

TROPICAL FERN AND EXOTIC PLANT SOCIETY, INC. NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Vice President

We wish Lise and Steve the best for their new adventures in Hawaii, and thank them for their hard work for TFEPS in the past.

In the next few weeks, we will present a new slate of officers for 2017 to be voted on in November. If you would like to make suggestions or volunteer, please let me know. Meanwhile, I hope we have a super turnout for our September 26 meeting so we can greet old friends, meet new people and go over plans for our October 24 auction.

Please sign up with Emaly to bring food for the auction because people get excited about bidding and need energy to keep holding up those paddles!

--Georgia Tasker, Vice President

TFEPS Meeting Reminder

Monday, September 26th at 7:15PM

At Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in the Corbin Building

This month our speaker will be Georgia Tasker

and she will speak on "Orchids in History and South Florida"

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE

Missing Crown Jewels

By John Banta

Few joys can match the pleasure gained from acquiring a plant that is new to you and all of your friends. It happens far too seldom, but those novel plants are still waiting to be collected by those adventurous plant collectors. A few examples might encourage their introduction.

If you're into *Begonias*, this will get your juices flowing. Deep in the Malaysian rainforest Mary Sizemore and I found a Begonia, *Begonia pavonina*, with leaves that were as blue as any Morpho butterfly's wing. While it is not an easy grower it really merits the attention it demands. While it is rare, it is occasionally available. Good luck.

Another gem, also from Malaysia, Koto Tinggi, is an absurdly attractive *Commelinaceae*, I believe the genus to be, *Forrestia*. This is a plant resembling a modest sized Dracaena but the leaf surface sets it apart from most other plants. The surface has the texture of sear-sucker and to add to its attractiveness the bottom of the leaf is bright purple.

There are thousands of plants yet in the wild that could grace our collections if only an adventuresome soul would collect them. Anyone for Asia?



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