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Meeting Information

October 9, 2008

7:00 pm— Educational Class

Chris Smith on Dendrobiums

7:30 pm— Featured Speaker

Ty Wilson on Venezuelan Cattleyas

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The Florida West Coast Orchid Society (FWCOS)
Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at Pinellas
County Extension.

*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
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they shall be considered the first annual
member of a household. Lifetime
membership is \$180.00.

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Trustees are elected for 3 year terms.

From Our Vice President

October and show month has finally arrived and I sure hope we are ready. This is our second year at the Minnreg Center on the campus of Honeywell between Route 19 and 66th St on 126th Ave. N. Plenty of parking, a well stocked snack bar and lots of room to enjoy all the orchids and the orchid displays



We have fourteen orchids vendors that deal both nationally and internationally and two supply vendors who will be stocked with their best selections and we can visit all for the price of admission and not near the cost of trying to visit each nursery not to mention the time involved in traveling around the area, all the more to spend on our hobby. The vendors are: Phelps Farms, Art Stone, Gross Orchids, Dan and Margie's, Orchid Etc., Krull Smith, Featherstone, B & D Orchids, Plantia La Orquidea, Florida Suncoast, Byrd's Orchids, Orchid Island, Tropic One/ Ritter and Chapman's Orchids. The suppliers are: Hicks Orchid Supply and Nature On the Rocks.

I am still looking for members interested in sponsoring an award for your favorite orchid type. The cost is \$30.00 per award. You will be recognized for your participation at the show , Thanks

We are still looking for a few volunteers to help in the re potting booth to work with Leslie and Corrine on Sat and Sun for some hours between 10 and 4 on each day. We are trying to make hours limited so as not to take up your whole weekend.

We will have an Orchid Expert table so have your plants ready and your questions prepared so the experts can help you to grow orchids successfully. Remember there are no bad questions unless you don't ask them. Orchid books and magazines will be for sale and culture sheets on selected orchids will be available at no cost so there will be plenty of orchid knowledge available. Membership will be looking for new members and for a special rate you may join and participate in the Florida West Coast Orchid Society monthly meetings with education, speakers, plant sales, field trips, annual show and sale, auction and the common interest in orchids with others that share the same. From now through December, the rate would be 1.50 per month for the remaining months and if you join at this time, 18.00 less 10% [\$16.20] for next year, a bargain rate.

Brent Finke, Co-Show and Sale Chairman has managed to have an article written about orchids and our show and sale. It will appear in the "Homes" garden section of the St. Pete Times on September 27th, the Saturday before our show. Yvonne Swanson will get together with our member Marion Steele and display some of Marion's orchids. I wish to thank Yvonne for her continued support of FWCOS,

Look for our ad with a \$1.00 off coupon starting in the "Weekender" a week before and in other sections through out the week. We have added more coverage in a concentrated time frame to give us our best chance for a great turnout for our vendors and our Society.

Thanks to all for your help in making our show and sale a success.



FWCOS

ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW & SALE

“Orchid Effect”

October 3-4-5, 2008

\$5 at the door

Fri ‘Sale Only’ 12 to 4

Sat & Sun ‘Show and Sale’ 10 to 4

Honeywell Minnreg Building

6340 126th Ave, Largo, FL

[Between US 19 & 66th St]

Contact Bob Barrett 727-412-1994

Orchid Show Entry Form

Exhibitor #	Name		
Address		City/Country/State & Postal Code	Phone

Class	Entry	Space	Plant Name	
			Pod Parent	Size
			Pollen Parent	Color
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Please type or print distinctly.

About Our Members

Our story starts not so long ago when Ruth and I met in Kalamazoo Michigan on August 16th 2005 at the Little League Softball World Series where I was umpiring. It seemed funny that we should meet so far away from Florida

where we both lived. We kept in touch and here we are today.



**Bret Ullery and
Ruth Cannon**



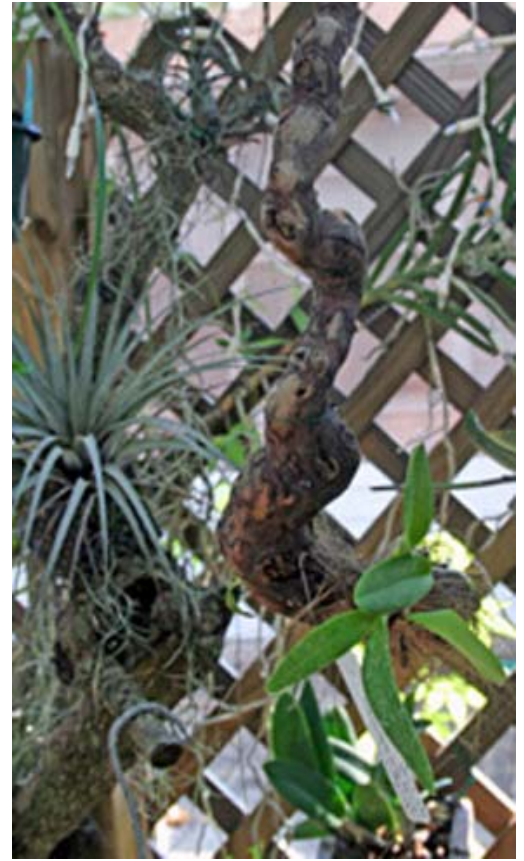
For our first Valentines day, knowing Ruth loved lime green, I bought a lime green orchid that seemed to have her name all-over it. That was the first one and our beginning with orchids. Now we have many more, I found FWCOS on the internet and we went to the next meeting. At that time we had about ten plants and a book for dummies, knowing we needed to

know more. The people at the meeting were very nice and made us feel at home. At our second meeting, we heard about the auction and what a mistake it was taking Ruth to that!!! That started our love for Gramataphyllums. We found that the society needed help working at the botanical gardens and we did that a couple times and learned many things and the opportunity to learn many more.



It seems that Ruth keeps finding more and more that need repotting so we started potting them in old tea pots, cooking ladles, and we have mounted them to logs and a nine foot high eight foot wide driftwood to give them a natural setting . Due to the size of the Gramataphyllums we started making our own baskets out of simulated wood decking so it doesn't go bad, and we can make them in all shapes and sizes. We are always looking to learn more and pass on what we can to others along the way.

Thank you Brett and Ruth Ullery for sharing with us about your not typical but beautiful greenhouse.



Gram Scriptum Var. Citrinum "Hihimanu"



The Orchid Hobbyist's Creed

ORCHIDS ARE, TO ME AN ESCAPE FROM ARTIFICIALTY INTO A SANE WORLD OF ORDER AND BALANCE. THEY GIVE ME A FEELING OF SECURITY, AND SATISFY A PRIMITIVE NEED FOR THE ASSURANCE OF UNCHANGING FUNDAMENTALS. IN MY GREENHOUSE, I FIND NEVER-SHIFTING VALUES. I FIND THE ETERNAL LAWS OF THE UNIVERSE IN A MOST TANGIBLE FORM.

GROWING ORCHIDS MAKES ME HUMBLE, FOR THERE, I AM WORKING WITH A FORCE FAR STRONGER THAN I. WHEN I REALIZE THAT FLOWERS ABSORB COLOR, PERFUME, BEAUTY, AND FORM FROM WITHIN A DIMENSION BEYOND MY UNDERSTANDING, MY BELIEF IN GOD IS STRENGTHENED. ORCHID CULTURE SATISFIES MY HUNGER FOR SPIRITUAL BEAUTY AND CREATION.

IF IDEALS SEEM FUTILE, IF FRIENDS DISAPPOINT ME, IF MY HEART IS SAD, OR MY MIND IN TURMOIL, IF MY EYES ARE DULL, AND MY BODY SLUGGISH, I CAN GO INTO THE GREENHOUSE, AMONG MY ORCHIDS, AND FIND FAITH, TRANQUILITY, COMFORT AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE, ALL OF WHICH GIVES ME A RENEWED FEELING OF WELL-BEING, CONFIDENCE, AND INSPIRATION.

ANON

From FWCOS News and Views, August 1969

Our guest speaker, Ty Wilson is a head grower at Plantio La Orquidea in Sarasota. He has been growing bromeliads and orchids professionally for twenty years. Loves all orchids but thinks cattis, paphs and frags are his favorites. He will be bringing plants to sell and plants for our raffle.



September, 2008

Sept 27, 28 - Ridge Orchid Society Show ; Sat 10 to 5 and Sun Noon to 5 at Lake Mirror Center, 121 S Lake Ave, Lakeland, FL

October, 2008

Oct 3-5 - Florida West Coast Orchid Society Show , See Page 4

Oct 9: 7:00, 7:30 pm, FWCOS Meeting 2nd Thursday of the month at Pinellas County Extension Center, 12520 Ulmerton Rd, Largo 33774.

Oct 11: 1:30 pm , Monthly Judging Center, FNC Center Orlando, Harry P Leu Gardens, Palm Room, 1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando

Oct 16: 7:30 pm, Tampa Bay Orchid Society Seminole Heights Methodist Church basement; SE cnr Central Ave/E Hanna Ave

Oct 18-19 - Gainesville Orchid Society Show , Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville, FL. Contact: Joan MacLeod, 4411 NW 15th Pl., Gainesville, FL 32605; 352-375-6744; neilmaclod@bellsouth.net.

Oct 19: 9am-Noon Orchid Friends Orchid and Tropical Plant Sale ; 343 39th Ave N, St Petersburg, FL call 727-536-7717

Oct 22, FNC Center Tampa Monthly Judging

Oct 23, FWCOS Board Meeting

Oct 24, 25, 26 9 to 4 EFG Orchids.

6TH Annual Orchtobefest 08 Located at Power Plant Greenhouses, 4265 Marsh Rd, Deland, FL (386-738-8600) www.efgorchids.com

Oct 28 10 am: Tampa Orchid Club The Ragan Center; 1200 E Lake Ave, Tampa.

November, 2008

Nov 2 - Tampa Orchid Club Show, USF Botanical Gardens, 12210 USF Pine Dr., Tampa, FL. Contact: Laurie Nissen, 918 Benninger Dr., Brandon, FL 33510; (813) 833-0204; nissen3@verizon.net.



EARLY SPECIAL!

Membership Renewal

Join Now

Single Membership \$16.20

2nd Member \$12

[in same Household]

FWCOS FIELD TRIP

Nov 8, 2008

7 a m at 8001 US Hwy 19 N, Pinellas Park

Super Walmart Behind Gas Station on US 19 N
[Corner of Property]

7 pm Arrive Back at Super Walmart

Plantio La Orquidea in Sarasota

Fenders Flora in Venice

Sundance Orchids in Ft Meyers

\$25 FWCOS Members/\$30 non members

Payment Required With Sign-up

Non-refundable after October 9, 2008

Contact Corinne Arnold at 447-2898 or parnold3@tampabay.rr.com

If you cannot go on the trip, you may receive a full refund until Oct 9th or at the Oct FWCOS meeting. After Oct 9, you are responsible to find a replacement if you want your money back and you must notify Corinne Arnold [447-2898] of replacement.

'Orchid Friends'

Orchid & Tropical Plant Sale

Budget Prices

Advice on Orchid Care and Culture

9 a m til Noon on October 18, 2008

343 39th Ave N, St Petersburg, FL

GREAT SALE—DON'T MISS IT!

FOR MORE INFO, CALL 727-536-7717

FLORIDA NATIVE ORCHIDS FALL ORCHID SHOW & SALE

SUNDAY, October 26th, 2008

DAYBREAK to 4 P.M.

6820 2nd Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

(DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From St. Petersburg: Take I-275 to 54th Avenue North Exit. Go East to 1st Street North. Go Left to 69th Avenue North and then Left to 2nd Street North (at end of block). From Tampa: Take I-275 West across the Howard Franklin Bridge to 4th Street North exit in St. Petersburg. Go South (Left) on 4th Street to 62nd Avenue North, turn Left and then Left on 1st Street North. Go to 69th Avenue North, turn Left and take it to the end of the block (2nd Street North).

Website: www.floridanativeorchids.com

Email: bud.spence@knology.net

HUGE ONE-DAY SALE! THOUSANDS OF PLANTS!

Contact Bud Spence at [727/527-2821](tel:7275272821) if you have any questions or need further driving directions. Plenty of street parking. **CASH OR CHECKS ONLY!**

Will be closed Mon, Oct 20.

October Bloom Table



Above is Blc Hopkins displayed by Jim and Emily Clarkson

Below is Dendrobium Red Elf 'Adoribil' displayed by Chris and Charmain Smith



THE FLORIDA WEST COAST ORCHID SOCIETY

Membership renewal dated ___ / ___ / 2007

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST. _____ ZIP _____

OCCUPATION: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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Fee Schedule:

\$18.00 first annual member in a household receiving News & Views. Additional annual members in a household and not receiving News & Views due are \$12.00. (In households with Life or Honorary Members they are considered the first annual member. They do not pay for themselves, but if there are additional members in the household they pay \$12.00 each).

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

Names of additional members: _____

\$18.00 + (\$12.00 x ___) = _____ total enclosed

___ \$0.00 Life (return to confirm membership)

Check if member of ___ AOS ___ Orchid Digest

Mail to:

Membership Chairman



Map to Pinellas County Extension Center



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 flag pole to enter at the main entrance

12520 Ulmerton Road
Largo, Florida 33774-3602
Ph. 727-582-2100

Educational Class starts at 7:00 pm



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