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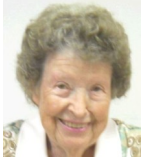
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Top row—Elves who helped make this years Holiday Party a great Success! Thirty Nine Members and their guests made for a great time. Toys for Tots was donated items for needy families this Holiday Season— And Blooming Orchids were donated by Joy's Orchids— Thank You Joy! More pictures on page 2 -





Treasure's Report

By

Helen Battistrada

Balance 10/15/14	\$ 4292.10
Receipts	<u>\$ 390.04</u>
Total	\$ 4682.14
Disbursements	<u>\$ 142.69</u>
Balance 11/15/14	\$ 4539.45



Upcoming Speaker Program

By Ed Bugbee,
Program Coordinator

December

Club Christmas Party Dec. 13, 2014

Merry
Christmas

Membership



By Linda Meyer

Membership Coordinators

As of November

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



Auctioneer Ed Bugbee assisted in bringing the club a very successful auction.



WOW!

By Pat Dupke

We would like to thank the following growers for their donations to our plant auction this year: B & D Orchids, Accent Orchids, St. Pete Orchid Farm, Corinne Arnold (St. Pete Orchid Club), Kerry Richards, Gross Orchids, Touch of Orchids, Joy Orchids, Hick, Cheryl Finke (St. Pete Orchid Club), Michael Collin (St. Pete Orchid Club), Roy Finley (St. Pete Orchid Club), Mark Dappen (St. Pete Orchid Club), Louis Del Favero and of course our own club members. Our auction was a huge success!



Auctioneer Ed Bugbee did a splendid job with the help of Geary Harris, Jeff Rundell,

There was a big selection of sweets for refreshments plus a variety of sandwiches

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**A Reminder To All
Club Members**

Helen Battistrada reminds all club members that the 2014 club dues are due in January --

**Next Meeting will
be on January
17th, 2015 Mark
Your Calendars!**



Auction Results

By Helen Battistrada

“WOW” You did it again!

Over the top—by \$73.00 from 2013 The proceeds from our annual action came to \$1,723.00. Way to go! Many thanks to all of you who made this possible. Happy Holidays!

The auction will help pay for the programs we have throughout the year. Club dues, the raffle, and other activities also contribute to these programs as well.

About 6 to 7 years ago, the club generally made \$1500 to \$1600 at our auctions then started fluctuation between \$1300 and \$1100 with \$1100 being the norm for the previous three years. This is most likely due to loss of membership but our membership is on the rebound with many new members joining this year and that has to be a factor.

Many thanks to Sarah hart & Linda Meyer for all her help in keeping track of the sales.

Once again; “Way to go”

Helen Battistrada

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Donna Fazekas assisted our treasurer Helen Battistrada with noting the bids All and all the club did very well as far as money goes.

The board would like to thank all the orchid growers and club members for their donations and the members who helped sit up the chairs and with the clean up.



Plant sitter Linda Hindman assisted by Sonia Terrelonge. This alone made the auction run very smooth.



Pat



The Presidents Message

By Geary Harris

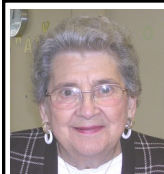
As 2014 comes to an end, our club has made great success from last year.

We have more members, we have more funds in our treasury, and Auction sales are up and our website has given us more exposure for speaking engagements and other Orchid Growers.

Thank all of you for your hard work.

Wishing everyone from me and all our board members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Don't forget club dues starting in January.



Refreshment Reminder

By

Eleanor Szarzynski,
Refreshment Coordinator
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January

Russell Lewandowski

Lora Ciannamea

Eleanor Szarzynski

Soft Drinks

Bobbie Lemay

Donna Fazekas



To the right—Judy
Smith inspects the plants
donated for this years
Orchid Auction -





Pictures of last years Orchid Auction

December 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

Winter's cool days and nights have already affected most collections; if all plants are not already indoors, they soon may be. Concerning daylight intensity and its duration, the seasonal change must be obvious by now. Don't allow daytime temperatures to rise too high before ventilating the growing area. Fresh air is important for healthy plants and their owners. Just remember that if the grower can be reasonably comfortable with the temperature and humidity conditions in the growing area, the plants are likely to be satisfied too.

Cattleyas

Plants are responding to the shorter, cooler days and less intense sun by slowing and ripening their growth. This means a reduced frequency of watering as the plants dry out more slowly and have a lesser need for fertilizer. *Cattleya skinneri* should be pushing its buds up into dried sheaths for a January flowering; do not cut the sheaths off or open them. *Cattleya trianae* and its hybrids ought to be blooming for several months beginning now. Many *Sophranitis* hybrids typically flower this season. *Laelia anceps*, the Christmas orchid, will have well defined buds just waiting for nature's signal to open.

Dendrobiums

Generalizations are hard within this very diverse group. The winter resting deciduous dendrobiums of the *Dendrobium* (Nobiles and Seminobiles) and *Callista* sections (email us if you're not sure) can be kept dry and cool this month. Shoot for minimum temperatures of 40 F. Nobile type dendrobiums may show some swollen nodes on their leafless pseudobulbs and flowers may appear by the month's end. Your other dendrobiums will also be resting up this month though not dormant. You'll water these half as often as you did in the summer. Shoot for minimum temperatures of 45 to 55 F and 55 to 60 F for the biggibum types.

Oncidiums

The mule-ear oncidium, *Oncidium splendidum*, and the popular thin-leaved type, *Oncidium maculatum*, should be producing inflorescences. Stake the oncidium inflorescence as it grows upward, but do not allow the tip to droop as you would for a phalaenopsis.

Paphiopedilums

Some of the mottled leaved species like *Paphiopedilum fairrieianum* and *sukhakulii* bloom now. Keep their potting medium moist and avoid getting water in the pouch.

Phalaenopsis

Groom and stake each phalaenopsis spike. Avoid excess plant movement while the buds are developing or the buds may blast (with). High humidity in a closed house can lead to flower spotting caused by *Botrytis*; provide supplementary air circulation with fans and/or increase temperatures above 60 F.

Vandas

Vandas are starting to rest now. You can gradually reduce your watering to every other day and cut back on fertilizer. *Asco-centrum aurantiacum* may have some beautiful orange to yellow flowers in bloom by the end of the month.

Miscellaneous Genera

The *Catasetinae* (*catasetums*, *clowesia*, *cynoches* and *mormodes*) are going dormant now and their leaves have been yellowing and dropping. Once the leaves yellow, restrict watering until the spring growth is a few inches tall. The jewel orchid *Ludisia discolor* will begin to develop inflorescences soon. Clean the foliage now before the inflorescences grow.

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Merry
Christmas