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WE HAVE A CHANGE OF VENUE FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING MAY 21st.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, May 21st at the First United Methodist Church of Spring Hill, 9344 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, west of Mariner Blvd., despite what the newspapers may say (*info received too late to change them*). This is the same place where we held our Auction last year.

Our speaker will be Thanh Nguyen of Springwater Orchids, Melbourne, FL. He is an Engineer by trade and specializes in Paphiopedilum (slipper) orchids. His goal is to bring Paphiopedilums back to the USA.



A view of the well attended April Orchid Lovers' Club Members' Meeting. On page 7, read a terrific and informative article written by *Kara Warnock* on the topic of our speaker, Wally Wilder of Zellwood, FL who presented a slide show program on the Wild Orchids of Florida.

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Laurie Cinnamon & Pat Dupke

Trips

Donna Fazekas & Sonia Terrelonge

Show Table Report

Matt Riesz



Treasurer's Report

By Helen Battistrada

2/20/2016 Balance	\$7,935.33
Receipts	\$1,891.00
Disbursements	\$2,468.08
3/18/2016 Balance	\$7,358.08

REFRESHMENT REMINDER

By: *Laurie Ciannamea*

FOOD

Kara Warnock

Pat Baig

Karen DiCristofalo

Yati Douglas



SODA & JUICE

Marie Tanaka

Singapore notes or bills have an orchid design in the centre of the note's front, the orchid being the national flower of Singapore.

A scene of Singapore is depicted on the back, which varies across denominations. Denominations range from a \$1.00 bill to a \$10,000.00 bill.



President's Message by Jeff Rundell

This has been an interesting spring. Never have I seen so much pollen, produced mostly by our trees, leaving me wondering what they have in mind when acorn season comes around? Now those spent blossoms are raining down on my back yard covering my vandas and other orchids so that they appear to be growing hair. I have some of my favorite encyclias blooming or budding but a few are still trying to play hard to get. I love encyclias, especially when they are mounted, spraying out those fragrant little blossoms and looking like they'd be happier living high in a tree.

Please make note of our meeting change to the Presbyterian church on Spring Hill Drive where we held our auction. Thanks to Pat Dupke for setting this up. Remind anyone who might not have seen the announcement so that there is no confusion.

I'm writing this in advance of two important efforts that, hopefully, will be complete before our meeting on the 21st. First, we are trying to finalize plans to go to Ocala and bring back about 20 buckets of orchid rock that we discussed at the last meeting. I will let you know before the meeting so that, if you signed up, you can come prepared to tote it home.

Second, Linda Hindman has come up with a new and better way of handling some of our legacy plants. You should have heard by now about the online auction of these plants that belonged to Bill Wilcox. This is a work in progress but it certainly will provide a better and fairer alternative than flooding our raffle table with too many plants. It's especially true when we have high quality plants that deserve more consideration. Thanks Linda for advancing the cause.

Our speaker this month is Thanh Nguyen (usually pronounced as Tang Win) from Springwater Orchids in Melbourne. His specialty is slipper orchids (Paphiopedilums) and his background is engineering. According to one description, his goal is to revive paph breeding in the US. The slipper orchid growers are a decidedly dedicated and (forgive me) unusual group. One of the reasons for this is the fact that, not only are Paphs unique in growth and bloom, but they are not mass produced by meristem techniques. That's why you won't see rows in Lowes of these long lasting blooms. Seed propagation takes years and one grower told me calmly that mass production would not only put him out of business, it would break his heart.

His name is Joe Kunisch and he grew Paphs just outside my birthplace of Rochester NY. You may recall I told a little bit of his story in an article a couple of years ago. I had to make an appointment, take no pictures, be cross examined and drink a beer with him before being allowed into his greenhouse. In the book *Orchid Fever* by Eric Hansen he is quoted saying "You can get off alcohol, drugs, women, food and cars, but once you are hooked on orchids you're finished". I assume he felt that Paphs were the heroin of the orchid world. These orchids have been so sought after in the wild that the entire genus *Paphiopedilum* is listed in appendix 1 of CITES (the most restrictive classification of the international convention on endangered species).

A woman named Eleanor in Seattle supposedly had a basement growing area of this "horticultural contraband" in her possession she likened to an art thief having a room full of stolen masterpieces. If the US Fish and Wildlife service were to pay her a visit she could be out \$70K even without the fines. There are other big names and even bigger egos associated with these denizens of south east Asia.

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In Orchid Fever there is even a story about an eccentric grower named Randy Wayne-Thurste who looked a bit like Charles Manson and made visitors kiss his English Bulldog on the mouth before they were allowed to enter his greenhouse. Joe Kunisch sold his successful plastic molding business, built a 2,000 ft² greenhouse and said, after killing his first few orchids, that suddenly every windowsill and table in his house was filled with orchids. His wife thought he had dementia and his life revolved around caring for his orchids. :

Over a cigarette he once admitted "You know the only people weirder than us are the dog show people and they are a distant second". We will see how our speaker fits into this picture. One last thing: You all have permission to hold up two fingers at meetings when you identify one of my tales I've told too many times. Here are a couple of my prizes::::::::::



OLCOSH Minutes April 16, 2016

Jeff called the meeting to order, and the previous meeting's minutes were quickly approved.

Several visitors at the meeting were introduced and welcomed by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Helen gave us a special report since our show was just completed.

Balance last month: \$7,935.33

Income

- Show \$1,690.00
- Dues \$168.00
- 3 name pins \$33.00
- Total income **\$1,891.00**

Disbursements:

- Show expenses \$2,274.20
- Name pins \$111.10
- 1 month storage \$40.00
- Annual website charge \$39.95
- Bank charge \$3.00
- Total Disbursements **\$2,468.25**
- **Current balance \$7,358.08**

OLCOSH Show 2016:

The show was successful with better attendance despite the poor weather on the first day. Because of poor attendance last year, the board decided to increase this year's publicity budget by \$200 in the hopes of bringing some more people in. It worked. We had 60 more attendees this year than last year.

The cost to the club was \$233 this year versus over \$400 last year, which was an improvement. The show is not intended to be a profit-making venture – auction and raffles are designed for that. But we do try to break even. The board is

always looking for ways to improve the picture. This year our Publicity Chairman Julie Smolka, did a terrific job bargaining down the papers and publications to keep our advertising within our \$1500 budget.

Next year, we are determined that there will be a show chairperson, different than the two to four people that have been informally sharing that duty until now. Anyone who is interested in helping with this position please contact Jeff. We will of course provide all the information needed about what needs to be done. It's not a big deal, but it's too much for someone who already has other club responsibilities.

Jeff asked everyone who helped with the show to stand up. That was more than half of the members present, which is terrific. All who participated know what fun it really is to do these shows! There are many tasks involved in the show and we always need more volunteers to help, so come on down!

We're always looking to improve our show. If anyone has any ideas on how we could do something better, or things that need to be changed, please contact Jeff or the board, so we can take your ideas into consideration. Now is the time!

Jeff discussed the possibility of ordering supplies in bulk. We are going to try getting some Sta-Lite rock in bulk and Jeff passed around a sheet for people to sign up. If this works well we'll try it again with other materials like potting supplies or insecticides/fungicides that are sometimes very expensive but which any one person doesn't need much. If you have something like that which you'd like to get, make sure Jeff knows about it.

A trip to the Redlands Orchid Festival 13th – 15th of May will be run on the 13th. Cost is \$50 including transport, driver tip, refreshments, entrance fee and \$5 discount ticket.

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Departure is 4:30AM SHARP from Pinellas Park Super Walmart. Jeff has details if anyone is interested. Maybe someone in the club would like to drive and perhaps take a leisurely trip and stay overnight, etc. Several people would be interested.

We would also like to take a trip to Selby Gardens in Sarasota, and perhaps some trips to local orchid growers.

Lots of the raffle plants for today's meeting were part of a donation from the estate of deceased member Bill Wilcox. Judy rehabilitated many of these plants for us as they were in poor shape when received. Please keep the memorial tag with the plant if you win one.

There was a discussion of thrip damage. This is the time of year when these pests come out to eat our flowers. They are very tiny insects, small enough to get through a pool screen, but do a lot of damage to flowers, very fast. If you see them or their damage (brown edges on the flowers) you need to spray with an insecticide that will control them. Judy could not recall the name of the insecticide she uses. If you go to www.motes.com they have a month-by-month culture journal of what's going on with your plants and how to control the current pests.

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Trivia: Jeff scored one on the AOS. He got them to change the published pronunciation of the orchid genus "Coelogyne". Popular pronunciation has been "see LAH gen ee", and correct pronunciation is "see low GYNE ee".

We adjourned for refreshments and the show table plants were judged by our volunteer judges. Jeff and Matt discussed the winners and other plants. This month's show table winners, picked from a *massive* collection of beautiful plants were:

Phalaenopsis schilleriana
Judy Smith

Guarianthe skinneri
Dale Story

Dendrobium farmeri
Yati Douglas

Dendrobium Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'
Matt Riesz

Dendrobium fimbriatum
Caitlin DiCristofalo

Paphiopedilum Maiden Paradise
Linda Hindman

Paphiopedilum Krull's Giant 'Bel Royal'
FCC/AOS Gary Gethen

After show table discussion we enjoyed a talk by our speaker, Wally Wilder, on native orchids of Florida.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Riesz

NOTE—These 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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April Club Speaker
written
By Kara Warnock

Our speaker this month was Wally Wilder of Zellwood, FL who presented a slide show program on the Wild Orchids of Florida. Wally is a self-educated horticulturalist who has seen a number of orchids in Florida's woodlands, ranging from common varieties to those species that are more rare. Florida is home to over 100 varieties of orchids, which occur in a diversity of habitats throughout the state.

Encyclia tampensis, or the **Florida butterfly orchid**, is an epiphytic orchid that is quite abundant throughout central and southern Florida. The peak flowering period is between June and July, although this species is known to bloom sporadically throughout the year. The flowers of this species are highly variable in both size and color. The typical presentation is flowers with sepals and petals that are a yellow-green suffused with varying amounts of brown or purple. The white lip of this orchid is kissed with purple or magenta veining, and in the alba form no veining occurs at all, just a pure white lip. The butterfly orchid is locally abundant along Florida's waterways and within hammocks.

The photos Wally showed us were taken in Myakka River State Park near Sarasota, FL. Another good place to view this orchid is in the trees along the banks of the Hillsborough River.

The **green-fly orchid** (*Epidendrum magnoliae*) is a very common epiphytic orchid occurring throughout central and northern Florida in mesic hardwood forests, especially those in close proximity to bodies of water. The green-fly orchid tends to grow on live oak trees often in close association with resurrection fern. This orchid can form dense clumps with pendulous yellowish-green flowers. Flowering occurs predominantly

from August-March, but just like with *Encyclia tampensis* flowering can occur throughout the year. A good place to view this orchid up close is along the Holly Hammock hiking trail at Ross Prairie, near Hwy 200 southwest of Ocala, FL.

The **leafless beak orchid**, *Sacoila lanceolata*, is a beautiful terrestrial orchid with striking coral colored flowers. There also exists a green variety (forma *albidaviridis*), however, it is not as commonly seen as the red coloration. The leafless beak orchid is typically found in bloom from April-July and



frequents road shoulders, open pastures, old fields, and dry woods. Even though there are no documented sightings of this species in Hernando County, it can be found to our north in Citrus along CR 491 (Citrus Way) and CR 480 (W Stage Coach Trl). Take it from me, even driving by at 60mph you will still notice this species as its red flowers definitely stand out against the surrounding green foliage. The **hoary beaked orchid** (*S. squamulosa*) looks superficially like the leafless beak, however, upon closer inspection has hoary white dots on the flowers. This species is known only to exist in damp pineland forests with limestone outcroppings in Marion County. This orchid can be searched for in forests of the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway south of Ocala.

Four species of **grass pinks**, (*Calopogon spp.*), occur in the state of Florida. These are terrestrial orchids that like sunny, wet meadows, pine flatwoods, and roadsides with sandy, acidic soils. These orchids open their nonresupinate flowers in succession starting at the base of the floral inflorescence with each flower only open for a few brief days.

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Flowering occurs from spring to early summer with April being a peak month for many species. The many-flowered *grass-pink* (*C. multiflorus*) is probably the rarest grass-pink in Florida due to the fact that it is a fire dependent species, and will not flower until a few weeks after a spring burn.

Some of the larger populations of the many-flowered grass-pink are located in the Goethe State Forest in Levy County and at the Disney Wilderness Preserve near Kissimmee. There are at least eight species of *fringed orchids*, (*Platanthera spp.*), that occur in Florida. They are terrestrial orchids that prefer open, wet meadows, pine flat woods, roadsides, and areas of seepage slopes. Most of the species have brilliant orange flowers with a fringed lip that are in bloom from summer to early fall. The *Chapman's fringed orchid* (*P. chapmanii*), with its vibrant orange-yellow flowers is critically endangered in the state and consists primarily of small local populations, such as ones that can be found along Hwy 90 in Bakers County. The *orange fringed orchid* (*P. ciliaris*), which can stand up to a meter high, can readily be found blooming in August among moist, mossy ditches located on the west side of CR 337 in the Goethe State Forest. Two of the species of fringed orchids, the *southern white fringe orchid* (*P. conspicua*) and the *snowy orchid* (*P. nivea*), have enticing, crisp snow white flowers and are more commonly located from central Florida northward.

Not all of Florida's orchids are obvious and showy. There are several species of orchids that are mycotrophic, which means these plants derive most of their nutrients from a symbiotic association with fungi. The *crested coralroot* (*Hexalectris spicata*) is an example of this type of orchid that exists as subterranean tubers forming small rhizomes within dry, open, hardwood forests (preferably live oak) in central and north Florida. The crested coralroot is a summer flowering species which sends up a leafless stem during

April-August that has several flowers with petals and sepals of a deep yellowish-brown and purple striations across the petals and the lip. A true albino form of the plant (*forma wilderi*) was discovered in Hernando County, and has been seen by only a few individuals including Wally and his brother. Some good places to explore for this orchid would be in forests near Crystal River and the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway.

As many of us already know south Florida is home to a large number of Florida's orchid species, with the Everglades, Big Cypress Swamp, and the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve being some of their favorite haunts. Several species including: the *cigar orchid* (*Cyrtopodium punctatum*), *night-fragrant epidendrum* (*Epidendrum nocturnum*), *cone-bearing epidendrum* (*E. strobiliferum*), *Florida oncidium* (*Oncidium floridanum*), *clamshell orchid* (*Prosthechea cochleata*), *spotted mule-eared orchid* (*Trichocentrum undulatum*), and the *leafless vanilla* (*Vanilla barbellata*) are just some of the orchids that can be found among swamps throughout the southern portion of the state.

Of course, no discussion of Florida's orchids would be complete without mention of the *ghost orchid* (*Dendrophylax lindenii*). The ghost orchid is a leafless, epiphytic orchid that produces a rambling mass of grayish-green roots that attaches the plant to its host (cypress, pond apple, and pop ash trees being preferred).



Dendrophylax lindenii

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The flower of this orchid is unmistakable with its star shaped white petals and sepals tinged with green, and the “frog-like” shape of the lip with its long nectar spur. The ghost orchid can be found blooming from April-August on trees throughout south Florida’s hardwood hammocks, sloughs, and cypress domes. If you are the adventurous type, guided hikes that take you deep into the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve and led by park biologist Mike Owen are available to view the elusive ghost orchid. For those that prefer to keep their feet dry, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in Naples is home to the “super” ghost orchid, which can be viewed from the safety of their boardwalk. At their website, <http://corkscrew.audobon.org/visit/corkscrew-ghost-orchids>, they provide visitors status updates on how many flowers are currently in bloom.

For those interested in learning more about Florida’s orchids there are a number of good resources available. A book that I have found invaluable is *The Native Orchids of Florida* by Carlyle A. Luer (1972). Even though this book is over 40 years old, it is filled with large, beautiful color photos of the orchids and descriptive information, most of which is still accurate even today. Other good resources include *The Wild Orchids of Florida* by Paul Martin Brown (2005) and Prem Subrahmanyam’s website and blog at flnativeorchids.com. If you are interested in heading out to view Florida’s orchids in their native habitats, Wally said that now (April) is a good time to head up to the Goethe State Forest and May is a good time for the Cary State Forest, particularly near the intersection of US301 and CR119.

Editor’s note: there are many names in this article which will entice you to go to Google for an explanation and pictures. I wish we could have put in pictures for all these plants referred to and ‘seepage slope’ ?? Check it out!!!!



Our Speaker, Wally Wilder



Hexalectris spicata

grasspink
Calopogon spp.



Platanthera ciliaris



**My Love of Orchids:
How it all began.
by Dan Grant**

Hello, my name is Dan and I am an orchid-holic. My love of orchids began 13 years ago with a simple birthday present from my wife. It was a beautiful white with purple lip Phalenopsis that lasted a long time. I started to read up on orchids and the care that they required to thrive and realized it didn't seem that hard. So with that being said my addiction started to take hold. With living in New Jersey at the time, it was too cold to grow them outside in the winter so I had to bring them in and grow them by a SW facing window until it got warmer out. At that point I had about ten orchids mostly Cattleyas. I joined Deep Cut Orchid Society out of Rumson N.J. and there my addiction was fed by being introduced to a wide array orchids of all sizes and colors. I attended the annual Rockefeller Center Orchid Show in N.Y. where there were dealers from various countries with even a broader array of eye candy. LOL.

Moving ahead 3 years, I had the opportunity to relocate to Spring Hill Florida with my job being relocated to New Tampa where I wound up joining the Spring Hill Orchid Lovers Club. At that point I thought my dreams have come true, able to grow orchids outdoors 365 days a year. OMG! With that being said my quest for more began by joining the American Orchid Society and finding out about more dealers throughout southern Florida.

My calculation is now somewhere around 60 or more, kind of lost count. I grow them on my patio or as Floridians say "Lanai". I have a screened in Lanai which filters about 15% of the sunlight which keeps them from getting sunburned. There are some that require lees sun so I grow them under my covered portion of my deck.

My watering is done every 3-5 days depending on the rain, less in the summer more in the winter. I feed them once a week with a light mix of 20-20-20 which I add to my rain water supply that is collected every time it rains in 2-75 gallon garbage cans which I have connected to my downspouts off my roof.

Being a member of the AOS has given me many opportunities to learn about so many different types of orchids and their origins along with meeting very interesting people. I was able to have my Laelia Purpurata "Allison" awarded 89 points (HCC) by the AOS in 2013. They have very good Webinars monthly about different topics related to orchids given by experts in the field. So, just one more thing in closing, there is always room for one more Orchid. Hope you enjoy growing orchids as much as I do.

Pictures from April Members' Meeting



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Pictures From April Members' Meeting



Paphiopedilum Krull's Giant 'Bel Royal'
FCC/AOS Gary Gethen

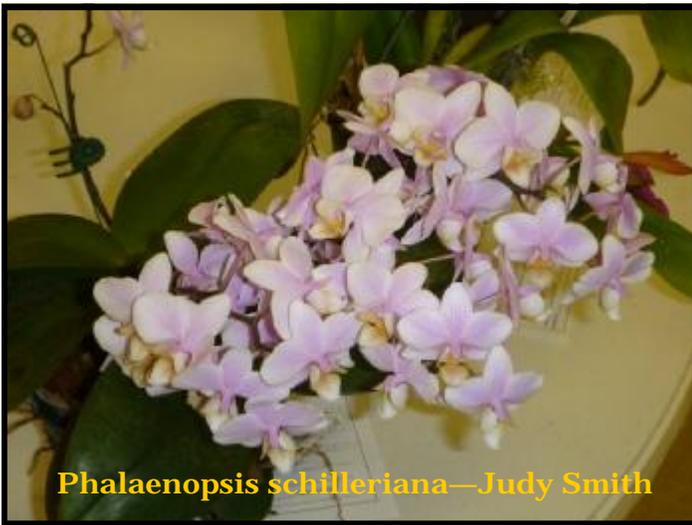
**Show Table Blue Ribbon
 Winners—April**

Pictures were taken and captions added
 by Matt Riesz.

The other Blue Ribbon Winner's Pictures are on
 the following page.

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Show Table Blue Ribbon Winners—April



Phalaenopsis schilleriana—Judy Smith



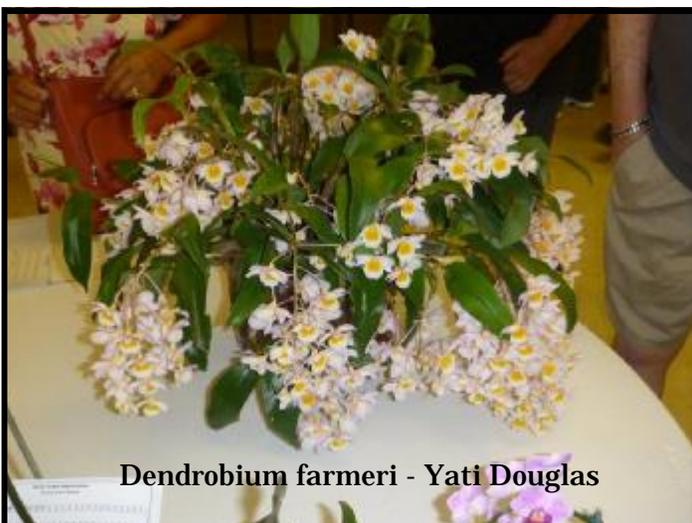
Den. Oriental Smile 'Fantasy' - Matt Riesz



Guarianthe skinneri alba 'Debbie' - Dale Story



Dendrobium fimbriatum - Caitlin DiCristofalo



Dendrobium farmeri - Yati Douglas



Paphiopedilum Maiden Paradise - Linda Hindman

SHOW TABLE APRIL 21, 2016

By Matt Riesz

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

Plant Name	Grower	How long owned	How long growing
Sarcoglottis sceptrodes	Barb Dean	8 yrs	15 yrs
Bulbophyllum (Megaclineum) falcatum	Barb Dean	4 yrs	15 yrs
Phal. Sogo Vivien Caitlin DiCristofalo		4 yrs	8 yrs
Den. fimbriatum	Caitlin DiCristofalo	7 yrs	8 yrs
Den. kingianum	Dale Story	3 yrs	20 yrs
Guarianthe skinneri 'Casa Luna'	Dale Story	5 yrs	20 yrs
Dendrobium hybrid	Dale Story	3 yrs	20 yrs
Rhyn. digbyana 'Mrs. Chase' x Rhyn. digbyana 'Frilly'	Delia Dunn	10 yrs	21 yrs
Cattleya hybrid	Delia Dunn	9 yrs	21 yrs
Den. smillieae alba	Gary Gethen	4 yrs	24 yrs
Iwanagara Apple Blossom	Gary Gethen	4 yrs	24 yrs
Cattlianthe Marcene Burns (Ctt. Trick or Treat x C. lawrenceana)	Gary Gethen	12 yrs	24 yrs
Paphiopedilum Krull's Giant 'Bel Royal' FCC/AOS	Gary Gethen	3 yrs	24 yrs
Phal. Hybrid	J. Parker	7 yrs	20 yrs
Dendrobium Hybrid	J. Parker	7 yrs	20 yrs
Paph. Dunkel x sib	J. Parker	7 yrs	20 yrs
Onc. Copper Breathern	J. Parker	7 yrs	20 yrs
Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'	J. Parker	7 yrs	20 yrs
C. Bob Betts	Jeff Rundell		
Phal Hybrid - Lowe's Rescue #5	Jeff Rundell		
Pot. Paul Phelps x Blc. Goldenzelle	Jeff Rundell		
Epc. Don Herman	Jeff Rundell		
C. intermedia	Jeff Rundell	6 yrs	
Encyclia Dave's Delirium (Encyclia tampensis x Encyclia aspera)	Jeff Rundell	8 yrs	
Maxillaria costaricensis	Jeff Rundell	4 yrs	
Phalaenopsis schilleriana	Judy Smith	8 yrs	
Cattlianthe Marcene Burns (Ctt. Trick or Treat x C. lawrenceana)	Judy Smith	5 yr	

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SHOW TABLE APRIL 21, 2016

Plant Name	Grower	How Long Owned	How Long Growing
Phal. mini Hybrid	Judy Smith	3 yrs	
Eplc. Jackie Bright 'Hilo Stars'	Judy Smith	5 yrs	
Blc. Amy Wakasugi	Julie Smolka		
Pot. (Hawaiian Thrill x Marlene Lundquist) x Aloha Orange	Julie Smolka		
Vanda coerulea alba	Linda Meyer	2 yrs	
Paph. Maiden Paradise	Linda Hindman		
Blc. Lily Marie Almay 'MGR'	Matt Riesz	2 yrs	15 yrs
Guarianthe skinneri alba	Matt Riesz	2 yrs	15 yrs
Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'	Matt Riesz	4 mos	15 yrs
Slc. Jewel Box 'Scheherazade'	Matt Riesz	4 mos	15 yrs
Den. Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'	Matt Riesz	5 yrs	15 yrs
Encyclia bractescens	Matt Riesz	8 mos	15 yrs
Iwanagara Apple Blossom	Pat Dupke	2 yrs	27 yrs
Den. aggregatum	Pat Dupke	3 yrs	27 yrs
Den pierardii	Pat Dupke	2 yrs	27 yrs
C. Sea Breeze 'Fellrath's Pride'	Sonia Terrelonge	2 yrs	10 yrs
Guarianthe skinneri	Sonia Terrelonge	2 yrs	10 yrs
Den. farmeri	Yati Douglas	13 yrs	

As I'm sure you've noticed, or perhaps will notice, our Club members are getting a trifle older and it's with deep gratitude that we welcome our newer YOUNGER members; with emphasis on younger (or perhaps more agile) newer members. Sadly, as our membership gets older we seem to be receiving more estate orchids. Sometimes these plants are of excellent quality or maybe a little special. The board has decided to try selling these plants via online/phone auctions rather than subject them to the raffle. This way the Club won't compete with our speakers' sales, and the monthly meeting won't be unnecessarily delayed.

So, in the future you will receive an e-mail with information about the plant or plants for sale with a current picture and hopefully a picture of what the blooming plant should look like. Bidding instructions will be included with each email. The plants will be delivered at the next meeting. You will be notified if your plant has a higher bid on it.

Linda Hindman

ORCHIDS THAT LOOK LIKE SOMETHING ELSE

(We will feature one every month)

**The Lion Orchid**

Phalaenopsis (1825), known as the Moth Orchid, abbreviated Phal in the horticultural trade, is an orchid genus of approximately 60 species and forms. Phalaenopsis is one of the most popular orchids in the trade, through the development of many artificial hybrids. It is native to southern China, the Indian Subcontinent, Southeast Asia (Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, etc.), New Guinea, the Bismark Archipelago, and Queensland. This particular type of Phalaenopsis looks like a lion's face.

From Jim and Trudy Duerstock (Organizers of the Orchid Lover's Club of Spring Hill)

I would like to thank everyone that has kept the Club going. Especially everyone still active from our early days. This works two ways you know. If not for all the members since Trudy and I were active, there wouldn't still be an orchid club. I have seen the website, but not for a long time. It has been expanded a lot. Great job!!

We all owe Jim and Trudy a lot for starting, organizing and working so hard for the club for a number of years, If you want to read about our club history go to:

<http://www.springhillorchidclub.com/history.html> Editor



Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park will be highlighting “Wetlands and Wildflowers” during the month of May when wildflowers are springing up along our roadsides and in the park’s Visitor Center on this theme.

Our own Orchid Club President, Jeff Rundell will present part of the program.

(The following is an excerpt taken from an article in the Citrus County Chronicle on May 6, 2016.)

Two special programs will be offered in May. The first program titled “Up in the Air: Florida plants that shun the soil”, will be presented by Jeff Rundell, park volunteer and retired biology teacher on Thursday, May 12, starting at 1 p.m. in the Discovery Center. Rundell says, “There are three fascinating groups of plants that live above the rest in Florida. They are called epiphytes because they grow on other plants without harming them. In Florida there are more of the plants than in any other state. Airplants/bromeliads (Tillandsias), some ferns and many orchids all possess special abilities to survive harsh conditions far above the forest floor. I will discuss all of these marvelous adaptations in my talk.”

Rundell is a volunteer at the park, does outreach and works in the Discovery Center where he has mounted a display of these special plants. He spent his career teaching biology in the

Adirondack region of northern New York. He is a product of the State University of New York and has done graduate work in Minnesota and in Ohio. He is an officer of the Orchid Lovers Club of Spring Hill and has a collection of plants that he terms “out of control.”

Also listed in the newspaper article was the second program.

“On Friday, May 27, starting at 1 p.m. in the Florida Room of the visitors Center, located on U.S. 19, Park Ranger Vincent Hernandez and Jodie Lanier of the Citrus County Native Plant Society and a park volunteer will present a program on the native wildflowers throughout the state. They will introduce you to many varieties of wildflowers throughout the state. They will advise you as to which of these plants can be successfully incorporated into landscaping and which can only survive in a specialized habitat.”

There is no charge to attend this wildflower program.



Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park highlights wetlands and wildflowers for the month of May.