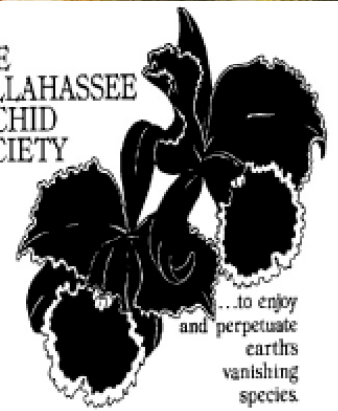


Tallahassee Orchid Society News



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SOCIETY



September 2006

Next meeting : Thursday, November 2nd, 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.



Blossoms Walt used in his presentation

November Program - Bulbophyllums

Mike Heinz from the Jacksonville Orchid Society will once again be at our meeting to tell us about the care and potting of bulbophyllums. He has presented a similar program in the past and has brought some wonderful plants to sell. If you are interested in the bizarre world of small smelly flowers, you don't want to miss this!

Past Program -

Walt Wager gave an interesting program on the diversity of orchid blossoms. He pointed out that you can't expect to get an orange bloom from crossing a yellow and a red flower, sometimes you get neither or another red.



Cirr. Doris Dukes #2

The TOS now has a flickr site! Go to www.flickr.com and sign in as

member: tallyorchid

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Then you should be able to view pictures of orchids placed up there by other members. You also can put pictures up at the site. So enjoy the new addition to TOS.

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Secretary's report

October Secretary's Minutes

5 October 2006

Board meeting

Begun at 6:35 pm

Flickr site is up and running

By-laws should the board or a committee suggest a new draft of the by-laws to the members rather than a long discussion among the members?

Main changes

Fees

Meeting dates

Classification of a family

Date to elect officers

All agreed that a committee needs to be formed

Will vote on changes proposed last month

Show committee responsibilities passed out

Discussed contract to use facilities for our show

No fee use contract

Supply janitorial staff and a least one security guard make sure that we can use members

Don't park in reserved parking spaces

Will renew membership with the American Orchid Society

Ended at 6:55 pm

Member's Meeting

Chris Sedlacek brought to order at 7:05 pm

Old business

Newsletter available on the website

Flickr site is up and running feel free to add orchid photos

Upcoming shows

Orchtoberfest 20-22 October

Gainesville Orchid Society Show 28-29 October

Tropiflora Open House this weekend

Glenn and Martha Sponholtz will look into setting up a display at the Gainesville Orchid Society show, but they may not be able to make it. We will most likely not have a display at their show this year.

Glenn Sponholtz has plants available

Secretary's minutes and treasurer's report accepted as printed in the newsletter

Visitors Debbie

Show theme

Spring into Orchids

By-laws

All agreed to change the cost for dues, the time that we meet, and the classification of a family (family is now more than one individual and can have up to two votes).

Postponed a decision on election time. Lots of discussion. Motion made for officers that are in place to stay there until next November and then vote every November.

A committee will make proposed changes to the members

New business

Christmas party

Suggestion to meet at Golden Corral

Walt may either open his house or reserve his church fellowship hall (requires a \$50 donation to hold it there). Awaiting word from Walt.

Ended at 7:38 pm

Respectfully submitted

Linda Sedlacek

Treasurer's Report - October

Beginning account balance	\$1991.25
New members and renewals	0.00
Auction	0.00
Sales	68.00
Ending account balance	\$2059.25

Upcoming Events

October

20-22 Orchtoberfest, EFG Orchids/Power Plant, 4265 Marsh Rd., DeLand, FL.

28-29 Gainesville Orchid Society Show, Tower Club, The Village, 2801 NE 83rd St., Gainesville, FL

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President's Letter - November 2006

The weather is turning cooler and the ghosts and goblins have made their way past your doors. I hope that this newsletter finds all of you well and that you are preparing your plants and greenhouses for the winter. Linda and I are repairing our greenhouse and anticipate replacing the plastic soon. We have already brought out the heater and used it on those nights the temperature dipped into the low 40s.

I would like to take a moment and thank everyone for helping to make our society successful. We are fortunate to have such dedicated members who give so much of themselves. Without them we wouldn't have programs or a society for that matter. So a big thank you to all of you.

Next month we will be having our annual holiday party, so there won't be a program. However come and enjoy the company of your fellow orchidists and have a good meal to boot!

See you at the next meeting ,

Chris Sedlacek



Miltassia



Cattleya

Cattleya

Growers of just about every level of expertise will have begun to notice autumn conditions by now. Days are becoming shorter, hence cooler; the sunlight has less intensity as a result of the sun's lowering angle, nights are longer and generally cooler. Plants are responding by slowing and ripening their growth in preparation for winter.

The first cultural change noticed should be a reduced frequency of watering, as the plants dry out more slowly. This is a function of both the reduced day length and lower temperatures, as well as the plants' slowing growth rate. Reduced water needs signal a reduced need for fertilization. Note that the key word is reduced, not eliminated. Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed. Growths, made during summer's heat, and relatively soft and green, will be ripening -- hardening -- in preparation for a brief period of rest (in many cases).

Many of these ripening growths will have a sheath, presaging the coming winter or spring flowering season. In some cases, these sheaths will have been evident since as early as July. (Early sheath development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons.) You may notice that some of these sheaths are showing signs of yellowing. This is not abnormal. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths can be left on the plant only so long before they must be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within. Water condensation left unchecked can rot the bud primordia. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

Cool-Growing Orchids

One can almost hear a sigh of relief from all of the cool-growers, from masdevallias to odontoglossums. As day temperatures decline, one can see a noticeable improvement in these plants. Shorter days and lower light levels do not seem to bother them. Repot before winter arrives.

Cymbidium

Finally we begin in earnest the main cymbidium season. *Cymbidium ensifolium* can give some early and fragrant hybrids, but it is now that the bulk of the crop will be flowering. The season lasts for about seven months, adding color to any collection. Miniature varieties will peak for the next three to four months. There are three important things to do: stake inflorescences ramrod straight for best presentation, watch for slugs and snails (especially just after a rain), and fertilize with a mild balanced formula regularly.

Oncidium crispum Complex

This is the season for plants in *Oncidium* section *crispum* from Brazil to shine. Extremely vigorous hybrids come in wide varieties of markings dominated with chestnut and brown and butter yellow. Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences. The pseudobulbs should be plump, so do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom. Later, plants will enter a dormant period.

-Prepared by James Rose and Ned Nash.



Cycnoches Jean E.
Mornier