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22nd Annual Club Picnic A Huge Success

President Geary Harris address the attending club members at our annual picnic held this year at the home of Vera and Mike Wells.

Our host and hostess were very gracious in making all feel at home and being comfortable in there pool and kitchen area.

The food was abundant and delicious and a good time was had by all. Donna Fazekas & Jeannie Cricchio were on Vera's committee with Pat Dupke helping to set up the serving tables.

A tent was set up for the potting demonstrations and show table. The plants that were brought to the picnic to be judged were second to none. Judges Linda Myers and Dan Grant sure had their work cut out for them.

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Treasure's Report
By
Helen Battistrada

Balance 09/21/13	$ 3159.23
Receipts	$ 435.00
Total	$ 3594.23
Disbursements	$ 716.22
Balance 09/21/13	$ 2878.01

Upcoming Speaker Program
By Ed Bugbee,
Program Coordinator

November
Club Annual Action Nov. 16, 2013

December
Club Christmas Party Dec. 14, 2013

Membership

By Linda Meyer & Sarah Hart
Membership Coordinators

90 Paid members.
41 Members September attendance
2 Guest

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

ORCHID LOVERS' CLUB OF SPRING HILL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Geary Harris, President.

There were forty-one (41) members present and two (2) guest, Joan Jackson and Debbie Grant.

Geary thanked Vera and Michael Wells for having the picnic at their home.

Treasurer's Report: Helen reported a check book balance of $3,159.23; with a cash balance of $2,878.01.

Membership: Linda Meyer reported that she will be placing the order for green name tags for those who have paid.

Plant Auction: Geary announced that the club's plant auction will be on Saturday, November 16th. Members are asked to bring plant(s) to be auctioned off.

Christmas Party: Pat Dupke announced that 41 members have signed up to attend the party. Individuals attending the party are asked to bring a kid's toy; this is in place of the $10.00 gift exchange.

Field Trip: Pat Dupke announced that the field trip to Mont Dora and Paradise Orchids will be on Saturday, November 2nd. There is a plant festival that weekend in Mont Dora and there will be five (5) orchid growers there. We will meet at the Partner's Club at 8:00 a.m. and return around 4:30 p.m. Those going on the trip can either brown bag lunch or purchase lunch at Mont Dora. We will be car pooling.

Plant Repotting: Linda Hindman assisted those who brought in plants to be repotted. "Thank you Linda" and those who helped her out.

Show Table: Linda Meyer and Dan Grant judged the many beautiful orchids brought in by club members.

Raffle: Tim Smith sold the raffle tickets and turned over $129.00 to Helen. Helen stated that that was an all time high.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Pat Dupke in the absence of Sue Caparbi-Taylor, Meeting Secretary

Test Your Skills

by

Jeff Rundell

Undoubtedly you know how much we diabolical teachers enjoy giving tests so I could not resist creating this little orchid quiz . Hopefully it may amuse or educate you depending on your point of view. The answers are supplied at the end so score yourself and remember this is the "honor system". I have also provided a "degree of difficulty" at the end of each question from 1 (easy) to 4 (most difficult). Of course a perfect score qualifies you as an Orchid Scholar with all the rights and privileges of this high office (none). So enjoy the fun and I'll look forward to any arguments about the answers.

1. The famous William Cattley (as in Cattleya) got his original orchid specimens : a) by UPS b) as packing material with other plants c) from Australia d) from Colombus 3
2. A "primary hybrid" orchid is a combination of: a) a mericlone and a species b) two species c) two secondary hybrids d) orchid seed and orchid pollinia 2
3. Our club president, Geary Harris, hales from a) Texas b) Taiwan c) Toledo d)Tennesee 2
4. Which orchid hybridization has never succeeded. a) Epidendrum X Cattleya b) Paph. X Phrag. c) Brassia X Cattleya d) Laelia X Cattleya 3
5. The date of our annual Orchid festival in 2014 is: a) May 29 b) April 29 c) February 29 d) March 29 1
6. Which orchid group is most likely to be grown from seed? a) paphiopedilum b) oncidium c) cattleya d) brassia 3
7. Which monarch was the first to employ a "royal orchid grower" ? a) Elizabeth 1st b) Queen Victoria c) Julius Caesar d) Tsar Nicholas 3
8. The only orchid genome that has been fully sequenced belong to the genus: a) Phalaenopsis b) Eria c) Encyclia d) Dendrobium 2
9. Which country has more native orchid species than any other? a) Brazil b) Nepal c) Mexico d) Norway 4
10. Our club was founded in a) 2000 b) 1995 c) 1992 d) 1998 4
11. A guy named Manuel Arias was sent to prison for 21 months and fined $5,000 for illegally importing a) Paph. purpuratum b)Liparis latifolia c) Phrag. kovachii d. Oncidium ampliatum 4
12. In ancient Greek history a) fathers ate orchid tubers to father a boy b) mothers ate smaller orchid tubers to have a girl c) orchid tubers were thought to be poisonous d) orchid tubers were contraceptives 2
13. An orchid concoction made from a mixture of the vanilla orchid pod and cacao was drunk by the: a) Incas b) Egyptians c) Aztecs d) Chinese 2
14. The world's largest orchid is from New Guinea can weigh two tons and have a ten foot bloom spike. It belongs to the genus: a) Oncidium b) Cattleya c) Cymbidium d) Grammatophyllum 3
15. Two Europeans Bernard and Burgeff along with Joseph Charlesworth were the first to discover: a) the Partners Club as a meeting place b) American Orchid Society c) grow paph. orchids d) germinate orchid seed 4
16. Which characteristic sets the "ghost orchid" found in S. Florida apart from most other orchids? a) no roots b) no leaves c) no flowers d) no seeds
17. The very "hot" film Wild Orchid starred a) James Bond and WonderWoman b)Mickey Rourke and Carrie Otis c) Jessica Simpson and Michael Douglas d) Clark Gable and Joan Crawford 4
18. In 2007 biologists at Harvard discovered: a) orchids are descended from sunflowers b) an 80 million year old bee with orchid pollen c) a dinosaur that ate orchids d) students that were smoking orchids 2
19. Which orchid is most likely found growing wild in Spring Hill Florida?
    a) Coconut orchid (Max. tennuifolia) b) Greenfly orchid (Epidendrum magnoliae)
    c) chocolate orchid (Encyclia phoenicea)
    d) Maple syrup orchid (Panchakius dennys) 3
20. In a poll where people were asked if they had a choice of losing their hair or their orchids: a) 32% said they would "mount an orchid on their head to look like hair" b) 23% said "lose my hair" c) 8% said "get a wig" d) all the preceding are true 4

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Linda Hindman was in charge of the potting table and did a great job as always.

As for me, I had a really good time selling those raffle tickets and talking to everyone.

Our newest member Carl Waite and I found out we have something other than orchids in common. We both are retired Ironworkers.

Tim

The Presidents Message

By Geary Harris

I want to thank Mike and Vera for hosting our picnic at their home. It was a fun filled time with lots of delicious food and, a time where we could all get to know one another better.

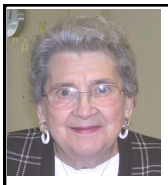
Except from my stumbling over my words, I believe everyone had a good time even the weather was perfect.

Be sure and bring an orchid to donate for our auction and, don't forget that we need those who going to the Christmas party to bring their money to the auction. Also anyone still interested in going can sign up at the auction.

See you at the auction.

(Answers to quiz from page 3)

Answers: 1=B the packing materials were orchids, 2= B , 3= D hence the accent, 4= B one grower has tried this cross for 40 years, 5=D , 6=A If mericloning ever does succeed many growers will be out of business, 7=B Victoria had a fleet of gardeners and explorers for Kew Gardens, 8=A phals are the most reproduced orchid on earth 9=B Nepal which I spoke about previously. Were you listening?, 10=C 1992, 11= C As written about in the book "Scent of a Scandal", 12=A the tubers looked like....well you know, 13= C Aztecs, 14=D too big for my lanai, 15= D they isolated the key nutrients 16= B as in Dendrophylax our ghost orchid 17= B Mickey and Carrie steam up the screen, 18= B which dated orchids millions of years older than was previously thought 19= B the sweet scent at night is wonderful 20= D and no I did not make this up, I actually found this survey online



Refreshment Reminder

By

Eleanor Szarzynski,

Refreshment Coordinator

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November

Carolyn Monroe

Eleanor Szarzynski

Louise Kersten

Soft Drinks

Jeff Rundell

Bob East

One of the many beautiful orchids on display at Paradise Orchids in Howey In The Hills

Mount Dora Road Trip

Those of you who missed the road trip to Mount Dora missed out on a fun day with other members of our club. Although it was misty and threatening rain, the rain did hold off until nearly lunchtime. The weather was cool but comfortable and one time we shopped under our umbrellas but never until noon was the rain

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hard enough to put us indoors. By then it was lunch time. We all had lunch together and by the time we finished the rain had stopped and the sun was peeking through in places. Our lunch together was very enjoyable.

The show that was put on in Mount Dora was outstanding. A quaint little town atmosphere added to our shopping enjoyment. There was something there for everyone whether you were a orchid grower or just looking for exotic plants. Mount Dora is a nice drive and the show lay out was perfect with most orchid growers grouped together. There were several restaurants, coffee shops, sandwich shops, pastry shops, and even a dog biscuit bakery all within walking distance.

It was just a short trip to Paradise Orchids from Mount Dora and that alone was worth the trip to Howey In The Hills. Jack and Ellen Batchelor have some of the healthiest looking plants that I have ever seen on display and for sale nearly all in bloom at a very reasonably price. That was obvious by the amount of plants being carried to the cars.

Hats off to Pat Dupke for putting together such a great trip that we will remember for a long time.

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ORCHID PLANT AUCTION

Sponsored by
The Orchid Lovers of Spring Hill

Saturday Nov. 16, 2013

Preview at 11:30 Auction begins 12noon
Partners Club behind Oak Hill Hospital
11375 Cortez Blvd. (SR 50) Brooksville
Many beautiful hybrid, species orchids and supplies will be auctioned off.
Cash and Checks accepted
-no credit cards-

Refreshments available
www.springhillorchidclub.com

November In Your Orchids

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

General Orchid Growing Tips

Short days and cold nights necessitate adjustments for both plants and growers. Reduce water and fertilizer gradually until you reach your winter target, about half that of the summer levels. Don't fertilize winter dormant orchids and most dendrobiums after Thanksgiving. Prepare your plants for their winter home. Inspect them, remove dead leaves and sheaths with a sterile tool, and spray for pests if necessary. Protect them when temperatures are projected to drop below their winter minimum acceptable temperature. Consider removing shading from the greenhouse to allow more light during the winter months.

Cattleyas

Retie your cattleyas to support the new growth and orient the new growth toward the sun. Bloom sheaths may be showing signs of yellowing. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths should be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within to prevent water condensation from rotting it. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb. New growths of Cattleya skinneri may have dried sheaths, do not remove them.

Dendrobiums

For the commonly available dendrobiums, protect them when temperatures are projected to drop down to 55 or 60 F. The winter dormant dendrobiums (nobiles, seminobiles and callista section) should be separated from your other plants so you can easily reduce the water and fertilizer they receive through Thanksgiving. Try bloom booster fertilizer in the fall to prepare them for the winter. Shoot for minimum temperatures of 40 F.

Oncidiums

This is the blooming season for the Brazilian Oncidium section crispum with their chestnut and brown and butter yellow markings. Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences. The pseudobulbs should be plump, so do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom. Later, plants will enter a dormant period. Stake your inflorescences as the spike grows for best presentation. Protect them when temperatures are projected to drop down to 40 or 50 F.

Paphiopedilums

Paphs can be potted almost year round. Examine those that flower in the summer and pot as necessary. While paphs never like to dry out entirely, this month marks the beginning of the time when growth, and hence, water and fertilizer needs slow down dramatically. Observe your plants and do not water if they are not at least partially drying out.

Phalaenopsis

Phals are starting to spike now. Stake the inflorescence loosely once it gets around 10 inches long about 4 inches below the growing tip and move your tie upward as the spike elongates. Remember the flower will grow toward the light. If you move the plant, the flower spike will twist seeking out the sun so you won't get graceful pendulous blooms. Some people put a spot of nail polish on the pot so they know which direction the pot should face. Consider applying a preventative copper spray to help prevent fungal and rot problems.

Vandas

Vandas should be in their winter homes in the brightest location possible and you can reduce watering and feeding. The only cold hardy member is Neofinetia falcata. Shoot for minimum temperatures of 50 to 60 F. If you have Rhynchostylis gigantea, look for inflorescences that are emerging now for January flowering.

Miscellaneous Genera

Winter resting plants include the Catasetinae (catasetum, clowesia, cycnoches and mormodes). These should be separated from your other plants so you can easily reduce the water and fertilizer they receive through Thanksgiving. Try bloom booster fertilizer in the fall to prepare them for the winter.

ORCHID LOVERS' OF SPRING HILL CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2013
LOCATION: WELLINGTON AT SEVEN HILLS
400 WEXFORD BLVD.
SPRING HILL, FL
TIME: 12:00 P.M. TILL 2:00 P.M.
PRICE: $20.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES TAX & GRATUITY)

MENU CHOICES
(CHOOSE ONE ENTRÉE)

8 OZ. PRIME RIB
ONION CRUSTED SALMON
CHICKEN CORDON BLUE

ALL ENTREES INCLUDE BAKED POTATO, SALAD WITH YOUR CHOICE OF DRESSING, AND COFFEE, TEA, OR SOFT DRINK

NOTICE
Seating will be limited to the first 48 people signing up. In lieu of a gift exchange, Members are asked to bring an UNWRAPPED kid's toy which will be given to needy families in the area. To reserve your seat, call, Al Fiore at 352-688-5933 or Pat Dupke at 727856-3485

DESSERT WILL BE CHRISTMAS COOKIES PROVIDED BYCLUB MEMBERS (EACH MEMBER IS ASKED TO BRING ONE DOZEN COOKIES).

SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PLANT AUCTION ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

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)

Dale Story (15+ yr.)	Neof.	Falcata
	Den.	(no name)
Pat Dupke (22 yr.)	Phal.	Fasciata
Gary Gethen (23 yr.)	Wis.	Pacific Passage Handsom
	C.	Porcia Channiz
	Onc.	Grower Ramsey 'Lemon Heart'
	V.	Dr Anek
Jeff Rundell (30 yr.)	V.	Sensa Blue

Honorable Mention

Vera Wells (10 yr.)	Blc.	Unknown
Jeff Rundell (30 yr.)	Ascda.	Tan-siew
	Pthia.	Insectifera
Dale Story (15+yr.)	Blc.	Sa-Noob Delight Krairit
Delia Dunn (20 yr.)	Ascda.	Suksamran Sunlight
Gary Gethen (23 yr.)	Den.	Thongchat God Double Delight
	Bc,	Kirk Amloas
	Blc.	(no name)
	Pot.	Carmele
	V.	Hall Of fame 'Butterscotch'
	Cym.	Val Rie

Collectively these growers have **120** growing years experience.

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