

The Board of Directors of the  
Florida Museum for Women Artists  
cordially invites you to attend the  
Membership Preview Opening of the exhibition

**Illustrating Orchids:**

*Blanche Ames Ames (1878-1969)  
& Marion Ruff Sheehan (1924-1998)*

**Friday, May 7, 2010  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**100 N. Woodland Blvd., Suite 1, DeLand, FL 32720**

**Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres**

*The exhibition presents the art of two botanical illustrators whose work is the epitome, not only of scientific illustration, but also of the creative perfection that makes the works great art. Blanche Ames Ames (1878-1969) and Marion Ruff Sheehan (1924-1998) used their extensive artistic abilities to document the form and structure of the numerous genera of orchids. Working in ink and watercolor the artists made precise renderings of the dissected orchids before them. Each of the women teamed with their husbands – prominent scholars of orchid study. The exhibition includes original ink drawings, original watercolors and lithographs made from the originals. Works are from the collections of the Botanical Libraries of Harvard University and the collection of Thomas and Marian Sheehan.*

RSVP is appreciated by May 3rd, please call (386) 873-2976  
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**Mark your calendar - included with admission:**

**May 21** - Lucille O'Neal Book Signing "Walk Like You Have Somewhere to Go," reveals that she is more than just "Shaquille O'Neal's mom." Perhaps your own journey resembles hers. Books will be available for purchase.  
**event 4-7pm**

**May 30** - Gallery tour and discussion with TP Plimpton, the grandson of Blanche Ames.  
**event 2pm**