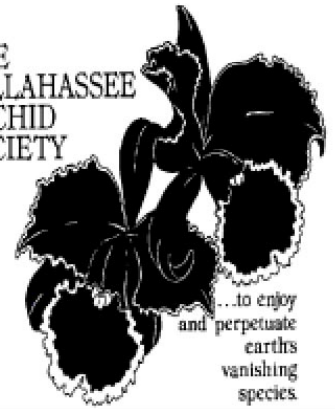


Tallahassee Orchid Society News

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February 2006



A field of *Orchis mascula*, a terrestrial orchid



A *Bulbophyllum* species growing on the side of a tree.

REMINDER

Dues are to be paid at the beginning of the year. Please remember to pay Larry at our next meeting, or as soon afterwards as possible. Dues are \$15 a year for an individual or \$20 a year for a family/couple.

Next meeting : Wednesday, April 5th 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Agricultural Extension Office at 615 Paul Russell Road, just a few blocks from the Fairgrounds! Come join us.

February Program - The Many Worlds of Orchids

Mary Ann Skalany has arranged for us to see an AOS video entitled "The Many Worlds of Orchids." This 28-minute film documents the varied lives, habitats, and beauty of orchids. Filming was taken in a variety of places, including the north shore of Massachusetts to Connecticut greenhouses full of carefully grown miniatures to cloud forests in Costa Rica. Show judging and meristemming will also be covered. It should be a very informative video that everyone can enjoy, so come on out!

Past Program - Brassavola Hybrids

Thank you Mary Ann Skalany for obtaining the AOS slide show "Brassavola Hybrids - The new look in Cattleyas." Thank you also to David McCoy for reading the presentation since Mary Ann had lost her voice. We all saw some beautiful hybrids. I used to see Brassavolas as rather blah, but they certainly did produce some nice hybrids. We were able to see how various parents produced great hybrids, while other parents did not produce nice progeny. We also saw that some of these progeny, although beautiful, were sterile, and therefore could not be used further in hybridizing.

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Secretary's report - January

January 5th, 2006

Chris Sedlacek brought the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Old business

Sent around sign-up sheet for refreshments.

Discussed newsletter.

- Many not receiving mailed copies, so need to update mailing list.
- It was requested that a link be added to our website for people to download Adobe Reader. This program is free, and is required in order to view the newsletters.

Informed the group that some of the website is updated, more will be completed at a later date.

Show is on schedule.

Thanks to all for a wonderful December dinner.

New business

More will be announced about the upcoming Spring Member's Meeting. Some members may be interested in attending.

Chris Sedlacek called the meeting to a close at 7:17 pm. David McCoy read the script for our program since Mary Ann Skalany lost her voice. We hope that she regains it soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sedlacek

Treasurer's Report - February

January account balance	\$1,845.17
New members and renewals	100.00
Mail-out supplies - Office Depot	(38.03)
Posters and Letters	(27.80)

February account balance \$1,879.34



Dendrobium Woo Leng, a beautiful orchid shown at the Gainesville Orchid Society Show in October 2005.

Upcoming Programs

February

The Many Worlds of Orchids
- AOS video

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President's Letter - February 2006

I have been thinking a lot lately about conservation. As a student in an environmental science, oceanography, as well as an orchid enthusiast, conservation is very important to me. On an almost daily basis I drive by areas that are being developed and remember the presentation by Louis Del Favero. He showed a beautiful picture of an island where he collected some 2,000 orchids! When he mentioned how many plants he collected from the site I could almost hear a gasp from some of our members because it appeared he was pillaging a forest. Then he reported the land was destined to be cleared for a new development project. Then it seemed all right, almost necessary, to remove the plants. But is that conserving the plants? How does the environment benefit from having these plants removed or the area developed? What other issues could we be missing?

So what is conservation? The Oxford English dictionary defines it in many ways: 1) Preservation from destructive influences, natural decay, or waste. 2) Preservation of existing conditions. 3) The preservation of the environment, especially of natural resources.

In his book Ecology, Ernest Callenbach describes the evolution of thought that has led us from the belief of 'manifest destiny' to conservation biology. Yet there is still a need for "more education, legal and political action to reverse the effects of paving pollution and clear cutting."

We think that keeping an area untouched by humans is the best way to preserve a plant species, yet there isn't a place on the planet unaffected by man. I sat in on a lecture about the Amazon during which the researcher pointed to a picture of the forest along the river and asked "Is this area pristine?" Everyone agreed it was and then the researcher stated that the entire river has been groomed for plants the natives could use, such as yaro. It is mind boggling to think that the entire Amazon Basin has been farmed for millennia. Native Americans have also used fire to prepare land in North America. The Aborigines harvested orchid tubers in Australia. So as you see very little of the planet has been kept in a pristine format.

(To be continued)

Chris Sedlacek

Upcoming Events

February

4-5 Venice Area Orchid Society Show at the Venice Community Center, 326 S Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL.

10-12 Martin County Orchid Society Show at Indian Riverside Park, 1707 NE Indian River Dr., Jensen Beach, FL.

11-12 Boca Raton Orchid Society Show at the Safe Schools Institute campus of Don Estridge Middle School, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL.

25-26 Daytona Beach Orchid Society Show at the Casements, 25 Riverside Dr., Ormond Beach, FL.

Schedule of speakers at the upcoming Orlando Member's Meeting

Friday- April 7, 2006

9:00 AM	Allen Moon	"Why the demise of the British orchid industry in just thirty years, between 1950 and 1980" - Keynote speaker
10:00 AM	Terry Root	"West Coast Paphiopedilums" - Orchid Zone
11:00 AM	Francisco Meranda	"Brazilian Cattleya Species" - Haines City, FL
1:30 PM	Alan Koch	"Compact Cattleyas for the Modern World" - Gold Country Orchids
2:30 PM	Robert Fuchs	"Ascocendas" - R.F. Orchids
3:30 PM	Michael Tibbs	"South African Terrestrials and their hybrids" - Capetown, So. Africa
4:30 PM	Harold Koopowitz	"Orchid Conservation and the State of the World" - Orchid Digest

Saturday - April 8, 2006

9:00 AM	Ron McHatton	"Color in the Orchid World" - Worldwide Orchids
10:00 AM	Christopher Purver	"Twenty Years of the Eric Young Foundation" - Eric Young Foundation
11:00 AM	Joan Elvin	"An Insight to the South African Orchid Kingdom" - Johannesburg
2:00 PM	Norito Hasegawa	"Paph Species and their Influence on their Hybrids" - Paphanatics
3:00 PM	Jim Rose	"Modern Epidendrum Hybrids" - Cal Orchids
4:00 PM	Phillip Hamilton	"Broughtonia and their Hybrids" - DeLeon Bromeliads

List of Vendors

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B&D / B&B (?), WA (www.bnorchids.com)
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Byrd's Orchids, FL (hometown.aol.com/orchidsub/index.htm)
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Tom Ritter Orchids, FL
Tropic 1 Orchids, FL (www.tropic1.com)
Woodland Orchids, NC (www.woodlandorchids.com)

AOS Orchid Magic

AOS Members' Meeting at Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel
April 5, 2006 to April 9, 2006

Registration Form

Please complete a separate form for each registrant

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Name as it is to appear on nametag (Nickname)		AOS Position held/Committee member	
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City	State	Country	Postal Code
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Judges <small>(circle one)</small>	Emeritus Senior Accredited Probationary Student	Judging Center	Will participate in <small>(circle all that apply)</small> Ribbon AOS
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Events	Price		Amount to Remit
Full Registration (Before 2/28/06)	\$75.00		
Full Registration (Starting 3/1/06)	\$100.00		
One-Day Registration (specify date)	\$30.00		
Preview Party (Full Registration)	\$0.00		
Preview Party (Not Full Registration)	\$25.00		
Banquet (choose one) Rib-eye Steak	\$60.00		
Chicken Florentine	\$50.00		
Catch of the Day	\$60.00		
Vegetarian	\$50.00		
Krull-Smith Tour with breakfast	\$30.00		
Ratcliffe Orchids Tour with afternoon snack	\$30.00		
Affiliated Societies Breakfast	\$25.00		
Judges' Breakfast	\$25.00		
Judges' Luncheon (Full Registration)	\$0.00		
International Phalaenopsis Alliance Luncheon	\$35.00		
Total			

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