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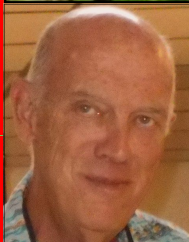
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**New Society By-
laws (Be sure and
read before mem-
bership vote in
January)**



AUCTION ACTION & ANSWERS

Jeff Rundell, Auction Chairman



Most of you know how much I enjoy worrying. Being chairman of our annual auction fundraiser is the perfect opportunity to satisfy my disturbing need to worry. Will we get enough donations? Will we get enough helpers? Will we get enough bidders to help support the club? I'm pleased to report that the answer to these questions is YES and now I will simply have to find something else to worry about. We saw some really competitive bidding between about 40 members and guests.



We got donations from professional growers including Accent Orchids, Phelps Farm Orchids, Luis Del Favero, Art Stone (Michael Pollan) and Jim Krull of Krull Smith. We also received donations from members especially a wonderful group of over 50 mature plants from Judy and Tim Smith. In all we had around 200 plants. That's right, 200 beautiful orchids and all were sold. Our

helpers and auctioneer (Ed Bugbee) were superb and worked together even adding credit card sales this year.

Now for the big news. After expenses we made about \$2,600 on the auction. I'm fairly sure this number is a record and will help us continue to bring you the programs and events that make our club special. So I'm breathing again and grateful beyond words to those that donated, bid, bagged, cashiered, cleaned, and collected all those plants.

If you snagged some plants at the auction let us know how they are doing and add some pictures to our Facebook page. Finally, I'll let you in on a little secret. We held a few of those plants out of the auction to be given away at our Christmas party. I trust you may have won one of the plants.

As the year winds down I hope you share the positive energy we all should feel for a great auction and a great year.





EXECUTIVE BOARD

OFFICERS

<u>President</u>	Steve Mattana
<u>Past President</u>	Jeff Rundell
<u>1st Vice President</u>	Matt Riesz
<u>2nd Vice President /Programs</u>	A volunteer ???
<u>Treasurer</u>	Pat Baig
<u>Executive Secretary</u>	Pat Dupke
<u>Advisory Capacity</u>	Helen Battistrada
<u>Recording Secretary for meetings</u> (not an elected position)	Kara Ramsey

COMMITTEES

<u>Auction</u>	Jeff Rundell
<u>Bulletin (The Keiki)</u>	Ken & Delia Dunn
<u>Mailing the Keiki</u>	Ken Dunn
<u>E-mail Co-ordinator</u>	Tim Smith
<u>Historian</u>	Mary Lou Mattana
<u>Librarian</u>	Celeste Ogden
<u>Membership</u>	Arlene Appelbaum, Carol VanderLaan
<u>Xmas Party</u>	Pat Dupke
<u>Publicity</u>	Mary Lou Mattana
<u>Refreshment Table</u>	HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED
<u>Refreshment Reminders</u>	HELP NEEDED in January
<u>Show Table Report</u>	Matt Riesz
<u>Speaker Segment Writer</u>	Kara Ramsey
<u>Trips</u>	Sonia Terrelonge
<u>Webmaster</u> (Website set up by Ken Dunn)	Bob East



No snack sign-up in December as we got our fill of all the delicious food at our yearly Christmas Luncheon at Buffet City in Brooksville.

January 19, 2019 Meeting SNACKS
 Pat Dupke, Linda
 Condon Mary
 Lou Mattana.

No one has signed up to bring beverages, so if someone could bring a few sodas and bottled water, that would be wonderful. As we now can store most of our refreshment set up supplies at the VFW, any volunteers to help with set up and take down are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Mary Lou



TREASURER'S REPORT

By
Pat Baig

Balance 10/17/18	\$6,852.45
Total Receipts	\$ 148.00
Total Disbursements	\$ <u>798.20</u>
Balance 11/15/18	\$6,202.25



FROM THE DESK OF

Steve Mattana

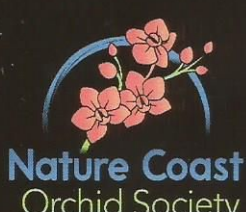
Good day everyone. Wow we had a terrific auction! We grossed over \$2,900. I want to thank all those that donated orchids, Michael Pollen at Art Stone Orchids, Ruth and Brett Ullrey at Accent Orchids, Louis Del Favero at Del Favero Orchids, Paul Phelps at Phelps Farm, Tim and Judy Smith, Krull Smith, First Orchid and all the members who brought in donations. Without all the donations and deals we got at a few of the vendors all this would not have been possible. I would also like to thank the members who donated their time to work at the auction including, Ed Bugbee, Jeffrey Rundell, Matt and Marita Reisz, Julie Smolka, Arlene and Artie Appelbaum, Bruce Baright, Delia Dunn, Pat Baig, Mary Lou Mattana, and Marita's friend Lynn. If I left anyone out I am truly sorry. I wish to convey a big thank you to all of those that showed their Want To!

Don't forget, January 19, Norman Fang from Orchids.com in California will be our guest speaker. The program is how to grow better orchids. Plus, if you go to the website and pre-order you will receive a 10% discount. Just make sure you mention that you are a member of our society, that is the only way to receive the discount. Check out his site, Orchids.com, he has great plants.

Last week was our Christmas Party at the Buffet City and a great time was had by all. Thank you to those who brought an unwrapped toy and a dozen cookies. They were greatly appreciated!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone.
Steve Mattana





The Society meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month, at 1pm, at the Spring Hill VFW Post 8681 18940 Drayton St. at County Line Rd

Enjoy great speakers, fantastic raffle prizes and beautiful orchids on display.

www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com

Pickup some cards at the next meeting so you can pass them out and help grow your Orchid Society.





Membership Notes for November

By Arlene Appelbaum

Our group enjoyed a delightful Christmas Party on Dec. 1st. at Buffet City in Brooksville. Over thirty members attended and a good time was had by all. We were certainly amused by Jeff Rundell's adaptation of The Night Before Christmas. We can always count on Jeff to make us all laugh. While there will be no meeting in December, we will resume in January when 2019 dues will be collected.

Please be aware of our new dues structure which is \$20.00 for a single and \$25.00 for a family membership. To expedite the process, please try to have exact cash or a check payable to NCOS, our new name Nature Coast Orchid Society.

Please also welcome our newest member, Bob Nixon, who joined us at the Auction last month. To all our friends, a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

See you in January.

Arlene and Carol

MEMBERS; Arlene has graciously taken over sending "get-well and sympathy cards" to members. Please send her an email at fluffy2cats@gmail.com if you know of any members that are ill or grieving.



Positions We Need Volunteers For

OFFICER

2nd Vice President - We have a vacancy on the Board -no specific job - future programming is all set up by Steve so nothing to do there. This is a great opportunity to get on the board and make a difference!!

Call or e-mail President Steve Mattana:
stevemattana123@gmail.com 352-600-9077

Refreshment Table - see Mary Lou Mattana
We need a couple of people to set out the food that is brought in every month and clean up the table after the meeting.

The VFW have given us closet space for storage of kitchen items. THANKYOU VFW!!!

Refreshment Reminders - This person would see that the signup sheet is passed around for food and drinks for the refreshment table and remind the volunteers which month they signed up to bring something. Each month the names are sent to the Keiki editor.

Dues are Due in January—Please be aware of our new dues structure which is \$20.00 for a single and \$25.00 for a family membership. To expedite the process, please try to have exact cash or a check payable to NCOS, our new name Nature Coast Orchid Society. Thank you so much.



**THIS POEM WAS PUT TOGETHER BY JEFF RUNDELL AND PRESENTED AT THE
DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

“Twas the night before Christmas and all thru the Club
Members had nothing in bud and that was a rub.
They’d fertilized sprayed and coaxed with kind words
While the neighbors whispered ”look at those orchid nerds”.
When suddenly there arose such a clatter
I looked in the greenhouse to see what was the matter.
When what thru my cataract eyes did I see
But an AOS judge looking for me.
She looked at my plants and just shook her head
And said “perhaps I should just go back to bed”.
But when I awoke and looked around
I couldn’t believe the blooms abound.
Every plant was in bud and some were wide open
And new growth appeared that was formerly broken
What miracle had happened I surely can’t say
But I think that St. Nick is now on his way.





CLICK HERE FOR ALL OF THE DELIGHTFUL HOLIDAY
LUNCHEON PICTURES, DECEMBER 1, 2018

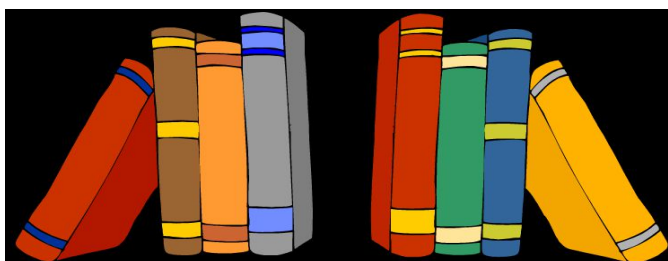
<http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com/christmas-luncheon-pictures.html>





By Celeste Ogden

YOUR ORCHID LIBRARY



We received a gift of several books for our library this month. Take a look and see if there is a book that would be of interest to you. Click on the link to view a list of the newly donated Orchid books,

<http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com/library-checkout-books.html>

How do I get a book from the Club's Library?

1. Just Click on: www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com/library-alphabetical-list-books.html
2. Select Books or CD's you think would be useful and order right on the web page.

Select any number(s) that you would like to spend some time with and then you can sign them out at the next Members' Meeting. Keep them for 1 month and return them at the next meeting and remove your name from the list.

If you have any questions about our Library Books, my email address is:
c1948ogden@gmail.com

ABOUT OUR SOCIETY BY-LAWS

When our orchid club recently became a non-profit corporation, Nature Coast Orchid Society, Inc., special By-Laws were written so that we might gain our status as a corporation. The Board appointed a committee to combine our original club By-Laws with the corporation By-Laws. The committee has put this combined set together, the Board has approved them and now all members may read them in full and vote on them at our January Meeting. Read them below or you can click Here To Read and print: <http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com/club-bylaws.html>

By-Laws Committee—Delia Dunn, Matt Riesz, Pat Dupke and Ken Dunn.

**BYLAWS
OF
NATURE COAST ORCHID SOCIETY, INC.**

A not-for-profit Corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida. Nature Coast Orchid Society, Inc. is herein referred to as "NCOS" throughout these By-Laws.

ARTICLE I - OFFICES

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the State of Florida as presently outlined in the Articles of Incorporation. If any changes of office location or registered agent is made, the Treasurer shall notify the public office designated by law, of the change.

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSES

Section 1

The purposes for which this corporation has been organized are as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, which may be amended as required.

Section 2

The NCOS is organized for education among its members in order to develop and extend knowledge concerning cultivation and hybridization of orchids and to promote the conservation and protection of native species including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

Section 4

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office

Section 5

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which

are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1.

Membership shall be open to anyone interested in orchids. The dues for members will be in such amounts as shall be determined by the Executive Board and approved by a Membership vote. Dues are payable in January of each year and members who join after June would pay a pro-rated rate.

Section 2

Dues are non-refundable. Guests are expected to pay membership dues after two free meetings.

Section 3.

A Welcome Packet will be given to all new members.

ARTICLE 4 - MEMBER MEETINGS

Section 1.

Regular meetings of the NCOS shall be held on the third Saturday of each month and at such other times as designated by the Executive Board. Five (5) days' notice shall be given to the membership prior to such meetings. Notice may be given by Newsletter or by e-mail. In the event of emergency or cancellation of members' meeting, members without e-mail shall be notified by telephone.

Section 2. MEMBER MEETING QUORUM

A quorum at a regular or special meeting shall consist of the members present. Each member is entitled to one vote on each matter presented for vote at the meeting.

Section 3.

On the occasions where we will have no speaker, or if the speaker does not have plants for sale, our members may bring in up to ten orchids and/or other orchid related material for sale at that meeting.

ARTICLE 5 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1

At the February Executive Board Meeting, the Executive Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) persons.

Section 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the April members' meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for office.

Section 3. ELECTION

At the May member's meeting the Election of Officers shall be held. Nominations may be made from the floor provided prior consent has been obtained from the nominee. Terms of office for each candidate will be one year.

Section 4. INSTALLATION

At the June members' meeting the Installation of Officers shall be held.

Section 5. VACANCIES

Vacancies among the Officers shall be filled at a special election by the membership at the regular meeting after each vacancy has occurred, to fill the unexpired term of Office.

ARTICLES 6 - OFFICERS

Section 1. ELECTED OFFICERS

The elected Officers of the Club shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all membership meetings and of the Executive Board, and shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. The President will appoint an audit committee to review reports annually and shall appoint all Committee Chairs, subject to approval of the Officers.

Section 3. FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The 1st Vice-President of the NCOS shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence and shall also perform such duties as may be delegated to this office by the President.

Section 4. SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The 2nd Vice-President of the NCOS shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence and also serve as Program Chairperson.

Speakers (a person whose primary business it is to sell orchids, or is in the professional realm of growing orchids) shall be paid their standard fee, regardless of Club membership status. This fee should be paid in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Board. This fee is to be set forth at the time of scheduling their visit to our club.

Section 5. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be responsible for all writings and correspondence that are authorized by the Executive Board of Directors or the President and shall have custody of the ByLaws. The Secretary shall keep accurate and complete Minutes of all the meetings of the Executive Board and shall furnish a copy of the Board Minutes to the President. The Secretary shall have custody of the Seal of the corporation and shall affix and attest the same to documents when duly authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the NCOS, and disburse same under the direction of the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall give an account of receipts and disbursements at each meeting and submit for Audit such accounts at the end of the year. One copy of the Treasurer's monthly report will be filed with the Secretary, and one with the President. The Treasurer shall submit a tax form to the IRS and ensure our 501(c) (3) status is up to date, as well as file any state tax form(s) necessary to assure our corporate status. The Treasurer shall also notify the public office designated by law of any Agent change or agent change of address. The President will appoint an audit committee to review reports annually and submit such audit in writing at the annual meeting of the Board in July.

ARTICLE 7 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1.

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected Officers, the past President and Committee Chairs. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the day-to-day activities of the NCOS and to insure a smooth transition of business from year to year.

Section 2. EXPENSES

Any money needing to be spent by Committee Chairs needs to have prior approval from the Executive Board. REFER HERE TO ARTICLE 8.4 FINANCIAL APPROVAL

Section 3. REMOVAL

Anyone on the Executive Board may be removed at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board at any regular board meeting, if in their judgment such member, either by illness, neglect, lack of interest, or other cause, shall not adequately attend to their duties.

Section 4. RESIGNATION

Anyone on the Executive Board may resign at any time by giving written notice to the board, the President or the Secretary. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the Board or such officer, and the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Each retiring

Officer shall surrender all papers and other items of their Office (elected and appointed) to their successor within thirty (30) days.

ARTICLE 8 – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Section 1. TIME

The Executive Board shall meet monthly, prior to the regular members' meeting, and at such times as deemed necessary. The July meeting shall be recognized as its annual meeting.

Section 2. COMMUNICATION

Executive Board Members may also participate in any meeting through the use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with one another or through any technology allowable under law.

Section 3. QUORUM

A quorum at a meeting of the Executive Board shall consist of five (5) or more Executive Board Members present and voting. Each Executive-Board Member present shall have one vote.

Section 4. FINANCIAL AUTHORIZATION

The Executive Board shall be authorized to spend an amount up to \$500.00 for anything that benefits the NCOS. Amounts above this sum must have the approval of the members at a regular members' meeting.

At the first meeting during the year, the Treasurer shall submit an itemized budget of projected expenses for each committee that will have a need for financing during the year, with approval by the Board and the membership. If the Executive Board approves these projected budget amounts with membership approval, no additional approval is needed for the committees to spend this budgeted amount.

Section 5. CANCELTION OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

A majority of the directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place. Notice of the adjournment and next scheduled meeting shall be given to all directors whether present or not.

ARTICLE 9 – BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. CONFLICT

If there be any conflict between the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation shall govern.

Section 2. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended or changed with approval by the Executive Board, and then a written presentation of the changes being presented to the members four (4) weeks before members are asked to approve the changes. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting of the members will then approve the changes.

Section 3. ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

The rules contained in the latest edition of 'Robert's Rules of Order' shall govern the NCOS in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of the Club. Interpretation of the Robert's Rules of Order is vested in the Officers of the NCOS.

ARTICLE 9 - RECOMMENDED ORDER OF MEMBERS' MEETING

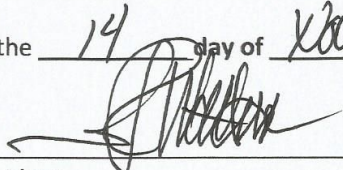
1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INTRODUCE GUESTS & ASK NEW MEMBERS TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES
3. SECRETARY'S REPORT
4. TREASURER'S REPORT
5. ASK FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. ASK FOR ANY OLD BUSINESS
7. NEW BUSINESS
8. SHOW AND TELL
9. PROGRAM SPEAKER
10. RAFFLE
11. ADJOURNMENT

ARTICLE 10 - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the NCOS, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Distribution shall be first distributed to another tax exempt orchid society or to the American Orchid Society.

The foregoing By-Laws were adopted by the Officers of the NCOS and entered into their Board minutes:

On the 14 day of KOC, 2018



President

Patricia Baig
Treasurer

Patricia Huske
Secretary

The foregoing By-Laws were adopted by the Members of the Nature Coast Orchid Society, Inc.
and entered into their minutes:
