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I was introduced to orchids by neighbors in 1958 when I was 16 years old. For a few summers I worked at Jones & Scully's Orchid Ranch, a 12 acre orchid nursery in Miami, Fl.

In 1959 I became a member of the South Florida Orchid Society. In 1972 I was elected to the Board of the SFOS. I was education chairman for 14 years & revised the teaching manuals. I served as president of the SFOS from 1980-1981 & president of the Coral Gables Orchid Society from 1992-1994. I have served as show chairman for the SFOS International Orchid Show & show chairman for the Coral Gables Orchid Show. I was a judge for the SFOS & presently a judge Emeritus.

My green house in Miami held about 2,000 plants. Trellises in the back yard held a couple hundred more. During the years I have received several AOS & SFOS awards. I made many hybrids over the years & specialized in Green Cattleya hybrids in The

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Treasure's Report
By Helen Battistrada, Treasure

Balance 7/21/12	$ 2547.33
Receipts	$ 163.50
Total	$ 2710.83
Disbursements	$ 417.00
Balance 8/18/12	$ 2293.83

Upcoming Speaker Program
By Ed Bugbee,
Program Coordinator

September
Francisco Miranda
Orchids In The Wild will be his topic. Miranda always brings cattleyas etc to sell.

October
Indoor picnic October 20th at 12:30 p.m.
Dick Coffman
Cattleya culture and will have some slides. Members sale of orchids is fine at Oct meeting. He is bringing some rare non orchid plants to give away.

November
Club Auction

Membership
By Yvonne Allen,
Membership Coordinator

68 Paid members.

August Meeting Attendance
33 Members.
3 Guest.

Newsletter Deadline is the 1st of the month. Forward newsletter submissions to:
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ORCHID LOVERS' CLUB OF SPRING HILL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING AUGST 18, 2012

- President Geary Harris called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm.
- Visitor's greeting.
- Old Business:
- Pat Dupke passed the sign up sheet for the indoor picnic on October 20th. Sloppy Joe's and grilled hot dogs are on the menu.
- Jeff Rundell spoke about the status of planning the orchid festival. Dates for the orchid festival are March 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.
- Al Fiore spoke about the Christmas party being held at the Wellington Clubhouse restaurant from 12 – 2pm. It will be $17.00 per person & the 3 entrée choices are Prime Rib, Chicken or Salmon. Sign up sheet was passed around. Checks can be made to the club. Payment is due by the November auction.
- Ed Bugbee spoke about the upcoming annual orchid auction being held in November from 1 to 3 pm. Doors open at 12 noon. If anyone would like to donate healthy orchid plants for the auction, that would be appreciated. Please drop them off by 12 noon the day of the auction.
- Yvonne Allen is moving within the next few months and needs someone to take her place performing the membership/greeter duties. Also, the name tags are in; please pick yours up if you ordered one.
- New Business:
- Jeff Rundell is speaking to a group on October 22nd & is looking for 2 assistants & any flowering orchids. He will be very careful transporting any borrowed orchids.
- Break
- Show table.
- Speaker Johnny Hicks demonstrated different potting methods and spoke about the general care of orchid.
- Raffle was held.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sue Caparbi-Taylor

New Member (s)

Please welcome as our newest club member (s);

Don Grill
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Our meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month starting at 1:00 P.M. We usually have an informative speaker at each meeting, a show table of orchids grown by our members and orchids for sale. We meet at the Partners Club of Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd., Spring Hill.

Refreshment Reminder

By Eleanor Szarzynski,
Refreshment Coordinator
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Snacks
Sarah Hart
Garnet Allport
Lois Jensen

Beverages
Doug Feingold
Eleanor Szarzynski
Judy Smith

Things My Mother Taught Me.

My mother taught me about WEATHER…

"It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

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1980's.

In 2004 we moved to Lecanto, Florida. I have a 20x36 greenhouse with about 900 plants. My plants have finally acclimated to the change in climate. They are not used to having the heat come on. The last 2 years they have started to bloom normally & with many blooms.

Fertilizing Orchid Plants

I spread the application of fertilizer over a period of time. This causes the plants to absorb more fertilizer. You need to water thoroughly between applications to wash away the accumulated salts. If you don't do this the salt will damage the roots.

I use a Syfonex. It is a syphon for applying liquid fertilizer through a water hose.

1. Summer: I fertilize with 20-20-20 once a week, 1/4 teaspoon per gallon of water. This time of year the plants are in an active growing cycle. A balanced fertilizer will help stimulate growth.

2. Fall: I fertilize with 10-30-20 every 2 weeks, 1/2 teaspoon per gallon of water. This fertilizer helps stimulate blooms. It can also be used on seedlings to stimulate root growth.

3. Winter: I use 20-20-20 or 10-30-20 twice a month, 1 teaspoon per gallon of water. In the winter many plants are in a dormant stage so I hold back on water & fertilizer. Some plants at this time are still in a blooming period. That is why I alternate between a blooming fertilizer & a balanced fertilizer. Hybrids of C.dowiana need to be watered only once a month to prevent root rot.

4. Spring: I use 30-10-10 once a week, 1/4 teaspoon per gallon of water. This is a high nitrogen fertilizer. Which is needed for growth & color. It replaces the nitrogen lost in wood based potting material. Nitrogen is needed while in active growth, but be careful not to over water & wash the nitrogen out of the potting material or you can end up with nitrogen deficiency. The plant won't see any nitrogen & this causes the leaves to turn yellow. Water lightly between fertilizing.

September In Your Orchids

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The welcome transition to fall is upon us. You can expect the emergence of buds on many orchids from the cattleyas, evergreen dendrobiums and vandas to cycnoches, catasetums and miltonias. Select the ideal spot for the plant and place pendulous bloomers atop an inverted pot. Support the inflorescence as it emerges and open the sheath to prevent the accumulation of moisture around the developing buds. Consider switching to a dilute bloom booster fertilizer to prepare winter dormant orchids for their rest period. If you switched to nighttime watering during the summer, it is time to resume morning watering so the leaves will be dry by evening. Resume morning watering once nighttime temperatures drop below 70F.

Cattleyas

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, this can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer must be in balance with heat and light. You will notice that plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Check plants for potting needs for the last time. Any in dire need should be repotted as there is just enough of the growing season left for plants to establish before the days get short and cold. The spectacular, multiflowered C. bowringiana should be in sheath. Observe the puffy sheath structures often, they may need to be opened at the tip to encourage evaporation of condensation that forms around the buds. C. labiata and its hybrids will begin to flower this month along with the spectacular and fragrant forms of the species C. percivaliana.

Cymbidiums

Through diligent breeding programs, the cymbidium season gets stretched longer and longer. Cym. ensifolium hybrids will bloom first with the winter blooming standard sized hybrids soon to follow. Stake inflorescences and move plants to a shadier location to help the flowers develop.

Dendrobiums

This is the season for the phalaenopsis and canaliculatum type dendrobiums. The long, arching sprays of flat dark red-purple to white or pink saucer-like blossoms provide weeks of satisfaction. Fertilize with low nitrogen fertilizer for the best flowers. Nobile-type hybrids should continue to be maintained on a nitrogen free fertilizer program. You can start to gradually reduce watering frequency on the winter dormant dendrobiums.

Oncidiums

Of the three popular pansy orchids Miltonia xbluntii, roezlii and spectabilis, the latter is probably the most showy. The reddish purple flowers of Milt. spectabilis var. moreliana usually appear singly and last for weeks.

Paphiopedilums

Standard green-leaved paphiopedilums began to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so provide proper cooling and air circulation.

Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month. Begin to watch watering more carefully and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. Phal. hieroglyphica flowers reliably in the autumn. Its fragrant pale yellow flowers are distinctively marked with well defined brown lines on the sepals and petals. Phal. equestris and Phal. lindenii may also show their best now, the former may be everblooming through spring and the later will arouse curiosity with its attractively striped lip. **V**andas

This is the principal blooming season for Euanthe sanderiana (syn. V. sanderiana) and the foundation for large flowered modern vandaceous hybrids. Position plants so the inflorescences will grow out of the leaves toward the light. Help uncooperative types by placing a thin bamboo stick between the emerging inflorescence and the flattened form of the leaves, thereby forcing the raceme outward.

Miscellaneous Genera: Catasetum Relatives

Autumn is typically the end of the growing season for the catasetum relatives. Plants may produce flowers from pseudobulbs with leaves, or in some instances, from bulbs that have already lost their leaves. Watch the undersides of the leaves to control spider mites which seem to find these delicacies just as the foliage reaches its prime or plants are about to bloom. Support the basal racemes of catasetums as they emerge and consider placing the pots on inverted pots to provide room for them to hang freely.

Show Table

The show table featured many beautiful orchids this month. All who brought their favorite plant to showcase for the rest of us are to be commended for there efforts. If you have an outstanding orchid you would like to share with the rest of the club, I encourage you to bring it in for all to see. (XX yr. orchid growing. In no particular order.)

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Blue Ribbon(s)

Sue Caparbi-Taylor (5 yr.)	V.
Judy Smith (12 yr.)	Epi.
Barb Brillinger (10 yr.)	C.
Jeff Rundell	Dor. Pulchefima
Pat Dupke	Mesdenella cuspidate
Linda Roderick	Triglottis brachiate
Patricia Diebold (Guest)	C.

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Honorable Mention

Dale Story (15 yr.)	Tn. Brachiat Angcm.
Barb Brillinger (10 yr.)	Max.
Jeff Rundell	Lc. Smbc. X C.

Upcoming Biography's

October
Yvonne Allen

November
Tom Govin

GUEST SPEAKER SEGMENT - *by Delia Dunn*

Ed Bugbee introduced Johnnie Hicks, a very knowledgeable orchid grower whose family owns **Hicks Orchid Supplies**. He was speaking on different ways he grows orchids. Johnnie is very interesting to listen to and has innumerable stories to tell us about his orchid growing techniques. He is a little different in his style than other orchid growers in that he absolutely loves to water every day and he grows in very strange containers sometimes and he does not mind his plants getting tangled up with ferns. He doesn't admit to weeds but there may even be some of those mixed in with those ferns.

For his presentation he brought a couple of extremely overgrown orchids in net baskets with their roots hanging down and ferns all over the pot. It was hard to distinguish the fern from the orchid. He was attempting to show us how he can remove the fern in one piece by pulling it out one way or another and how to next remove part of the plant to make a new plant, all the while explaining that he grows in Staylite, sphagnum moss, shoes and tree fern plaques. He had explained to us on previous occasions that he'd discovered an orchid rooting in his old running shoes. That must have been a deliberate trial because I can't imagine someone leaving their old running shoes out in the rain and sun so long that a plant grows in it and I doubt orchids would accidentally take root in old shoes in his bedroom. But it is a great use for old shoes! And the telling of it certainly brings a laugh from our membership.

One great tip he told us was that when watering a tree fern plaque always water it crossways or even flat but don't water it holding it upright as the water runs right out. An 8" x 8" plaque will hold a gallon of water!!

There are two choices when choosing medium: *1. Grow with sphagnum* *2. Grow without sphagnum*

He prefers none and the reason is because he loves to water. Anyone who has lots of rain or sprinkling system would have the same preference. . Judging from the gasps from the listeners I think some of us thought that he would water one plant or just a few for Johnnie uses open pots for the same reason – they'll dry out faster than the clay pots. He likes Staylite or rock because they don't hold water. As long as there is air movement in the roots, he waters 45 minutes to one hour every day, essentially saying that he's not just sprinkling, he's deeply watering. And he didn't say how many

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The Presidents Message

By Geary Harris

Since Hurricane Isaac has come and gone, many lawns are saturated and mowing can be tough. An example of this is when I mowed my Mother's yard. I thought big deal a little water is not going to stop me. So I proceeded thru the water and next thing I knew, I couldn't move the tractor. Later found out I had broke the drive belt. Cutting my own yard, I went over a water hose next to our well and pulled out half the pvc to the well. It took 2 days to fix.

Moral, don't mow thru water or over water hose's. See you at the September meeting.

I am sorry to tell you all that my husband and I have decided to move back to St Cloud, Florida where we have family and more friends. September will probably be my last club meeting. I have made many new friends in the club and enjoyed my time with the club. I will miss all of you. I am going to go through my orchids and donate all of my duplicates to the club for the auction. Good luck and continue the wonderful fellowship of orchid growing.

As for the Membership, my leaving will leave the Membership job vacant. The majority of the job has been completed for this year as all dues are due the first of each year. The job that remains is to greet members and guests at each club meeting, keeping track of who and how many attend each meeting.

The membership lists and information have been updated as of the last meeting, August 18, 2012. Hopefully some of the past membership people will step up and help the newcomer as they helped me get started.

Yvonne Allen

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plants he was watering 45 minutes. Was I the only one that had that thought? As we've heard him say before, rain does not hurt the plants at all – in fact they love it – but tap water is different and they do not like tap water every day.

Meantime he has managed to actually find a rhizome with several bulbs in a net pot that he could break off from inside the pot (after tearing out the ferns) and he just pulled on it very hard and broke it off the mother plant. I think most of us cringed when he did that. He definitely does not baby his plants. And maybe that was his reason for showing us that tactic – that it's OK to be rough with your plants if necessary. He said to repot bifoliate plants when the new roots show and not when you see new growth on the plant!! Eggshells are essentially calcium so he uses them on Phalaenopses.

He told several funny anecdotes, as did others, and there were questions about bugs in pots. Slugs and snails don't like diatomaceous earth or calcium as it's like walking on glass for them so if you grow outside and have those problems they would be a solution.

For crown rot in Phals – angle your plants so water does not get in the top leaf. If water sits overnight the bacteria can grow and kill the plant by the next day. Bacterial rot has a smell. Fungal rot does not smell… he uses Clearys 3336 F which is a systemic fungicide for the prevention and control of diseases. Cinnamon is a natural anti-fungal or anti-bacterial and Peroxide he uses straight from the bottle.

Johnnie begged us to please pot in media in a basket if we only water two times a week. He did not say why but he does not like coco fiber, however, he does like coir and coco chips. Coir comes from the coconut tree and is very course and stiff and extremely resistant to rot.

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For our new members and guests, we have **Hicks Orchid Supplies** come once or twice a year so that we can buy our supplies. They set up outside the building as they did last month. They take cash and checks.

It will be announced prior to the meeting date when we will be having them come again.
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Orchid Lovers Club Christmas Party

Noon to 2 PM Saturday December 8th 2012 at the Wellington Clubhouse on Mariner Blvd.

Choice of 80z Prime Rib or Campfire Chicken or Onion Crusted Salmon. Includes side dish, salad and soft drinks. There is a cash bar for mixed drinks or beer.

Price $17.00 PP includes gratuity.

We will have a $10. gift exchange for members who want to participate.

See Al Fiore at next few meetings to sign up and pay.

ORCHID CLUB MEMBERS: JUST A REMINDER THAT OUR ANNUAL INDOOR PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER **20TH AT 12:30 P.M. (DOORS WILL OPEN AT 12:00 P.M.). THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE THE GRILLED HOT DOGS, SLOPPY JOES, AND DRINKS. SALADS AND DESSERTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY CLUB MEMBERS. A SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT SATURDAY'S MEETING OR CALL DONNA AT 727-457-8661 OR SARAH AT 352-688-0344 OR PAT AT 727-8563485. FOLLOWING THE PICNIC DICK KAUFMAN WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER.**

Notice

The weekend of the indoor cookout, Tampa Orchid Club is having a sale at USF Botanical Gardens. Saturday and Sunday from 10AM until 4 PM. October 20th and 21st.

The USF Botanical Gardens is off of E Fowler Take 41 (Nebraska Ave.) to left on Fowler. Go east until you get to Bruce B. Downs. Turn left(North) on Bruce B. Downs and east (Right)on Pine Drive to the corner of Pine Dr. and Alumni Drive.

Thank You, Happy Growing, Joyce Fowler

Orchid Pronunciation How do you say;	Lankesterella LANK-es-ter-ELL-a	Masdevallia mas-de-VAL-lee-a	Paphiopedilum paff-ee-oh-PEE-di-lum
Ipsea IP-see-a	Leochilus lee-o-KYE-luss	Miltonia mil-TOH-nee-a	Phalaenopsis fal-en-OP-sis
Isabelia iz-a-BELL-ee-a	Lepanthes lee-PAN-theez	Nageliella NAY-gel-i-ELL-a	Pleione plye-OH-nee
Isochilus eye-so-KYE-lus	Lepanthopsis lee-pan-THOP-siss	Neofinetia nee-o-fin-AY-tee-a	Rhynchostylis rink-oh-STYE-liss
Isotria eye-SOH-tree-a	Leptotes lep-TOH-teez	Neottia nee-OTT-ee-a	Sophronitis sof-roh-NYE-tiss
Jaquiniella jack-i-nee-ELL-a	Liparis LIP-a-riss	Notylia no-TILL-ee-a	Spathoglottis spath-oh-GLOT-tiss
Jumellea joo-MELL-ee-a	Listera LISS-ter-a	Oberonia o-ber-ROH-nee-a	Vanda VAN-da
Laelia LAY-lee-ah or LIE-lee-a	Lockhartia lok-HART-ee-a	Odontoglossum o-don-toh-GLOSS-um	
Laeliopsis LAY-li-OP-sis	Lycaste lye-KASS-tee	Oncidium on-SID-ee-um	

Orchid Lovers' Club
of
Spring Hill
will be holding
an Orchid Plant Auction

When : **Saturday, November 17, 2012**
Time : **1:00 P.M. (doors open at 12:00 P.M.)**
Where : **Partners Club of Oak Hill Hospital**
11375 Cortez Blvd. (S.R. 50)
Brooksville, Florida

A WIDE VARIETY OF ORCHIDS:
Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums,
Phalaenopsis, Species & Vandas

ORCHID RELATED MATERIALS WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF

CHECKS & CASH ACCEPTED: NO CREDIT CARDS

Refreshments will be available.
For more Information Call: 352-238-1144 or 727-856-3485

More Facts About Orchids

Part two

Another important point among the basic facts about Orchids is that an Orchid requires a fairly shady area and should therefore not be placed in direct sunlight. An Orchid can thrive indoors, only if the right amount of shade and light and the proper climatic conditions are met. Likewise, a crucial fact amid the facts about Orchids is that Orchids, if planted in an area without some source of fertilization, will require water every day.

One of the little know facts about Orchids can be identified in the idea that they tend to flourish better with natural water, and collecting rain water for indoor Orchids is recommended. Rainwater does not contain all of the harsh chemicals one may find in chlorinated water and therefore does not have baneful effects on the Orchid. Likewise, one of the important facts about Orchids can be clearly identified in the fact that the plant must not be over watered—over watering an Orchid can easily result in root rot and the plant will subsequently die.

Another important rule shared in facts about Orchids is that Orchids should be fed on a weekly basis. Gardeners should use fertilizer that is cut in its strength by half and should be equally careful not to over feed the plant. Again, over feeding can result in the death of the plant or the blooms may fail to appear when it comes time for the blooms to flourish.

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