



TOS Newsletter

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mary Ann Skalany, in a somewhat crowded space. Bruce Smith introduced himself as a visitor. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Old Business

Distribution of the newsletter was discussed. The newsletter is posted on the website as an adobe acrobat file. An e-mail is sent to what we have as the current e-mail address of each member. Those not having e-mail can access the newsletter by going to the Tallahassee orchid society website www.tallyorchid.org and click on special features. The link to the newsletters can be found there.

It was agreed that extra copies of the newsletter would be brought to the meeting for distribution to members without internet access.

The Treasurer, Pam, reported a balance of \$3932.15 before paying for the new LCD projector \$608.00.

The sale of Bill Brown's orchids raised \$1280 for the society. Thanks to Glen, Walt, Mary Ann, Greg, and everyone else



The March program "Preparing your orchids for an orchid show," was presented by David McCoy. He did an excellent job of demonstrating how to clean, sand stake orchids for the show. Specifically he showed us how you can use suspended ceiling wire wrapped with floral tape to support the flower stems. The wire can be purchased at Lowes, or home depot and the floral tape at Michael's. He suggested cleaning off the water spots on leaves with lemon juice, and cutting off the dead brown ends of leaves with a sterile razor or shears. Also, lean up the stems of the plants, removing sheaths, dead leaves, stems, etc.

Be careful if you bring your plants in the house to orient them to the light in the same direction they (continued on page 2).

who helped set up the tables, move the plants, prepare for the auction, and handle the sale, for a successful sale. Plants not sold will be brought in and given to new members or raffled at future meetings.

Bob Lindquist has the niches for members who wish to set up a small display. A single niche is 2' x 2', a double niche is 2' x 4'. Please let Bob know how many niches you need. His e-mail is rlindquist41@comcast.net.

Show set up begins the evening of April 17th for the space, 18th for the vendors

The Tallahassee Orchid Society Meets the First Thursday of every month. Meetings are held in the Leon County Agricultural Extension Center, 615 Paul Russell Road, starting at 7pm.

Visitors are always welcome at the meetings.

New Business

New business included a sincere thank you to David McCoy for getting the new LCD projector. He really found a good price on an excellent projector.

Welcome to Carlos Hernandez, a new member.

Show—the show is April 19th & 20th.

Beautifully designed posters were handed out for posting in public places. Members are asked to get with Mary Ann to volunteer for one or more show functions, like the visitor's desk, refreshments, clerking, etc. It is important that as many members participate as possible—there is a role for everyone.

Other orchid societies that will be coming to the show include Jacksonville, Thomasville, Gainesville, possibly St. Augustine.

TOS will make a contribution of \$100.00 to the American Orchid Society in honor of Bill Brown.





(New Business cont.)

Pam Stevens volunteered to house the Society's library cabinet, presently at Conchetta Brown's house. Mike Clark said he had other Society materials that Pam might find helpful.

Mike Clark volunteered to do a garden club presentation for the Honey Suckle Garden Circle on March 19th.

Auction:

A closing auction of some left-over plants added \$32.00 to the treasury

Program for April:

The April meeting will be preparing for the Orchid show, including addressing and stamping invitations to last year's attendees.

(March Program continued)

were growing or the blooms will rearrange themselves to follow the light. Also, if you bring plants into the house keep them away from ripening fruit because it gives off ethylene gas which will blast the blooms.

David also showed us how to use small florist wire (Michaels or Hobby Lobby), with wood stakes to fashion supports for blooms like paphiopedilums.

Last but not least, he showed us how to make a pot clip from the ceiling wire, and talked about dressing the pots (coving them with Spanish moss, or black cloth, to hide the clay or plastic pot.

Thanks David, for a informative and well presented program.

(If anyone needs Spanish moss, please come out to my place and get all you want) - Walt Wager

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