Tropical Fern & Exotic Plant Society, Inc.
Newsletter

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2012 Show and Sale

Our annual Show and Sale was held on June 2 & 3, and what a fantastic weekend it was. Show Chairman Marnie Valent organized a hardworking group of society members to pull off this year’s show to wide acclaim.

Attendance was at an all-time high this year to view the beautiful display set up and arranged by Bob Benaim, Gerry Valent, and Reggie Whitehead. Making sure that all display plants were in order, Vivian Waddell did an exceptional job of keeping track of the many plants that filled our exhibit.

Our landscaped show changes every year due to the plants brought in. This year, large Platycerium ferns (Staghorns) dominated the exhibit. Spectacular staghorns such as a huge Platycerium superbum, brought in by David Foster, and multiple beautiful staghorns by Bob Benaim and a ‘Best Fern in Show’ Platycerium wandae brought in by Tom Moore were highlights.

There were exquisite ferns, orchids, crotons galore (thanks to new member Ron Keifert), cycads, aroids and a host of other exotic beauties gracing our beautiful display. We gratefully thank Dr. Lester Kallus, Martha Kent and Georgia Tasker for participating as judges this year (and Vivian Waddell and Reggie Whitehead for serving as clerks).

Our show and sale can not function properly without fuel, deliciously and copiously supplied by Emalyl Israel and her committee of workers. Our menus keep getting better and better — and more interesting. This year, Swedish meatballs whose prime ingredient (sauerkraut), were a HUGE hit — thank you Martha Bogaards for bringing in this treat.

We wish to thank ALL of our many volunteers who freely donated their time and plants to make this year’s show and sale as successful as ever.

May in Review

President Marnie Valent called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. The Raffle Table was supplied by Palm Hammock Orchid Estates and Craig Reid. The refreshment table was supplied by Emalyl Israel and Martha Bogaards. Treasurer’s Report” — $14, 652.25 (Note: This amount includes pre-show income.)

Vice President Marie Nock introduced our speaker, Georgia Tasker. Georgia is on staff at Fairchild and has written 3 handbooks in her on-going series, Gardening with Fairchild. She has traveled extensively and regaled us with stories from her trip through South Asia.

Georgia introduced us to the secretive and beautiful country of Myanmar (aka Burma), who recently re-opened its doors to the world. Georgia visited gardens and observed plants in the wild, and spoke about the many people she encountered on her trip.

Georgia’s trip took her to Nepal, Bhutan and parts of vast and beautiful India, where she was fortunate to see India’s big cat, the elusive tiger, which she photographed. A slide of this beautiful tiger concluded her breathtaking trip through South Asia. Thank you Georgia!

Barbara Joe Hoshizaki (Fern author and grower Barbara Joe Hoshizaki passed away in Los Angeles, at the end of May. We extend our sympathies to her loving husband, Takashi and their family.)

I met Barbara Joe at the second LA Fern Society show at the LA Fairgrounds in the mid 70’s in the evening before the show. It was my first venture out into that big fern world all by myself. That was a huge show and she was busily moving about directing activities and preserving sanity.

A Mr. Lazlofy had brought in native ferns in poisonous wood containers like poison ivy so all had to be very careful how to handle and how to keep the show visitors from having problems. I helped until the wee hours of the morning and came back the next day to buy my fill of the small pots of mysterious ferns. To say that Barbara Joe was an unbelievably wonderful person to work with does not even to begin to express my memories of this show and of Barbara Joe. Her sense of humor was soft

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Frank and Sally Tastinger — Most Unusual Plant: Nephrolepis exaltata ‘Suzy Wong’

Steve and Marie Nock — Best Flowering Plant: Globba ‘Blue Hawaii’ and Blue Ribbon Sweepstakes Winners

Glenda and Larry Weed — Best Florida Native: Campyloneurum angustifolium

Dr. Jeff Block — Best in Show: Anthurium magnificum
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Raffle Table for June

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Even though I'm lucky enough to live at the edge of a large river I find that ponds add greatly to my garden. The life of the river is quite different from the life of the ponds. The river is like a big city whereas the ponds are like small towns. Insects and amphibians that are rarely seen in the river enjoy the safety of the ponds. Sitting beside a pond produces a state of relaxation that is often difficult to achieve in our active daily lives. I lack the time and commitment for normal pets but the fish fill that void. The usual goldfish and Koi are not acceptable due to the predation of raccoons, otters and native fish eating birds. Most tropical fish don't survive our occasional cold winters but the Paradisefish (Macropodus opercularis) thrives here and eliminates the mosquito problem; lives on inexpensive ground up dry cat food; reproduces abundantly and is highly attractive being related to the Siamese Fighting Fish (Betta).

A constant source of fresh water provides a grand resource for many of our garden's co-habitants. Water lilies, Lotus and other neat aquatic plants add interest to any garden. Many uncommon aquatic insects such as back-swimmers, whirligigs and diving beetles as well as damselflies and dragonflies find refuge here. A pond is a wonderful way to add another dimension to your garden and enrich your environment.