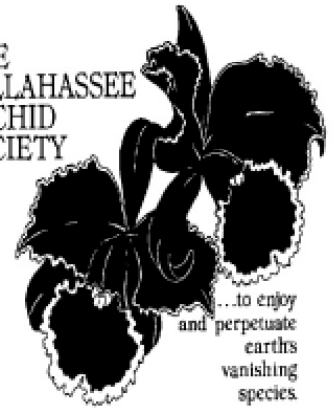


Tallahassee Orchid Society News

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April 2007



Dracula tubearia

Next meeting :

Please not the change in date for our next meeting!

Wednesday, April 4th, 2006. The meeting will commence at 7p.m. The meeting will be focused on preparations for our upcoming show. So come and find out what is going to happen at this years event and possibly volunteer to help. It is a great way to meet vendors and others interested in these wonderful plants.

Previous Program -

Plant preparation for showing by Chris Sedlacek, with added commentary from Glen Sponholtz. Hopefully those brave souls that ventured out into the tornado warnings learned what is needed to get a plant ready for showing.



Brassavola nodosa

Jacksonville Orchid Society Show

A big thank you goes out to Glen and Martha Sponholtz, Don Perusse and Chris and Linda Sedlacek for setting up the TOS display at the JOS show. Another thank you goes out to Bill and Conchetta Brown, Glen and Martha Sponholtz, Al Burke, Don Perusse and David McCoy for donating the plants used in the display.



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Secretary's report

1 March 2007

Began at 7:02 pm

No visitors

Newsletter is on the way

Old business

Jacksonville Orchid Show 17-18 March

Set up is on 16 March

Call Chris and he will arrange to pick-up orchids

Will sent out an e-mail reminder

Need to get orchids by Wednesday, 14 March

Chris will find out the theme and the size of the display

Greenhouse tours

All enjoyed it

Every Saturday from 9-1 they have a yard sale at the greenhouses

New Business

Redlands Orchid Festival

May 18-20; 9 am-5 pm; Homestead, FL

\$5 admission

Over 60 vendors from around the world

Volusia County Orchid Show

May 12-13

Offered to let up set-up a display will decline for this year

Our show is listed on the American Orchid Society website

Becky has the show schedule and Chris will send it to Mary Ann

Next year we need to rework the show schedule to reflect

reclassification of orchids

NEXT TWO MONTHS WE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY

Ended at 7:40 pm

Chris Sedlacek talked about preparing orchids for a show.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Sedlacek



Chytroglossa marileoniae

Upcoming Events

March

2-4 62nd Miami International Orchid Show. Sheraton Miami Mart Exhibition Center, 777 NW 72nd Ave. Miami, FL.

9-11 Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show, Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL

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Treasurer's Report - March 2007

Beginning Balance - 1993.69

Deposit - 75.00 membership dues

Balance - 2068.69

President's Letter - April 2007

It is that time of year again, when a young man's heart turns to flights of fancy and hopes of the ever elusive AM or if very lucky an FCC! Our show is just around the corner and preparations for it are in full swing. We will need to help out our stressed Show Chair, Mary Ann Skalany, with many of the little fiddly bits that are required when putting on a show. We need people to set-up the building on the Thursday prior to the show, moving tables and placing plastic on the floor where the displays will be set up. We will also need people to man the front table and greet the visitors, man the potting table (can't expect Don and Susie to do it all alone!), and this year people are needed to act as security, insuring that no one trespasses into areas that are off-limits. We will also need people to bring food as we normally supply the vendors with lunch on Friday, as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. We can do these chores and any others I may have missed. So come to the April meeting, this time on Wednesday instead of Thursday and volunteer. See you at the next meeting ,

Chris Sedlacek



Gainesville Orchid Society



St. Augustine Orchid Society



Above are two seedlings of *Ren. imschootiana* 'Newberry' x *Ren. imschootiana* 'Saigon'

The top one is Greg Skalany's and the bottom one is Rolf Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids. Interesting differences in color and size.

Cymbidium

Plants should be putting on a spectacular show this time of year. Adjust all staking and twist-ties and be on the lookout for aphids, slugs and snails. Give adequate water because flowering strains the plants. As new growths appear later, increase the nitrogen level in the fertilizer. Should a plant look healthy but not be blooming, try increasing the light during the next growing season. The number-one reason for no flowers is lack of light.

Dendrobium (Australian)

These hard-cane dendrobiums will be at their flowering peak now. It is not unusual to see a specimen of this type in an orchid show boasting 1,000 flowers. The secret with this group -- bred primarily from *Dendrobium kingianum* and *Dendrobium speciosum* -- is to provide ample water, fertilizer and light during the growing season.

Lycaste

This genus of superb orchids will be coming to the end of its flowering season. Soon you will see the beginning of new root growth, which is an excellent time to repot into fresh media. As new growth emerges, provide ample fertilizer and water. A sign of good culture is an increase in the size of pseudobulbs with each successive year.

Miltoniopsis

This marks the beginning of the flowering season. Amazing displays of color will dazzle the grower over the next few months. Prepare your plants for optimum display by staking spikes (if needed) and cleaning off the older yellow foliage. Do not miss the wonderful fragrance as the flowers unfold.

Paphiopedilum

March is the beginning of the season of heaviest potting for lady's-slipper orchids. However, it is a month where the volume of plants needing attention is still small. It is an excellent month to take the time to work with your paphiopedilums before the pressure of other potting prevents your doing the thorough job you should. Look at each plant: Is it clean of dead and dying foliage? Is it weed free? Does it need potting? Is it in spike? Does it have an insect problem? Cleaning and restaging your paphs is one of the most satisfying tasks of the orchid year. Cleaned and potted paphiopedilums look happy.

The summer-blooming types will be showing the first of their buds in March and April. Be on the lookout for the buds, as well as any insect pests that may have found their way into the crowns of your plants. It is especially difficult to clean mealybugs, in particular, once they have become established in the plant. Better to get to them before they get a good toehold.

Increasing light levels should give emerging spikes the strength they need to grow straight and strong. Do not be too anxious to stake the spikes, because if they are staked too soon, the flowers may develop a "nodding" stance, where the dorsal will not stand upright. If the spikes seem to develop at an angle, let them, and stake after the flower has hardened for best carriage, especially on the hybrids with fairieanum background.

Pleurothallids

Members in this large and increasingly popular group will be looking their best now. If plants are not in flower, the next few months provide an excellent time to divide if needed or repot into fresh mix. Taking care of these tasks now will allow enough time for your plants to become established before the hot weather arrives.

-Prepared by James Rose and Ned Nash