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THE KEIKI



President's Message

Happy New Year everyone. 2016? Do you recall what you were doing at the age of 16? I'd rather not say.

Business first; our next meeting will be January 16 at our new location, the VFW on County Line Road where we have our show. Lots more room for us so bring your hover boards. We welcome back our speaker and member, Ed Bugbee, who will present a program on the World Orchid Conference in Miami. I don't think the Club has ever seen this presentation and some of his pictures are really incredible. Ed will have some plants for sale but we would also encourage members to bring their plants for sale or trade.

I'd also like to survey members' needs for supplies so that we might consider bulk purchasing of items we can share. If you can anticipate what types of potting supplies, fertilizer or pesticides you might need, buying in bulk might provide significant savings.

We still have some loose ends to tie up with our orchid show, March 19-20. The Board is sharing lots of the organizational work, but we would still like to have someone volunteer as chairman. (Continued on next page)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January Members' Meeting on January 16th
at the VFW Hall at 18940 Drayton Street at
County Line Road 1:00 pm

(President's Message continued)

I should also tell you that the club has gratefully received a significant financial donation. More on that and other news at the meeting. Our speaker at the February meeting will be from Tom Ritter Orchids. Since March is the month of our show, we will be moving our meeting date to March 12 so that we focus on preparations.

It would seem that our record warm temperatures are coming to an end, which leaves me wondering what effect this will have on orchids (blooming cycles) and the rest of the local plant world? If you have had some unusual occurrences please share them at the meeting or on Facebook. I've included a picture of one of my own anomalies, my Oncidium sphacelatum. Incidentally this monster is getting too big for me so I'd love a downsized trade.

Another reminder that I am still in the process of mounting a display of native orchids, air plants and ferns at the Wildlife Park here in Homosassa. If you have any plants or divisions you might donate, the Park would be pleased to provide a thank you and a tax receipt.

The last thing cooking in my mind is not quite ready to take out of the oven. It started with a new book titled The Reason for Flowers, by Stephen Buchmann. There is something magical about flowers that goes well beyond the fact that they, and their products feed, clothe and provide all sorts of other physical sustenance. They also inspire our art, literature and even perfume and have become, I believe, a mysterious part of our mental health. It's much easier to understand and write about the biology and chemistry of orchids than it is to describe their aesthetics that keep us slaving over them. See you January 16.

My Oncidium sphacelatum with half a dozen spikes weeks before it bloomed last year. I'd love a downsized trade.



**January Refreshment Reminder
by Laurie Cianamea**

Snacks:

- Laurie Cianamea
- Pat Baig
- Bonnie Leader-Shoraga



Sodas or Juice:

- Sue Caparbi-Taylor
- Lois Klike



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**Treasurer's Report
By Helen Battistrada**

10/17/2015 Balance	\$5,405.40
Receipts	\$3,001.00
Disbursements	<u>\$ 678.22</u>
11/21/2015 Balance	\$7,728.18



With regret we inform readers of the passing away of one of our club members, Bill Wilcox.

Bill joined our club several years ago after acquiring Jerry Hart's orchids. He truly enjoyed our club and participated in many of our activities. He leaves behind his wife, Ellie.



val in March (hint, hint.) And just by counting off around the table, with only a few do-overs, a surprise prize of a year's free club membership dues was won by Lois Jensen and Pete Pederson.

Speaking of membership dues, please do bring yours to the January meeting {at the VFW Hall on County Line Rd, remember} in the form of a check made payable to OLCOSH for \$17.00 for an individual or \$25.00 for a family. That was easy!! We already have several new members for 2016!! My apologies; they all joined at the November Plant Auction, and I neglected to get their information into the December Keiki. Please let's welcome:



Membership Note

By Linda Meyer

Thanks go to the 43 members and guests who joined in celebrating the holidays at our

club party at Buffet City on December 12th! To those of you who were not able to attend, we will say you were missed, and you really did miss a lot of fun (and yum!!.) Despite the unseasonably warm weather, it was Winter-festive at our tables, decorated so beautifully by Pat Dupke. Actually, the entire afternoon's enjoyment was a testimony to all the diligent planning, shopping and arranging by our indispensable Pat! A giant "Thank you, Pat!"

No one seemed to leave hungry after making the rounds of the Asian buffet tables, including made-to-request teriyaki. Then we had cookies-mountains of cookies, brought by our members. Once again, "Thank you!" And the big box of member-donated gifts to be distributed to local children was absolutely overflowing with all kinds of toys and games that must have thrilled the young recipients.

We played several holiday games (no, not reindeer games!), then had a raffle of a beautiful assortment of orchids, which we hope to see brought in for display at our Orchid Festi-

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Wishing us all myriad good things in this new year!!!!!!!!!!!!



Just a Reminder
It's Dues Time— A Small Investment For a Large Return







A new twist for the term “flower bed”.



By Tim Smith

When Judy and I took on the care of the orchids donated to the club by Barbara Dodson's estate, we thought we had a handle on where to keep the orchids. They needed to be out of direct sun and

in a place where they could be watered and fertilized on a regular basis without too much trouble. We had a perfect place out in our mini barnyard and things went well.

Then the rains came. The rain was nonstop and all of a sudden the plants went from a very dry environment when we got them to a very wet one. We covered them with propped up plastic and that worked for a while but then the winds came. Wind + rain + plastic = a lot of work.

At that time Judy had nothing in her winter greenhouse so we decided to move the plants there and with some shade cloth if needed, it would be OK. It gets pretty warm in the winter greenhouse through the summer months but we kept an eye on the temperature and mist when necessary.

Judy's winter greenhouse is primarily for hanging plants and large potted ones so we had no tables in it. I went over to my neighbor and asked if I could take a look in his surplus material pile to see if there was anything I could use for tables. Well 3 chain link top rails, 3 pieces of 1/2" inch conduit, and some 2 x 4 cage wire later, we had a table 3' wide and 16' long. Thinking that will do it, we started moving the plants in. I soon realized that we were going to need at least a table half that long to get everything that didn't hang in the greenhouse. Our neighbor was out of supplies but I remembered takings some items to the Keys to donate. Someone had dropped off a steel framed cot and mattress for a donation. That cot seemed to be made to order for a greenhouse table.

It was close to the right height, width, and length was perfect for our needs. \$15 later we were placing the remainder of the plants on it. The wire

that supported the mattress was close enough together it would hold most pots but I put more cage wire on top anyway.

The long and short of it is this, building a table for you orchids can be expensive but it doesn't have to be. Just use a little ingenuity and you will do well. Everything I see I always think what else can it be used for, and nine times out of ten that light bulb will turn on.



(A new twist for the term “flower bed”,
Continued from prior page)



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My Dr. Seuss Orchid (with apologies to Dr. Seuss and all *Serious* Orchid Growers, but I really had no recollection of this orchid, and found it blooming just before Christmas!)

By Linda Meyer

Where is it from I do not know.

Did I buy it at a show?

Did I think that it would grow?

Did I win it at the club?

Did I find it on a shrub?

Did I hang it in the tree?

Did I hope that I would see

Flaming blossoms turned to me?

Should I now try to fertilize?

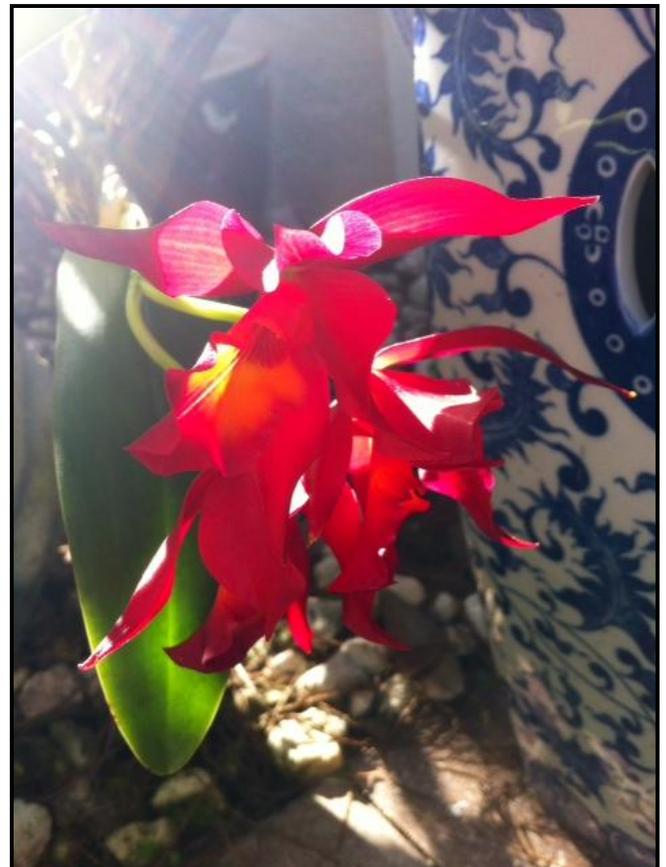
Do you think it would be wise?

Shall I just leave it alone?

Aren't I lucky now to own

A fragrant Warpaint

Of my own!!!!!!



Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota is marking its 40th anniversary year with an international Orchid show in February 2016. More than 1,000 orchids from the sub-tropics and tropics of the Americas will be on display February 14 – March 27, 2016 at the Gardens' conservatory for [*The Orchid Show: Celebrating 40 Years at Selby Gardens*](#). Visitors to the Gardens enjoy the show as part of the larger visitor experience at Selby Gardens, which is the world's only garden committed to the study and preservation of epiphytes, which include orchids. For more information visit www.selby.org.

FOR TRADE BY JEFF RUNDELL

Oncidium sphacelatum with half a dozen spikes weeks before it bloomed last year.



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