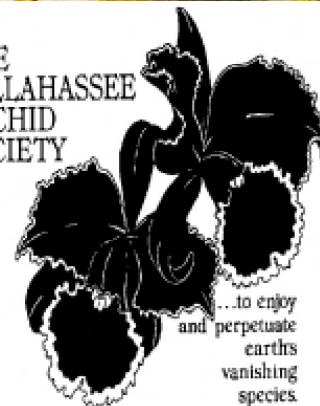


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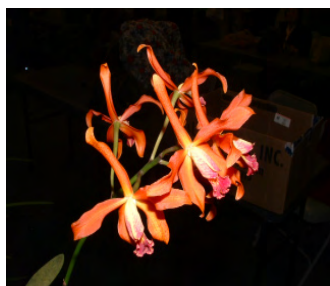
Next meeting : Thursday, March 1st, 2006. The meeting will commence at 7p.m. The program for the meeting will be preparation of your plants for an upcoming show, either Jacksonville or our own. Our Society president, Chris Sedlacek, will describe the needed efforts for having a plant entered in a show. So come and learn what is needed, hopefully you'll be entertained.



Cym. Show Girl

Previous Program -

Discussion and planning for our next show. The actual program consisted of a field trip the following Saturday to Esposito's greenhouses just south of Havana on N. Monroe (Hwy 27). At least 20 brave souls ventured out doors on a very cold and windy morning.

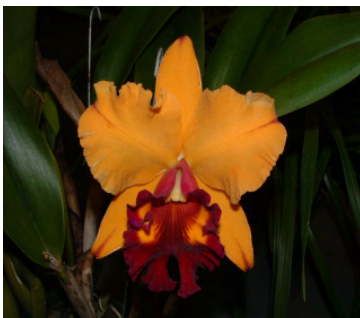


Plants needed!

TOS needs orchids for our display at Jacksonville's show. Call Chris Sedlacek, 544-1367, or Glenn Sponholtz, 562-0826, to let them know if you have plants that you are willing to loan for the show and arrange to have them picked up or delivered. Thanks.



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Secretary's report

not in chronological order

1 February 2007

Start at 7:10 pm

Read Treasurer's Report accepted as read

Read Secretary's Minutes accepted as read

Visitor Irene Urger

We are signed up for Jacksonville's Orchid Show on March 17-18

Need plants start staking them now and then don't move them

Anyone interested in helping or supplying orchids contact Chris Sedlacek or Glenn Sponholtz

Goodwood 6th annual Garden Symposium

Elements of Timeless Gardens

24th of February at 9 am

\$40/person includes lunch and tour of the house

2 speakers: Stephen Scaniello roses

Mary Palmer Dargan designing gardens

Chris Sedlacek will correct the website so that our meeting time is listed as

7:00 pm not 7:30 pm

Next month Chris Sedlacek will speak about grooming orchids

Our show:

Filled out forms

Chris will get society's membership number to Glenn

David McCoy volunteered to be photographer

Esposito's

9:45 am meet-up; start loading at 10:00 am

Bob Lundquist offered a truck to pick up plants and deliver niches

Judging Glenn

Clerking Chris Sedlacek and volunteers

Vendors Have one space available

Security Greg Skalany and Chris Sedlacek and others

Setup Need volunteers

Clean-up Need volunteers

Coordinate setup Glenn777

Registration Becky and Walt

Photography David

Welcome table Need volunteers

Potting table Don Peusse

Publicity Bill and Conchetta

Mailings Martha

Need poles to place ribbons will talk with David

Need food for breakfast and lunch

Will continue giving \$25 checks as trophies

Mary Ann will consolidate list and remind people

End at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted

Linda Sedlacek

Treasurer's Report - January

12/31/06 Balance - 1978.25

01/04/07 Debit - 150.00 to AOS for show fee

01/04/07 Debit - 69.56 to Chris Sedlacek for Xmas party turkey

01/25/07 Deposit - 235.00 membership dues and auction plants

01/28/07 Balance - 1993.69

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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President's Letter - March 2007

Well, winter is almost over and the temperatures should start rising to a nice comfortable mid 70's soon. There are two shows, Jacksonville's and ours, coming up in the next few weeks and we will need all the help we can get. Glen and I will be going over to Jacksonville to set-up our display and we will need plants from anyone and everyone in the club. Our greenhouse is looking very bare after the ravages of the squirrels! We have been trying to get the plants healthy again and not worrying too much about flowers at this point. So please help if you can. Let me know and I'll come over to your house and pick up the plants, then after the show I'll drop them off.

Our show is coming up next month on the 21 and 22, with set-up of the auditorium on the 19 from 5-7 p.m. We will need help setting up. Then on Friday, 20th, we will be setting up displays and helping the vendors set up. There are plenty of opportunities to help, so come to the next meeting and sign-up!

See you at the next meeting ,

Chris Sedlacek



Congratulations!!!

At our annual Christmas party, David McCoy brought a beautiful centerpiece. He asked Glenn Sponholtz what he thought of the flower and Glenn said it was good enough to get an award. So David took his prize to Atlanta and was stunned to hear it was good enough to get a FCC with 91 points! David is no stranger to AOS awards, he has received one at the last three of our shows. This one took him by surprise. Way to go and keep up the good work!



Cattleya

Although March is, in many parts of the country, still a cold and blustery month, the lengthening days and warmer temperatures allowed by increased light are long-awaited harbingers of the coming change of season. Some of the best standard cattleyas of the year will be in bloom, or will be blooming soon. The last of the winter-flowering hybrids will join the earliest of the spring hybrids in a wonderful display. Be on the alert for senescing sheaths that need removal. If these yellowing sheaths are not removed, the moisture they trap can lead to bud rot. Careful removal of the sheath will allow the buds to develop, although they will need additional support. Changing light conditions can also be a problem in March and April. An exceptionally bright day, especially immediately following a rain, can lead to sunburn of the foliage if shading is not attended to properly. There can still be periods of dull days where spikes can be weakened owing to the lower light. Lengthening days will mean increased metabolic rates necessitating increased water and fertilizer. The plants will indicate needs by drying more rapidly, which means more frequent watering and fertilizing.

With the passing of the season for winter bloomers, and the beginning of the season for spring bloom, it is also the time to be on the lookout for plants that will need potting after they bloom. Immediately after blooming has proven to be the best time to repot winter- and spring-flowering cattleyas. In most cases, they will be ready to grow roots, so if potted at this time, they will root right into fresh mix with little or no setback.

Phalaenopsis

In most of the country, March is the peak blooming month for phalaenopsis. Staking needs to be carefully attended to, so that the flowers will be displayed at their best for orchid shows and judging -- even those intended for your home will look best if properly staked. One of the most decorative aspects of phalaenopsis spikes is the way they gracefully arch. If not staked properly, the spike will lack this grace and will not be as pleasing. Most growers like to have the final support just below the first flower, allowing maximum support, without sacrificing the beauty of the arching spike.

Rapid-growing spikes and open flowers place extra demands on the plant. Careful monitoring of watering and feeding will give the plants the energy they require to give their best floral display. Remember, too, that the lengthening days will also increase the frequency at which plants need water.

Beware of the invasion of sucking pests that accompany the flowering season. Flowers and spikes are favorite targets of mealybugs and scales. Be on the look out for their presence, often indicated by the appearance of sooty mold resulting from the exudate of the bugs, and treat before flowers or buds are too advanced. If flowers and buds are too far along, the chemical treatment may damage or abort them.

-Prepared by James Rose and Ned Nash.

