



Orchid News & Views

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June

Meeting Information

Educational Class 7pm

Chad Whetstone

Vanda Culture

Speaker 7:30pm

Bill and Susan Fender

“Things I wish I had known 35 years ago”

Plant special from Bob and Susan Fender

If FWCOS members place an order via our web site <http://www.fendersflora.com>, we will deliver at no cost and add a free orchid of our choice to each order. The members can pay us for their order at the June 8th meeting. We ask that they add a note in the comments section of our online order form that they would like delivery to the FWCOS June meeting.

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More things to know

- There will be a plant raffle at the June meeting for about 12 plants
- We are looking for volunteers for our Annual Show dated October 6, 7 & 8
- There will NOT be member plant sales in June

FWCOS would like to recognize new member Matthew Dorsey who volunteered to help with refreshment table each month. A big thanks to Matthew for helping at this meeting also!

Visit FWCOS website at

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

FWCOS Orchid News & Views

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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

**Please remember
to "bring food" for
the meeting
break!**

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.



Dendrobium Gatton Sun-ray in bloom this month

The FWCOS Board of Directors 2006/2007

President—Michael Palandro

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3rd VP—Chris Smith

Secretary—Leslie Belew

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Director—Jack Majewski

Trustee—Diane Jones

Trustee—Mark Jones

Trustee—Donna Sitton

Trustee—Corinne Arnold

Trustee—Kris Millam

Trustee—Bob Barrett

Upcoming Meetings and Events

June

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

15—Tampa Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting

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

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OCTOBER

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

Member Classifieds

FLORIDA NATIVE ORCHIDS

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St. Petersburg, FL 33702

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***** We will be CLOSED the preceding week*****

***** (Friday, May 12th to Saturday, May 20th) to prepare for the sale*****

May Bloom Table



Blue Ribbon Winner displayed by Bill Nunez

Aerides quinquevulnerum

This is a species found in Malaysia and the Philippines. It has waxy fragrant flowers and is known to be multi-floral blooming on several bloom spikes at a time.

Species Blue Ribbon Winner displayed by Roy Finley

Dendrobium lindleyi

Den. lindleyi is found in Burma East to S. China and South to Malaysia and Indo China



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**Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Florida West Coast Orchid Society**

April 25, 2006

In Attendance:

Michael Palandro, Jack Majewski, Chad Whetstone, Leslie Belew, Pam Heath, Dave San Souci, Donna Sitton, Corinne Arnold, Diane Jones, Mark Jones and Bob Barrett

Absent:

Chris Smith, and Kriss Millam

The meeting was held at the office of Harper, Van Scoik, 2111 Drew St., Clearwater. Having declared a quorum, Michael called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., and Chad seconded.

Old Business:

The minutes of the January 24, 2006 meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed. Bob moved the minutes be accepted and Donna seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Chad reported that the Auction grossed \$6550 and netted approximately \$5200 after member discounts, sales tax, plant purchases and advertising. Jack amended his motion made at the January Board meeting to put \$10,000 (instead of \$6000) in a CD. Mark seconded this motion and it passed. Chad will get CD rates from Wachovia Bank, where we currently have the FWCOS checking account. Chad is also getting the paperwork for the new President as signer on the checking account.

Auction:

Dave reported on the successful auction, and that he had mailed the thank you letters to the donors the week after the auction. There were 128 registered to bid at the auction – the most ever! About 6 people joined the society at that time. Former FWCOS President Hal De Arment sent a letter of appreciation for the enjoyable event.

Fall Show:

Michael met with the leadership at the Gardens regarding the new rules, the most problematic being that we can not charge admission to enter the show thereby reducing our revenues approximately \$3000. Michael reserved the dates for the first full weekend in October, but has not cleared those dates with the AOS. Mark suggested Michael ask Bill Nunez, as former Show Chairman, about notifying the AOS and the Chairman of Judging in regards to a show. Chad has an appt. next week with County Commissioner Susan Latvala to discuss the operating rules of the Gardens. There was further discussion on how to bring off a show under various scenarios. Pam agreed to be Co-Chairman of the Show Committee and Bob agreed to Co-Chair with her. Mark agreed to help give direction. It was decided that there would be a Show Committee meeting at 6:15, prior to the May 11 regular meeting.

Trophy Case:

Mark reported that he has been unable to get additional information from Lee Cooke due to the extensive damage to AOS headquarters from Hurricane Wilma.

Speakers for Future Meetings:

Pam has scheduled the following speakers for the main meeting:

May – Roy Finley – Water Quality
 June – Bill Fender of Fender's Flora
 July – Lisa Smith of Ellenton Growers
 August – Featherstone Orchids
 Sept – Martin Motes – Vandas
 Oct – H&R Orchids

Mark suggested giving Chris a certificate, or something similar, in recognition of the excellent job he has done with the educational speakers these past years. Jack agreed to make him one of the beautiful orchid woodcarvings that he is creating.

Other Business:

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the refreshments. Corinne was congratulated for doing this thankless job for quite some time. At the last regular meeting, the overwhelming majority said they were not interested in food. It was decided that this would be brought up again at the May regular meeting.

Michelle has asked to be replaced as News & Views editor, and Pam and Cheryl Finke have agreed to take on this huge responsibility.

There was much discussion on the plant raffle, or having a plant order instead. Pam suggested that May would be the perfect month since we do not have a plant vendor as speaker. It was decided that there would be a member plant sale in May.

Donna reported to the Board on former FWCOS President Helen Streck's declining health and suggested that the Board send her a floral arrangement. Leslie moved that Donna be authorized to spend up to \$60 on a floral arrangement for Helen, and Chad seconded. The motion passed.

Chad motioned that we adjourn at 8:30. Corinne seconded, and the motion passed. The next meeting was scheduled for July 25, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
 Leslie Belew
 Secretary, FWCOS



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 LIBRARY BOOKS WITH YOU TO THE
 MEETING. YOU MAY RE-CHECK THE
 BOOK IF NO ONE ELSE REQUESTS IT.*

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They will be offering a 15 percent discount on Byrd's Orchid plants. They will have three guest growers that will be set up under tents. Guest growers will be B&D Orchids, Featherstone Orchids and Prestons Flower Pot. There will be some non-orchid plants for sale too. The Ridge Orchid Society members will be present and will have hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks for sale. Our hours will be from 9:00am till 5:00pm.

Directions: From I-4 take exit exit #32 (US Hwy 98 North), go north on US 98 to Daughtery Road, turn left on Daughtery, go to Green Road and take a right. (Three-way stop sign) Byrd's nursery is about 250 yards to the left.. Ph: 863-859-5060 -
Email: orchidswb@aol.com.

We hope you can come.

Bill Byrd

Map to Pinellas County Extension



Heading West, (toward Indian Rocks Beach) Turn left from
Ulmerton Road onto 121st Ave., then go right across 125th Street.

Turn left and go through the double gates

Look for flagpole to enter at the main entrance

12175 125th Street North
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