

Petal Power

Golby-Reasoner Chapter
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SHOW TIME!!

Whether your internal clock makes it seem like the last show was just last week – or was three years ago – in the real world the Golby-Reasoner Annual Hibiscus Show and Plant Sale is just a few days away – Saturday, May 27th, with a Set-up Day on Friday, May 26th. Let's take a look at the "total" picture.

Location

Just in case someone doesn't know – or for those who have forgotten – our show is now at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church, which is set back a little from the north-east corner of Manatee Avenue and 13th Street West.

Set-up Day

Set-up day, **Friday, May 26th** will begin at **10:00 a.m.** Everyone's help is needed. With enough members working together, we should be pretty well wrapped up around noon. Even though the activity may last a bit longer, it should be possible to make lunch plans with fellow members if you wish.

We always need scissors, so please try to remember to bring some. Please put your name on them in some way, for obvious reasons. And bring some paper grocery bags! We have none left over from last year, so we need about 200! Also, if you don't have an official Chapter shirt – there will be some available for purchase. (We understand there are no small size shirts left, but the other sizes are still available.) It's nice if all members wear their Chapter shirts at the Show so that our guests know who the hosts are – and whom to ask if they have questions.

Show Day

The day of the Show, **Saturday May 27th**, will begin for most members around 8:00 am. While many members have assignments that may not begin until later, there are always a lot of loose ends to tend to relatively early – thus the 8:00ish time. Perhaps a list of things to remember would be of help in - remembering stuff...

- Bring blooms! Bring any blooms you have – not just hybrids. Each person can only enter one bloom per variety and the person entering the bloom should be the person who brought the

bloom. If you haven't entered blooms before, the folks at the registration desk will help you.

- Don't forget your contribution to the refreshment table! In the years prior to 1996 (or thereabouts) the Chapter served a lunch/dinner at noon primarily for judges and Chapter members. It required a lot of effort, and the Bradenton Auditorium facilities at the time were less than adequate. The advent of the refreshment table (sometimes referred to as "grazing table") was a most welcome addition to our Show and sets it apart from others.
- Wear your Golby-Reasoner shirt – if you have one and it still fits.
- Wear your Chapter name tag. If you can't find them – ask someone that has one on.
- Wear comfortable shoes – and perhaps bring another pair you can change into late in the day.

Other Show Stuff

1. Can you believe that we had the audacity to use a heading with the word "stuff" in it - and put it in **bold type** – and then underline it? What is this world coming to?
2. Chapter members will once again be afforded the opportunity to buy plants prior to the public sale, which begins at 1:00 p.m. Please do not enter the plant sale area until all the plants are in place and their pictures affixed. The plants you purchase may be left in the holding area behind the check-out station – however, they must be paid for before being placed there.
3. The Annual Show is the only time you can purchase the fertilizer the Chapter has specifically formulated for hibiscus. We usually sell it all at the Show, so get what you will need between now and the 2007 Show.

Show "assignments"!

Again this year Janet and Mark Love, Show Co-Chairs, have accomplished an amazing amount of planning for our Chapter's Annual Show and Plant Sale. When one just thinks about the number of telephone calls that have been made by Mark and Janet as they talk to Chapter members about the Show – well, it's just amazing!

Listed below are the Show “assignments” that Mark and Janet have arrived at with the Chapter members listed. (Some AHS people who will be performing “official” jobs are also shown.) This listing is actually provided in case someone may have forgotten what they agreed to do – realizing that would never happen – yeah, right.... (Most of these “assignments” pertain to the day of the Show. Everyone’s help is needed on the Set up Day, Friday, May 26th!)

Property and Transportation: Leo Delbert, Tom Tourt, Dale Young

Plant Sales: Donny and Eva Waldroup, Bill Faulls, Jack Taaffe, Leo Delbert, Lloyd Sartin, Sandy Brown, Bill Grant, Ruben Santiago, Maynard Pastorius

Publicity and Membership: Dave and Rae Flanders, Betty Seipel, Shirley Adams

Photography: Gene Haugh

Publications and Education: Gene Haugh, Tom Tourt, Sue Haugh, Len Erikson

Registration and Information: Beege Hunter, Trudy Topolosky

Tally Clerks: Rae Flanders, Jeanne Nathan, Pat Kramer, Betty Seipel, Roberta Ladd, Sue Haugh, Carl Kramer, Len Erikson, Ken Gall, Pat Bradley, John Webster

Bloom Carriers and Runners: Mike Topolosky, Bill Grant, Tom Tourt, Dave Seipel, Danielle Seipel, Ruben Santiago, Maynard Pastorius

Bloom Table and Christmas Tree: Shirley Adams, Yvonne Santiago, Dee Pastorius, Marilyn Young

Awards Staging – Head Table: Bob Hunter, Leo Delbert, Lloyd Sartin, Dave Flanders

Refreshments: Karin Delbert, Dotty Taaffe, Jean Tourt, Roberta Ladd, Trudy Topolosky, Jeanne Nathan

Commercial Bloom Prep Area: Petey Birchall

Welcoming: Petey Birchall, Jean Tourt, Beege Hunter

Gold Table: Rae Flanders

Announcer: Carl Kramer, Mark Love

Demonstration: Dorothy Erikson

Staging – Best of Show, etc: Beege Hunter

Signs: Dale Young, Mark Love

Sweepstake Clerk: Walter Biselle

Show Director: Randy Cox

Assistant Show Director: Rita Hall, Ed Flory, Walter Neef

AS ALWAYS, EVERYONE WILL “CHIP IN” TO DO WHAT THERE IS TO DO, REGARDLESS OF THEIR “ASSIGNMENTS”.

June Chapter “Meeting”

We always have, jus’ for fun, put quotation marks around the word meeting when we were going to discuss when the Chapter members met at a restaurant, on the usual Chapter meeting day - but there was no meeting as such. We told you it was fun! Wow!

But this year, due to changes in the Chapter’s calendar, there will actually be a meeting when the members gather at Nicki’s, 1830 59th St. West on June 10th. While other matters could be broached, the main item on the agenda is the installation of officers and Board members. Meeting or not, this is always a fun time. If it is the first week in June and you have not been contacted and plan on attending, please call Karin Delbert (794-5271) or Jeanne Nathan (794-0908) so that chairs will be waiting.

Dues overdue!

Well not yet, but the Chapter is suppose to have the AHS dues to them by June 1st. If you haven’t paid yet, you could take care of that little item at the Show. Give your check to Shirley Adams – or if you will not be at the Show, send your check to her at 2704 Bay Drive, Bradenton, FL 34207. Of course, the Chapter will gladly accept your check – any time – before or after June 1. (After August 1st for that matter....)

Just a thought...

As far as we can tell, the first meeting of our Chapter was held on the second Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. That was in the sixties and much has changed in people’s life patterns since then. Most chapters in the AHS meet at some time other than on the weekend. Of course we are doing as well or better than some of those. However, is it time that we at least consider changing when our Chapter meetings are held?

Other shows...

Since we are caught up in preparation for our Show, we shouldn’t forget that other chapters have shows too. Fancy that. The Venice Chapter has their show on May 21st and the Fort Myers Chapter’s show is on June 4th, followed by the St. Petersburg show on June 10th. There are Seed Pod has ads that give directions.

Third National Hibiscus Festival!

Punta Gorda is continuing their celebration of the Hibiscus with another festival June 15, 16 and 17th. Curt Sinclair, a past AHS president and consistent entrant at our Shows, is providing another new variety for the event. According to an advertisement, “This latest cultivar follows in the tradition of naming a flower after an appropriate and memorable event in the current history of Punta Gorda. Last year it was “Eye of the Storm” and this year “The New Look” has been developed...”

Notable events during the Festival are:

- Thursday, June 15th, 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Downtown Merchant’s Gallery Walk

- Friday, June 16th, 6:00-11:00 p.m. – The Al Fresco Music and Dinner Festival. In Gilchrist Park there will be five bands and food complete with a Hibiscus cocktail, at the Hibiscus Gazebo Bar, concocted and named after “The New Look”.
- Saturday, June 17th, 9:00-4:00 – The Third National Hibiscus Festival at Gilchrist Park. This includes a farmer’s market, exotic plant sale, trolley tours, and the Lil’ Miss Hibiscus Pageant at 10:00 am.

For a city that is still rebuilding, the Hibiscus Festival has become a morale builder for residents and those that might wish to spend the hour to make the trip, your presence may help that morale – and, you might have a good time!

Golby-Reasoner Chapter, AHS

Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2006

First Vice-president Janet Love called the meeting to order shortly after 2:00 p.m.

Hearing no questions or corrections, Vice-president Love indicated that the minutes of the April 9, 2006 Chapter meeting, as printed in *Petal Power*, would be accepted as printed.

Treasurer Shirley Adams reviewed the financial report for April 2006. As of April 1st there was a balance on hand of \$3,323.09. There was income of \$613.00 and expense of \$74.55, resulting in a balance on hand on April 30th of \$3,861.54. A motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted. The motion passed.

It was noted that Pat Grant and Bill Fauls would be providing the refreshments after the business meeting.

Members in attendance indicated that there was a “For Sale” sign on the Historium, which was taken as an indication that the hibiscus garden planned for there would not be realized.

In preparation of the election of officers and board members, Carl Kramer read the slate of candidates as follows:

President, Gayler Boettcher
 First Vice-President, Janet Love
 Second Vice-President, Marilyn Young
 Secretary, Gene Haugh
 Treasurer, Shirley Adams
 Director, (2008), Doty Taaffe

Director (2009), Betty Seipel
 Director (2009), Leo Delbert

A motion was made and seconded that the slate of nominees be elected. The motion carried.

Vice president Love announced that there would be a raffle for a hibiscus plant (“Bob’s Delight”) following the meeting.

Janet Love conducted the portion of the meeting related to Show plans. Mark Love handed out cards to everyone in attendance which indicated what they had agreed to do. The set up will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 26th and on the day of the Show; Saturday, May 27th, member activity will begin at 8:00 a.m. Everyone should wear their Chapter shirts on Show day.

Everyone is asked to bring paper grocery sacks - for the plants sales.

The prizes for the sweepstakes winners, etc. were displayed – which, it was agreed, were beautiful! They were created by Yvonne Santiago.

The June meeting will be on Saturday, June 10th, at 2:00 p.m. at Nicki’s. The installation of officers and Board members will be conducted at that time. President Flanders is inviting the AHS Executive Director and the Treasurer to conduct the ceremony and to be our guests.

The Chapter will be hosting a hospitality room at the AHS national convention, which is June 15-18. Shirley Adams, Petey Burchall, Trudy and Mike Topolosky have volunteered to over-see that operation.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed at 2:30 p.m.

The raffle was won by Jeanne Nathan.

Gayler Boettcher
 Secretary

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Coming Events

May 26, 27: **Annual Hibiscus Show and Setup**

June 2, 9:30 a.m.: Board Meeting, Manatee County
Library South

June 10 (Sat.): Annual Restaurant Meeting at Nicki's,
1830 59th St W. Installation of Chapter Officers.

June 15-18: AHS National Convention, Holiday Inn
Riverfront, **Bradenton!**