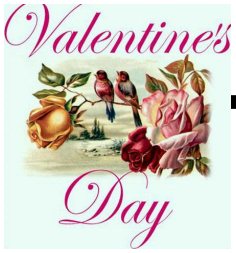

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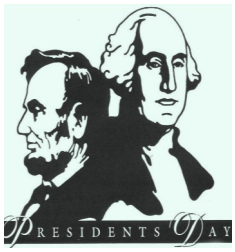

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2012 show. Photo courtesy of Jeff Rundell.

My True Story
***By* Geary Harris**

Growing up in Tennessee, I wasn't too keen on gardening; but I like looking at the pretty flowers my grandmother grew. I came to Florida after graduating from high school, and tried my luck at gardening. Well I found out I didn't have a green thumb like my grand-mother.

Instead it was probably brown, because everything was brown. I thought well I'll join a garden club. So , I became a life time member in the National Garden Club. Sounded pretty good; but it didn't make me a great gardener.

One day I was over at my stepfather's, and he had a screen patio full of orchids. I thought they were the prettiest flowers I had ever seen. He gave me a Vanda, and I took it home. A couple days later it started losing some of it's leaves, as I examined the orchid I saw this flat looking worm. Later I found out it was a slug.

I took it back to my stepfather, but it was already dead. He gave me a book on how to grow orchids, but I still kept killing them.

Then I joined Spring Hill Orchid Lover's Club. I began asking members questions on how to get these critters to live, until some of the members started hiding when they saw me coming, but I finally was able to have some orchids to stay alive.

Two years later I became vice president and chairman of the orchid show. A year later they trusted me as president. Trouble is I still keep killing orchids, but when I have one that blooms. I can't wait to get out my camera to take a picture and show everyone look what I grew. ☺

Trivia - World's Most Popular Orchid.
In sheer numbers of orchids sold nothing comes close to the popularity of the Phalaenopsis

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Treasure's Report
By
Helen Battistrada
(2 month)

Balance 11/17/12	$ 2198.42
Receipts	$ 2175.00
Total	$ 4373.42
Disbursements	$ 1250.50
Balance 1/19/13	$ 3122.92

Upcoming Speaker Program

By Ed Bugbee,
Program Coordinator

February
T.B.A.

March
T.B.A.

April
T.B.A.

Membership

By Linda Meyer & *Sarah Hart*
Membership Coordinators
75 Paid members.
38 Members February attendance
13 Guest
Please welcome our newest members
Dorothy and Gene Szwec
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Brooksville, FL 34613
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Newsletter Deadline is the 1st of the month. Forward newsletter submissions to:
The.Keiki@tampabay.rr.com
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ORCHID LOVERS' CLUB OF SPRING HILL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING JANUARY 19, 2013

- President, Geary Harris called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.
- Greeting of new members and visitors.
- Old business:
- Jeff Rundell passed around a sign up sheet for help with the Orchid Festival. He still needs workers. Set up is Friday, 3/1, the show is on Saturday 3/2 & Sunday, 3/3 from 10am – 4pm.
- Pat Dupke passed around the sign up sheet for food and drinks for the festival. Please drop your donation off by 11:00 am on Friday and on Saturday between 10 – 10:30am.
- Show plants for the festival should be dropped off on Thursday at 5:30 pm or early Friday morning.
- Reminder for members to please sign in when they arrive to the meetings.
- All fees for membership are due. For a single membership the fee is $17.00. Couples are $25.00.
- Eleanor Szarzynski passed around the sign up sheet for refreshments thru the year.
- New business:
- Sonia Terrelonge is planning a day trip to Redlands on May 17th. The bus will leave at 3 am. There is a $10.00 entry fee and the park is open from 9 am – 5 pm. More details at the next meeting.
- Break.
- Show table.
- Garey Gethen spoke about fungi and bacterial rots and how to correct the problem.
- Raffle was held.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sue Caparbi-Taylor

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 11361 Cortez Blvd Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, Florida

Refreshment Reminder

By

Eleanor Szarzynski,

Refreshment Coordinator

352-688-3887

February

Eleanor Szarzynski
Thomas Gavin
Lois Jensen
Ed Poltonowicz
Sue Caparbi-Taylor

From the desk of Pat Dupke

Just a reminder that the sign-up sheet for our show food list will be available at our February 16th meeting. Your contributions are greatly appreciated since we provide lunch for our vendors and club members who are working. If there are any questions don't hesitate to contact me at (727)856-3485.

Thanks,

Pat

Upcoming Biography's

March

Me

Things My Mother Taught Me.

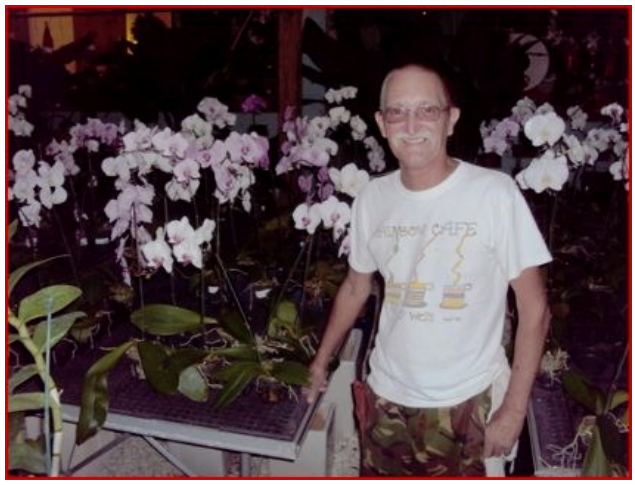
My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION...

"Just wait until we get home."

GUEST SPEAKER SEGMENT

by Delia Dunn

Gary Gethen, a new member of our Club, was our speaker. He has very recently moved up to our area from Key West and he is in the midst of building a greenhouse and will be learning all the ins and outs of GH growing which will be far different from growing outdoors in the tropical climate he has been used to. Gary has had much experience with nurseries both in Florida and up north and is known as "The Caddy Gardener" with his own gardening business in the Keys. He told us his first orchid came from Hawaii in 1990 and he's used to growing where there is only a 10% difference between night and day temperatures, whereas here we have an approximate difference of 30 degrees. He says the biggest problem orchids seem to have is fungus and he continued to elaborate on various types of fungus and Fungal culture sheets were distributed to all members present.



Gary Gethen

Picture taken in his greenhouse in Key West

Two easy and inexpensive treatments he prefers to use are brown cinnamon which he sprinkles on fresh cuts and 3% hydrogen peroxide straight from the bottle, poured over the plant.

Many of the chemical treatments that can be bought are very expensive and in large quantities for nurseries to use.

Rootone has a fungicide in it and is fairly inexpensive.

For scale and mealy bugs he sprays rubbing alcohol directly onto the plant

He sterilizes his tools with alcohol.

A sample of black rot was passed around the room to help us identify a problem with our own plants.

He cleaned out a dendrobium that was too wet at the roots and he showed us how he trims off the dead brown roots. The plant had a few canes that were still green with leaves and several canes that had no leaves and he cut off the soft dead canes and repotted the plant in #2 Phal mix, Aliflor and charcoal and secured it with a pot clip. He said that a plant that was green on top but had dead roots was still dead. We need to check with Gary in a few months to see how well that plant is doing.

Gary said that the black spots on an Onc. Sharry Baby was not fungus but their way of telling us that it is getting enough light to bloom.

Cut off the leaves of Vandas that have black spots on them as fungus goes right through to the other side of the leaf. Or you can apply clear finger nail polish to the spots.

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The Presidents Message

By Geary Harris

We are only one month from our show, but with everyone's help, we can have a wonderful show.
If you haven't sighed up, Uncle Geary needs you.
See you at the February meeting.

Geary Harris

BRINGING YOUR ORCHIDS FOR OUR MARCH FESTIVAL

By Carol Monroe

You should be planning ahead for entering orchids in our show on March 2 and 3. Orchids will be received at the SNPJ Lodge, 13383 County Line Road. It is the same site we used last year. Orchids should be brought to the site on Thursday, February 28, door opens at 5:00 pm. Orchids will also be accepted on Friday March 1 until 10:00am. If you cannot bring your orchids in during these time periods contact another club member or friend to deliver them. It is important we have your orchids to make our display beautiful.

Questions??? Call Carol 352-597-4743 E-mail tmonroe@tampabay.rr.com

Make sure your orchids are cleaned and staked and bug free. Start staking now for best presentation. Fill out both sides of the name slips and put them with your orchid. They will be used to make the labels and it is important we have the correct name and YOUR NAME on the orchid . Unnamed orchids are welcome if you don't have the name..

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PRINT YOUR NAME	PRINT YOUR NAME

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February In Your Orchids

Based on AOS monthly checklists by Robert Scully and Ned Nash & James Rose, adapted to St. Augustine by local growers. Re-printed by permission of the St. Augustine Orchid Society

General Orchid Growing Tips

Spring is around the corner. Order your potting supplies early to make sure they are not sold out when it's time to repot. Observe plants (including companion plants like bromeliads) carefully for signs of disease and insects. Avoid having heated or air-conditioned drafts blowing directly on orchids. Don't bring you plants out too early. It is starting to warm but you can expect more orchid threatening cold fronts through March.

Cattleyas

Your cattleyas are starting to rouse, even though temperature and light conditions are not yet ideal for growth. Continue to use dilute water soluble fertilizer on your orchids at 1/4 to 1/8 strength. New green root tips are starting to emerge on the unifoliates, marking the beginning of the spring repotting season. Sometimes it is necessary to split open a sheath with a sterile blade to reduce pressure on the emerging buds or to allow accumulated condensation (possibly from fluctuating temperatures) to dissipate.

Cymbidiums

Stake cymbidium inflorescences that emerge from the mass of foliage on these winter-spring bloomers. Maintain temperatures at 50 to 60F to keep the flowers opening slowly. Dramatically higher temperatures and hot drafts cause bud drop.

Dendrobiums

Watch for flower buds on dendrobiums like Den. lindleyi, Den. nobile hybrids, Den. superbum (syn. Den. anosmum) and other deciduous species and hybrids. These have longer flowering when exposed to cooler night temperatures as the blooms open and mature. Avoid dousing open flowers when watering. Give slightly more water to these plants (that have been kept reasonably dry prior to flowering) once they begin to bloom. Continue to protect evergreen-type dendrobiums from low temperatures that may cause leaf loss.

Oncidiums

Do not permit miltonias and odontoglossums to dry out because this is a critical time for flower-spike development. Stake the spikes. Continue to use a dilute water soluble fertilizer before the flowers begin to appear.

Phalaenopsis

Continue to use a dilute water soluble fertilizer on phalaenopsis. Be careful not to splatter the flowers or they will stain. Phalaenopsis exude a honey-like substance on the developing inflorescence that attracts scale insects. Watch for signs of any problem that can be spot treated before it becomes a major situation. Avoid spraying insecticides on blossoms.

Miscellaneous Genera

The Catasetinae (catasetums, clowesia, cycnoches and mormodes) have dropped most of their leaves and should be kept dry. Watch for signs of new growth that marks the beginning of the repotting season for the catasetum relatives. Remove the old medium, cut off dried roots and pot in a sphagnum moss or coco husk mix interlayered with the time released fertilizer Dynamite but DO NOT WATER. If you water before the new growth is about 4 inches tall, it will probably rot. Your Ludisia discolor is in bloom this month.

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around the world. More are produced and sold than any other type of orchid. They are used for decorating as a result of the wide variety of colors available and their long flowering -- sometimes staying in bloom for four months. Colors range from white through the darkest purples, from light yellows through pale oranges. Phalaenopsis flowers can have spotting and stripping as well as solid colors.

Buy, Sell, Trade, & free stuff

If you have orchid plants, surplus supplies, or any orchid related items you want to dispense of, send you listing to The Keiki or call Judy @ 352-563-2288

I am trying to downsize my orchid collection. I have reached the point where I have more than I enjoy taking care of. If anyone is interested contact me and I will e-mail you a list of what I have, or you can come look. Included in what I would like to sell is a nice stanhopea gibbosa which bloomed during the summer, had 2 spikes when I arrived in Oct. Just finished another spike and has 2 more forming, $25.00. I am also selling my huge ludisa discolor which is beautiful every year. It has over 30 spikes on it and hope it will be in full bloom for the festival. My e-mail is tmon-roe@tampabay.rr.com phone 352-597-4743. I will be out of town from 1/30 to 2/10. Carol Monroe

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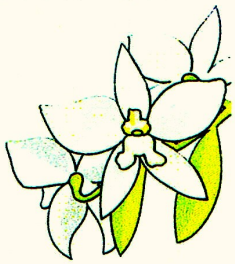
If a leaf is hot to the touch it is getting too much sun. Acclimate your orchids slowly to change of temperature from winter to spring.

Please note that further information about Gary and his orchids was sent to us via e-mail during the month and two of his handouts were given to us at the meeting. We hope to hear much more from Gary in coming months.

Linda Meyer provided the Valentine napkins, plates & table cloth for the refreshment table at the last meeting.

Orchid Media	Dry Weight per quart (in ounces)	Wet Weight per quart (in ounces)	Water Held per quart (in ounces)	Water Held (as % of weight)
Aerolite	1.2	2.8	1.6	133%
Aliflor - Small	17.6	20	2.4	14%
Aliflor - Medium	12.8	14.8	2	16%
Broken Brick	38.4	40	1.6	4%
Cedar	4.5	7	2.5	56%
Cypress	5	9	4	80%
Charcoal - Small	11.5	16	4.5	39%
Charcoal - Medium	8	10	2	25%
Charcoal - Large	12	14.5	2.5	21%
Cobblestone	49	50	1	2%
Coconut Husk Chips - Small	4	10.4	6.4	160%
Coconut Husk Chips - Medium	3.6	9.2	5.6	156%
Coconut Husk Chips - Large	3.2	8	4.8	150%
Coconut Husk Fiber	1.2	3.2	2	167%
Coir	6.4	18.8	12.4	194%
Cork - X-small	4	5	14	25%
Cork - Small	3	4	1	33%
Cork - Medium	2.5	3.5	1	40%
Cork - Large	2.2	3.4	1.2	55%
Diatomite - Small	16	25.6	9.6	60%
Diatomite - Medium	11.6	21.6	10	86%
Diatomite - Large	10.8	19.6	8.8	81%
Fir bark - Small	8.4	10.8	2.4	29%
Fir bark - Medium	7.6	9.6	2	26%
Fir bark - Large	6.8	8.4	1.6	24%
Granite Chips	43	44	1	2%
Marble Chips	47	48	1	2%
Metro Mix 380 (with Coir)	10.8	20.8	10	93%
Orchiata™ Monterey Bark - Small	13	16	3	23%
Orchiata™ Monterey Bark - Medium	14	16.5	2.5	18%
Packing Peanuts	0.4	0.4	0	0%
Pea Gravel	42	45	3	7%
Peat Moss	4	18.8	14.8	370%
Pro Mix HP	4.4	20.4	16	364%
Pumice Rock	18	28	10	55%
Redwood Bark	5.6	7.6	2	36%
Rice Hulls	4	8	4	100%
Rockwool Cubes	1.2	15.6	14.4	1200%
Sand	56	66	10	18%
Sphagnum Moss - AAA New Zealand	2	10	8	400%
Sphagnum Moss - Chilean 5 Star	3.2	9.2	6	188%
Sphagnum Moss - Premium Chopped	5.6	9.6	4	71%
Sponge Rock - Small (Perlite)	3.6	10.4	6.8	189%
Sponge Rock - Medium	3.2	10	6.8	213%
Sponge Rock - Large	3	9.2	6.2	207%
Tree Fern Fiber - Small	3.5	6.5	3	86%
Tree Fern Fiber - Medium	2.8	4.4	1.6	57%
Turface	22	37	15	68%
Vermiculite	4.4	22.8	18.4	418%
Volcanic Rock - Medium	18.4	23.6	5.2	28%
Volcanic Rock - Large	25.2	28.4	3.2	13%



FESTIVAL
OF
ORCHIDS

presented by The Orchid Lovers Club of Spring Hill

Saturday March 2nd - Sunday March 3rd

10AM - 4PM

Suncoast Dance Hall (SNPJ Lodge)

13383 County Line Rd.- Spring Hill

ORCHID displays, vendor sales, supplies
and potting booth and help

Free parking - $ 2 donation for entry

Hourly orchid raffle

Directions: 3 miles east of Mariner on County Line Rd.
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589 Pkwy. exit County line go west .5m

Call 352-503-7858 or 727-856-0222
for information

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. (In no particular order.)

Blue Ribbon (s)

Linda Roderick (11 yr.)	Lhta.	Lockhartia (Am in 2012)
Judy Smith (13 yr.)	Trias.	Emily Clarkson
Carol Monroe (15+ yr.)	Paph.	In-charm Greenery
Barb Brillinger (10 yr.)	C.	Lc. Cardiads Mini-quinee
Pat Dupke (21 yr.)	Cym.	Cascade
Dale Story (18 yr.)	Mtdm.	Goliath Spire Mauna Loa
	C.	Lc. Chyong Guu Swan
Gary Gethen(23 yr.)	Eplc.	Volcano Trick-fireball Orange
Featherstone (20yr.)	Orcp.	Bicarnis
	Den.	Wenzelsi Yellow

Honorable Mention

Gary Gethen(23 yr.)	Laelia purpurata	V. Carulga
	C.	Auber Float 'Susan'
	Blc.	Ports Of Paradise 'Yun Pou'
	Pot.	'Crown jewel'
Judy Smith (13 yr.)	Onc.	Mini Oncidium
Dale Story (18 yr.)	Blc.	Twenty-four Carat Yen
Jeff Rundell (30 yr.)	Paph.	Giganteum (Species)
	V.	'Kinmigayo'
Featherstone (20yr.)	Den.	Torressde
	Den.	Usitae
	Zga.	Adelaide medows
	?.	Lambretta Cutie
Dan Grant (8yr.)	C.	Momalani Rainbow Gypsy
	C.	Young Kong-sun

Collectively these growers have **169** years experience.

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