



# The Keiki



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## FESTIVAL OF ORCHIDS

presented by The Orchid Lovers Club of Spring Hill

Saturday March 28, 10AM - 4PM

Sunday March 29, 10AM - 3PM

VFW Post corner of 18940 Drayton  
and County Line Rd. Spring Hill

ORCHID displays, vendor sales, supplies,  
potting booth and help

Free parking - \$ 2 donation for entry

Hourly orchid raffle

Directions: County Line Rd (Pasco 578) 2.7 miles west  
589 or 6.3 miles east from US 19  
( 18940 Drayton St.)

Call 352-503-7858 or 727-856-0222  
for information





**Treasure's Report**  
By  
Helen Battistrada

Balance 11/15/14	\$ 4,539.45
Receipts	\$ 2,389.04
Total	\$ 6,928.49
Disbursements	\$ 449.61
Balance 01/17/15	\$ 5066.12

**Upcoming Speaker Program**

February

Bret From 'Accent Orchids'

March

Member Gary Gethen will give an in-depth presentation on how to prepare your orchids for display at a show or just for your own viewing pleasure.

March 27th—**SET UP OF SHOW**

March 28 & 29th—\*\*\*\*\*

**FESTIVAL OF ORCHIDS**

April

Jerry Steele From

'Krull-Smith Orchids'



**Membership Coordinator**

By Linda Meyer & Gloria Thomas  
*Membership Coordinator'*

Our January meeting was a great start for the new year, with 39 members signing in, and 3 guest registering, including one who joined that day! We are delighted to welcome:

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Thanks to the 32 members who have paid their 2015 membership dues! I encourage the rest of us to bring a check to the February meeting, so we can be all paid up before the March deadline. As they used to say on The Mickey Mouse Club. "See you all soon!"

Linda Meyer

Membership Chairperson

The Following is a print out from:

**"Carter and Holmes Orchids"**

**General Orchid Culture**

Tropical Orchid are no more difficult to grow than other plants, but because most of them are epiphytes (tree dwelling plants) their care becomes much easier. British Orchid growers failed in the early 1800's when they attempted to grow tropical orchids under dark, hot, and steamy conditions They succeeded only when they realized that most tropical orchids grew at higher, cooler elevations and in the upper branches of trees where they got considerable light and perfect drainage.

In the greenhouse, most orchids require some shading to prevent the leaves from overheating. In the home, however, orchids need the maximum light available. South facing windows are the first choice, followed by West and East. Artificial lighting will be needed if you do not have good sunlight exposure. Placing them outside under the shade of tall trees during the summer months is very beneficial. Do not place them in full sun, however, or the leaves will burn. Also, do not place the plants on the ground, for insects and slugs (snails) can enter the pots and damage the plants. Pot hangers can be used to suspend the plants from tree branches, chains, or other structures.

In the home, placing the orchid in a room with relatively cool temperatures will help guard against dehydration. Most orchids are actually most happy at temperatures below the comfort level of humans, especially at night. Orchid greenhouses are usually maintained at 55-65 degrees at night and 70—80 degrees during the day.

Potting mixes for tropical orchids are loose mixtures of organic material such as fir bark (not pine bark), with any of the

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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

**A Reminder To All Club Members**

Helen Battistrada reminds all club members that the 2015 club dues were due in January and will be continue to be collected at the February 21st, 2015 meeting. Please PAY in Check form for book keeping and recording purposes.

Dues: Single membership \$17.00  
Joint membership \$25.00.



**A Reminder From Pat Dupke**



Just a reminder that the sign-up sheet for our show food list will be available at our February 15th meeting. Your contributions are greatly appreciated since we provide lunch for our vendors and club members who are working. If there are any questions don't hesitate to contact me at (727)856-3485.

Thanks,  
Pat

**Show Dates**

Saturday March 28th  
Sunday, March 29th  
2015

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Following added in smaller amounts: cypress mulch, tree fern fiber, peat, perlite, cork, or charcoal added, baked clay pebbles. The object is to have a mix that drains well but holds some moisture. Most commercial orchid growers supply ready-to-use orchid mixes in small quantities. Most epiphytic orchids need repotting only once every two to three years depending on your watering habits and growing conditions.

In watering orchids, it is best to soak the potting mix thoroughly and wait until the surface is relatively dry before watering again. Most mature orchids in fir bark—based mixes will need watering no more than once every 5-7 days.

All plants can be fertilized safely with a weak solution of urea-free fertilizer such as Growmore 20-10-20 or Dyna Grow Orchid Pro 7-8-6 once a month. Always water before fertilizing and remember that it is better to under-fertilize rather than to over-fertilize. With the lower light and drier conditions in the home, orchids cannot use as much fertilizer as they can use in the greenhouse and only every 6-8 weeks might be necessary for happy plants. Some growers like to increase the humidity around their orchids in the home by using 'humidity trays' or trays of wet gravel around or under the plants. Pots should not touch the surface of the water.



The January Meeting Donny & Kathy Stoner of "Touch of Orchids" spoke of how they started in Orchid and to grow onto todays size of 5 greenhouses' and had plants for sale too!



### The Presidents Message

By Geary Harris

We are only one month away from our Orchid Show and, I want to thank those who already volunteered to help out but, it takes many workers to put on a great show and I am sure we can find something for anyone who wants to help.

Our speaker this month is Bret Ullary of "Accent Orchids" who, will be sharing his expertise on growing and taking care of Dendrobiums. He will have many Dens for sale.

If you know anyone who is willing to take over the Keiki, let me or any of our Board Members know. We also need help with someone to take down minutes for our meeting and speaker's lecture. You can use a tape recorder if so desired.

Be sure to get your dues for our Orchid Club in this month.

See you at the next meeting—February 21st



### Refreshment Reminder

By

Eleanor Szarzynski,

Refreshment Coordinator

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February

Snacks

Elenor Wilcox

Thomas Govin

Elenor Szarzynski

Soft Drinks



Blue Ribbon Plants at last months meeting

Pictures clockwise top left is Dale Story's Dendrobium specienoid;

Pat Dupke's Paph venustum specie;

Baarbara Dodson's BLC Mai Kai, 'Louise'

Thomas Govin's Cymbidium Insiene x Sarah Jean.



## February In Your Orchids

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

### General Orchid Growing Tips

Spring is around the corner. Order your potting supplies early to make sure they are not sold out when it's time to repot. Observe plants (including companion plants like bromeliads) carefully for signs of disease and insects. Avoid having heated or air-conditioned drafts blowing directly on orchids. Don't bring your plants out too early. It is starting to warm but you can expect more orchid threatening cold fronts through March.

### Cattleyas

Your cattleyas are starting to rouse, even though temperature and light conditions are not yet ideal for growth. Continue to use dilute water soluble fertilizer on your orchids at 1/4 to 1/8 strength. New green root tips are starting to emerge on the unifoliate, marking the beginning of the spring repotting season. Sometimes it is necessary to split open a sheath with a sterile blade to reduce pressure on the emerging buds or to allow accumulated condensation (possibly from fluctuating temperatures) to dissipate.

### Cymbidiums

Stake cymbidium inflorescences that emerge from the mass of foliage on these winter-spring bloomers. Maintain temperatures at 50 to 60F to keep the flowers opening slowly. Dramatically higher temperatures and hot drafts cause bud drop.

### Dendrobiums

Watch for flower buds on dendrobiums like *Den. lindleyi*, *Den. nobile* hybrids, *Den. superbum* (syn. *Den. anosmum*) and other deciduous species and hybrids. These have longer flowering when exposed to cooler night temperatures as the blooms open and mature. Avoid dousing open flowers when watering. Give slightly more water to these plants (that have been kept reasonably dry prior to flowering) once they begin to bloom. Continue to protect evergreen-type dendrobiums from low temperatures that may cause leaf loss.

### Oncidiums

Do not permit miltonias and odontoglossums to dry out because this is a critical time for flower-spike development. Stake the spikes. Continue to use a dilute water soluble fertilizer before the flowers begin to appear.

### Phalaenopsis

Continue to use a dilute water soluble fertilizer on phalaenopsis. Be careful not to splatter the flowers or they will stain. Phalaenopsis exude a honey-like substance on the developing inflorescence that attracts scale insects. Watch for signs of any problem that can be spot treated before it becomes a major situation. Avoid spraying insecticides on blossoms.

### Miscellaneous Genera

The Catasetinae (catasetums, clowesia, cynoches and mormodes) have dropped most of their leaves and should be kept dry. Watch for signs of new growth that marks the beginning of the repotting season for the catasetum relatives. Remove the old medium, cut off dried roots and pot in a sphagnum moss or coco husk mix interlayered with the time released fertilizer Dynamite but DO NOT WATER. If you water before the new growth is about 4 inches tall, it will probably rot. Your *Ludisia discolor* is in bloom this month.



Jeff Rundell's  
*Ansellia africana*  
specie



Gary Gethen's  
ASCDA  
Muang Thong 'White'

Gary Gethen's  
Lycaste  
'Gladys Eljuri'

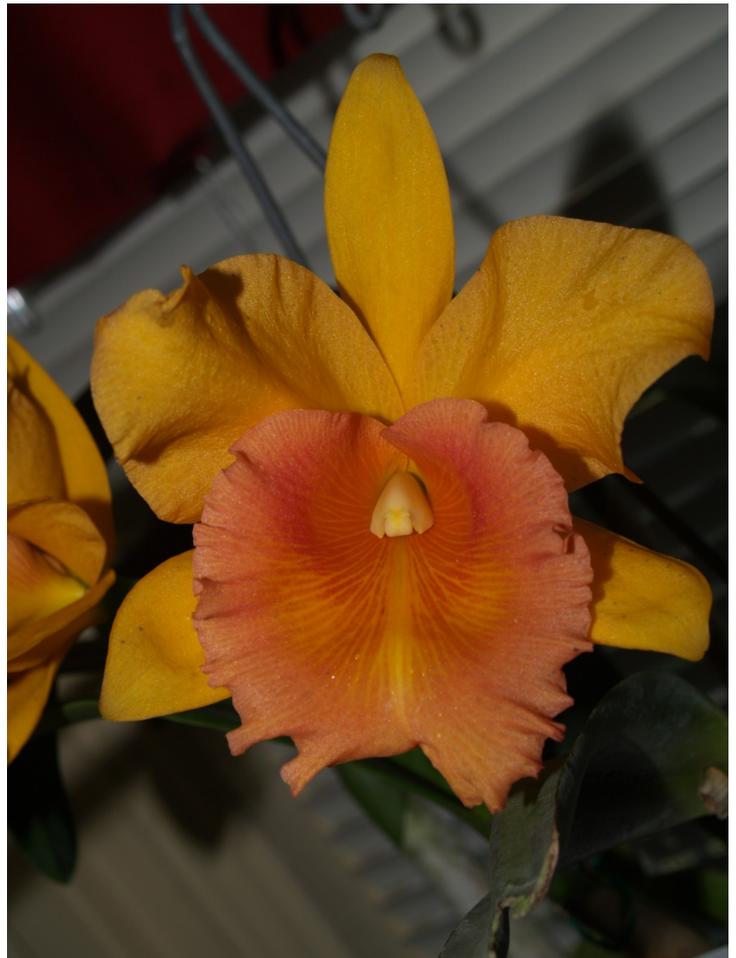


### We Want You !

Just in from Jeff and Donna: As Co-Chairs of our Orchid Festival we are appealing for your help in staging what is our most important event of the year: The Orchid Festival on March 28th and 29th. At our last meeting the volunteer sheet was passed around but still has far too many empty spaces. We need show hosts, set up and, particularly, take down helpers, ticket sellers, sign placement, greeters and helpers of all kinds. If, for some reason, you did not get to see the sign-up sheet e-mail me at [jrundell@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jrundell@tampabay.rr.com).

### - Voice of Concern -

At the last meeting, an issue was brought up by members on the last Orchid Show of 2014. We appreciate those who sign up for positions to assist in the show's operations. We Thank You in advance for those who have signed up for this year's show. Last year folks who signed up to work specific positions had encountered those who had not signed up doing their job, and in turn made it difficult on those who did sign up. Those who show up and do not have assigned duties, PLEASE see either Jeff Rundell or Geary Harris for further assignments..



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Spring Hill, FL 34609

### 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)

Jeff Rundell (31 yr.)	<i>Ansellia africana</i>	specie	Dale Story	<i>Rhynchlalia glauca</i>	specie
Dale Story	<i>Dendrobium</i>	specie		BC Maikai X BC morning Gloriy	
Pat Dupke	<i>Paph venustum</i>	specie		BL Morning Glory 'Woodlands'	
Barbara Dodson	BLC Mai Kai—'Louise'		Vera Bystry-Wells	<i>Rhynchosytilis alba</i>	specie
Thomas Govin	<i>Cymbidium</i> Insiene x Sarah Jean			Onsidium — NOID	
Gary Gethen (24 yr.)	ASCDA Muang Thong 'White'		Thomas Govin	SL 'Vallezac Evelyn'	
	<i>Lycaste</i> Gladys Eljuri	specie???		C = MPOD )Rpbert Straot_	
				C—NOID—Red Shades	
			Gary Gethen (24yr.)	BLC Fortune D'Or 'Honey Butter'	
				BLLRA Marfitch 'Howards Dream'	
				C 'Behrevsi Ana' X CTNA 'Keith Roth'	
				<i>Laelia alaorii</i>	specie

#### Honorable Mention

Jeff Rundell (31 yr.)	<i>Vanda</i> 'Kimigayo'	
	<i>Rhyncholalia glauca</i>	specie
	<i>EpiCatt</i> 'Don Herman'	
	<i>B. nodosa</i>	'Little Stars'

Job Well Done by Those Who Brought in Their Plants For  
The Display Table