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Our Very own Ticketmaster

Richard Ratajczak

I was first introduced orchids around 20 years ago. Living in New Jersey and had gone to the florist to buy roses for a lady I was seeing. I was intrigued by the beauty of the orchid corsage that I immediately became interested in growing them myself and bought the corsage instead of roses.

After moving to Florida, I bought my first live orchid which was a Phal. that lasted for a while but then I drowned it.

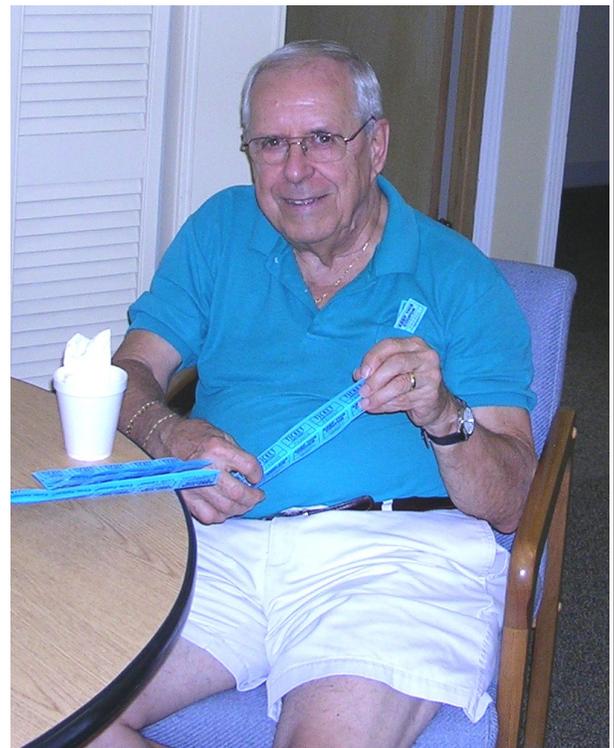
Shortly after I saw the advertisement for the orchid club in a local newspaper and joined the club. Joining the club has been very beneficial to me because the first thing I learned was what I could do to not drown anymore orchids. Proper watering, fertilizing, etc. I found out is the key to successful orchid growing.

My biggest disappointment with growing orchids was purchasing a big orange Cattleya from a grower and while putting it in the car broke it off.

As for my favorite or least favorite orchid, I have no least favorite. All orchids are my favorite.

At the present time I have 125 orchids and I grow them in my lanai and in trees outside my home.

As for how I care for my orchids, I let nature take its course and they are going very well.





Treasure's Report

By

Helen Battistrada

Balance 08/17/13	\$ 3337.05
Receipts	\$ <u>308.00</u>
Total	\$ 3645.05
Disbursements	\$ <u>485.82</u>
Balance 09/21/13	\$ 3159.23



Upcoming Speaker Program

By Ed Bugbee,
Program Coordinator

October

Club Picnic Oct 19, 2013

Road Trip Nov 2, 2013

November

Club Annual Action Nov. 16, 2013

December

Club Christmas Party Dec. 14, 2013

Membership



By Linda Meyer & Sarah Hart
Membership Coordinators

90 Paid members.

41 Members August attendance

11 Guest

1 New member

Our meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month starting at 1:00 P.M. We usually have an informative speaker at each meeting, a show table of orchids grown by our members and orchids for sale. We meet at the ; Partners Club of Oak Hill Hospital 11361 Cortez Blvd Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, Florida

ORCHID LOVERS' CLUB OF SPRING HILL MINUTES OF THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

- President, Geary Harris called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.
- Greeting of new members and visitors.
- Vera Wells spoke about the October 19th picnic. It will be from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. A sign up sheet was passed around for salads & condiments. She also passed around a sign up sheet for those attending the picnic for a final head count. There will be a raffle & show table. Bring your own chairs. For the lesson in re-potting, members must bring their own plant, pot & medium. Gary Gethen, Ed & Linda Bugbee will be assisting.
- A field trip is being planned for the Apopka area on November 2nd. Sign up sheet was passed around.
- The annual Orchid auction is on November 16, 2013. Preview at 11:30 a.m. Auction starts at 12:00 p.m. Ed Bugbee will be the auctioneer. Ed stated that donated plants must be clean & healthy. This is our big fund raiser for the year.
- Helen Battistrada read the Treasurer's report
- Linda Meyer reported on the membership. She also spoke about name tags and the embroidery on shirts.
- The Christmas party will be on December 14, 2013.
- Our sympathies were extended to Gary Gethen whose partner passed away.
- Plants for sale by speaker Bill Thomas.
- Judges chosen for show table.
- Break.
- Show table.
- Speaker Bill Thomas spoke about Bulbophyllum Orchids.
- Raffle was held.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.



Minutes submitted by Sue Caparbi-Taylor



**Refreshment
Reminder**

By
Eleanor Szarzynski,
Refreshment Coordinator
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October

Laurie Ciannamea
Thomas Gavin
Donna Fazekas
Soft Drinks
Eleanor Szarzynski
Sonia Terrelonge

**ORCHID AND CLUB NAME
EMBROIDERED ON YOUR
SHIRT**

Have 'your' shirt embroidered with our club's name and a beautiful orchid. Information will be at the attendance desk each month. Orders must be pre-paid. Shirts must also be pre-washed. When we have a reasonable size order it will be sent in. Hopefully by October.

Sonia Terrelonge

inch worm and he suggested that we did not want to be inch worm growers, presumably meaning our plants won't do much if we don't know how to grow them. If you give your plants some food every now and then and you check on them only every now and then - you'd be in the inch worm zone. They need food on a regular basis. He used the acronym 'Waffle House' to describe their needs WAFL-HS = WATER, AIR, FOOD, LIGHT - HUMIDITY, (protection from) SICKNESS. No different from other orchids at this point.



GUEST SPEAKER SEGMENT - by Delia Dunn

Bill Thoms has won nearly 100 American Orchid Society Cultural awards and has been growing orchids in Florida for over 40 years. He is an American Orchid Society Judge and lives and breeds orchids in Tampa with his wife, the very talented Doris Dukes, also an AOS Judge. He is the author of *Bulbophyllums; the Incomplete Guide, From A to WHY?* a whimsical book on Bulbophyllums, the largest genus in the orchid family.

DO WE KNOW HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE WORD CORRECTLY?? It's not like phyllo dough. It's 'BulboFILLum' we all learned. Bill came complete with props and interspersed humor throughout his talk and in that vein wanted us to know from the outset that the best information comes from an expert, the best in the field, and actually the best in the world, which just happened to be him. He has had many plants awarded and also received over 100 Cultural awards for plants and presentations. He is not a humble man at this stage of his life but he IS still an expert. He had a great introduction for himself, it's a shame he hadn't given it to Geary Harris to introduce him with.



He started his presentation by stipulating that whatever we've been through with our orchid growing, he and Doris have already experienced. They've gone through everything possible and there is no new problem you can come up with that they have not had themselves and figured out the solution. And therefore who better to learn from. One of his props was a flag with the drawing of an



Reversing the flag showed a smiling face or a star fish and he said we want to be star fish growers. OKAY! J That brought great response from the members and guests. The secret to growing Bulbos is **'more water longer'**, grow in shallow trays that can hold water, with fresh air and good air flow. Fertilize weakly (1/2 strength) on a weekly basis. And be sure to water first when fertilizing Bulbophyllums. Bill makes his own great fertilizer that we can purchase. Laura Newton was there at the meeting with her Plant Potion #9 and he adds that Potion to his own fertilizer with remarkable results, adding again that he just overcame 100 Cultural awards, as a non-subliminal reminder that he is an expert and he does grow great orchids. Obviously his method of watering and his fertilizer has a lot to do with his expertise. He also said that bright shade is best when growing these plants.

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The Presidents Message

By Geary Harris

If anyone's to blame for our September's speaker, blame it on me. I thought we were getting a class act but, instead we got a person who needs to compose himself in a way that speaks of his gift of teaching people how to grow and care for this particular orchid instead of his big ego. We will never repeat never invite this man to speak at our club again. We have many experienced orchid growers in our club that can do a much better job.

Be sure and come to our annual picnic at Vera Wells house. All info is in the Keiki and on our web site at;

springhillorchidclub.com

See you on the 19th.

Orchid Lovers Club Picnic
October 19th 2013
Time: 1pm to 4pm
Will be held at
Vera & Michael Wells Home
16139 Sam C Rd
Brooksville FL, 34613
Phone: 352- 345- 4318

Directions from Oak Hill Hospital
SR 50 East past the Suncoast Highway
about 3/4 mile to Fort Dade Avenue.
Make a left onto Fort Dade Ave.
(Race Track Gas Station is on the corner).
Proceed 1/2 mile to Sam C Rd (2nd left).
Make a left onto Sam C Rd then proceed
after the bend in the road.

Home is the second on the right
with paved driveways, yellow home.



From the August 1997 issue of The keiki
Jim Duerstock, President
Ed Bugbee, Vice President
Lyn Bugbee, Keiki Editor

Odd Bits of Wit and Wisdom

Ever wonder what the 3 numbers (10-10-10) in a fertilizer ratio stand for? Nitrogen - phosphorus - potassium (potash) these are the Macro-elements which are essential basic sources of nutrition for orchids. Unless you understand the changing needs for the different fertilizers "all purpose" fertilizer is simple & safe the plants will absorb what they

need.

"Weekly, Weakly" is the general rule of thumb - once a week with a very weak solution Nitrogen - source of protein for all plant cells, promotes growth of green tissue ... i.e. leaves (yellow bottom leaves can be a lack of N.) Phosphorus - promotes root growth and flower initiation (Lack of P. can show by lower leaves turning purple or deeper green, lack of root growth) Potassium - governs photosynthesis - i.e.: plant vigor & pseudobuib plumpness temperature tolerance flower longevity (It is difficult to detect deficiency in K. - leaf edges turn yellow)

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He then went into a Power Point presentation starting with his growing trays in his greenhouse - very shallow with a side on the trays so they would hold water and so that his pots could not fall off. There were many slides of some of the neatest species and hybrids, including his own beautifully grown plants. All his plants are named after he and Doris (ie) *Bulbophyllum A-doribill* and then the name of the plant (ie) 'Majestic'. Some others were Bulb. A-doribil Candy Ann AQ/AOS (A-doribil Candy X annandalei) (named after a family member), (3-8 light pink/yellow flowers w/ red stripes) That cross has received an Award of Quality and has 9 awards so far.

Bulb. A-doribil Collin (Doris Dukes 'Red Velvet' X echino 'Strawberry Dagger' AM) large flowers in succession; free bloomer!!

Bulb. A-doribil Upwind (basisetum 'A-doribil' CHM/AOS X echinolabium 'A-doribil' AM/AOS) 6" orange flower w/ red lip produced for months; (named due to it's very stinky smell).

Laura Newton had one in his presentation named after her. *Bulb. Laura Newton* (Bulb. agastor x Bulb. macrobulbum) and registered by Bill. Congratulations, Laura!! A very nice plant even though you said it stinks a little. Bill showed various crosses which was an interesting part of the slide show - explaining each parent and the resulting plant, and they were stunning. He told some funny anecdotes about how he'd entered a plant for judging and received a congratulatory letter from the AOS with the award but his wife had entered one of hers and got a congratulatory letter and award with a check for \$400. The next year again they entered their plants and he got the usual letter and award and \$100 check but Doris got her letter and award for the same plant as the previous year, with another check for \$400. They obviously have a lot of pride in what they do and a lot of competition between the two.

His favorite way to grow Bulbos is in plastic pots with sphagnum moss because they each hold water longer and Bulbos should be grown horizontally rather than vertically

as the roots spread all over the place. He also added that they take in water slowly and we should water from all sides and not just one side of the plant. The same thing with fertilizer. Earlier he had suggested that perhaps our plants might not be growing on all sides (making us inch worm growers) and that might be especially relevant for Bulbos since their roots spread sideways and if they missed water or fertilizer on the back side they might not do as well.

He uses slug and snail bait for insects and for cockroaches he uses regular Raid. He loves Neem Oil - it's very good stuff he says and systemic so it goes throughout the plant. He mixes the Neem Oil with Palmolive dish detergent as a surfactant. He didn't explain the choice of his color green but he said he prefers just the original green Palmolive and not the blue or gold etc.

Another good tip he gave us was that he sprays all his chemicals on all his plants, including his Cattleyas, as it is cooling late in the afternoon - fungicides, fertilizers and



Bulbophyllum rothschildianum 'Kaylee Marie' HCC/AOS

The huge lateral sepals of Bulbophyllum rothschildianum are densely studded with numerous warts and points, many of which are highly colored.



insecticides, throwing in again that non-subliminal reminder. I got the message that he was sending to us even though his way of giving it was **not** humble, which of course he knew, but if you want to grow great Bulbophyllums what better than the expert's advice?

Note from Delia;

Here is some excellent additional cultural information for those who want more on Bulbophyllums.

<http://www.orchid-care-tips.com/bulbophyllum-orchid.html>

Please welcome our newest members;

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October In Your Orchids

Based on AOS monthly checklists by Robert Scully and Ned Nash & James Rose, adapted to St. Augustine by local growers. Re-printed by permission of the St. Augustine Orchid Society

General Orchid Growing Tips

We usually receive our first cold snap around Halloween, so if you are growing outdoors, this is the time for you to make your winter preparations. Check your winter structure, test fire your heaters and start cleaning your plants. The shortening day length and cooler nights initiate all sorts of changes in your orchids. Your plants require less water and fertilizer now. Observe the rate at which your plants dry out after watering and make adjustments, gradually adding days in between your normally watering cycle.

Cattleyas

Many fall blooming cattleyas are getting ready to bloom and buds are swelling in their sheaths. *C. labiata*, *C. bowringiana* and the fall blooming form of *C. skinneri*, and their hybrids typically have double sheaths. *Sophranitis coccinea* enjoys a peak flowering season this month. Some of its hybrids should also be blooming, particularly those with summer-fall flowering parents. While the plants are usually small, the show of color makes them conspicuous. Also blooming now is *Enc. cochleata*, *Epi. ciliare* and *Epi. pseudepidendrum*.

It seems that the big change in day to night temperatures can cause moisture to accumulate between the inner and outer sheaths causing buds to rot. Watch these orchids carefully and be sure there is lots of air movement around these orchids. If you observe any moisture accumulating, carefully open the outer sheath and allow air movement into the space between sheaths. That usually solves the problem.

Paphiopedilums

Paphs and phrags really seem to love the cool nights too. Mature growths, especially in the multifloral paphs will prepare to flower. Usually development of new growths is the first sign that a flower spike will soon emerge.

Phalaenopsis

Phalaenopsis require a significant day to night temperature change to initiate spikes. It usually takes a couple of weeks of these conditions to get phals to put their energy into growing spikes instead of leaves. Phals will be fine on a porch or in a greenhouse even after nights are in the upper 50s F as long as the day temperature rises above 80 F. Once daytime high temperatures are below 78-80 F, phals need to be kept no lower than 60 F at night.

Vandas

Autumn marks the end of the vanda growing season. Vandas are known as heat-loving orchids, but seem to bloom better in the fall and winter as long as temperatures do not get below 60 F and there is enough light. Colors are always brighter when nights are a little cooler. This is especially true for any vanda or ascocenda with *Vanda coerulea* in the parentage.

Miscellaneous Genera

You should be seeing flowers on catasetums and their relatives now. Handle catasetums with care when the blooms are open because a minor jarring of the plant can cause the flowers to eject their pollen-carrying anther caps, resulting in a much shortened flower life. This interesting and unique method of natural pollen dissemination is always a stimulating topic of conversation for those seeing it occur for the first time.



ORCHID LOVERS' OF SPRING HILL CHRISTMAS PARTY
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2013
 LOCATION: WELLINGTON AT SEVEN HILLS
 400 WEXFORD BLVD.
 SPRING HILL, FL
 TIME: 12:00 P.M. TILL 2:00 P.M.
 PRICE: \$20.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES TAX & GRATUITY)

**MENU CHOICES
 (CHOOSE ONE ENTRÉE)**

- 8 OZ. PRIME RIB
- ONION CRUSTED SALMON
- CHICKEN CORDON BLUE

NOTICE

Seating will be limited to the first 48 people signing up. To reserve your seat, call, Al Fiore at 352-688-5933 or Pat Dupke at 727856-3485

ALL ENTREES INCLUDE BAKED POTATO, SALAD WITH YOUR CHOICE OF DRESSING, AND COFFEE, TEA, OR SOFT DRINK

DESSERT WILL BE CHRISTMAS COOKIES PROVIDED BY CLUB MEMBERS (EACH MEMBER IS ASKED TO BRING ONE DOZEN COOKIES).

SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB PICNIC ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH.

Buy, Sell, Trade, & free stuff

If you have orchid plants, surplus supplies, or any orchid related items you want to dispense of, send you listing to The Keiki or call Judy @ 352-563-2288

EZ-FLO 1 Gallon Constant Pressure System

Simply combine any liquid or water soluble product in the tank and the system does the mixing and measuring automatically while you water. Full installation and operating guide. Will consider trade. \$30.00.

Call Judy @ 352-563-2288



For those of you familiar with Duncan's brown spray, this is the same product. It is \$15 for 16 ozs.

A little info about the product...

Plant Potion # 9 is a unique formulation of chelated nutrients necessary for optimal plant growth.

The chelation process minimizes the size of the nutrient so that it can pass directly through the cell wall of the leaves and get immediately into the phloem of the plants nutritional system enabling a greater percentage of the nutrient to be absorbed by the plant and flowers. This product can be used on all plants and trees, including Orchids!

Calcium is as essential to plant growth as it is to human growth and is highly overlooked in plant nutrition. The calcium will make the plants stronger and enable the flowers and/or fruit to last longer. Because this is a foliar spray, you only need to spray the leaves and flowers, consequentially you will use much less than in a standard fertilizer. I have seen roots immerge in as little as one hour, most see results in the next few days. Even if you can't see the roots, Plant Potion #9 is working its magic!

If you are interested in purchasing some, send me an email laura530@bellsouth.net or call 352.799.7604.



New and never used, 8 inch In-Line Fan 720 CFM by Hydrofarm. \$35 and will consider trade. Tim Smith at 352-563-2288 or email tsmith60@tampabay.rr.com

More information can be seen at www.hydrofarm.com/product.php?itemid=8097



Show Table

The show table featured many beautiful orchids this month. All who brought their favorite plant to showcase for the rest of us are to be commended for their efforts. If you have an outstanding orchid you would like to share with the rest of the club, I encourage you to bring it in for all to see. (In no particular order.)

	Blue Ribbon (s)		Dale Story (15+yr.)	Onc.	Goliathspire Mauha Leg
Dale Story (15+ yr.)	C.	Sc. Tainan City General	Featherstone (25 yr.)	Den.	Adenticolum
	Onc.	Sherry Baby	Dan Grant (10 yr.)	Bc.	Maikia
	V.	Gordon Pillion Leg			
Gary Gethen (23 yr.)	Chtra.	Susan Griffis 'Louely' AM/AOS	Collectively these growers have 83 growing years experience.		
	Epi.	Orchid Jungle 'Carol' HCC/AOS			
	Ascda.	Bens Delight			
Featherstone (25 yr.)	Bulb.	Guttelatum	Editors Note; Having our regular meeting room occupied and consequently we set up in another, things was sort of in disarray. Our meeting in one room and the show table set up in another. Anyway, long story short, when the show table entries were finally moved into the room we were using, some registration papers may have been misplaced. The end result is if you had a plant entered but did not get recognition for it, please bring it to our attention and we will give credit where credit is due.		
	Ddc. magnum	'Featherstone'			
	Den.	bracteosum var. tanii			
	Honorable Mention				
Vera Wells (10 yr.)	Den.	Unknown			
	Den.	Unknown			
			T&J		

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