



THE KEIKI



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NEXT MEETING!!

The meeting, June 18th, will be held back at The VFW Post, Corner of 18940 Drayton and County Line Road in Spring Hill

Our speaker, Laura Newton will speak about her beautiful but bedeviling Bulbophyllums. She will also bring us up to date with what's going on at AOS and hopefully have some "war stories" about her judging experiences.

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From our May Meeting



Good Attendance Great
Speaker & Many New Members

On page 17—18—19 is a copy of our Club By-Laws. This has been re-printed especially for newer members who may not be familiar with the Club purpose, various officer positions, and committees that they might want to serve on. A copy will also be added to the Club website.

OFFICERS

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Jeff Rundell

1st Vice President & Past President

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COMMITTEES

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Bulletin (The Keiki)

Ken & Delia Dunn

Refreshments

Laurie Cinnamon & Pat Dupke

Trips

Donna Fazekas & Sonia Terrelonge

Show Table Report

Matt Riesz



Treasurer's Report

By Helen Battistrada

4/16/2016 Balance	\$7,358.08
Receipts	\$ 201.00
Disbursements	\$ 584.06
5/21/2016 Balance	\$6,975.02

REFRESHMENT REMINDER

By: Laurie Ciannamea



FOOD

Marita Riesz

Tom Govin

Laurie Ciannamea

Pat Baig

SODA or JUICE

Marie Tanaka

Laurie Ciannamea

Orchids have been around for at least 80 million years based on evidence from pollen stuck to the backs of bees found in amber, so were probably around in the time of the dinosaurs.



President's Message by Jeff Rundell

Our last meeting was certainly one of the best and I want to thank everyone for the effort that made things work so well.

We always hope to find something new to interest everyone and I think our speaker, Thanh, did just that. There's more to come.

This month an old friend comes to speak. Laura Newton will speak about her beautiful but bedeviling *Bulbophyllums*. She will also bring us up to date with what's going on at AOS and hopefully have some "war stories" about her judging experiences. She will bring plants and, of course, the magical plant tonic #9. If you have not used any of this stuff on your orchids I can tell you that, as an eternal skeptic, it made a believer out of me. You do not have to look too far in the AOS magazine to see her name next to awarded plants. In May she has a couple of awards including "holy cow chip" and "magnify me". I'm fascinated to ask her about the inspiration for the strange names for strange plants. Last time I questioned the sanity of the slipper orchid growers, but *bulbo - philes* have to be a close second.

We will have some information on our upcoming trip to Sarasota. Sonia, Laurie and Yati have been working out some possibilities you will want to hear about. I will also have some new information on group purchasing of orchid potting supplies. After Thanh's talk on *Paphs* and his recommendation regarding *Orchiata* bark, you guessed it, I ordered some through Amazon. This stuff comes from New Zealand's sustainable reforestation of Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*). It was two 5 liter bags for \$17.00 and I admit it does look suspiciously different. When I overcome my suspicion, those moss entangled *Paphs* are headed for rebirth.

We will continue to work to get members what they need to keep things growing.

There is more to come in the future including meetings featuring Goodwin's Orchids (*Vandas*) and Accent Orchids (*Epidendrums*). Thanks to our Program Chairman, VP, Geary Harris, for bringing us a great variety of speakers.

There are a couple of things I wanted to point out in this month's AOS journal, *Orchids*. Forgive me but I probably will repeat some of this at the meeting. There are fascinating articles on the use of styrofoam in potting orchids, a revelation on root rot (*Rhizoctonia*), a look at the sad state of Madagascar orchids (*Angraecoids*) and finally a prize winning essay on orchid terms. The essay reminds me that we have many different levels of orchid appreciation at our meetings. Orchids are all about enjoyment so never ever feel that your orchids and your level of appreciation are in some way lesser than others. The orchid world has layer upon layer of complexity and few, if any of us, will master all of them. If you share the joy of your plants and growing with others, you are on the right path.

We will be learning more from Laura about those mysterious *bulbophyllums* which, I admit, are not among my successes. The center of their diversity is New Guinea and Borneo, which are filled with rare and unusual life forms. My most unusual bloom of the month is a *Gongora similis* with the look of a swan and the scent that defies description. I look forward to seeing you there and bring your plants including any you might want some help with.Jeff

(See next page for picture of *Gongora similis*.)

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Besides asking my orchid friends what to do with some of my plants, I went to so many places - growers' nursery sales and field trips to various growers and attended orchid shows, all the time asking questions of the growers and vendors about how to look after the plant I was buying. Over the years I have lost plants and bought new ones (you have to replace them) and apparently quite often, since today I have about 200 or more.

I grow many in a greenhouse, some I hang under an oak tree and now my wild orchid *Spiranthes* (Ladies' Tresses) are blooming everywhere in my garden, hundreds and hundreds of beautiful flowers, which bloom this time every year. I think orchids are truly beautiful and amazing plants.

One day I experimented with horse manure for fertilizer. I thought if the manure is good for the garden and for flowers, why wouldn't it be good enough for orchids? I took a handful of dried horse manure and put it in a pot of my *Encyclia alata* and added some water and about a week later the roots started to grow rapidly. I was so excited and thought I'd try it a different way. I made a tea from the horse manure by mixing rain water with it. I use the tea and spray my orchids with it and the result is a plant that grows very well and has very dark green leaves and more flowers.

I just do it for myself, I don't necessarily encourage people to use it although I have mentioned it to a couple of people and told them how excited I am about my discovery. I think we need to experiment for ourselves because all our growing conditions are different and our habits are different so what works for one person may not work for someone else.

Today I am still learning more every day and that is one reason I joined the orchid club - to learn and to enjoy good friends.

I wish everyone good luck growing their beautiful orchids!

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### YATI DOUGLAS' STORY

I joined the orchid club 12 years ago I came from Java Island, Indonesia to Florida in 1984 and I have lived here ever since.

In 2004 I bought 2 or 3 orchids and tried to learn what to do with them and how to make them bloom - I was wondering how long the blooms would last and whether they would have a fragrance. I went to the library and got an orchid book and as I read, I took notes. I've spent a lot of time on the internet learning more about them. It is very interesting to me and I think orchids are lovely and unique and the more I learn about them the more I love them.



**OLCOSH Minutes  
June 21, 2016**

This month's meeting was held in the hall at the First United Methodist Church on Spring Hill Drive. It's a nice venue, with a good sound system and plenty of room for the many members who attended.

Jeff brought the meeting to order. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, and they were approved, with a change brought up by Delia Dunn and approved by the membership as follows: Missing was the Nominating Committee's report. Al Fiori, as Committee Chairman, announced last month that we have a slate of officers who have agreed to run, and that we will also be asking for nominations from the floor at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Helen Battistrada presented the financial report:

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Balance last month:            | 7358.08 |
| Receipts                       | 201.00  |
| 12 plants sold                 | 45.00   |
| Raffle                         | 105.00  |
| Dues                           | 51.00   |
| Disbursements                  | 584.06  |
| Raffle plants                  | 35.00   |
| Culture sheets for next year's | 49.20   |
| Roll of tickets                | 6.86    |
| Program                        | 150.00  |
| Storage                        | 40.00   |
| Bank charge                    | 3.00    |
| VFW hall rental for 3 months   | 300.00  |
| Ending balance                 | 6975.02 |

Jeff thanked Pat Dupke for arranging the use of the church's hall for today's meeting. Next month we will be back at the VFW on County Line Road.

Jeff also thanked our speaker, Tranh Nguyen, for coming all the way from Melbourne for today's meeting. Tranh brought lots of great plants to sell, to the delight of our members and guests.

Thanks also to Ken and Delia Dunn, for a super job on this month's Keiki. Delia announced that should anyone have pictures of any of our events to please send them to her or to Ken for the Website. Jeff praised Kara for the great job she did with the previous speaker's talk and Matt for his contributions to the Keiki.

Al Fiori and Delia Dunn presented the nominations for club officers:

- President: Jeff Rundell
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Program Chair: Geary Harris
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president: Donna Fazekas
- Secretary: Pat Dupke
- Treasurer: Helen Battistrada
- It was moved and seconded to accept the slate of Officers, and the membership voted to approve.

Jeff invited members who may be interested to learn about the jobs of the club Officers to join our Board meetings. These are held on the Wednesday before our regular member meetings at the West Hernando Branch Library on the corner of Routes 50 and 19. Members are always welcome to attend.

Jeff asked Linda Hindman to talk about the silent auction and she discussed the Club's wind-fall of legacy plants from members who have passed away.

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We have put some of these into our annual auction and used some as raffle plants, but we are still trying to establish a protocol for dealing with these plants. This month, she did something a little different and ran a silent auction, online and via phone, for several extra special plants. Purchase prices ranged from \$10 to \$45 for these plants, which is a real bargain if you look at the plants. The club made \$174 from this sale. There are about 25 more plants left from this particular collection, so we will be doing this again. Stay tuned!

Jeff noted that Tim Smith makes special tags for each of these plants, memorializing the donor. We would like for anyone who gets one of these fine plants to keep the tag with it and make additional ones in the event the plant is later divided and/or sold.

Linda Meyer reported that we had 43 members sign in today, and we had 18 guests, 6 of whom also already signed up as new members:

Linda Wagner  
Virginia Hall  
Audrey Shepard  
Janet Genova  
Julie Applegate and her sister  
Patricia Offhammer

Welcome, all! We encourage our guests to come for a meeting or two to decide if they want to be part of our fun group, and hope they will decide to join.

Jeff talked about the idea of getting several members together to buy orchid supplies in bulk. We tried that for the first time this month and there was a trailer with 20 buckets of Sta-lite rock for members that participated.

The price was a small fraction of what the same thing would have cost from typical online sources, so it was a good deal.

If anyone has other supplies they'd like, e.g. bark mix or chemicals that come in large but expensive amounts, please let Jeff know and we'll see what we can coordinate.

Sonia Terrelonge talked about a Club road trip in the Fall: Everybody likes to go somewhere fun, and we've thought of several places that might make for a good tour this coming Fall. Perhaps Selby Gardens in Sarasota, and a couple of growers in that area. All are in driving distance and we would need some attendees to volunteer to be drivers. A bus is simply too expensive unless we have many members and pay ahead of time. A sign-up sheet was passed around, for people who want to go on the trip. Jeff asked for members to act as the trip organizer. Laurie Ciannamea volunteered to be the assistant "travel agent".

Jeff announced that we are still missing some Show signs. If anyone knows who might have picked these up we need to get them back: and we need to keep the noise down during the meeting. It's difficult for people to hear what is going on at the front and during a speaker's presentation when there are private conversations going on. Please be considerate during the meeting.

We're looking for a speaker, still, for our June meeting but we have speakers lined up for the remainder of the year. If anyone has a suggestion for June please contact Geary or Jeff.

Linda Meyer reminded everyone that our publicity chair, Julie Smolka, has set up a Facebook page for the Club. It's a great place to share pictures, find information, get ideas, etc.

It's a great place to share pictures, find information, get ideas, etc. When you get into Facebook, just search for "Springhill Orchid Club" and send a friend request or "like" the page. Don't forget to post your pictures there too. We all love to see them! Also look for our club website, [www.springhillorchidclub.com](http://www.springhillorchidclub.com).

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Lastly, we always need material for the Keiki. Pictures of your plant; your personal stories of how you grow your orchids, etc. – anything is welcome. Please send contributions to Ken and Delia Dunn.

We adjourned for refreshments and show table judging. Matt Riesz and our speaker, Trinh Nguyen, judged the show table and following our break, Trinh was kind enough to speak about the winners. Jeff also spoke about some of the other terrific plants that were brought in for show.

Trinh Nguyen spoke on his specialty, Paphiopedilums.

Linda Meyer held the members' raffle and explained that when you sign in at the door at each meeting your name will have a number beside it and that number will be your raffle number for the drawing at the end of each meeting. Following that the regular raffle was held for several plants from Bill Wilcox' estate.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Matt Riesz

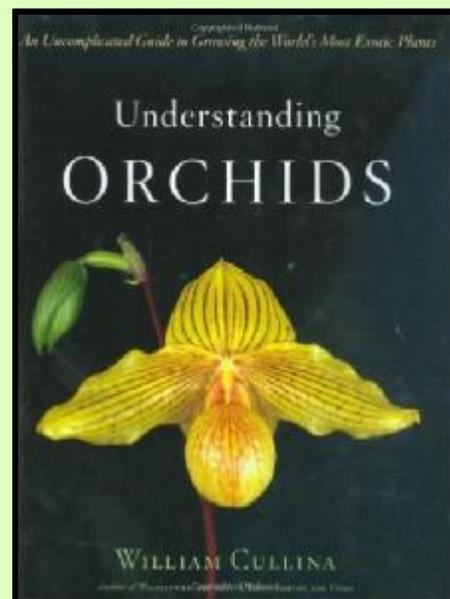
**NOTE—The Minutes have yet to be approved by the members. If you see the need for an addition, a deletion or a correction, please use the address below to send an e-mail to advise that a change is needed. THANK YOU!**

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## Understanding Orchids

Orchids are the largest family of plants in the world. With 30,000 known species, you could acquire a different orchid every day for eighty years and still not grow them all. Back in the realm of reality, readers of this beautiful book can quickly and easily find the orchids that are right for them -- which ones will thrive on a windowsill, which prefer artificial lights, and which need a greenhouse; which are for beginners, which for experts. And you can pinpoint the species within a particular genus that are the best ones to start with. Once you select your orchid, William Cullina's authoritative guide explains what to do to keep it alive and healthy.

Featuring more than two hundred color photographs, *Understanding Orchids* covers everything you need to know to grow orchids successfully, whatever your level of interest or experience. With improved tissue-culture techniques making orchids more affordable, and the Internet making them readily available to consumers, growing orchids is more popular than ever: membership in the American Orchid Society has more than doubled in the last fifteen years.



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**Membership**  
*By Linda Meyer*

*We had such a wonderful meeting in May bringing us a bounty of new members (swelling our ranks to 98!!)*

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Nice to see more orchid lovers joining us from our "Northern Territories", and that tells us that Julie Smolka has been doing a super job with Publicity, and getting the word out to the news media. Thanks, Julie, we love you! Hey, maybe you can enlist one of our "Northerners" to help you - there's nothing like getting involved to make any member feel more invested in the club- and that makes it so much more satisfying for everybody.

There are plenty of jobs to go around. The pay's not good...but the rewards are boundless! See you all at the June meeting back at the usual place, the VFW Hall on County Line Road.

Bring \$\$ for raffle tickets, a check for \$11.00 if you want to order a magnetic name badge, and introduce yourself to some folks you don't know!!



2016  
Member

**Orchid  
Lovers  
Club**

Of Spring Hill, Florida  
Jane Orchid Lover Doe A.O.S.



## Speaker Segment

by Kara Warnock

Our speaker this month was Thanh Nguyen of Springwater Orchids located in Melbourne, FL. He specializes in Paphiopedilum orchids (slipper orchids) and gave a speech on Paph basics and their culture for success in Florida. Thanh grew up in Vietnam but left the country in 1978 after his grandmother encouraged him that because of his strongly opinionated personality it may be in his best interest to leave his homeland to make a life for himself elsewhere. Thanh and his sister, both of whom did not speak any English, fled Vietnam and spent a short time in a Malaysian refugee camp before arriving in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in 1979. He currently works as an engineer for the Department of Defense and helps launch rockets into space for NASA. He jokes that he is proof it truly takes a rocket scientist to grow orchids well.

The genus Paphiopedilum was originally described in 1886 by Pfitzer. Believe it or not there are over 100 described species, which is more than in the Cattleya genus (only around 63 species). Paphiopedilums are one of three groups that comprise the slipper orchid family. The Paphiopedilum group are evergreen plants that prefer warm growing conditions. The second group, the Phragmipediums, consists of species that are native to Central and South America, which prefer wet growing conditions along and in the Amazon basin. The third group, the Jack-in-the Pulpits (Cypripedium spp.), which has a growing habit similar to the tulip family and requires a cold season in order to bloom properly. There are several species of this group of the slipper orchids that can be found throughout the Northeastern United States.

The slipper orchids are further divided into five basis subgroups. The first group, Brachypetalum and Parvisepalum, consist of plants with shiny, dark green leaves that are heavily mottled. With Parvisepalum plants often having a rougher surface texture to their leaves.

Plants in this subgroup produce a single flower with a very narrow pouch, as Thanh puts it the "small toilet bowl" presentation.

The second subgroup, Polyantha, is the multi floral group. In this group an orchid will have more than one flower open on an inflorescence at the same time. In order to be called a multi floral the second flower must be open and seen with the first flower for a minimum period of one week.

The majority of the orchid species in this group are rather large, with some plants reaching a leaf span of six feet. However, the allure of this group is not only the multiple flowers but the elegant stance and shape of the flowers.

The third subgroup, Cochlopetalum, are the sequential growers. This group consists primarily of five to six species of orchids that are occupied to the islands of Java and Sumatra. These plants are notoriously slow growers, however, a single bract can produce upwards of 19-23 flowers. Plants that have multiple growths can essentially be in flower all year round. The fourth subgroup, Paphiopedilum, are your cooler growers that prefer higher elevations. The orchid species in this group typically have thinner, green leaves yet vibrant floral colors due to the cooler climates in which they grow. The fifth and final subgroup is Barbata. The species in this group are mostly warm growing, have tessellated leaves, and typically have a single flower.

The slipper orchids are located along the 1st parallel north and south of the equator and are predominantly distributed in India, China, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and the Philippines. In nature, the culture of these orchids is driven by the monsoon season. Luckily for us here in Florida the culture they favor is similar to our weather pattern. From May to September (wet monsoon season) they experience a wet and warm weather pattern which is their growing season. By October the winds shift and the areas experience cooler and drier conditions (dry monsoons, from October to February),

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with virtually no rain and cooler air from the arctic being brought down over the region. Then there is the period between the monsoons, February to April, where conditions are warm and dry. The slipper orchids prefer shady conditions with 30% light, approximately 1,500-1,800 foot candles. Ideal temperatures are between 60-65F at night and 70-85F during the daytime. Like most other species of orchids, the slipper orchids rely on a 10-20 degree difference between the day and nighttime temperatures as their signal to start producing their flower spikes. The species from the *Parvisepalum* and *Paphiopedilum* subgroups may require more intense cold snaps in order to bloom properly.

Thanh had suggested that here in Florida it may be necessary to place these plants outside your house/greenhouse (sheltered near the structure) on cold nights or as fronts come thru in order to encourage flower spikes to form. It often takes several months from the time spikes began to grow to the presence of the first flowers, and some species of slipper orchids can be very sensitive to temperature swings and may blast their buds before they have had a chance to bloom. It is important to note the elevation at which the species like to grow because that is often the key to whether or not we can successfully grow the plant here in Florida under our conditions. In general, plants with mottled leaves will be easier to grow and plants with solid green leaves will be slow growing and sensitive to weather conditions.

For potting slipper orchids it is fairly important to not over pot the plant; use the smallest pot possible to accommodate the plant yet allow for some new growth. Thanh generally recommends repotting every two to three years or as needed.

He pots his slipper orchids in a mix that he refers to as his 3—2 –1 formula, which is as follows:

**For Seedling Mix:** 3 parts small *Orchianta* bark, 2 parts sponge rock (#1—2), 1 part Stalite, and 1 part small charcoal pieces (optional) **For Adult Mix (3.5"pot):** 3 parts medium *Orchiata* bark, 2 parts coarse sponge rock (#3), 1 part

medium Stalite, and 1 part medium charcoal pcs. These formulas are just a starting point, you as the grower will need to adjust the formula to your needs and your growing conditions. Observation of your plants is key. See how they react to their environment and tailor as necessary. As far as the potting mix is concerned, Thanh prefers the *Orchiata* brand bark since it tends to break down slower, thus, allowing for a longer time between repotting. For those of us that may need to adjust our potting mix to stay a little wetter, add in more bark to your ratio and for a drier mix remove some from your formula. The sponge rock is essential for aeration and allows for extension of the roots. It will also retain water for a period of time but will dry out quickly. In his opinion growing slipper orchids in an all rock medium, such as Stalite, is too dry for them and the roots will get too warm between waterings.

Your watering schedule for slipper orchids should allow for them to be moist, but not soggy, and never bone dry with the foliage allowed to thoroughly dry out between waterings. Maintaining a humidity of 50% within your growing area is preferred. It is important here in Florida to control your water and to know what day you water your plants. It is not advised to attempt to grow slipper orchids outside in Florida, as mother-nature is not forgiving, and several days in a row of rain during our Summers will cause them to rot. The fine hairs present on the roots of slipper orchids can cause them to be more sensitive than other orchids to fertilizer.

Thanh recommends light fertilization once a month at  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  strength. It is a common misconception with the slipper orchid family that because of where some of these species grow in nature (sides of limestone cliffs) that a calcium supplement is necessary in order to grow them well. In Thanh's research he noticed no significant difference in growth when supplementing with calcium. However, if you would like to supplement products like oyster shells and bone meal used in small amounts would provide trace

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elements including calcium to the plant.

The Paphiopedilums are one of those genera of orchids that you either have fallen in love with or you are just not into. There is a mysterious quality about them with their long-lasting, often waxy flowers with their swollen pouches. When seen for sale this family of orchids often commands more expensive prices since they do not clone well and must be grown from seed. Although Paphs can be cloned the resulting offspring will not be homogeneous. They will instead appear similar but not the same, like siblings when you wanted identical twins. Currently, line breeding or the selection of good characteristics and breeding for them (i.e. the brain pouch pattern) is the direction most breeders are heading in to provide unique and desirable new plants for growers.



Speaker, Thanh Nguyen  
of Springwater Orchids



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*Snapshot of some of the May show table entries*



## SHOW TABLE

May 21, 2016

By Matt Riesz

*\*Blue ribbon given to plants in Bold print.*

| Plant Name                                              | Grower                  | How long owned  | How long growing |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Oncostele Catatante X Oncidium Pacific Sunspots         | Wallie Hammer           | 2 years         |                  |
| Miltassia Charles Marden Fitch                          | Wallie Hammer           | 2 years         |                  |
| Dendrobium parishii                                     | Wallie Hammer           | 2 years         |                  |
| Potinara Flaming Orange 'Carmela'                       | Thomas Govin            | 3 years         | 14               |
| <b>Dendrobium NOID</b>                                  | <b>Sonia Terrelonge</b> | <b>6 months</b> | <b>10</b>        |
| Oncidium Sharry Baby                                    | Sonia Terrelonge        | 10 months       | 10               |
| Encyclia Hereford Jewel                                 | Sonia Terrelonge        | 2 years         | 10               |
| Oncidium hybrid                                         | Sonia Terrelonge        | 5 years         | 10               |
| <b>Paphiopedilum niveum</b>                             | <b>Pat Dupke</b>        |                 | <b>27</b>        |
| Epidendrum (floribundum X tempensis) x Encyclia profusa | Matt Riesz              | 5 years         | 15               |
| Leptotes bicolor                                        | Matt Riesz              | 8 years         | 15               |
| Phragmipedium Don Wimber '3N'                           | Matt Riesz              | 6 years         | 15               |
| <b>Vanda Rattana X Vanda Bitz's Heartthrob</b>          | <b>Matt Riesz</b>       | <b>2 months</b> | <b>15</b>        |
| <b>Laelia alaorii 'Snow Flakes' X self</b>              | <b>Kara Warnock</b>     | <b>4 years</b>  | <b>10</b>        |
| Aerangis somalensis X Aerangis mystacidii               | Kara Warnock            | 2 years         | 10               |
| <b>Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi Fma. chattaladae</b>        | <b>Kara Warnock</b>     | <b>4 years</b>  | <b>10</b>        |
| <b>Lycaste bradeorum</b>                                | <b>Judy Smith</b>       |                 |                  |
| Encyclia Traci Sellers                                  | Jeff Rundell            | 10 yrs          |                  |
| Brassia Spiders Feast X Brassia Santa Barbara           | Jeff Rundell            | 4 years         |                  |
| <b>Epicattleya Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'</b>         | <b>Jeff Rundell</b>     | <b>7 years</b>  |                  |
| Enc. Hanburyii X megalantha                             | Jeff Rundell            | 10 yrs.         |                  |
| Encyclia tampensis                                      | J. Parker               | 1 month         | 20               |
| Phalaenopsis hybrid                                     | J. parker               | 1 year          | 20               |
| Ascocentrum ampulaceum                                  | J. Parker               | 1 month         |                  |
| Maxillaria tenuifolia                                   | Dan Grant               |                 |                  |
| Phalaenopsis hybrid                                     | Dan Grant               |                 |                  |
| <b>Bulbophyllum dentiferum</b>                          | <b>Dan Grant</b>        |                 |                  |
| <b>Oncidium Sunny Daze 'Hilo Bay'</b>                   | <b>Connie Chase</b>     | <b>3 years</b>  |                  |
| Oncidium sphacelatum                                    | Connie Chase            | 3 years         |                  |
| Maxillaria tenuifolia                                   | Caitlin DiCristofalo    | 5yrs            | 8                |
| Maxillaria tenuifolia                                   | Caitlin DiCristofalo    | 3 years         | 8                |

## ORCHIDS THAT LOOK LIKE SOMETHING ELSE

### THE DOVE ORCHID, *PERISTERIA ALATA*



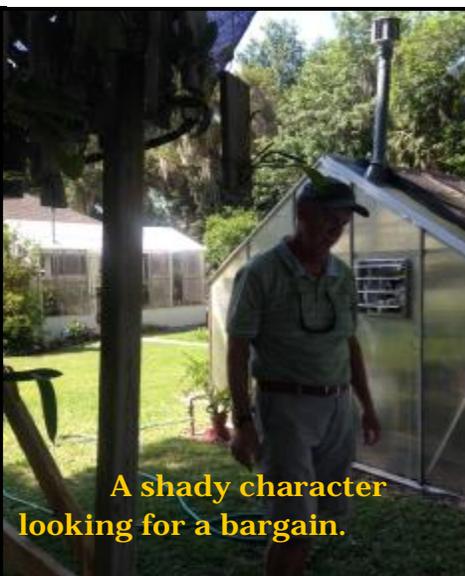
Peristeria is a genus of plants belonging to the family Orchidaceae commonly called Dove Orchid or Holy Ghost Orchid. It is a terrestrial and loves warm growing conditions. It is the National Flower of Panama where it grows as a terrestrial in loamy soil and humus pockets among rocks. Cultural notes suggest that it prefers hot conditions with 30-50% light. The plant grows with an enormous egg shaped pseudobulb which on mature plants have been 4-6" across and 6-8" high. The long arching single leaf is about 6" wide at the middle tapering at each end. The leaf has many transverse corrugations that remind you of the immature growth on palm leaves.

These plants like moist growing conditions. If you can't provide the warmth it won't flower. Outstanding, tall 2-3 foot spikes of round inch and a half cup shaped flowers with a perfect dove in the center. Easy to grow and flower. Likes to be potted in sphagnum moss. The potting medium should be allowed to approach dryness between watering. Flowering season is usually late spring. The spike emerges from the base of the bulb like a new growth and can reach up to nearly 3 feet in height with up to 20 wonderful thick white flowers (a hard waxy texture) with a dove inside that has purple spots on its tail (on the flower lip). These flowers last from three to seven days each and flower consecutively up the spike for about two to three months and are extremely fragrant. In the middle of the day it has a most pleasant heady aroma. It is quite spicy and appealing.

It is important to water this plant with clean water such as rain, distilled, or reverse osmosis. Except during the winter, the plant never wants dryness at the roots. The roots are hairy like a paphiopedilum, and require moisture at all times. The pseudobulbs should always be plump, round, and full. If they start shriveling, this is most likely a sign they haven't been watered enough. In the winter, try to mimic the dry season by leaving the plant somewhat drier in between waterings. It is OK to allow the pseudobulbs to shrivel slightly from the end of November through mid to late January.



At the home of Jack in Ocala we get distracted from our mission of loading Sta-lite, by his orchid collection.



A shady character looking for a bargain.



Jack's immaculate companion greenhouse.



Jeff ponders a purchase.



Victory, it's mine all mine.



An Ocala back yard to dream about.



Yati and Judy attempt to charm Jack out of his favorite orchids.



Even my phone never heard of this orchid!



Dream on.



Jack's greenhouse attached to the house.



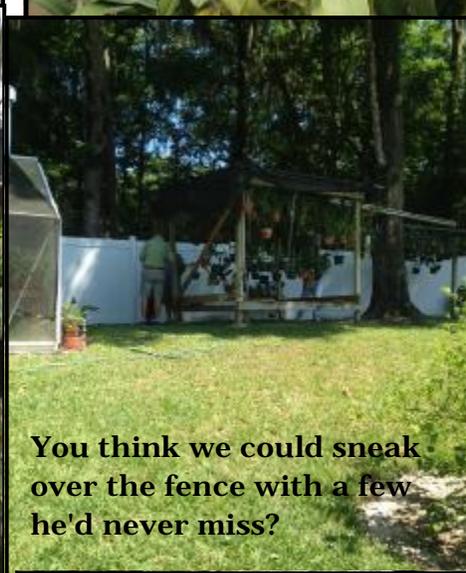
Is anyone this organized?



No one can bargain like Yati.



Cattleya heaven



You think we could sneak over the fence with a few he'd never miss?



Climb up there and get me THAT one.



Foliage too!



Judy: Reach me that big one up there.

***There was a trailer with 20 buckets of Sta-lite rock for members.*** The pictures above depict the journey to collect that rock. Really?? The pictures just prove that no matter what the goal of a program is, don't let an Orchid Lover member near an orchid plant that they do not presently have.

Do you see any evidence in the pictures of shopping for rock??

**ORCHID LOVERS CLUB of SPRING HILL****By-Laws****Article 1 Club Name and Purpose**

- Section 1. The name of the Organization shall be the ORCHID LOVERS CLUB of SPRING HILL
- Section 2. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the study, culture and enjoyment of orchids.

**Article 11 Officers**

- Section 1. The elected Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Section 2. The President shall appoint all Committee Chairs and Members, subject to approval of the Officers.
- Section 3. The elected Officers, the past President and Committee Chairs shall constitute the Executive Board.
- Section 4. Anyone on the Executive Board may be removed at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board, if in their judgment such member, either by illness, neglect, lack of interest, or other cause, shall not adequately attend to their duties.
- Section 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Board, and shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
- Section 6. The Vice-President(s) of the Club shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence and also serve as Program Chairperson.
- Section 7. The Secretary shall keep accurate and complete Minutes of all the meetings of the Club and of the Executive Board; shall keep a record of the names and addresses of members of the Club. The Secretary shall furnish a copy of the Minutes to the President.
- Section 8. The Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the Club, and disburse same under the direction of the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall give an account of receipts and disbursements at each meeting and submit for Audit such accounts at the end of the year. One copy of the Treasurer's monthly report will be filed with the Secretary, and one with the President. The President will appoint an audit committee to review reports annually.
- Section 9. Each retiring Officer shall surrender all papers and other items of their Office (elected and appointed) to their successor within thirty (30) days.

**Article 111 Elections and Nominations**

- Section 1. The Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) persons shall be appointed by the Executive Board at their February meeting and this Committee shall present a slate of candidates for Office at the regular April meeting of the Club. Election shall be held at the May meeting, and new Officers will be installed at the June meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting provided prior consent has been obtained from the nominee.

Section 2. Vacancies among the Officers shall be filled at a special election by the Membership at the regular Meeting after each vacancy has occurred, to fill the unexpired term of Office.

*Article 1V Committees*

Section 1. Various committees will help facilitate the smooth flow of Club business. Any Committee named may, or will be, activated on an 'as needed' basis.

*Article V Membership and Dues*

Section 1. The dues for members will be in such amounts as shall be determined by the Members and payable in January of each year.

Section 2. Dues are non-refundable. Guests are expected to pay Membership Dues after two free meetings.

*(Addition to the By-Laws dated 05/18/08 and 06/18/08 and 08/13/08)*

Section 3. A Welcome Packet will be given to all new members and that will include the most recent Keiki (to be added individually when a packet is handed to a new member), a welcome letter, a copy of our Club By-Laws, a Club Calendar, a listing of Committees with a description of what that Committee's job description is, and a Membership Roster. *(Addition to the By-Laws dated 07/18/07)*

*Article V1 Meetings*

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the third Saturday of each month and at such other times as designated by the Executive Board. Five (5) days notice shall be given to the membership prior to such meetings.

Section 2. A quorum at a regular or special meeting shall consist of the members present.

Section 3. On the occasions where we will have no speaker, or if the speaker does not have plants for sale, our members may bring in up to ten orchids for sale at that meeting.

*(Addition to the By-Laws dated 07/18/07)*

*Article V11 Business of the Club*

Section 1. The Executive Board shall meet monthly, prior to the regular meeting, and at such times as deemed necessary. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the day-to-day activities and to insure a smooth transition of business from year to year.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be authorized to spend an amount up to \$150.00 for anything that benefits The Club.

Section 3. A quorum of the Executive Board meeting shall consist of five (5) or more members, present and voting.

Section 4. Professional growers/speakers (i.e.) a person whose primary business it is to sell orchids, or is in the professional realm of growing orchids, such as a Conservatory Gardner) shall be paid their standard fee, regardless of Club membership status. This fee is to be set forth at the time of scheduling their visit to our Club. *(Addition to By-Laws dated 07/18/07)*

*Article V111 By-Laws and Rules of Order*

- Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended or changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting of the Club, provided four (4) weeks has elapsed between the written presentation of the proposed change(s) of the By-Laws and the motion to be voted on.
- Section 2. Interpretation of the By-Laws is vested in the Parliamentarian.
- Section 3. The rules contained in the latest edition of the 'Robert's Rules of Order' shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of the Club.

*Article 1X Recommended Order of Business*

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Introduce guests and ask new members to identify themselves
- 3. Secretary's Report
- 4. Treasurer's Report
- 5. Ask for any Committee Reports
- 6. Ask for any Old Business
- 7. New Business
- 8. Show and Tell
- 9. Program
- 10. Raffle
- 11. Adjournment

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