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Meeting Information

*Educational Class 7:00pm
Bill Nunez—Orchid Seedling Care*

*Featured Speaker 7:30pm
Martin and Mary Motes
“Orchid Territory—A Comic Novel” by Mary Motes*

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 not be member plant sales in September .

Visit FWCOS website at

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

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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

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

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

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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.

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..

Future Events for your planning calendar

November 12, 2006 at 2:00pm—We are initiating a program to give beginners an opportunity to "see and learn" from some of our more experienced growers. The plan is to have question and answer sessions at the homes (or greenhouses) of various members. So come, ask questions, and have a high old time. Everyone welcome. The first meeting will be at the home of Marion Steele 2400 Kent Place, Clearwater..... Kent Place...is on the East side of Belcher between E. Bay and Belleair Rd. If you have questions about the program please email Corinne Arnold at "parnold3@tampabay.rr.com" and put "FWCOS Newcomers" in the subject line.

October

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

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

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

July 25, 2006

In Attendance:

Michael Palandro, Leslie Belew, Pam Heath, Dave San Souci, Corinne Arnold, Diane Jones, Mark Jones and Bob Barrett

Absent:

Chad Whetstone, Jack Majewski, Chris Smith, Donna Sitton and Kriss Millam

The meeting was held at the restaurant across the street from the office of Harper, Van Scoik, 2111 Drew St., Clearwater, FL. Having declared aquorum, Michael called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Old Business:

The minutes of the April 25, 2006 meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed. Michael moved the minutes be accepted. The motion carried.

Fall Show:

Pam reported that every vendor had confirmed except Louis del Favero for a total of 13. Jim Clarkson has lined up the judges and Donna Sitton has agreed to be the Clerk Chairperson. Eleven people have committed to sponsoring trophies, but the goal is 25. Leslie moved that FWCOS sponsor a trophy in the name of past President, and recently deceased Helen Streck and Corinne seconded. The motion passed, and it was decided that it would be the 'Best of Show' trophy. At this time, it has not been decided what exactly the trophies will be (i.e. cash or crystal). Pam has arranged the advertising and changed the dates for the banner, which will be hung on the property along Ulmerton Rd. (beside the overpass instead of on the overpass). Bob agreed to finalize the purchase of books from AOS to be sold at the show. Tina Kendall is helping Pam organize the judges dinner for Friday night from Fred Fleming's BBQ.

Michael updated the Board on our affiliation with the Gardens. The one unresolved issue is that of storage of our library and supplies. Parking attendants will be provided this year during our show, since the Master Gardner's sale is also the same weekend.

Trophy Case:

Mark reported that Lee Cooke said he will be sending information on the trophy case but Mark did not know when to expect it.

Speakers for Future Meetings:

Pam has scheduled the following speakers for the main meeting:

August – Featherstone Orchids

Sept – Martin Motes – Vandas

Oct – H&R Orchids

Other Business:

Michael would like to find a replacement person to do the job Steve Mattana did as the greeter of new members and providing them with discount coupons for local growers.

Corinne had discussed with Marion Steele a beginners group meeting in the fall and in the spring to introduce new members to repotting or other introductory issues that may not be answered at a regular meeting. Marion graciously offered her house for the first meeting. This would probably be a Saturday morning to be scheduled at a later date. It was agreed that Corinne could spend up to \$100 on refreshments or other supplies.

Pam had some examples of pamphlets provided by other orchid clubs and Michael agreed to develop one for FWCOS. There was some discussion on our correct logo.

Mark brought up the subject of group orders from orchid vendors and Corinne agreed to do one possibly for Carmela Orchids.

The World Orchid Conference Committee for the Miami event in 2008 has asked every society to be a sponsor for \$1000. It was decided to forgo this opportunity.

Corinne motioned that we adjourn at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Belew

Secretary, FWCOS

September Bloom Table

Best Cattleya—Displayed by Nick Berlage
Blc Apricot Flare X Blc Orlades Charm



Best Hybrid
Displayed by Jim and Emily Clarkson
Paphiopedilum. Gloria Naugle
Paph. Micranthum X
Path rothschildianum

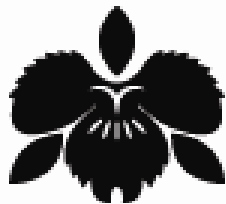


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9th INTERNATIONAL SLIPPER SYMPOSIUM IN KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

The Slipper Orchid Study Group of Florida will present its ninth annual Slipper Orchid Symposium – A FAREWELL PARTY – on November 4, 2006, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Kissimmee, Florida. It will feature speakers on the latest trends in hybrids, species and slipper orchid culture. The speakers will be Bill Goldner, Sam Tsui, and Dr. Eric Christenson. Lunch, sales tables, an auction and a real Down South Florida Champagne BBQ Farewell Party in the evening for Paul and Mary Phillips round out a very special full day of orchid education and camaraderie.

Registration is \$100, with a \$25 discount for registration before October 1. There are also discounts for groups of ten or more and for previous attendees. The BBQ is an additional \$10. This year the BBQ will honor Paul and Mary Phillips of Ratcliffe Orchids, who started this event nine years ago and have been its benefactors ever since. (The Slipper Orchid Study Group joined in after the first few years to help out.) It is their expertise, scope of contacts and organizational efforts that have helped to make it successful. Sadly, they are retiring back to England. Ratcliffe Orchids is supplying free seedlings to each paid attendee, but your spot in the picking rotation will be determined by the time your registration slip is received. Hotel reservations at the special rate of \$59 per room must be received by October 15; thereafter, reservations will be taken on a space and rate available basis only. For information and registration, contact Jamie Lawson at 888-619-7687 or jimorchids@aol.com. You may also go to their web site, 9TH ANNUAL SLIPPER ORCHID SYMPOSIUM.

BILL GOLDNER

Bill Goldner of Woodstream Orchids, founded in 1990, works with his wife and co-owner, Lynn Evans-Goldner, to develop Woodstream's reputation as a source for quality Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums. He has a Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from the Pennsylvania State University and also holds degrees in Ecology and Botany. Bill is an Accredited American Orchid Society (AOS) Judge in the National Capitol Center and is Co-Chair (with Lynn) of the Paphiopedilum Forum held annually in Washington, D.C. He is Co-Chair of the AOS Research Committee and is a frequent speaker on orchid cultivation, hybridization and adventure at conferences and orchid society meetings. Lynn and Bill have spent a good deal of time visiting orchids in their natural habitats in Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Thailand, Malaysia and India. Their plants have received numerous AOS awards.

Woodstream Orchids has grown and changed dramatically since 1990. As a breeder and producer, Woodstream focuses on the seed propagation of Paphiopedilum species and complex standard hybrids and Phragmipediums. In 2002, Woodstream Orchids began a joint venture with Barry Fraser's Papa Aroha Orchids of Coromandel, New Zealand, bringing Barry's amazing and unique Paphiopedilum flasks, seedlings and blooming size plants to the American market. Papa Aroha's Paphiopedilum complex hybrids, species and novelty hybrids have been very popular in Japan and should not be missed! In late 2004 Barry Fraser announced his retirement from commercial orchid growing. Woodstream Orchids has purchased much of his elite Paphiopedilum

breeding stock and thousands of seedlings, and will continue Barry's fine tradition by producing unique high quality species and hybrid Paphiopedilums. Woodstream Orchids is the largest active producer of seed-grown orchid species and hybrids in the Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Washington, D.C. area. In the last few years WSO has become one of the largest breeders of Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums in the United States. Their web site and on-line catalog are available at: www.woodstreamorchids.com. Bill welcomes pre-orders.

SAM TSUI

Orchid Inn, Ltd is owned and operated by Sam Tsui and his wife Jeanie. They started growing orchids in the early 1980's, and orchids have always been their passion. Sam started breeding/hybridizing in the early 1990's and eventually started their home-commercial business, Orchid Inn, in their basement and greenhouses attached to their house. As the business grew, they purchased a six acres property and built their first commercial 6,000 square greenhouse in 2004.

In the past ten years, Sam has been very active in the orchid world, traveling for shows, sales, and lecturing while he still maintains a full-time computer software job. At Orchid Inn, Ltd, they continue to specialize in Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums. They particularly emphasize species and Brachypetalum, Parvisepalum and Multifloral hybrids. They select only the best, most vigorous parent plants in their collection for breeding/hybridizing. Occasionally, they select the best plants or flasks which are, they believe, outstanding examples of their type from friends around the world to improve their breeding stock. They currently produce 4,000 to 5,000 flasks or approximately 100,000 seedlings annually.

DR. ERIC CHRISTENSON

Dr. Christenson is a research taxonomist with strong interests in the Aeridinae (Sarcantinae), neotropical floristics, and the conservation of horticultural plants. He authored a monograph of Phalaenopsis for the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) in 2001. He has done field work in both Guyana and French Guiana and authored the orchid treatment for the Vascular Flora of Central French Guiana. He is also actively assisting David Bennett of Lima, Peru, with a modern inventory of Peruvian orchids. To date they have published 800 illustrations as Icones Orchidacearum Peruvianarum, including more than 150 new distribution records and more than 100 new species from Peru. His bilingual florula Machu Picchu: Orchids was published in 2003. His current work in Peru can be read about at: www.andesamazon.org. A prolific author of more than 300 articles, Dr. Christenson is known for his articles that attempt to bridge the gap between taxonomy and horticulture as well as his in-depth book reviews. He is a strong advocate for orchid conservation, particularly ex situ propagation, and actively works with commercial growers to that end.

A Slipper Orchid Culture Round Table is a highlight of the Symposium as attendees get to ask questions of the top experts world-wide in the Slipper Orchid field. Listening to the panel argue and tell stories is a real treat.

<http://home.cfl.rr.com/slipperorchids/>

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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Educational Class starts at 7:00pm

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