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SPEAKER SEGMENT - by Delia Dunn

Joyce Fowler from Joy Orchids was our featured speaker at her Open House and what an interesting talk it was. She spoke on the design specifications for an exhibit in an American Orchid Society (AOS) sanctioned show. Our Club held one every year for many years and stopped having them a few years ago. It was a very exciting time for the Club and something we all worked hard to pull off and one day the Club might be able to get back to having the AOS judged shows again and the instruction that Joyce gave us will benefit all of us as we will have better understanding of what goes into making an exhibit fit for an AOS Judge.

Any vendor or society choosing to enter an exhibit first must pay a fee to do so to the Club or Society having the show. The first day of preparation 10' x 10' footprints are marked out on the floor and pieces of black plastic are laid on those footprints where each exhibit will be built and will be marked with exhibitors names on them. Each exhibit must follow certain guidelines.

To build an exhibit, different height stands are placed with the tallest ones at the back and tapering forwards. The shelving and stands are completely covered in jet black material. Tall plants such as ferns or other potted green plants are placed in the very back and shorter plants are placed down each side. Nothing must show except the black fabric - no stakes, tie wires or pot tops must show at all. Universally they want only orchids showing in the display because they are what is being judged. Period! Black cloth must cover everything, even pot clips must be spray painted black and clothes line clips which hold the fabric onto the display stands. The only color showing is greenery and orchids. Joyce even mentioned that judges don't like statues and ornamental decorative items in the display. She did not mention whether or not that included an item pertaining to a particular theme for the Show. The orchid name tags are done on black poster paper printed with a silver pen and names abbreviated to keep the tags small.

The placing of orchids must follow a sunrise to sunset flow for a standard display. This would be RED on the bottom left side (as the sun comes up or 'sunrise') blending upwards into ORANGE then YELLOW then WHITE at the top right hand side that can be thrown over towards the left side if needed (as perhaps a Phalaenopsis arcing left), then coming down the other side with PINK then LAVENDER tones and then it would flow into the darker colors like DARK PURPLE tones at the bottom right for 'sunset'. Cont. pg 2

Treasure's Report
By
Helen Battistrada

Balance 08/15/14	$ 5030.70
Receipts	$ 220.05
Total	$ 5250.75
Disbursements	$ 835.97
Balance 09/20/14	$ 4414.78

Upcoming Speaker Program
By Ed Bugbee,
Program Coordinator

October
Club Picnic Oct 18, 2014
November
Road Trip Nov 8, 2014
Club Annual Action Nov. 15, 2014

December
Club Christmas Party Dec. 13, 2014

Membership

By Linda Meyer
Membership Coordinators

A full report
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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
11361 Cortez Blvd Cortez Blvd.
Brooksville, Florida

. In the middle would be NEUTRAL tones, LITTLE ORCHIDS and SPOTTED ORCHIDS with BLACK CATASETUM in the middle zone at the bottom.

Black Cata-setum Speci-men Plants

You have to have balance in an exhibit - large plants need to be tucked into the background so that they don't monopolize the entire exhibit. Only the very best flowers should be entered, nothing too old where the blooms are starting to fade or have damage. And size of plants and pots has to be comparable to its neighbor. Ground cover, ferns or moss is good to hide the pots.

Orchid entries need to POP and command the show. Individual entries can be placed on a 6' - 8' table, again covered in black fabric. Height is built in the middle of the table and coming down each of the four sides with the sunrise to sunset placement of color. As you are building the display you are clipping and covering where necessary and evaluating.

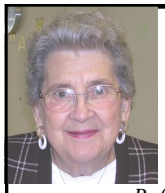
It is very intimidating at first but you have to learn what judges like and what they look for. You don't want any stray weeds, scale, mealy bugs etc. It is a besmirch against the display. You just cannot have deformed plants and they want to see healthy roots on mounted plants. The AOS judges have a lot of schooling to get where they are, they spend a lot of time going to different events and orchid shows and they know what good quality is. A judge's score for a plant of 90 - 100 is worthy to be given an award and there are various awards.

Joyce told us of one display she had done in which they placed moss, sort of half hidden and very subtle among decorative ferns and orchids, that was sprayed with water and then covered with a piece of glass and it looked just like a real pond. *(I have to say when Joyce described that I felt like I couldn't wait to go home and try that out.) LET'S DO TRY THAT AT HOME!!!!* They won a trophy for that exhibit.

THANK YOU, JOYCE!

Delia Dunn

Interim Secretary



Refreshment Reminder

By Eleanor Szarzynski,
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October
Desserts for the Picnic
Laurie Ciannamea
Elenor Wilcox
Olivia Haaland
Soft Drinks
Donna Fazekas
Sonia Terrelonge
THANK YOU!

Pictures of Joyce's Presentation of an AOS Sanctioned Show

Display.

The Presidents Message

By Geary Harris

We will not be meeting at the Partnership Club in October, but at Vera & Michael Wells House for our annual picnic.

All members invited and the info is below -

I want to thank Joy Orchids and Touch of Orchids for a great time at Joy's Open House.

I want to thank Gary Gethen for taking the time to get 200 Orchids from a grower in Key West who went out of business to sell at our Auction in November at a reduced rate.

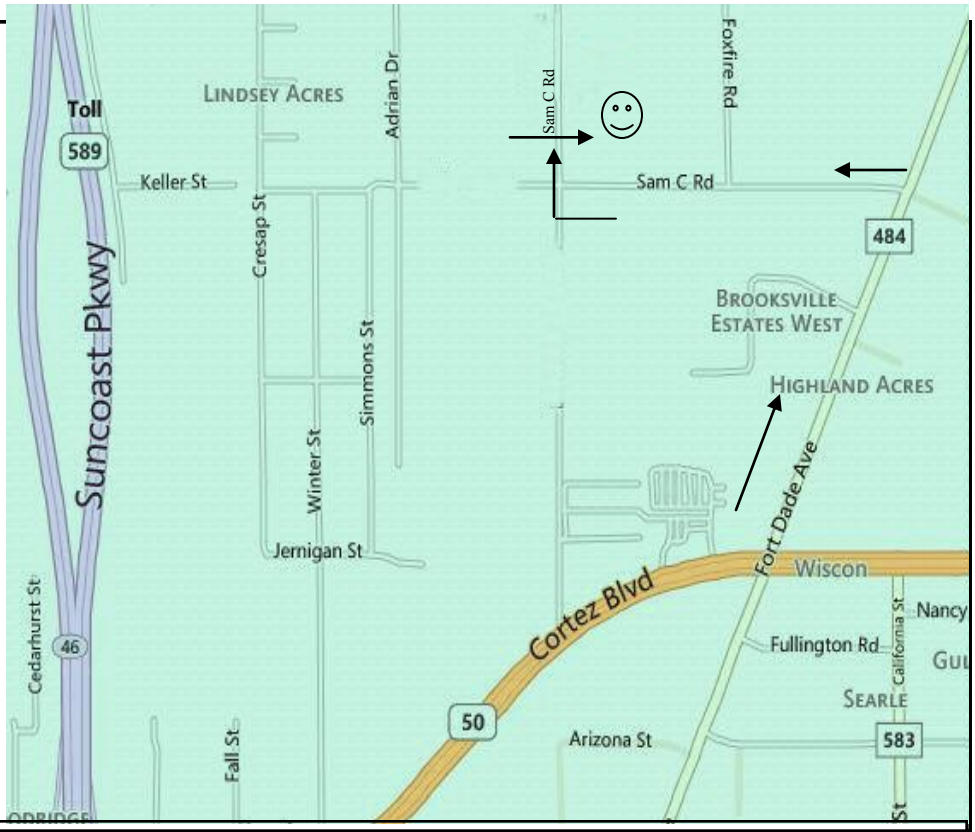
Be sure to sign up for our field trip on November the 8th.

Be sure and come to our annual picnic at Vera Wells house. See you on the 18th.

Orchid Lovers Club Picnic
October 18th 2014
Time: 1pm to 4pm
Will be held at
Vera & Michael Wells Home
16139 Sam C Rd
Brooksville FL, 34613
Phone: 352- 345- 4318

Directions from Oak Hill Hospital
SR 50 East past the Suncoast Highway about ¾ mile to Fort Dade Avenue. Make a left onto Fort Dade Ave. (Race Track Gas Station is on the corner).
Proceed ½ mile to Sam C Rd (2nd left).
Make a left onto Sam C Rd then proceed after the bend in the road.

Home is the second on the right with paved driveways, yellow home.



While the Open House @ Joyce Fowler's was going on, Gary Gethen was on a journey to pick up over 200 Phalaenopsis located in Key West! The picture to the right is that of Jay Pfahl who has compiled the electronic Enclyclopedia @ www.orchidspecies.com

The young Lady is one of the many members of the Key West Orchid Club.

ORCHID LOVERS' CLUB OF SPRING HILL (OLCSH)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

A brief meeting was held at Joy Orchids Open House for members of the Club only. Joyce provided 3 boxes of donuts and coffee for early arrivals and lunch was served prior to the meeting.

Geary Harris announced that Gary Gethen could not be present as he had gone to Key West to purchase 200 orchids at a great discount, which the Club will re-sell at our Auction the 3rd Saturday in November.

Our Christmas Party at Buffet City in Spring Hill will be a smorgasbord and we will each be responsible for paying ourselves that day. A signup sheet is being passed around. We are asked to bring a dozen Christmas cookies each, which will be our dessert,and we are asked to donate an unwrapped gift toy which will be donated to local needy families. Each member attending the Christmas party will receive a free raffle ticket.

It was announced that member, Jeffery Mee, has opened Booth #29 at the Flea Market in New Port Richie where he has beautiful orchids at reasonable prices.

Geary and Jeff Rundell conducted the raffle for which plants were donated by Joy Orchids and Touch of Orchids and they are much appreciated.

Pat Dupke announced the USF plant sale on Saturday, October 11th and Sunday, October 12th and reminded us to bring money.

Geary stated that Joyce Fowler would be our speaker, her topic being an AOS Sanctioned Show.

Geary adjourned the meeting.

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Membership Report by Linda Meyer

The September Open house at Joyce Fowler's Joy Orchids was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by about 35 members of the Orchid Lovers Club, but we didn't take formal attendance at that casual meeting. Thanks to Gloria Thomas and Sarah Hart who registered 6 new members at the August Meeting! So we had a total of 44 members attending, and 8 additional guests who signed in. We Welcome:

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October 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

We usually receive our first cold snap around Halloween, so if you are growing outdoors, this is the time for you to make your winter preparations. Check your winter structure, test fire your heaters and start cleaning your plants. The shortening day length and cooler nights initiate all sorts of changes in your orchids. Your plants require less water and fertilizer now. Observe the rate at which your plants dry out after watering and make adjustments, gradually adding days in between your normally watering cycle.

Cattleyas

Many fall blooming cattleyas are getting ready to bloom and buds are swelling in their sheaths. C. labiata, C. bowringiana and the fall blooming form of C. skinneri, and their hybrids typically have double sheaths. Sophronitis coccinea enjoys a peak flowering season this month. Some of its hybrids should also be blooming, particularly those with summer-fall flowering parents. While the plants are usually small, the show of color makes them conspicuous. Also blooming now is Enc. cochleata, Epi. ciliare and Epi. pseudepidendrum.

It seems that the big change in day to night temperatures can cause moisture to accumulate between the inner and outer sheaths causing buds to rot. Watch these orchids carefully and be sure there is lots of air movement around these orchids. If you observe any moisture accumulating, carefully open the outer sheath and allow air movement into the space between sheaths. That usually solves the problem.

Paphiopedilums

Paphs and phrags really seem to love the cool nights too. Mature growths, especially in the multifloral paphs will prepare to flower. Usually development of new growths is the first sign that a flower spike will soon emerge.

Phalaenopsis

Phalaenopsis require a significant day to night temperature change to initiate spikes. It usually takes a couple of weeks of these conditions to get phals to put their energy into growing spikes instead of leaves. Phals will be fine on a porch or in a greenhouse even after nights are in the upper 50s F as long as the day temperature rises above 80 F. Once daytime high temperatures are below 78-80 F, phals need to be kept no lower than 60 F at night.

Vandas

Autumn marks the end of the vanda growing season. Vandas are known as heat-loving orchids, but seem to bloom better in the fall and winter as long as temperatures do not get below 60 F and there is enough light. Colors are always brighter when nights are a little cooler. This is especially true for any vanda or ascocenda with Vanda coerulea in the parentage.

Miscellaneous Genera

You should be seeing flowers on catasetums and their relatives now. Handle catasetums with care when the blooms are open because a minor jarring of the plant can cause the flowers to eject their pollen-carrying anther caps, resulting in a much shortened flower life. This interesting and unique method of natural pollen dissemination is always a stimulating topic of conversation for those seeing it occur for the first time.

ORCHID LOVERS' OF SPRING HILL CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014
LOCATION: Buffet City,
13235 Cortez Blvd.,
Brooksville, FL.

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

PRICE: $7.45 Plus Tax (Drink: @ $0.50 for 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**

Membership Continued.—New Members.

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WELCOME!

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.)

NO SHOW TABLE THIS PAST SEPTEMBER DUE TO THE OPEN HOUSE @ Joy's Orchids.

Picture is that of the Orchids picked up in Key West.

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