



Orchid News & Views

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Meeting Information

September 13th, 2007

7:00pm—Educational Class

Ken Roberts—Selecting Plants for Judging

7:30pm—Featured Speaker

*Rafael Romero—Plantio La Orquidea
Orchids of Venezuela*

There **will not** be members plant sales this month!

More things to know:

- There will be a plant raffle for about 12 plants.
- Don't forget food for the break
- The meeting is back in the Extension center

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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

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.

Lifetime membership is \$180.00

See Page 8 for new or renewal membership application.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

September 2007

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

08—AOS Judging Orlando, 1:30pm, Palm Room at the Harry P Leu Gardens, 1920 N Forest Ave., Orlando, FL

20—Tampa Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting
7:30pm at the Seminole Garden Center, 5800 Central Avenue, Tampa

25—Tampa Orchid Club Monthly Meeting
10:00am at the Seminole Garden Center, 5800 Central Avenue, Tampa. Christmas Party.

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

October 2007

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Upcoming Shows in the State

Oct 5,6 & 7—FWCOS Orchid Annual Show and Sale. The Honeywell Minnreg Building. 6340 126th Ave., Largo, FL. Located between US 19N and 66th St. N. Bring your plants in for judging on Friday by 4pm. Sales Friday 12n-4pm, Show and Sales Sat 9am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. Directions will be in the October newsletter.

Admission \$4.00 at door.

Nov 11th—Open Greenhouse—Jim and Emily Clarkson. Refreshments. If a member or interested person has any problem plants, please bring them for advice. Time 1:30pm—4:00pm. Directions will be in October newsletter. Address: 4713 Foxshire Circle, Tampa, FL 33624. (813) 968-3404 orchidaholic@att.net

January 23—27, 2008 19th World Orchid Conference and Show, Miami, Florida 19WOC.com

January 25 –27, 2008, Tamiami International Orchid Festival—South Florida Winter Orchid Extravaganza. 50 US and International Growers, Displays, Classes and Lectures, Raffle and Door Prizes. Friday and Saturday January 25 & 26, 2008 10am—8pm; Sunday, January 27th 10am—6pm.. Dade County Fair Expo Center, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24th ST and 109 Ave), Miami, FL.

For more information call 305-247-4398 or email: vandas@mindspring.com. Admission \$7 at door.

Next meeting Thursday, September 13th

Cleanup Volunteer

Barbara Burke

Donna Palandro

Food

Cherie Malloy, Dodie Bonds, Bob and Birginnia McKinny

Brenda Miller, Jan and Don Moores

Stanhopea occulata displayed by Corinne Arnold



Aganisia cyanea

Displayed by Jim and Emily Clarkson

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

July 24, 2007

In Attendance: Michael Palandro, Leslie Belew, Corinne Arnold, Chad Whetstone, Jack Majewski, Bob Barrett, Pam Heath, Bill Nunez, Chris Smith, and Cheryl Finke

Absent: Donna Sitton, Tina Kendall and Marion Steele

The meeting was held at the offices of Harper, Van Scoik, 2111 Drew St., Clearwater. Having declared a quorum, Michael the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Old Business:

The minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting of the Board of Trustees were reviewed. Bob moved the minutes be accepted and Bill seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Chad presented the Board with a Balance Sheet for the six months ended June 30, 2007. Chad made a motion that \$6000 be transferred from checking to a short term CD at Wachovia Bank and Jack seconded. The motion passed. Chad will make an effort to include last year's balances alongside the current account balances on the Balance Sheet, at Jack's request.

As there was little interest in the WOC registration packages sold at the last regular meeting, Chad suggested that a Board member contact the Presidents of the two Tampa societies to notify them of an available ticket at \$250. Bill agreed to make the calls. Chad will call Donna in Canada to determine where the daily tickets might be.

Bob reported on the difficulty paying a speaker at a recent meeting because Chad and the checkbook were unavailable. It was a rare meeting missed by the Treasurer, but an effort will be made in the future to get the checkbook to another designated signer in the event that Chad will be unable to attend.

Chad still has received no response from the AOS regarding the return of the \$1000 we gave them in October 2002 for building the trophy case. Because of all the recent turnover in positions Chad will attempt to contact them again.

Fall Show:

Pam reported that 8 out of 19 vendor deposits have been received. There was much discussion on the entrance fee and including a \$1 off coupon in the newspaper ad, although this is a Show Committee decision. There will be free advertising from Honeywell, AAA and Pinellas County. Each vendor will have a little more space, and the displays will be in the middle of the room. The show plants will be in a different room with a window for natural light. The society will supply breakfast and lunch to the vendors and volunteers on Friday. Pam is requesting for someone to volunteer to head the show set-up. She also asked for someone to head up a potting station and Bill agreed. Hicks Orchid Supplies has agreed to provide all the supplies necessary. A potting station tends to bring in more attendees and also the vendors are more likely to bring some bare root plants. Bill will also be doing water testing. Mark Jones has agreed to be the culture advisor. Kathleen O'Leary has volunteered to demonstrate making corsages on the weekend. There was discussion on ordering flowers for this and regarding disposition of the corsages. The 25 trophies will again be \$30 cash awards. Michael will ask for trophy sponsors at the August regular meeting.

Speakers:

In August, Duncan Bass of Duncan's Flora will speak on orchid species. For September, Rafael Romero of Plantio La Orquidea will speak on orchids of Venezuela. The educational program for August is Chad on cattleya seedlings, and for September it will be Ken Roberts on selecting plants for judging. Michael Polen will discuss dendrobiums in the November educational program. It is expected that we will be back in the original building in August.

Other Business:

Corinne proposed a field trip to Apopka in the early spring. This would be to visit Krull-Smith, Inc. and possibly another grower in the area. She got quotes from several bus companies based on a 12-hour day and a maximum of 39 passengers, and the average was around \$1200. She suggested a \$20 fee for each participant and the club to pick up the balance of the cost. There were discussions on lunch ideas and field trips taken by the Tampa club. Chad suggested Cheryl put it in the newsletter, to which she agreed. He also suggested that we gauge interest at the next regular meeting.

Michael motioned that we adjourn at 8:30 and Chad seconded. The next meeting was scheduled for September 18, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Belew

Secretary, FWCOS

Looks like there was an excellent response from my email survey about a bus trip to Apopka, FL in Late February/Early March. Corinne Arnold and I thank you for such a prompt response. Corinne will be contacting the Vendors and Bus company based on the results of the survey. As soon as we solidify pricing and lunch options we will either put it in email or in the newsletter..

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Look for flagpole to enter at the main entrance**

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**Educational Class starts at 7:00pm
Meeting starts at 7:30pm**



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