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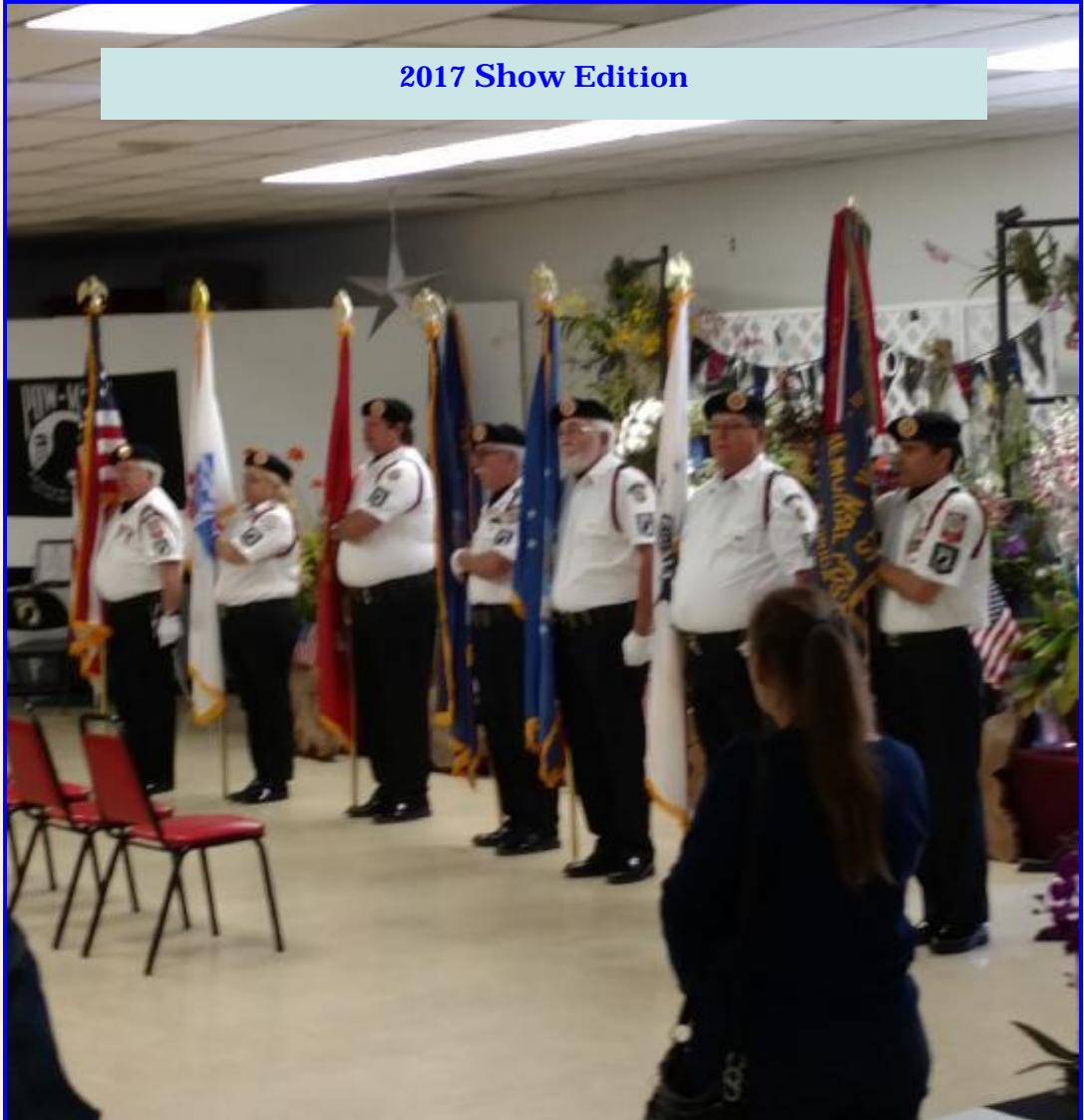
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April & Your Orchids

2017 Show Edition



Opening Ceremony At The Orchid Lover's Club March 18th—19th Orchid Show.
Flag presentation by the VFW Home Guard. Theme of the show was "Salute to the Vets".

Our speaker for the [April 15 meeting](#) will be Smiley Promsurin of Smiley's Orchids and she will talk about orchids and herbal plants. Meeting will be at our regular meeting place, VFW Post 8681 at 18940 Drayton Street & County Line Road in Shady Hill. Time is 1:00 pm

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<u>Show Table Report</u>	Matt Riesz
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REFRESHMENT REMINDER

by
Laurie Ciannamea

Refreshments:

Pat Yacco
Judy Smith
Yati Douglas
Pat Baig



Thanks to the members' generous contributions of beverages at the show, no soda, juice or water is needed for the April meeting.





TREASURER'S REPORT

By Helen Battistrada

Balance last report:	\$9,887.23
Total Receipts	\$ 699.00
Disbursements:	<u>\$2,077.70</u>
Balance: 2/18/17	\$8,508.53

I think any discussion about the Festival should begin with a "Thank you" to Marita Riesz , Chairperson—So thank you Marita—a beautiful presentation.

It was opened by a touching and very much deserved presentation to our Veterans by the Home Guard of the VFW, which was arranged by Marita.

I would like to report that we covered expenses for this year's show, but unfortunately I cannot. The Festival would have cost the Club \$877 but through the efforts of several of our members we were able to reduce the amount to \$365, a considerable improvement.

Although we spent over \$1,400 on newspaper advertising, many colorful posters and much "word of mouth" we still had only 434 visitors this year, which is almost exactly the amount we had for the past three years. I think this is significant as to the degree of interest from the public.

So, once again may I join the others who will be thanking all the members who helped to make this possible—"Thank you".

Monthly Orchid Quiz

This orchid features extremely long slender drooping petals and sepals. It is names after a spider: The scientific name is *Caladenia filamentosa*.

What is the common name?

- Black Widow
- Wolf Spider
- Tiny Spider
- Daddy Long Legs

Look for the answer on page 7

An orchid in a deep forest sends out its fragrance even if no one is around to appreciate it.

Confucius



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jeff Rundell

WE DID IT! The show is over and all those that helped should take a bow, especially Marita who worked tirelessly to make it happen. In the kitchen Judy and Tim organized the grand buffet. I was immensely pleased to look around and see the cooperative spirit of members working together and helping our guests. We will have a report about the particulars of the show and hopefully we can all smile, take a deep breath, and look forward to next year. Events like this educate people and foster interest in orchids. It also brings a sense of community and pride to our club. Stick around there are some great months ahead so see the end of this article to find out what's in store (my new underhanded strategy to get readers :)

Jeff

Scent with Love

You would think that after 3 semesters of organic and biochemistry in college I would want nothing more than to stay away from things that smelled like a combination of roadkill and paint remover. The lab had a different odor each week depending on which group of compounds we were investigating and there was always the occasional fire in a sink or beaker when the wrong things got together.

It was hard to resist sniffing bottles labeled amy l acetate (bananas) or methyl salicylate (wintergreen) but it started a fascination with scent that instantly synced when I began to raise orchids.

Unfortunately my "smeller" is declining due to the insults of age but I can still hardly walk by an orchid bloom without sticking my nose in it. I can't even resist those hyacinths they have in Publix. Isn't it fascinating that we share the appre-

ciation of particular scents with a variety of bees, flies, moths, beetles and butterflies? Humans have a notoriously poor sense of smell and are perhaps, more visual than any other creature. From dogs and cats to our six legged friends most animals live in a different world, a world of scent that they depend on to find food, mate, and tell friend from foe. Even the "aromatherapy" people claim marvelous benefits from sniffing oils extracted from various plants. Most of the money in the scent world comes from floral perfumes. Roses, lavender, yang-yang and jasmine are always picked at the precise time their fragrance is at its height. When orchid growers started to breed plants they focused on their visual appeal and mostly did not select their subjects for scent.

In his book "The Reason for Flowers" Stephen Buchmann describes how two professors back in the 60s studied orchid fragrance after discovering that male metallic bees scraped orchid petals and turned them into their own sexual attractants. I've got a *Gongora similis* that was one of their study subjects. There is such a wide range of orchid scents that it's impossible to classify all of them. There's the sweet Sharry Baby, the coconut Max. *tenuifolia*, the cloves of *Stanhopea* and *Catasetums* and the powerful florals of *Laelia*. My wife won't let *Prosthechea cochleatum* (clamshell) in the house, but it smells like chocolate to me. Chemists have classified over 1,700 different scent molecules from flowering plants. Some plants produce only one or two while others produce more than a dozen. What's strange is that flowers that are totally unrelated produce the same scents. Incidentally, these scent molecules are extremely "expensive" for plants to produce so their production is precisely timed to the most probable conditions for pollination.

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I always try to stick my nose in orchids that have just arrived for our show table before they shut down their scent production. The molecules that produce scent are low molecular weight. If you had but one choice for a fragrant orchid I would choose Encyclia cordigera. Its scent is wildly intoxicating and it's easy to grow. Spring is here so maybe we will see more of the fragrant Encyclias at the meeting. Other favorites of mine are Phal. violacea, Zygopetalums and Brassavola nodosa. You might be missing something if you don't include some orchids in your collection for their fragrance alone



Ascocenda "pink fall x little nugget" **intensely sweet**



Brassavola grandiflora for
a **scented evening**



Laelia dayana, **fragrant afternoon**

**Would you volunteer for the
Kitchen Committee?**

We need volunteers so we can continue to serve refreshments at our member meetings.

Contact Person: MARITA
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NOTE: Our May meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church on Spring Hill Drive (NOT AT THE VFW). ALSO THE MEETING WILL START AT NOON (NOT AT 1 pm.)

It's our 25th anniversary meeting so there will be a small celebration.

Our speaker will be Larry Desiano (a friend of Matt Reitz) who will talk about those can-tankerous Paphiopedilums



MEMBERSHIP By Linda Condon

In lieu of a regular meeting in March, we presented our annual orchid show, this year titled A Salute to Veterans-what a dynamic two days it was! Ever since leaving Sunday, I have been humming to myself "How do you thank a chairman named Marita?..." No apologies to Julie Andrews and my all time favorite movie "The Sound of Music", but the happy feelings generated by being among those beautiful orchids and congenial people created that joyous response in me. And in many other people, including not just the members ourselves, but also numbers of our guest attendees as well, judging by the comments that were voiced. And the smiles! Marita did an amazing job, and I think the greatest part of it was her ability to get involvement from a wide spectrum of club members.

.Thanks to all who lent a hand (or hands) to make the days a success...and fun. Our food was , as always, fabulous, and I do plan to gather up recipes you all made, and print them up for club distribution. So if your mama won't disown you for revealing the family's secret recipe for cornpone or whatever, please send a copy of any of your recipes you brought to the show to me at mmimilinda@gmail.com

Thanks to all who took a turn smiling and greeting, we had lots of opportunities to explain our club and invite people to come try a meeting, so don't be surprised to see some new folks who might look a little lost at our next meetings, and please do your best to welcome them and include them. I still remember feeling pretty intimidated

when I appeared here the first time, knowing not a soul and nothing about orchids, where to sit, what to expect. The friendliness of two people remains vivid-Linda Roderick, who is not currently in the club, and our own Pat Dupke, who is, thankfully, getting back to us after being sidelined by health issues, and who is always so helpful to everybody. We did have 2 new members join the club while at the show, so let's greet:

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I am beginning the process of updating the membership roster, so please be sure you have membership dues paid: checks are still welcomed for \$17 per individual or \$25 per family. I'll give current update to our membership number at the April meeting. We are also once again making green magnetic name badges available for \$11 ...unless you'd like to buy a slightly used one with the name Linda Meyer on it-since I got married and changed my name to Condon, I'll cut you a deal!!!!

Happy Spring! See you April 15th at 1:00 pm at the VFW on County Line Rd.

Linda Condon
Membership Coordinator

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Answer to The Monthly Orchid Quiz from page 3

Caladenia filamentosa, commonly known as daddy-long-legs, is a plant in the orchid family Orchidaceae and is endemic to eastern Australia. It is a ground orchid with a single hairy leaf and up to four, usually dark red flowers with long, drooping lateral sepals and petals.



Education Programs Were Well Received at the Show



Many Thanks to
Gary Gethen and Matt Resz, the Instructors

Preparing for a successful Orchid Show by Marita Reisz



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Over the years our club has been holding a beautiful show once a year to show off our wonderful orchids & to educate the public. This is a large undertaking but with many hands, a beautiful Orchid Show is created.

To start with we ask for volunteers interested in becoming members of the Show Committee. Once a group is formed we start with meeting once every month to work on different stages of the show.

First meeting we prepare approx. 5 different ideas for our display. After reviewing the ideas we all vote on the display to build. Then we need to come up with a theme which would be used for all the advertising.

Now we are ready to build all the aspects of the show:



Set Dates of Show

Confirm with VFW Hall the dates, times, Theme, display idea, request opening Ceremony, etc.

Gather Vendors

names and addresses to attend our show. Mail out letters announcing our show and requesting them to join. Then remember to confirm that vendors are set for the show.

NOTE: We could not have the show without our vendors.

Request helpers for different stations at show.

Show Committee: Discuss what needs to be done to build displays and who can do what?

Advertising – design advertisements, setup contacts, times, etc.

Kitchen Committee: Create list of food items needed.

What is bought by Society, then list of donated items needed. Volunteers for working shifts, etc.

Plant Labeling Committee: We needed someone to organize groups to make plant labels, create a master list of verified plant names and owners. Have master list ready for judging committee. Gather materials needed for plant labels, cards, stakes, etc., and create labeling system.

Judging Committee: Create a show judging schedule, with awards to be given out. Volunteers to assist with judging: judges, clerks to keep track of awards as they're given, volunteer clerks to find plants in displays, people to place ribbons.

Judge the plants and hand out awards (this takes many more people than we had this time).

Potting Shed: Need volunteers to setup schedule for potting customer plants and gathering supplies needed. Tours: call and arrange for tours by local organizations (senior centers, master gardeners, etc.), I did not have enough time to spend overseeing this for this year.

Lectures: Request volunteers for lecture sessions and setup times and confirm, any supplies needed, etc.

Other items to prepare for show:

Measure VFW Hall and map out layout for show (with the help of Matt Riesz).

Have signup sheets for volunteers to cover all stations at show

Listen to past shows of what people suggested: so we are setting up a donation table for water and snacks

Try a different approach to the raffle table, setup new layout, second day we rearranged setup and it worked better.

Create survey sheets – info for next year . Hear complaints – possible committee heads. Make copies and organize orchid information sheets

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Check on street signs and create more if needed to cover main cross streets in area. Have maps with locations marked for all to use as placement guides, when to setup and takedown.

Create signs for all stations and materials needed in VFW Hall for show.

Have supplies ready for plant labeling, forms to be used, etc.

Plant list copies made for judging, collect enough ribbons and rosettes for judges

Collect items from storage unit needed for show

Create theme banner

Create and print copies of flyers/posters

Collect some moss & make it bug free



schedule.

Make arrangements for filler plants and pickup and return. (This year from Adventura Nursery).

Arrange, set up and conduct the potting sessions, supplies needed, etc.

Keep track of all groups of volunteers and what is needed.

Be available during setup/show times/cleanup, problems, anything.

Set times for show setup & take down, have plenty of volunteers, make sure all know what needs to be done.

Setup show and have fun!

Thank you all for a great show!



Collect and/or build props, paint, etc.

Marita Riesz

Find volunteers who can paint an orchid picture, build crates and build feet for lattice walls (needed for this show).

Adjust free standing legs from one of our Vanda racks to hold painting of Orchid for picture taking.

Organize the donated plants according to the judging

Here are the awards given to plants in our show. It seemed to me there was poor member participation as far as plants this year – only 18 people out of over 100 members actually contributed plants. We still had over 140 plants, though, including a dozen from our vendors. I don't know whether that's normal or not, having not been here very long and knowing that everything is kind of out of sync this year as far as blooming. Matt

OLCOSH Orchid Show: March 18th & 19th, 2017

AWARD WINNERS

Awards	Plant name	Grower Name
BEST IN SHOW - ROSETTES		
Best Orchid in Show by a Commercial Grower:	Bulb. purpureorachis	Phelps Orchids
Best Orchid in Show by a OLCOSH Member:	Bulbophyllum fletcherianum	Laura Newton
BEST IN CLASS, OLCOSH MEMBERS - ROSETTES		
Best Species:	Epidendrum radicans	Matt Riesz
Best Cattleya Alliance:	Blc. Blanche Aisaka 'Yuki' FCC/AOS	Dan Grant
Best Vanda Alliance:	Ascda. ampullaceum	Ed & Lyn Bugbee
Best Phalaenopsis Alliance:	Phal. Achey Breaky Heart	Matt Riesz
Best Dendrobium Alliance:	Den. Oriental Smile 'Fantasy' AD/AOS	Matt Riesz
VENDOR PLANTS - RIBBONS		
Cattleya Alliance		
First Place	Gur. skinneri 'Heiti Jacobs' CCM/AOS	Accent Orchids
Second Place	C. mossiae 'Willowbrook'	Joyce Fowler
Third Place	Ric. Mary Lou Oasay	Phelps Orchids
All Other Genera		
First Place	Bulb. purpureorachis	Phelps Orchids
Second Place	Paph. St. Swithin	Joyce Fowler
Third Place	Pleurothallis grobyi	Hicks Orchid Supply
OLCOSH MEMBER PLANTS - RIBBONS		
(1) Cattleya alliance - Hybrids		
First Place	Blc. Blanche Aisaka 'Yuki' FCC/AOS	Dan Grant
Second Place	Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Apricot Glow' CCE/AOS	J. Parker
Third Place	Lc. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'	Matt Riesz
(2) Cattleya alliance - species		
First Place	C. luedemaniana	Dan Grant
Second Place	C. praestans	Laura Newton
(7) Oncidium Alliance		
First Place	Oncidium Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl'	Matt Riesz
Second Place	Brassia longissimum	Matt Riesz
Third Place	Tolumnia hybrid (red)	Matt Riesz
(8) Cymbidium Alliance		
First Place	Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust'	Matt Riesz
Second Place	Cym. Lovely Bunny 'Romeo'	Jay Parker
(9) Phalaenopsis and Doritis Species		
First Place	Phal. schilleriana	Bob East
(10) Phalaenopsis Hybrids-white/cream, with or without bars, spots or stripes		



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First Place	Phal. hybrid	Arlene & Andy Applebaum
Second Place	Phal. hybrid	Trudy Dormann
(11) Phalaenopsis Hybrids-all colors, with or without bars, spots or stripes		
First Place	Phal. Achey Breaky Heart	Matt Riesz
Second Place	Phal. Brother Sweet Sugar 'Montclair' AM/AOS x (Phal. Cassa Steve Mattana	
Third Place	Phal. Tying Shin Fly Eagle 'Wilson' x Dragon Tree Earle	Steve Mattana
(14) Vanda Alliance		
First Place	Ascda. Ampullaceum	Ed & Lyn Bugbee
Second Place	Vanda coerulea	Gary Gethen
Third Place	Vanda Denisoniana	Matt Riesz
(15) Paphiopedilum species and hybrids		
First Place	paph. Berenice	Ed & Lyn Bugbee
Second Place	Paph. Macabre Pops	Laura Newton
Third Place	Paph. St. Swithin x Paph. lady Isabel	Pat Dupke
(16) Phragmipedium species and hybrids		
First Place	Phrag. Don Wimber '3N'	Matt Riesz
(17) Bulbophyllum species and hybrids		
First Place	Bulbophyllum fletcherianum	Laura Newton
(18) Dendrobiums: Nobile and other soft-cane and hybrids*		
First Place	Den. Oriental Smile 'Fantasy' AD/AOS	Matt Riesz
Second Place	Den. Super Ise	Matt Riesz
Third Place	Den. Super Ise	Lois Jensen
(19) Dendrobiums: Phalaeanthe and Spatulata sections and hybrids**		
First Place	Den. tangerinum	Gary Gethen
Second Place	Den. hybrid (purple)	Matt Riesz
Third Place	Den. Dr. Uthai x Den. Burana Royal	Matt Riesz
(20) All other Dendrobiums including Latouria and oxyglossum sections and others***		
First Place	Den. Nanochip	Laura Newton
Second Place (tie)	Den. purpureum	
Second Place (tie)	Den. spectabile	Ed & Lyn Bugbee
Third Place (tie)	Den. Golden Wonder Kids	Julie Smolka
Third Place (tie)	Den. aggregatum	Jeff Rundell
(21) All Other Genera and hybrids		
First Place	Phaius tankervilleae	Matt Riesz
Second Place	Ludisia discolor (Jewel Orchid)	Delia Dunn
Third Place	Maillaria elatior	Laura Newton

* Examples: noble, monoiliforme, loddigesii, pendulum, findlayanum, parishii, devonianum, aphyllum, anomum, tortile, crepidatum, senile, cysanthum, bensoniae, unicum, pulchellum, moschatum, fimbriatum and gibsonii

** Examples: phalaenopsis. Beggum, anteneatum and gouldii

*** Examples: speciosum, kingianum, smilliae, bracteosum, formosum, lowii, aggregatum, farmeri, densiflorum, aberrans, alexandrae, atroviolaceum, eximium, finisterrae, johnsoniae, macrophyllum, polysema, rhodostictum, spectabile, cuthbertsoni, laevifolium, prasinum, brevicaule, cynocentrum, delicatulum, hellwigianum, pentapterum, subacuale, subuliferum, vexillarius and violaceum

By MATT REISZ

At Delia's suggestion, I threw together the attached article to shed some light on the process involved with handing out all those nice ribbons that people took home from our show. Matt

Judging the OLCOSH Spring Orchid Show

Marita and I have not been in the area very long, but we love orchids and she volunteered to be the chairperson for our 2017 Spring orchid show. Since our members enjoy winning ribbons for their beautiful flowers, and I have participated in AOS judged shows previously, she asked me to organize the judging. Last year, I had organized it on very short notice (10 minutes!), and I felt something more rigorous was warranted this time. Although I'm not an accredited AOS judge, I've had some limited experience with what's involved and the benefits of the process.

Our show this year would not be formally judged by the AOS, but perhaps we could take that process as an example.

I first started by listing the major categories, called "classes", that I hoped we would see in the show based on what I'd seen in the club meetings over the past several months. This document is usually called the "show schedule", although it has nothing to do with scheduling that I can see. I began with a very detailed one I had from our former society, where the number and variety of plants in our show was much larger than we expected here. Nonetheless it made a useful starting point and listed types of orchids that I know little about, such as the many and varied types of Dendrobiums.

The initial idea was to award a first, second and third place ribbon for each category. After some discussion with Marita and others, it became clear we also needed to award some special ribbons: Best

in Show, best Cattleya, Best Dendrobium, Best Species orchid, etc., and use rosettes for those. Next, we decided that since there would be plants in the display from professional growers, as well as the amateurs in our society, we would judge the vendors' plants separately. Since there would be only about 15 vendor plants, we reduced the number and type of awards for those. We expected to see between 100 and 200 plants from members and those would fall into the classes we'd established earlier.



Once I had the show schedule developed I sent it out for review to Jeff Rundell, Steve Mattana and others I thought would have useful ideas. After incorporating their suggestions I arrived at a final version I felt we could use. Then Marita purchased the ribbons and rosettes we'd need at the show.

Next in the process was the registration and classification of all the plants in the show. This is a much more complex task than it appears, since each plant must first be listed in a master list, with its name, owner and plant number. Then its name is checked against known information about orchids – I used the OrchidWiz database program – and corrected if necessary. There were MANY corrections! Next, it is placed into one of the classes of orchids in the schedule. The final result is a set of lists of plants in each class to be judged. Upon seeing the results we decided to reduce some of the categories. For example, reducing the several color-based categories of Phalaenopsis into three: Species; White or mostly white; and colored.

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The final lists were organized into packets for the judges to use when giving awards.

Then came the first day of the show. Early in the morning, before opening, I met with our judging team, consisting of me, Julie Smolka, Steve and Mary Lou Mattana and Joyce and David Fowler from Joy Orchids. We split the list in half, and two teams of three people went around, found each orchid on the list in the display, and evaluated it against its competitors. We recorded each winner, wrote its information on a first, second or third place ribbon, and hung the ribbon on the plant. Once we were finished, we then went around and awarded the rosettes, choosing the Best In Show plant by an OLCOSH member, and by a vendor. That all took about two hours, and would've been longer if not for the expert assistance of Joyce Fowler and her husband. Finally, we could relax and enjoy the show!

I would like to extend my special thanks to Jeff Rundell and Steve Mattana, who provided invaluable reviews of my initial list. Also to Joyce Fowler and her husband, whose professional expertise in orchid growing was invaluable in deciding on the winning plants. Last, to Julie Smolka, and to Steve and Mary Lou Mattana who cheerfully pitched in throughout the entire show whenever and wherever they were needed. You guys are the best!

I urge those of you who have not participated in judging before to try it next time the opportunity arises. This is a great way to learn more about orchids, and it's a lot of fun too!

Matt Riesz, OLCOSH Show Judge Chair

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MARCH 18 & 19, 2017**



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April In Your Orchids

Based on AOS monthly checklists by Robert Scully and Ned Nash & James Rose, adapted to St. Augustine climate by local growers.

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General Orchid Growing Tips

This is one of the most exciting months of the year, filled with an abundance of flower spikes emerging. It's the begin-ning of the long growing season, enabling us to provide our plants with the foundation for maximum flower production in the next flowering season. Increase water and fertilizer as the days lengthen and warm to yield floral dividends in the months beyond. Consider adding an additional 30% shade cloth to protect plants from the intense summer sun and heat. When the humidity is low, consider switching to Courtney's nighttime watering regimen.

Cattleyas

C. aclandiae and C. forbesii produce flowers that last for weeks. C. mossiae and its hybrids are well known for their spectacular, long lasting heads of 6 in blossoms that provide an abundance of flowers. Begin the annual repotting cycle by shifting and dividing those cattleyas that flowered earlier this year and are beginning to produce new growth. Typically you should repot only when the new growth is emerging to take advantage of the plant's tendency to make new roots when it is forming new pseudobulbs

Encyclias

Enc. cordigera should be blooming profusely now. The spicy fragrance will last for several weeks. Consider shifting it to a wooden basket when flowering is complete.

Cymbidiums

If you have more than one or two brown leaves, you may have a cultural problem. If the plant is loose in its pot, the mix has degraded and the plant should be repotted. If the plant is firm in its pot, it is asking for more fertilizer.

Phalaenopsis

Moth orchids are in their prime, boasting arching and branching sprays of beautiful flowers. Most growers don't spray chemicals on blooming phals so check for signs of pests like scale or mites that you can spot treat with alcohol.

Vandas

Vandas are entering into their growth period and you should see an abundance of new rootlets. Locate them where they get bright bright light (though not direct light) and plenty of fresh air. Increase water and fertilizer to fuel their growth, they'll reward you later in the season with abundant blooms. Water them two or three times a day with an automated spray system or water wand and apply fertilizer either before watering or after roots dry off a bit.

Orchid Lover's Club of Spring Hill



Our May meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church on Spring Hill Drive NOT AT THE VFW. ALSO THIS MEETING WILL START AT NOON NOT AT 1 pm. Our 25th Anniversary meeting celebration