



The Keiki

The First
Day Of
Spring



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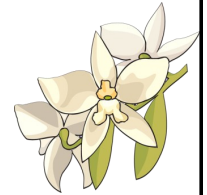
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FESTIVAL OF ORCHIDS

presented by The Orchid Lovers Club of Spring Hill

Saturday March 28, 10AM - 4PM

Sunday March 29, 10AM - 3PM

VFW Post corner of 18940 Drayton
and County Line Rd. Spring Hill

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

Free parking - \$ 2 donation for entry

Hourly orchid raffle

Directions: County Line Rd (Pasco 578) 2.7 miles west
of 589 or 6.3 miles east from US 19
(18940 Drayton St.)

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





Treasure's Report

By

Helen Battistrada

Balance 01/17/15	\$ 6,478.88
Receipts	<u>\$ 813.05</u>
Total	\$ 7,291.93
Disbursements	<u>\$ 264.95</u>
Balance 02/15/13	\$ 7,026.98

Upcoming Speaker Program

By

March 21st Gen. Mem. Meeting
 Gary Gethen will give an in-depth presentation on how to prepare your orchids for display at a show or just for your own viewing pleasure.

Members may bring plants too sell at the March meeting.

April

Jerry Steele From "Krull-Smith Orchids"

May

Glenn Gross from "Gross Orchids"



Membership

By

Linda Meyer

Gloria Thomas

Membership Coordinators



No Report This Month

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 JANUARY 17, 2015

- Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm by President Geary Harris. Greeting of new members and visitors.
 - Announcement made to turn off cell phones.
 - Helen Battistrada read the Treasurer's report which was for the last two months.
 - Pat Dupke spoke about the food that is needed to feed the workers & vendors at the festival.
 - Geary asked for volunteers for the positions of editor for the Keiki, a writer for the summary of the speaker presentation & recording secretary.
 - Linda Meyer spoke about membership. There are 91 members.
 - Eleanor Szarzynski spoke of the need for drinks & refreshments for the meetings. She passed around a sign up sheet.
 - Gary Gethen has some bad email addresses & asked those who did not receive the Keiki to please see him for an updated address.
 - Linda Hindman spoke about the need for help in getting the display ready for the festival.
 - We need blooming plants for the display for the festival.
 - Judy Smith spoke about the need for adhering to a schedule for certain jobs at the festival (volunteering to man the entrance & arriving to find someone else had been given that job).
 - Vera Wells stated if the show site doesn't work out, we can use the Coast Guard hall next year.
 - Judges chosen for the show table.
 - Break
 - Gary Gethen spoke about the Show table orchids.
 - Speaker Donnie Stoner spoke about how he and Cathy got started and miniature orchids.
 - Raffle was held.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.
-  Jeff Rundell spoke about the need for volunteers for different jobs at the festival in March. He sent around a sign up sheet.

Minutes submitted by Sue Caparbi-Taylor



**A Reminder
To All Club
Members**
From
Helen Battistrada

All dues must be paid by March 21st meeting to remain a member in good standing.

Or you may mail your dues to;

Helen Battistrada
10355 Woodland Waters Blvd
Brooksville, FL 34613

Dues:

Single membership \$17.00

Joint membership \$25.00.



**A Reminder
From
Pat Dupke**

Just a reminder that the sign-up sheet for our show food list will be available at our March 21st 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

ORCHID LOVERS' CLUB OF SPRING HILL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2015

- Meeting called to order at 1:04 pm by President Geary Harris.
- Greeting of new members and visitors.
- Linda Meyer spoke about membership.
- Helen Battistrada read the Treasurer's report which was for the last two months.
- Linda Hindman spoke about the need for help in getting the display ready for the festival. Please bring plants around 5:30pm on Thursday or by 9am on Friday.
- Pat Dupke spoke about the food that is needed to feed the workers & vendors at the festival. She needs salads & desserts.
- Get well cards were passed around to be signed for ill members.
- Festival is to be held at the VFW on County Line Road.
- Geary Harris & Sonia Terrelonge spoke about ordering shirts. \$10.00 per shirt. See Sonia to order.
- Next month Gary Gethen will speak about preparing your orchids for the show. Due to no vendor attending the meeting, please bring any plants you want to sell.
- Geary Harris spoke about the need for volunteers for different jobs at the festival in March. He sent around a sign up sheet.
- Gary Gethen has some bad email addresses & asked those who did not receive the Keiki to please see him for an updated address.
- We need blooming plants for the display for the festival.
- Judges chosen for the show table.
- Break.
- Gary Gethen spoke about the Show table orchids.
- Speaker Bret from Accent Orchids spoke about dendrobium orchids.
- Raffle was held.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sue Caparbi-Taylor



The Presidents Message

By Geary Harris

March is here and I hope that all our members have told everyone they see about our great Orchid Show coming the last weekend this month. Be sure and tell them about the great deals on Orchids and our six vendors who will answer any of their questions on Orchids.

Be sure to be at our next Orchid meeting where Gary Gethen will help us get ready our Orchids, for those who want to enter theirs in the show..

Next month we will have as our guest speaker, Michael Steel from Krull-Smith orchids. See you at the Meeting!

Refreshment

Reminder

By

Eleanor Szarzynski,
Refreshment Coordinator
352-688-3887
March

1. Tom Govin
2. Laurie Ciannamea

Soft Drinks

1. Donna Fazekas
2. Dan Grant

THANK YOU!

The Club/Organization of the Spring Hill Orchid Lovers Club—Needs Your Help!!

There are two positions that are opening up as the current members doing the job are leaving or are no longer able to continue their services. First is the Secretary's position—taking notes and turning in the report of activities during meetings. A tape recorder may be used to assist with this. Also—The Editor's position is open—and needs to be filled ASAP—see Geary

Why Orchid Need a Drop in Nighttime Temperature by Sue Bottom

Have you ever wondered why all the books say that many orchids need a 10—20 F drop in temp from day to night? Lower nighttime temperatures are critical for good growth and flowering because there must be a proper balance between photosynthesis and respiration for a plant to grow and bloom well.

Orchids by day. During the day—your plants are busy:

Making Food. Your plants are busy using solar energy in a process called photosynthesis. Light is absorbed by the chlorophyll in the chloroplasts and the carbon dioxide absorbed by the plant is converted into chemical energy in the form of sugars and starches.

Using Food. Our plants consume their energy reserves in a process known as respiration. The food reserves of sugars and starches are used to maintain existing tissue as well as produce new growths, flowers and seeds.

Orchids by Night. At night, photosynthesis stops but growth and respiration continue drawing on the energy reserves created during the day. Respiration occurs more quickly at higher temperatures than at lower temperatures. At lower temps, it is possible for the energy consumption to be less than energy production, allowing the plant to store energy for future use, including flowering. If night temps are too high, food is used faster than it can be made so growth is poor and orchids either do not flower or they flower poorly.

Providing Lower Nighttime Temps. Providing cooler nighttime temps can be problematic if you're growing indoors (Cont. pg 5)



Picture on the left—Blue Ribbon Winner — Kara Warnock—*Aerangis hyaloides*—specie Below— Gary Gethen—*Onc. Carthagenese X Josephine*



(cont. from pg. 4) in a climate controlled environment. Perhaps the best alternative is a programmable thermostat or manually turning the thermostat down at night. Orchid growing by a bright window will be a few degrees warmer during the day from solar gain and orchids growing by an open window may be a few degrees cooler at night in winter. Where possible, you can provide lower nighttime temps if you grow your orchids outdoors or on a screened porch during the warm season.

Flower Induction By Nighttime Chilling. Many orchids require a significant day-night temp difference to induce flowering. Winter-blooming Phals require a 15 F. drop in nighttime temps for two or three weeks to initiate their flower spikes. Cymbidiums and Dendrobiums can require even larger temp difference. *Den crumenatum* is an interesting species. It opens all its blooms simultaneously eight days after a thunderstorm;. Some believe this is a result of the cooling effect of the evaporation of rainwater. *Zygopetalums* crave cooler nights. Get them out of the greenhouse and under the shade of a tree. That provides a few extra degrees of nighttime cooling and the growth rate explodes over the summer. You will be treated to more zygo blooms than ever before.

Understanding your plant's metabolism gives you insight into how best to grow it. Cooler nighttime temps allow your orchid to store, rather than consume, the food it manufactured during the day. This stored energy can then be used by the plant to produce flowers. Next to the insufficient light, insufficient day to night temps change is the most likely cause of your orchid failing to bloom. If your plants are growing well and you are sure they are getting enough of the right kind of light, try dropping your night temps by a few degrees. You may be pleasantly surprised by the increase in flowers your plants produce. — Sue Bottom

March 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

Signs of spring abound with an abundance of emerging flower spikes and buds. The flush of spring growth will follow soon so plan your repotting program which should begin in earnest this month. The best time to repot is right before the new roots start growing so the plants will reestablish quickly. Watch for signs of mites, particularly on thin leaved orchids like the catasetinae and grammatophyllums, and treat any problems promptly.

Cattleyas

Several species flowering now are *C. amethystoglossa* with its large heads of crimson and white blooms, *C. aurantiaca* that delights with clusters of small yellow to orange star-like flowers, *C. skinneri* carrying many clusters of lavender or white blooms or the natural hybrid of these last two *C. guatemalensis*. Soon sheaths will emerge on *C. mossiae* hybrids. Monitor their development so that moisture does not accumulate in the sheath causing bud blast.

Cymbidiums

Flower spikes are starting to develop and should be trained for their best display, although they are tender and easily broken. Arching or upright spikes display better if trained upward at first growth; some growers place a name tag in front of the developing spike to guide it. Pendulous cymbidiums should be allowed to grow naturally and downward without any type of training.

Oncidiums

Onc. papilio, the butterfly orchid, may be putting out the first in a series of many buds that will bloom through spring and early summer. Do not cut the inflorescence because it will continue to produce flowers year after year. Even though *Onc. papilio* has hard leaves suggesting it will tolerate a lot of light (like cattleyas), it is better grown under bright phalaenopsis conditions.

Phalaenopsis

The hybrid moth orchids seem to last in perfection for months. Certain species are starting to bloom like the pink *Phal. schilleriana* and spotted *Phal. stuartiana* that are both fundamental to many modern hybrids. If grown in New Zealand sphagnum moss, make sure the moss does not deteriorate before the flowering season because a healthy root system is important to sustain the many flowers.

General suggested repotting times. Adapt to your growing situation.

Genera	Abbreviation	Optimal Repotting Times
Brassavola	[B.]	Winter - Spring
Cattleya	[C.]	Spring / Fall
Catasetum	[Ctism.]	Spring
Cymbidium	[Cym.]	Spring
Dendrobium	[Den.]	Spring
Doritaenopsis	[Dtps.]	Fall - Winter
Epidendrum	[Epi.]	Spring
Encyclia	[Enc.]	Spring
Laelia	[L.]	Spring
Ludisia	[Lds.]	Winter - Spring
Lycaste	[Lyc.]	Spring
Masdevallia	[Masd.]	Spring
Miltonia	[Milt.]	Fall
Miltoniopsis	[Miltips.]	Fall
Odontoglossum	[Odm.]	Winter - Spring
Oncidium	[Onc.]	Winter - Spring
Paphiopedilum	[Paph.]	Spring
Phalaenopsis	[Phal.]	Spring - Summer
Phragmipedium	[Phrag.]	Spring
Psychopsis	[Psychp.]	Spring
Sophranitis	[Soph.]	Spring
Stanhopea	[Stan.]	Spring / Fall
Vanda	[V.]	Fall

Buy, Sell, Trade, & Free Stuff

If you have orchid plants, surplus supplies, or any orchid related items you want to dispense of, send your listing to The Keiki @ kwcadigdnr@aol.com, or call Gary @ 352-515-3874

We Want You !

Just in from Jeff and Donna: As Co-Chairs of our Orchid Festival we are appealing for your help in staging what is our most important event of the year: The Orchid Festival on March 27th and 28th. At our last meeting the volunteer sheet was passed around but still has far too many empty spaces. We need : show hosts, set up and, particularly, take down helpers, ticket sellers, sign placement, greeters and helpers of all kinds. If, for some reason, you did not get to see the sign-up sheet e-mail me at;
jrundell@tampabay.rr.com .

Below—Yati Douglas Triasemecyclarkson

Lower Right—Gary Gethen—Den. Spring Bird ‘Kurashiki’



Above—Vera Bystry-Wells Blue Ribbon Winner
Zygo Advance Australia Below—Dan Grant—
Cat. Perciviana—specie



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6223 NoDoc Rd.

Spring Hill, FL 34609

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 their 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!

Blue Ribbons

Vera Bystry-Wells (10 yrs) Zygo Advance Australia
Dan Grant(10+ yrs.) Cat. Perciviana specie
Yati Douglas Triasemecyclarkson ????
Kara Warnock(9 yr.) Aerangis hyaloids specie
Gary Gethen (25 yr) Den. Spring Bird 'Kurashiki'
Onc. Carthagenese x Josephine

G Gethen cont.

Den. Golden Fantasy
Cat Easter Rabbitt
Den. Yellowsong 'Canary'

Honorable Mention

Delia Dunn (21 yr.) Den Himezakura 'Sanokkii'
Laelia Cattleya Mildred Rives x Orchid
Glade
Vera Bystry-Wells (10 yrs.) Cat. White in color
Onc. Oncidium Paris
BLLRA Big Show Hilo Sparkle
Dan Grant (10 yrs.) LC Colorama x Traveling Star
Yati Douglas Aerangis Scrttata
Gary Gethen(25yr) Paph armenjacum specie
Lycaste Reina delCisne Chocolate #28

X Den.Midas Gold x Santana
Stanhopea anfracta specie

All the above growers have 65growing years experience.