



Florida West Coast Orchid Society

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Meeting Information

January 10th, 2008

Patrick Mannens– Orchids of Europe

PNP Orchids of Belgium

<http://www.pnporchids.be>

Educational Class

Michael Polen-Orchids- everything but the pots!

- Visit the AOS website—
<http://www.aos.org>
- Don't forget to bring food or drink for the break
- TBOS will have a bus to 19WOC in Miami, pg 8
- There will be members plant sales this month!
- Renew your membership now Page 7

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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.



**Ghost Orchid, FL native
Polyradicon lendenii**

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

January 2008

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

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

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

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February 2008

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Upcoming Shows in the State

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. (6 miles from the WOC) For more information call 305-247-4398or email: vandas@mindspring.com. Admission \$7 at door.

19th World Orchid Conference (WOC) — January 23—27, 2008 Miami, Florida
This is a must see event in the orchid world and is right in our won backyard. The WOC's are held every three years and it has been 24 years since one was held in the United States. There will be 72 speakers from 18 different countries, over 60 orchid vendors from 20 countries and more then 40 non orchid vendors plus 18 non-vending exhibitors. Not to mention the Florida West Coast Orchid Society is one of only 24 Orchid Society sponsors. The FWCOS has one-day Tickets available for sale. The price is \$20 each. We will have 3 day tickets available for purchase. Contact Donna Sitton at (727) 784-1985. For more information about the World Orchid Conference in Miami go to <http://www.WOC.com>

January 4—6, 2008 Sarasota Orchid Society Show—Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 Tamiami Trail, Sarasota FL Contact: Monroe Kokin, 594 Oak River Ct., Osprey FL 34229 (941) 586-7795; orchid-pix@comcast.net.

February 2-3, 2008 Venice area Orchid Society Show—Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice FL. Contact Barbara Wagner, 6834 Anchor Way, Sarasota, FL 34231 (941) 923-7706; barbjwag@verizon.net

February 8-10, 2008 Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show*, Festival Bay Mall, 5250 International Drive, Orlando, FL. Contact Joy Price, 4143 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32804 (407) 299-8003; dp691955@aol.com. * Not an AOS judged show.

Fairchild's 6th annual International Orchid Festival February 29—March 2, 2008 9:30am—4:30pm. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden—10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156 305.667.1651 www.fairchildgarden.org.

May 16—18th Redland International Orchid Festival, Redland, USA, Homestead, Florida. Place: Redland Fruit and Spice Park. 24801 S.W. 187th Avenue, Homestead, FL www.redlandorchidfestival.org 9am—5pm daily. Admission \$5.00.

Donna Sitton has one (1) 19WOC day pass left. Please contact her at (727) 784-1985 if you would like the last ticket. If it is not sold by the January meeting, she will bring it to the January 10th meeting.

News from Corinne Arnold on the bus trip to Krull Smith and one other nursery.

Date : May 3, 2008 Time: 7:00am Cost approximately \$20.00. Pick up in Clearwater possibly Lowe's Parking lot at the Clearwater Mall. (not finalized yet). Lunch is not finalized yet either. Depends on if we go to Chapman's nursery or Ritter's Orchids. What is finalized: you need to bring money and have some fun. More information will probably become available in February.



Congratulations to Bill Nunez for his CCM award Dec 19th at the AOS Judging in Tampa.

Plant:: *Acampe praemorsa* 'Holly Marie'

Bill received 85 points. Bill named the plant affectionately after his oldest daughter.

Great job Bill!

Photos from the Christmas Party



Orchid prints displayed at Naples Botanical Garden

Naples Botanical Garden will showcase a collection of hand-colored illustrations of endangered flowers, *Vanishing Orchids*, from Dec. 13 through Feb. 10, 2008. Chosen by local plant aficionado and author, Jack Kramer, pictures in the exhibit will feature 40 seldom-seen species. Many of the prints will be available for purchase. "Jack Kramer has been growing and writing about orchids for half a century," stated Brian Holley, executive director of the Garden. "He planned *Vanishing Orchids* after realizing he had grown 3,000 orchids and had written five books and had never mounted an exhibition on them.". On Dec. 13, opening day of the exhibition, cut orchids will be handed out free to the first 48 guests. For the entire length of the exhibition, free raffle tickets will be available for an exquisite Paul Jones illustration. Jones is well-known for his illustrations of the books, *Flora Magnifica* and *Flora Superba*. On Saturday, Jan. 5, a *Vanishing Orchids* lecture and book signing by Kramer will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Call 643-7275 for reservations.

December check list from AOS Bulletin

Dry Plants: This month, it is more important than ever to have your cattleyas and dendrobiums kept on the dry side. Too much water with no root activity equals rotting plants. Some, including *Dendrobium nobile*, should be kept almost completely dry and given the cooler nights (45-55F[7-13C]) to induce flowering. Even though they may be in spike, other seasonally dry orchids, such as calanthes, phaius and some encyclias, should be drier than you might think, but still kept reasonably warm. Thunias, catasetums, cycnoches and habenarias require extreme dryness now, but keeping them too cool (under 60F[15C]) will lead to their eventual demise.

So many spikes, so little time. All the phalaenopsis and cymbidium spikes that were emerging last month are elongating. Buds are differentiating, making the ends of the spikes heavy and arching. The guide stakes you put in your plants last month should be retied higher on the emerging inflorescences or replaced with taller, sturdier stakes based on the length of your spikes at this crucial time while they are still reasonably pliable. If you wait too much longer, the spikes may grow awkwardly at an odd angle, and could easily break off if forced into an upright display. It is important not to wait until the day of a show to do your staking or your flowers may be oriented sideways or upside down after staking. This could be embarrassing when a knowledgeable orchid expert refers disdainfully to your plant as an "unusual nonresupinate phalaenopsis."

December 2007 *Awards Quarterly* will be the last issue of the Society's periodical devoted to AOS-awarded plants and flowers. Beginning in 2008, taking its place is *AQ Plus*, available through subscription (www.aos.org). It will only be available on CD-ROM.

THE FLORIDA WEST COAST ORCHID SOCIETY

Membership renewal dated ___ / ___ / 200__

Be sure to enter all information carefully. It will be used to update the directory. Occupation needed to update member information.

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HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

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___ Number of additional annual members at the same address not receiving The News & Views. Names of additional members:

\$180.00 for life time membership = _____ total enclosed

___ \$0.00 Life (return to confirm membership)

Check if member of ___ AOS ___ Orchid Digest

Mail to:

Membership Chairman

FWCOS

14541 Iroquois Ave

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19th WOC BUS TOUR in conjunction with the Tampa Bay Orchid Society

- **Leave Jan 23rd Wednesday morning 9am to arrive that afternoon about 4pm to 6pm.**
- **Parking is being worked out with Albertson at corner of Waters Ave & Dale Mabry.**
- **Hotel will be Home Stead Suites.**
- **Stay Wednesday night Jan 23rd, Thursday night Jan 24th, and check out on Friday Jan 25th. Should arrive home some time after 7pm.**
- **Check out Friday morning and head to the Tamiami Festival. Motes Orchids will get us in free and Mr. Motes indicated that many (I'm to understand over 30) Orchid Vendors will be there.**

COST for BUS Trip & Hotel Room:

- **Bus trip = nonmembers \$100**
- **Hotel room \$124.37 (includes tax)**
- **To book your room please call or email Scott Baggett to let him know you are going and he will give you the phone number to call.**

Scott Baggett

Home # 813-932-7411

Email william.baggett2@verizon.net



CRANBERRY CHUTNEY

[Here's the recipe that members were asking about at the Christmas Party. I hope you enjoy it. It takes a little extra time to make but it is worth the effort. -pm]

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup raisins**
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water**

- 2 cups sugar**
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar**
- 2 tablespoons julienne of peeled ginger**
- 2 tablespoons orange peel julienne**
- 1 cup fresh orange juice**
- 6 cups fresh cranberries**
- 2 small tart green apples, peeled, cored and finely chopped**
- 1 cup toasted, slivered almonds (about 5 ounces)**

METHOD

Place raisins in small metal bowl. Pour boiling water over. Let stand 15 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Bring sugar and vinegar to boil in heavy medium saucepan over medium-low heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Increase heat and boil until syrup turns light golden brown, stirring constantly, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in ginger and orange peel. Add orange juice and bring to boil, stirring constantly. Add cranberries and cook just until they begin to pop, about 5 minutes. Add raisins to cranberries. Mix in apples and almonds. Cool.

(Can be prepared 2 days ahead. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Best served the day prepared before the flavors have melded, though it is also tasty once they have.)

Note: I add 3 to 4 tsp. Sure Gel (powdered pectin) to recipe when orange juice is added and brought to a boil. You may want to experiment with this to adjust the thickness of the liquid in the finished recipe.

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**Turn left and go through the double gates
Look for flagpole to enter at the main entrance**

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**Educational Class starts at 7:00pm
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