

Petal Power

Golby-Reasoner Chapter
American Hibiscus Society

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PSBP Spring Plant Sale

The Palma Sola Botanical Park is having a Spring Plant Sale – and so is the Golby-Reasoner Chapter, AHS! A sign-up sheet was circulated at the February Chapter meeting and the following folks volunteered to staff our booth at the Plant Sale at the times indicated:

Saturday, March 12th

8:00 a.m. - noon; Karin and Leo Delbert, Kathi Schmidt, Ed Johansen

Noon – 3:00 p.m.; Norma Bryar, Jeanne Nathan

Sunday, March 13th

9:00 a.m. – noon; Pat Grant, Jack and Dotty Taaffe, Dave and Rae Flanders, Sandy Brown

Noon – 3:00 p.m.; Betty Seipel, Frank Vejrostek, Yvonne Santiago, Mike and Trudy Topolosky

The above is listed not just to remind the members involved, but also to show that some more help would be appreciated – particularly on Saturday afternoon. If you are in the volunteering mood, call Donny Waldroup (795-2586), who has a pencil hovering over the schedule at all times, ready to add your name.

One other thing - lots of hibiscus BLOOMS will be needed to draw attention to our booth. PLEASE bring whatever blooms you have, particularly on Saturday morning!

March Chapter Meeting at PSBP!

There will be several elements to the March Chapter meeting. First, it will be held during the Palma Sola Botanical Park Spring Plant Sale – at the PSBP. The meeting will be at the usual time, 2:00 p.m., in the building that looks like it is made of all screen (we think it's called the "pavilion"). It is the same building we had our meeting in last year. It is our understanding that you will not be expected to pay to enter the Park if you tell whoever may ask that you are attending the G-R Chapter meeting.

Secondly, Jack Taaffe recently completed the Master Gardener course of study at the Extension Center and will pass along his impressions of the program at the March 13th Chapter Meeting. Several of our members are Master Gardeners and there are certainly others in the Chapter who could (should?) be. Come and see what the course is all about and whether you have ever thought about becoming a Master Gardener or not, Jack is sure to give an interesting presentation about a very worthwhile part of the gardening scene in Manatee County.

Thirdly, the Reasoner Hibiscus Garden will be dedicated as a part of the meeting. It is thought that the Reasoner family will be represented. Since a number of our members worked to make the space a garden it is appropriate that the dedication take place during a Chapter meeting. It would seem particularly appropriate for all members to wear their Chapter shirts for the occasion.

February 4th Board Meeting Minutes Excerpts

The telephone committee members were reviewed as follows: Jeanne Nathan (Chair), Karin Delbert, Dotty Taaffe, Len Erickson, Beege Hunter. Rae Flanders will make Board meeting calls.

Show Co-chairperson Janet Love indicated that her son's ordination as a minister in the Free Methodist Church has been set for May 29th. They will conduct the planning necessary, but will not be here for the set-up day or the day of the show. President Flanders asked for volunteers – Gayler Boettcher volunteered to be the Chair for the two days.

A motion was made and seconded that Al Morgan's resignation from the Board be accepted. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that Beege Hunter be accepted as a member of the Board of Directors (2006). The motion carried.

Fifty dollars has been received from Bob Hunter – which he received for addressing a garden club. Bob will be addressing two other garden clubs in the near future.

Internet news...

The Hibiscus Mail List now lets members include pictures with their messages, and many new hibiscus pictures are on display daily. If you'd like to follow what's going on, the easiest way to join is to go to:

<http://trop-hibiscus.com/ml/html>

Would you like to engage in some flower mischief? An enterprising internet florist (deadflowerflorist.com) is selling wilted flowers, dead roses, bad breath and body odors. The claim is that it's just the ticket for a get-even payback, but what an odd way to make a buck.

Google is introducing a free email system (gmail.com). It offers 1000 mb of free storage which means most users will never need to delete any messages. You won't even need to organize them inside folders (in fact, you can't) because you'll be able to do a Google search to retrieve whatever you want.

Golby-Reasoner Chapter, AHS

Chapter Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2005

Pres. Dave Flanders called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Minutes of the January chapter meeting were accepted as printed in *Petal Power*.

Treasurer Shirley Adams reported that on Dec. 31 the balance on hand was \$3064.54. During January, income was \$296.00 with expenses of \$115.00, leaving a net balance of \$3245.54. Pres. Flanders commented that our participation in the West Florida Home and Garden Show was successful in meeting objectives and thanked the Browns for spearheading the effort.

Sunshine Chair Dotty Taaffe reported that Marlyn Marshall is now home. Nancy Boettcher recently suffered a heart attack and is hospitalized. Dale Young is recovering from recent surgery.

February 4 Board Meeting highlights: Beege Hunter was confirmed as the new 2006 Director replacing Al Morgan who resigned. Bob Hunter was guest speaker at the Sarasota Garden Club on February 8, and will speak at the Manatee River Garden Club on April 5. Dave Flanders spoke at the Palm Aire Garden Club on January 19.

The Florida State Fair Hibiscus Show will be on Saturday, February 19 hosted by the Sunshine Chapter. Admission tickets were available to members planning to enter blooms.

Palma Sola Botanical Park Annual Festival and Plant Sale will be on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13. Gayler Boettcher and Donny Waldroup are in charge and will set up a tent and bring plants for sale. A sign-up sheet was circulated for members to operate our booth.

Your blooms are needed for both of the above events so please delay pruning until they are over.

Englewood Orchid Society Show and Plant Sale is on March 18 and 19 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Road. Admission and parking are free.

In new business, Frank Vejrostek said it is useful for members to keep show advertisements on hand for promotional purposes.

Len Erikson introduced our speaker, Allen Garner, a Manatee county native with a degree in landscape architecture. In a slide show, he summarized Florida history related to preservation, and maintenance of a healthy environment by reducing pollution, for example. He discussed and illustrated the importance of putting the right plants in the right places so that maintenance needs are minimized. He then displayed and circulated cuttings from numerous plants and shrubs deserving landscaping consideration.

President Flanders commented that our next meeting is at the Palma Sola Botanical Park in the pavilion on March 13 at 2:00 p.m., when Jack Taaffe will relate his experiences in Master Gardener Training.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m. Pat Grant won the hibiscus raffle, and Len and Dottie Erikson provided Valentine's Day refreshments.

Gene Haugh
Subbing for Secretary Gayler Boettcher

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Coming Events

March 4, 9:30 a.m.: Board Meeting at the Flanders' home

March 12 & 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: PSBP Spring Plant Sale, staff and visit the G-R booth!

March 13, 2:00 p.m.: Chapter Meeting at PSBP: Spring Plant Sale, Jack Taaffe, "Master Gardening" plus Dedication of Reasoner Hibiscus Garden

April 10: Annual Spring Picnic