



Orchid News & Views

August 2006 Volume 4, NO. 8

Meeting Information

Educational Class 7:00pm

Jim Clarkson—Orchid Pests and Diseases

Featured Speaker 7:30pm

*Ed and Lyn Bugbee—Featherstone Orchids
“Repotting Psychology”*

featherstone@xtalwind.net

More things to know

- There will be a plant raffle at the August meeting for about 10 plants
- We are looking for volunteers for our Annual Show dated October 6, 7 and 8
- There will be member plant sales in August and Vendor plant sales by Featherstone Orchids

Visit FWCOS website at

<http://www.geocities.com/FWCOS>

FWCOS Orchid News & Views

Cheryl Finke—Editor, Content and Advertising: cfinke@tampabay.rr.com

3856 McKay Creek Drive, Largo, FL 33770

Content must be received by one week past the monthly meeting for inclusion in the following Months newsletter. Ads must be in high resolution (at print size) Picture format: .TIF, .GIF, .JPG or .PDF . Submitted via email or on CD.

Dodie Bonds—Printing and Mailing, 40 Lake Shore Drive, Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Diane Jones—Membership, Email or mailing Address changes:
14541 Iroquois Ave., Largo, FL 33774

The Florida West Coast Orchid Society meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Pinellas County Cooperative Extension Service Office. 12175 125th Street North, Largo, FL at 7:30pm. Educational classes start at 7:00pm

Operating Procedures for Membership

Membership—the term of membership shall be for the calendar year. Annual dues for the first annual member in a household shall be \$18.00, each additional annual member in a household and not receiving a newsletter shall be \$12.00.

Members renewing before December 31st may receive a 10% discount for the early renewal. For new members joining from July to December these months will be prorated at \$1.50/ month in addition to the next year’s membership of \$18.00. In the case of a household with life or honorary members, they shall be considered the first annual member of a household.

The FWCOS Board of Directors 2006/2007

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| President—Michael Palandro | Trustee—Diane Jones |
| 1st VP—Pam Heath | Trustee—Mark Jones |
| 2nd VP—Dave San Souci | Trustee—Donna Sitton |
| 3rd VP—Chris Smith | Trustee—Corinne Arnold |
| Secretary—Leslie Belew | Trustee—Kris Millam |
| Treasurer—Chad Whetstone | Trustee—Bob Barrett |
| Director—Jack Majewski | |

**Please remember to
“bring food and
drink” for the
meeting break!**

Upcoming Meetings and Events

August

10—FWCOS Monthly meeting. Pinellas County Cooperative Extension Service Office. 12175 125th Street North, Largo, FL at 7:30pm. Educational Class at 7:00pm.

17—Tampa Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at the Seminole Garden Center, 5800 Central Avenue, Tampa.

22—Tampa Orchid Club Monthly Meeting

10:00am at the Seminole Garden Center, 5800 Central Avenue, Tampa. Speaker will be Rubin Sauleda from “Rubin in Orchids” Miami, FL

26—AOS Judging, 7:30pm at the Tampa Garden Center, 2629 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa.

The Language of Orchids

As with all folks with a common language, we who grow orchids have a jargon that we use in regard to orchid cultivation. Here are some of the most common orchid terms: pseudobulb, rhizome, active eye, inflorescence, velamen, leaf axil, monopodial grower and growth habit. **Pseudobulb** means literally 'False bulb'. Looking at some orchids it is easy to see a part that reminds us of a bulb. Long, thin pseudobulbs are referred to as **canes**. Plants with pseudobulbs are called **sympodial growers**. Assume that an orchid has a pseudobulb unless it is described as a **monopodial grower**. The pseudobulb has the same function as the barrel of a cactus; it holds water and nutrients. If you were to cut one open you would see the same type of flesh as a cactus and water would squeeze out of it when crushed. The plant is made up of groups of pseudobulbs connected by a **rhizome**. A plant can have a large number of pseudobulbs. Even though they appear dormant, the older pseudobulbs are an important part of the plant. A plant will not bloom unless there is a group of 3-5 connected pseudobulbs. New growth typically comes off of the youngest pseudobulb as an **active eye** at its base 'sprouts' at the beginning of the next growth cycle. All the **root** growth and the flowers also come off of the newest pseudobulb.

September

14—FWCOS Monthly meeting. Pinellas County Cooperative Extension Service Office. 12175 125th Street North, Largo, FL at 7:30pm. Educational Class at 7:00pm.

21—Tampa Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at the Seminole Garden Center, 5800 Central Avenue, Tampa

26—Tampa Orchid Club Monthly Meeting

10:00am at the Seminole Garden Center, 5800 Central Avenue, Tampa

23—AOS Judging, 7:30pm at the Tampa Garden Center, 2629 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa.

OCTOBER

6,7,& 8—FWCOS Annual Orchid Show Pinellas County Extension.– currently in planning stage.



August Bloom Table

Best Cattleya

Blc. Netrasiri Waxy 'Jairug'
displayed by Corinne Arnold



Best Species

Epidendrum Alatum
Displayed by Tina Kendall

Art Stone

Company, Inc

Orchids



**MICHAEL J. POLEN
PAULA J. POLEN**

3611 Tyrone Blvd.
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Monday – Friday
7:30am – 4:30pm
Saturday 8:00am – 2:00pm

Phone (727) 345-6733
Fax (727) 341-1793

Bring in this ad for 10% off all
non-blooming, non-budded plants
and all potting supplies
Good through May 2006



Florida Native Orchids
Bud Spence
6820 2nd Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
727-527-2821
Hours 12 - 5 Daily
bud.spence@knology.net
www.floridanativeorchids.com

Orchids for Everybody

AT THE WAGON WHEEL FLEA MARKET

8100 Park Street, Pinellas Park

Table #1-19—Saturday and Sunday

8:30a.m.—4:00p.m.

Distributor of Aussie Gold Orchid Mix from Down Under

***For Nursery Sales call Franz Patzwald
727.536.2508***

Seedlings from \$5.95 to \$12.95
Aussie Gold Orchid Mix \$17.95

MAJ

ORCHIDS

126 Wild Orchid Lane
Orange Park, FL

Orchid Trivia: Only one orchid has ever been commercially important on a world wide scale – *Vanilla fragrans* (syn. *Planifolia*) and possibly, *Vanilla pompona*. Next to saffron and cardamom, vanilla is one of the world’s most expensive spices. Vanilla is native to Mexico, where it is grown commercially. Vanilla was used by the Aztecs to flavor their royal drink xocolatl – a mixture of cocoa beans, vanilla and honey. It has many non-culinary uses, including aromatizing perfumes, cigars and liqueurs. Substances called “vanilla flavor” don’t contain vanilla at all, being synthesized from eugenol (oil of clove), waste paper pulp (!), coal, tar or ‘coumarin’ found in the tonka bean. Ice cream producers are unlikely to point out that this popular flavor derives its name from the Latin word vagina. For ancient Romans, vagina meant sheath or scabbard. The Spanish adopted the word as vaina, which developed a diminutive form, vanilla, meaning “little sheath”. The Spanish made this diminutive the name of the plant because its pods resemble sheaths.

Reminder:

Bring your blooming orchids for the October show by Friday, Oct 6th to the Pinellas County Extension. Your plants must be registered by 4pm Friday, Oct 6th to be eligible for AOS judging.. Please, we need plants!

Future Events for your planning calendar

South Florida Orchid Society Speakers’ Day Oct 1, 2006. 8am—5pm at the Fire Fighters’ Memorial Building. 8000 NW 21 Street, Miami, FL. \$45 for the day. Speakers: James Rose, Fred Clarke, Andy Easton and Patricia Harding.

19th World Orchid Conference—Miami, FL January 21-27, 2008.

Robert Fuchs is the Show Chairman. Plan a trip to Miami for this long awaited event.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS WITH YOU TO THE MEETING. YOU MAY RE-CHECK THE BOOK IF NO ONE ELSE REQUESTS IT.

