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Share an orchid story. Submit your articles, announcements or orchid growing advice via e-mail to tampabayorchidsociety@verizon.net by the first Friday of the month for publication in the *Orchid Press*.

Inductions, Installations, Auctions and the Like!

Presidents Place

Greetings Fellow Members,

This month during our regular meeting night, Thursday, June 18, we will be having our Installation Dinner. The dinner will begin at 6:30 PM sharp. The Society will provide entrees and we remind members to please provide side dishes, appetizers, and desserts. Please bring something to share that will provide at least 10-12 servings.

The elected officers will be presented and awards given after the dinner. There will be no business meeting or bylaws discussion. This is an evening of nothing but FUN!

Immediately following the dinner we will have our annual orchid auction. This is a member sponsored auction. In other words we will not be soliciting advertisers for plants at this time. Instead we are relying on you, the members, to look through your collections. See what you have duplicates of or what you can divide and donate to the auction. If you have blooming plants, that is great. If not we are devising ways that members will at least have an idea of what type blooms they can expect.

Just think, if each of you bring even 2 plants we will have over 60 plants to auction! Please label your pot so that we can give you credit for the donation. Also be sure to label your plant legibly with the genus and species names. You could include comments about the plants growth or blooming habits or a picture of the flowers, which would be helpful. You may also donate orchid related items (plates, drawings/painting, ceramics, clothing, bags, etc.). This is going to be a very exciting

Comments will be kept to a minimum to keep the auction moving and get everyone home at a reasonable time. There is the possibility that later in the year we will have another auction that will be open to the public, but we wanted to also have one that is within this fiscal year. This is our only fund raiser left for this year and a great way for you to support your Society

Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions, rgallagher1@tampabay.rr.com, or 813-907-7025.

See you there! Dory Gallagher

June 2009

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President's Commentary

Last month's meeting was very productive and sure a good number of plants and nice variety. enjoyable. We were able to approve the Bylaws! The next step is approving the Standing Bylaws Committee for making this possible.

We were treated to a fascinating program on Kew Gardens by Avril Wick. I know you all came away hoping to some day be able to visit this remarkable, historic landmark.

This month is our Installation meeting and Annual Auction. It promises to be a fun, exciting evening. There will be no business meeting. The dinner will start at 6:30, followed by the Installation of the new Executive Committee dishes to serve 10-12 people to compliment the entrees that the Society will provide. We are asking each member to bring at least two Come and join us on June 18th and let the plants to donate for the auction. This will en- good times roll!

I know all of you are pleased with the recent Rules, which we will start in July. This is a much rains. Our landscapes were greatly in need, AOS Judging Tampa Garden Center easier task and should go quickly. Thanks for and this is a welcome rest from watering oryour patience in attending to this important chids growing outdoors. We do have to be task. Thanks also to Patty Cartwright and the diligent in observing for signs of fungus and rot with the increasing humidity and water. This is also a good time to repot as plants are in active growth. Bring those extra divisions with you for the auction!

As we begin this new Society year, I want to challenge each of you to strive for excellence in all of our activities. Look for ways you may volunteer, and don't be shy! Our Society is one of the largest in the area and we need to pull together to ensure our continued success and growth. We have many talented members with and then our annual auction. Please bring side a lot to offer and very much appreciate active participation from all!

Dory Gallagher

OrchiDates

June 11 @ 7:00 P.M.

Florida West Coast Orchid Society

Speaker: Rafael Romero of Plantio la Orquidea

Contact: Bob Barrett (727) 726-1697

June 13 @ 1:30 P.M.

AOS Judging Leu Gardens, Orlando Contact: Mary Ragan (904) 213-4560

June 18 @ 7 P.M.

Tampa Bay Orchid Society Installation Meeting/Orchid Auction Contact: Dory Gallagher (813) 907-7025

June 23 @ 10:00 A.M.

Tampa Orchid Club

Speaker: Jim Clarkson "Paphiopedilums"

Contact: Sue Barnum (813) 281-2126

June 23 @ 7:30 P.M.

Ridge Orchid Society

Speaker: TBA

Contact: Bill Byrd (863) 859-5060

June 24@ 7:30 P.M.

Contact: Ken Roberts (813) 752-8719



Orchid Auction! This Meeting! Action Packed FUN!

July 2009

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July 16 @ 7 PM

Tampa Bay Orchid Society

Speaker: Paul Phelps -Phelps Farm Orchids Contact: Dory Gallagher (813)907-7025

July 21 @10:00 A.M.

Tampa Orchid Club

Contact: Laurie Nissen (813) 909-3394

July 21 @ 7:30 P.M.

Ridge Orchid Society

Contact: Bill Byrd (863) 859-5060

July 22 AOS FNC-JC @7:30 P.M.

AOS Judging - Tampa Garden Center Contact: Ken Roberts (813) 752-8719

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Name			Single Joint New Renewal Life Member AOS ODC			This is a reminder that membership dues are due on July 1 st. Get a head start and make your pay-
Address						ment now! Single membership is \$25 and \$5 for each
City			State Zip		Zip	additional member at the same address. You may submit your
email			W. W. L. L. M. P. L.			payment at the regular meeting or
Home Phone V			Work Phone			mail to Treasurer, Julio Hector at 15720 Timberwood
Date	Amount \$	Cash □		piration Date	Processed by	Dr., Tampa, Fl. 33625. Thanks for your prompt support!



Minutes of this meeting taken by Eileen Hector for Carole Bennett, Secretary

Tampa Bay Orchid Society Meeting Minutes ~ May 21, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m. ing has been completed. by President Dory Gallagher.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting turned over to Patty Cartwright for continuation of bylaws amendments review. Call for motion to modify review procedures to only read old, then new and then hear discussion and vote on amendment. Motion to accept modified procedure by Julio Hector, motion carried.

Our review of the amendments began with VII.11 (page 4 of 16) regarding Member Sales; a continuation of Article VII: Standing Committees, Chair, Appointees and Their Duties. Those members that regularly participate in USF garden sales, as members of TBOS, called for clarification of the revenue sharing percentages due the Society. After discussion, a motion was made by Nancy Losgar to clarify that at USF sales, members would contribute five percent of their gross sales to the Society, 2nd by Marilyn Ochipa. Motion carried. All other outside sales would pay the Society

Section VII. Items 12, 13,14,15,16,17,18,19 and 20 were approved unanimously by the membership. (All amended items appear on page 4 of 16)

Section VIII.02 approved unanimously by the membership. (This amended item appears on page 5 of 16)

Article IX. Amendments section IX.01, 02, 03 were approved unanimously by the membership. (All amended items appear on page 5 of 16)

Discussion regarding the addition of bylaws revision date concluded that the accurate date will be added once all changes are approved.

Dory Gallagher announced that the bylaws revisions will continue in July beginning with page 6 of 16: Standing Rules/Job Descriptions.

This action concluded our bylaws update for the month of May.

- There was a correction to the Treasury Report as printed in the Meeting Minutes from the May newsletter. The actual gross sales from member vendors at USF Botanical Gardens should read \$2500.44.
- Membership reported 26 members signed in and 2 guests attending. Guests Bret Ullery and Ruth Cannon were introduced.
- Treasury Report April Checking account: Income 2963.00, Expenses - 2993.00 Balance - 29.69. The Annual Corporate fil-

- No AOS or Orchid Digest Reports at this meeting.
- FWCOS is planning a field trip Oct. 24 to "Orchtoberfest" in Deland. It will be a day trip to visit EFG, Miranda and Ritter Orchids. Details to follow. Contact Corinne Arnold for further infor-
- Sunshine Correspondent, Jeanelle Hires did not have to send any greeting cards in the past month. YEAH! Everyone is doing
- Corinne Arnold announced that our Drawing plants for this meeting were provided by our member grower, Betty Burkam of B & D Orchids.
- Member Plant Sales A variety of orchids were available by
- The next USF Garden Sale will be Oct.10 11.
- Hospitality Announced our table featuring lasagna, garlic bread, beverages and other yummies.
- No Library, Community Service, Guest Correspondence, Field Trip, Historian or Display Reports for this meeting.
- The Orchid Press Newsletter was sent out electronically/US mail on May 14.
- Publicity Pimpa Hoontrakul announced that she had sent the notice of our meeting to 26 publications, including Media General and the St. Pete Times. If you see a notice of our meeting to please let her know by saving the publication/paper/page for her.
- Jeanne Dyer gave a thorough report on alternate meeting locations she had investigated. We are due to exit Seminole Heights United Methodist Church after our July meeting. The pros and cons were reviewed for each location.
- The new temporary home for the TBOS website was announced by Patty Cartwright. The intent is to move the content to a permanent domain after our 2009-2010 budget meeting. For now, members can view the site at http://mysite.verizon.net/ res78v6c/tbos
- Dory announced that an Auction Discussion meeting to be attended by interested membership would be held following tonight's meeting.

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Meeting Minutes (continued)

Eileen Hector, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the slate of officers chosen by the Nominating Committee and nominations for the Mary Rice Award. There were no nominations from the floor for any position. The Executive Committee for 2009-2010 will consist of President- Dory Gallagher, 1st VP/Display Chair- Jeanne Dyer, 2nd VP/Program Chair- Avril Wick, Secretary- Carole Bennett and Treasurer- Julio Hector. Ann Boldrick will serve on the Board of Directors 2009-2012. The Mary Rice Award was a tie between nominees, Dory Gallagher and Patty Cartwright. They agreed to share the award, six months in each home.

NEW BUSINESS

Program – A Visit to Kew Gardens by Avril Wick – was intro-

duced by Jeanne Dyer. The program consisted of a short history and narrated photo collection of Kew Gardens, buildings, grounds and glass houses. Printed media about the Gardens was available for review by members. This year Kew celebrates its 250th anniversary.

- Drawings held for Membership, Hospitality and Bloom Table Contributions.
- Drawing for orchid plants held.

Bloom table reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Membership News & Announcements

The members below are recognized for accepting Committee positions • with Tampa Bay Orchid Society for 2009-2010

- Display: Jeanne Dyer
- Program: Avril Wick
- Membership: Jane and Victor Corbett
- Education: Wm. Paul Mitchell
- Yearbook: Patty Cartwright
- Hospitality: Kathy Cox, Julia Harding
- Bloom Table: Patty Cartwright, Nancy Losgar

Parliamentarian: Patty Cartwright

- Sunshine: Jeanelle Hires
- Newsletter: Eileen Hector
- Technology and Web-sub Committee: Patty Cartwright
- Publicity: Pimpa Hoontrakul, Avril Wick, Anne Boldrick
- Photography: Jim Tear
- Library: Robin Saunders
- Plant Sales: Carolyn and Jose Llamas
- Distribution and Exchange: Corinne Arnold, Ric Gallagher

New TBOS Directors I am sad to report to you the resignations of Anne McGrath and Bill Thoms as Directors. Their travels, schedules, and other personal factors did not permit them to participate in Society activities in ways they felt optimal. We are most appreciative of their time and contributions to the Society and look forward to their continued valued membership.

I am happy to announce to you that **Nancy Losgar** has been appointed and accepted the position of Director replacing Anne McGrath. In addition, **Patty Cartwright** has been appointed and accepted the position of Director replacing Bill Thoms. Please give these new Directors your complete support and good wishes!

Dory Gallagher

Those that attend our meetings will agree that the acoustics in our meeting hall are not the greatest. Even with the microphone in use, it can be hard to hear our speakers.

We ask your cooperation please. We ask that you be considerate of our speakers and your fellow members by refraining from conversations when others have the floor.

Also, kindly put cell phones on vibrate or turn them off. Background noise has been a problem at past meetings and we know you will want to be part of the solution. Remind those near you to give whoever has the floor their attention and respect. The Yearbook is finally out (Yea!). For those of you who were not at the meeting last month, be sure to pick up your copy at the June meeting. If you should find any discrepancies, please notify me at picartwright@earthlink.net so that the necessary corrections can be made.

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Kramer, Barbara & Herb Kane,
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Reese, Barry, email: b33770@yahoo.com Yates, Cyn, email: cyn9@me.com

Add This Member

Kresge, Theresa 13607 Waterfall Way, Tampa, Fl. 33624 email: taktampa1@verizon

Monthly Bloom Table ~ Member's Choice ~ Novice Award

Anne Boldrick-Exhibitor

Dendrobium Salaya Candy (Name not registered) Nicely grown plant with a lovely pink overlay on a yellow base

Dendrobium unicum A lovely miniature species with odd shaped bright orange flowers, from Northern Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. Bloom period from Jan-June.

Maxillaria tenuifolia This is a very well bloomed and grown plant that grows natively in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua growing from sea level to 3300 ft. There are 30 AOS awards to this species with the average of 1.3 flowers per inflorescence.

Paph. S. Gratrix (P. bellatulum x P. godefroyae) Anne notes that she purchased this plant at our Show from OrchidBabies. This is a very small plant with a large flower in comparison to the plant size. This cross has received 36 AOS awards to date. Best grown wet and in plastic pots.

Platystele umbellate This cute little species comes from Columbia and has only 5 AOS awards granted to it. Anne's plant had 12 flowers that measure a mere 1mm wide.

Stelis barbata This is a miniature species with very small fuzzy flowers, with only 1 AOS award, found from Pa- Platystele umbellata nama to Mexico.

NOTE: In order for our Bloom Table Report for the newsletter to be complete, orchid owners displaying their plants at our meetings are requested to transfer the full name of the plant on the label to the paper registration tag. Please include owner/exhibitor/grower name. If your information is incomplete you and your beautiful plant may not be listed on our monthly report.



Den. Salaya Candy



Maxillaria tenuifolia

Anne Boldrick's Plant



Den. Unicum



Paph. S. Gratrix



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Stelis barbata

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Commentary on exhibitors individual orchid plants reported by Patty Cartwright, TBOS member & American Orchid Society accredited judge.

Monthly Bloom Table ~ Member's Choice ~ Novice Award

Ruth Cannon-Exhibitor

Epidendrum floribundum This species is native to Brazil and has 3 AOS awards. Ruth's plant was a huge, well grown specimen plant that was very well grown

W.L. Cook- Exhibitor

Epicat Charlie Brown (Sophranthe Rojo x Encyclia Epidendrum floribundum cordigera). This cross ranges in color from tan sepals and petals with purple lip; to solid fuchsia flowers; to solid red. W. L. brought in a deep red form which was very well grown.





Epidendrum floribundum Ruth Cannon's plant

Jeanne Dyer- Exhibitor

Bulbophyllum Upwind (basisetum x echinolabium) Cross not registered to date. The name of this hybrid comes with a warning, it's perfume mimics rotten meat to attract carrion flies. Jeanne's plant displayed two large red flowers on a very well grown plant.

Paph. Ho Chi Minh (delenatii x vietnamense) This is a beautiful hybrid currently honored with 6 AOS awards. P. vietnamense (the pollen parent), was just recently discovered in 1999, in Vietnam and is extremely rare in the wild and possibly extinct. Jeanne's plant had a beautiful dusty pink color and was very well grown.



Epicat Charlie Brown



Paph. Hi Chi Minh

Julio and Eileen Hector-Exhibitors

Anoectochilus chapaensis This Vietnamese species is typically grown for the coloration on the leaves and not the flowers. The Hector's brought in a yellow flowered variety (rarely seen), that was very well grown.

Rhyncholaelia digbyana This South American species is extremely fragrant and is typically used in breeding for its fragrance. The frilly lip is recessive. The classification has been moved from Laelia to Brassavola to now Rhyncolaelia.



Anoectochilus chapaensis



Rhyncholaelia digbyana

The Hector's plant

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Monthly Bloom Table ~ Member's Choice ~ Novice Award

Jeanelle Hires-Exhibitor

Rhyncholaelia digbyana Here's another digbyana. This is the **Members Choice** plant which was a well grown and well bloomed specimen plant. There are currently 21 AOS awards to this species

Barry Reese-Exhibitor

Cattleya Shannon Holst (C. violacea x C. Penny Kuroda). This cross received most of its genetics from the C. violacea parent as shown in the photographs, and completely lost the spots from the C. Penny Kuroda. Barry's plant had a nice spade lip on it.

Bret Ullery-Exhibitor

Doritaenopsis Taida Pearl (Doritaenopsis Ching Hua Spring x Doritaenopsis Sogo Davis). This cross currently holds 3 AOS Awards and is an example of Harlequin breeding in which the coloration can vary widely from one blooming to another, from sib to sib, as well as from flower to flower. Bret grew this plant in a wood Vanda basket; it was well grown and happy.

Coelogyne Burfordiense (Coelogyne asperata x Coelogyne pandurata). This cross has received 7 AOS Awards to date. This well grown plant was grown in an octagonal Vanda basket. This species ranges in color from white to deep yellow. Brett's plant has very nicely shaped full flat flowers.

Bret Ullery and **Ruth Cannon** were guests at our May meeting. With orchids like these we sure hope they join our group soon!



Rhyncholaelia digbyana

Jeanelle Hires' Plant



Cattleya Shannon Holst



C. violacea



Cattleya. Penny Kuroda



Doritaenopsis Taida Pearl

Bret Ullery's Plant



Coelogyne Burfordiense

Bret Ullery's Plant

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Let us know what you think of the revised look for the Bloom Table Report! What would you like featured in your society newsletter? Send comments and suggestions to tampabayorchidsociety@verizon.net

Did you know TBOS has a website? Check it out! http://mysite.verizon.net/res78v6c/tbos/

The Latest from The American Orchid Society

Check out the May issue of Orchids magazine. It is packed with a lot of tion on everything orchids very good articles. Ken Slump wrote an article on Orchids that "Offer Flowers Galore," so if you are looking for orchids that produce mass amounts of flowers, this is an excellent source for you to read. There is also some good information on growing tips for the changing season. Thomas Mirenda wrote an article on Rossioglossum, the Clown Orchids. A very informative article written by Marni Turkel is on Dendrochilum cootesii, endemic to the Philippines. If you enjoy Cypripediums, you will find a very comprehensive article on those found in China that discusses pollinators, color forms, strange formations, and natural environmental conditions as well as other interesting aspects of these species. Steve Marak wrote an article on "Orchids Grown for Foliage". This issue also contains "A Gallery of AOS-Awarded Plants," that is packed with beautiful photography of awarded orchids. And for those interested in conservation, an excellent article is provided on Cypripedium acaule that discusses the progress of this reintroduced species to the wild.

The AOS has just tested its first webinar with hopes to bring new training sessions to Affiliated Societies as well as to individual members of AOS. This is a great implement for members to utilize as another source of education. Their web site (www.aos.com), is so packed with information that it is getting to the point where it is impossible to read it Additional articles that do not fit in the monthly Orchids issue are added to their web site along with a vast amount of invaluable informa-

Monthly e-newsletters debuted in January 2009, edited by Ron McHatton, PhD. They are distributed monthly, by email, to members of AOS and contain very informative culture information and tips for all levels of experience. I have found the information in these additional articles to be very valuable.

AOS is currently in financial dire straights and is doing all that it can to restructure in an effort to lessen their expenses. It was announced at the Florida North Central Judges business meeting on Saturday May 30th, that the gardens may be able to stay open to the public, with the support from volunteers of the neighboring Societies. This is good news as these gardens are unique and packed with orchids in natural settings for public viewing. Not many other places you can go to see something like this. I don't know what we would do without AOS as they are the voice for the United States and they speak for us, those who love orchids, to the world. They have done so much for the world of orchids that I hope each of you will consider providing additional financial support to them during these difficult times. If you are not a current member of AOS, please consider becoming a member soon as they need help now. AOS Membership applications are available at the Membership desk; pick one up from Jane or Victor Corbett at the next meeting and become a member.

Patty Cartwright

American Orchid Society Representative

Our Featured Grower ~ Byrd's Orchids ~ An Interview with Bill Byrd

- Orchid Press- What did you do before growing orchids? OR before having an orchid business?
- Bill Byrd-I worked for General Telephone for 27 years and retired in 1998.
- OP-How about telling us what got you interested in orchids?
- BB-About 25 or 26 years ago a friend gave me an orchid as a gift for doing some electrical work for him. I hung the Cattleya in a tree and if I watered the flower bed nearby I might squirt a shot of water on it. It hung there for about a year and then it bloomed. After that I was hooked. I built a small green house and after about two years I had about 500 orchids. The first person from an orchid society to visit us was from the Tampa Bay Orchid Society. It was Patty Cartwright. We have been friends ever since. She is special to us.
- OP- Is Byrd's Orchids strictly a family business?
- BB-Wanda and I are the only employees with my mother helping out on the weekends when we are at shows. After Wanda and I got married, we decided to go into the orchid business part time. We put up three gutter connected greenhouses and filled them up. We hung a sign and opened for business in 1991 and were only open on Saturdays until I retired. We have added two more greenhouses over the years with one greenhouse full of Vandas. We are one of • the few nurseries that still make our own hybrids.
- OP-Do you have a favorite orchid? Genus? Species?

- BB-I like Cattleyas better than any of the other orchids. Most of our hybridizing has been with the Cattleya alliance.
- OP-What is the best part about having an orchid business?
- BB-The best part about this business is the people we have made friends with.
- OP-What would be your best advice to help people understand more about growing orchids?
- BB-My advice to beginners wanting to learn about orchids is to join an orchid society and ask questions. There are years of experience at the orchid society. We appreciate the support we get from the societies and will never forget the friends we have there.
- OP-How many times a year are you "on the road" selling orchids?
- BB-We started doing shows in 1992 and before I retired we had to use vacation days to be at the shows since we both worked. We do about 14 shows a year and also have a couple of sales. One sale is the weekend after Labor Day each year and includes 2 other growers under tents plus the African Violet society and a local artist
- OP-What sets Byrd's Orchids apart from some other orchid grow-
- BB- I have been hybridizing for about 25 years. Right now, the market is flooded with clones that are coming out of Taiwan and Hawaii. We try to provide something different by making our own crosses.

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ATTENTION MEMBERS-Our Tampa Bay Orchid Society supply trailer needs a home. It is about 7' wide by 16' long. This trailer holds the supplies for our displays and for our annual show. The Society is looking for a place to park it/store it in the off season and in between shows. If you or anyone that you know (does not have to be a TBOS member) would be willing to store the trailer please contact Dory Gallagher.













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Please bring orchid plants, plant divisions and/or orchid-related material to donate for our auction at the June 18th meeting. Remember to bring extra cash (or checks) to purchase items at the auction. Also, please bring small boxes to help organize and carry your new purchases!