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23rd Annual Club Picnic A Huge Success



The weather was PERFECT for our Annual Picnic held this past October 18th.

Located at Vera & Michael

Wells home. A **BIG**

THANK

YOU

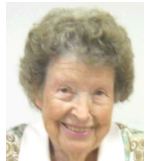
goes out to Vera and

Michael!

President Geary Harris addresses the attending club members at our annual picnic.

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. A big thank you goes out to the following people for assisting Vera in setting up and cleaning up after the huge feeding was held! - Donna Fazekas Pat Dupke, Linda Hindman & Geary. Also, we can't forget everyone who brought in the dish to pass. Thank You!



Treasure's Report

By

Helen Battistrada

Balance 09/20/14	\$ 4414.78
Receipts	<u>\$ 350.04</u>
Total	\$ 4764.82
Disbursements	<u>\$ 472.72</u>
Balance 09/21/13	\$ 4292.10
One year ago—bal	\$1,414.09 less!



Upcoming Speaker Program

By Ed Bugbee,
Program Coordinator

November

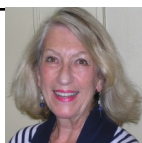
Club Annual Action Nov. 15 2014

December

Club Christmas Party Dec. 13 2013



Many plants were on show as well as for sale by our Members.



Membership

By Linda Meyer
Membership Coordinator

Sorry due to the Picnic
last month,
No report of new
memberships.

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



Members who made the Picnic! And plants for sale too!

CORRECTION TO THE SPEAKER SEGMENT SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

When I write the Speaker Segments I try to put in just what the speaker tells us, but in some cases there is still doubt as to what something means, or is left unsaid, and last month when Joyce Fowler was telling us about AOS sanctioned shows, I filled in and said something that was incorrect when I said that Societies and Vendors pay the Club for entering into an AOS Show. I was reminded that that statement was incorrect and it is only the VENDORS who pay for entry into the show.

ADDENDUM

There is so much to putting on an AOS sanctioned show that we do not have to do for the annual show that we have been having, that perhaps it would be an idea to continue this topic explaining all aspects of an AOS show. We've heard how to build a display but there is so much more to know about the work that goes on behind the scenes. There are the Classification Team members, Clerks who assist the Judges and record the ribbons and awards and to see they are available and properly awarded. There are the Runners who carry paperwork from Classification to Display and anywhere else they are needed, the person making the Tags for the entries and the Display team themselves. Someone on the team has to place those tags on the correct entries. Classification itself could take up an entire topic as there are many people involved each doing a different job from making sure plants are received timely, Wildcatt or similar checked for correct names and spelling, entries processed, making sure the plant entered is actually that plant and not labeled incorrectly, paperwork prepared for the Judges and the Clerks and different paperwork for the Tag and Display people. And there is the computer program and printer, without both nothing would happen as they are the final step where the printed entries are numbered and classified for the Judges. It all has to be done in sequence like a well-oiled machine. Any delays or breakdowns and another team is put behind. And there are the kitchen volunteers who are really important from the point of view of having to feed the judges, and for two days, all the workers.

I typed this from memory and without referring to any information on the subject, but all that is what quickly comes to mind for another topic, which we might wish to hear more about.

Delia Dunn
Secretary Interim



As we come to the end of 2014, we still have two events left on our Calendar Year.

Our Annual Auction and Christmas Party.

Our biggest money maker is our Auction and, I hope that all our club members have got the word out and about for our Auction.

Remember, we will start at 12:00 PM NOON not 1:00 PM. We will also need your donated plants so we can have plenty of Orchids for sale to help our club have enough funds for the coming year. We will have great sales on quality Orchids.

May we see you there!

Geary Harris

President



**Refreshment
Reminder**

By

Eleanor Szarzynski,
Refreshment Coordinator
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November

Carolyn Monroe

Eleanor Szarzynski

Louise Kersten

Soft Drinks

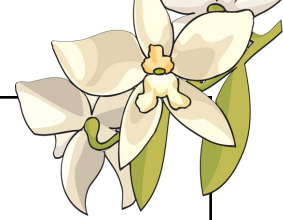
Jeff Rundell

Bob East



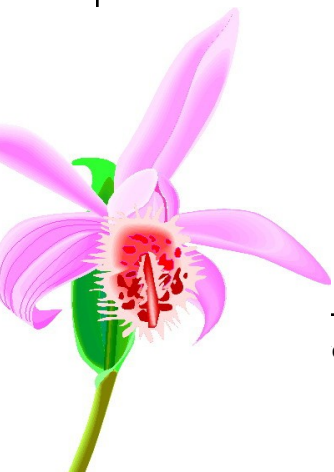
There were a few more than 40 Members who attended the Annual Picnic.

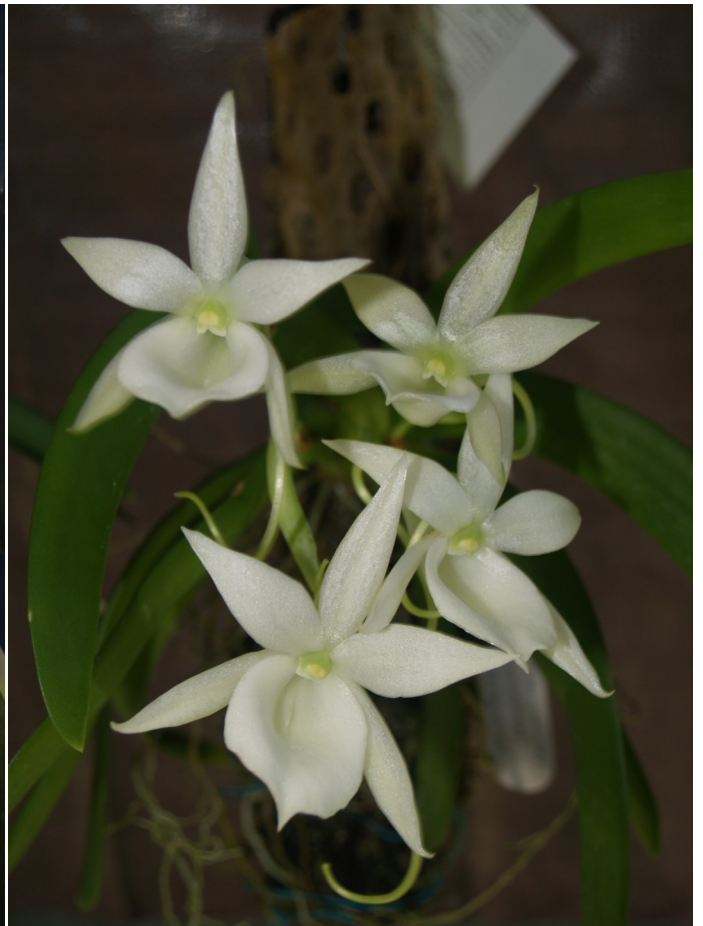
A good time was had by all!



ORCHID PLANT AUCTION

Sponsored by
The Orchid Lovers of Spring Hill
Saturday Nov. 15, 2014
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. Re-printed 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*, *cynoches* 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 13, 2014

LOCATION: Buffet City,
13235 Cortez Blvd.,
SPRING HILL, FL

TIME: 12:00 P.M. TILL ????

PRICE: \$7.45 Plus Tax (Drink: @ \$0.50for Hot Tea, \$1.59 for Soda)

Members are asked to bring One Dozen Christmas Cookies for Dessert. Also, in place of a Gift Exchange, Members are asked to bring an unwrapped Kid's toy which will be given to needy families in our community. **If you plan to attend, Please call Pat Dupke at (727) 856-3485**

The start of our Field Trip heading SOUTH this
Terrelonge for putting this trip back together.

year! Thanks to Pat Dupke and Sonia





More pictures of our Field Trip! And those with their bounty too!

The Keiki

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