home with their precious cargo, It truly was a trip to remember. If you did not get to go to the 19th WOC in Miami, I'm sure any of us that went have pictures and we would be glad to share them.

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SPEAKER: JUNE HILL
OF HILL'S RAINGREEN TROPICALS
LITHIA, FLORIDA

TO: _____

