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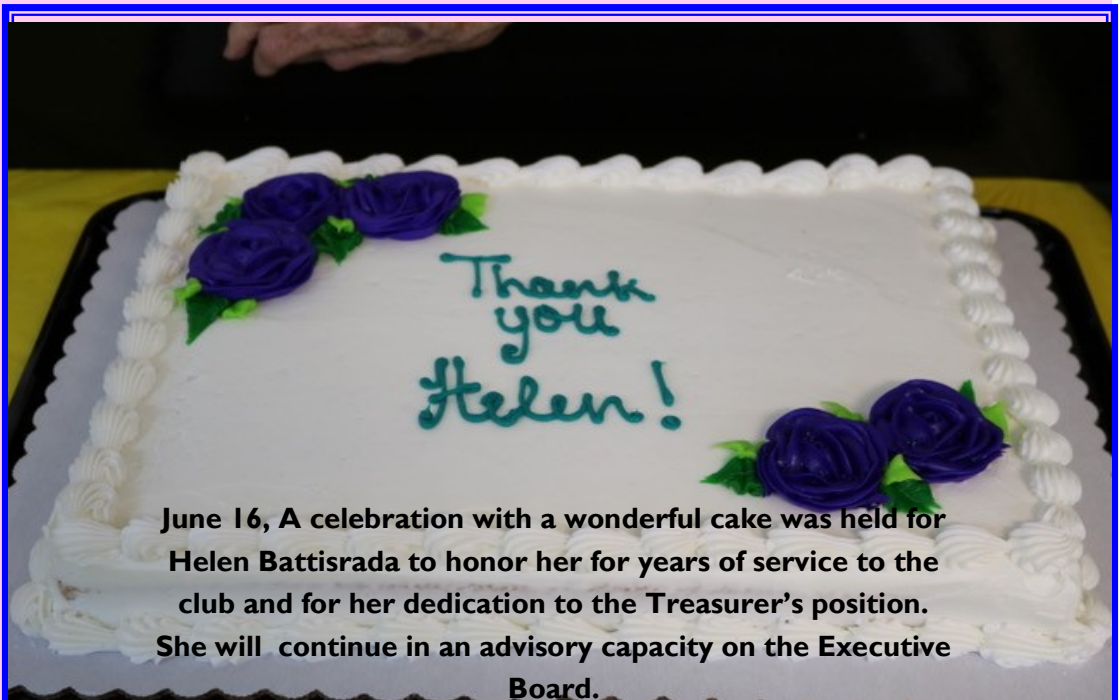
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THE KEIKI



**Do you read the Keiki? Five free raffle tickets will be awarded at the July meeting, to the 5th caller to 352-382-3272.
You can read this in this Keiki, Page 6.**



June 16, A celebration with a wonderful cake was held for Helen Battisrada to honor her for years of service to the club and for her dedication to the Treasurer's position. She will continue in an advisory capacity on the Executive Board.

Our July speaker will be Bret Ullery, of Accent Orchids in St. Petersburg. Bret will talk about Schomburgkias* and Dendrobiums

***(Who is this genus named after? - answer on page 13)**

Next members' meeting on July 21st at our regular meeting place-VFW Post 8681, 18940 Drayton Street and County Line Rd., Spring Hill. Dr.

Will see you there at 1:00 pm.

Can you believe, a \$5,000 orchid? See page 13 for details.

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>	Jovan Parker
<u>Treasurer</u>	Pat Baig
<u>Executive Secretary</u>	Pat Dupke
<u>Advisory Capacity</u>	Helen Battistrada
<u>Recording Secretary for the 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>Picnic</u>	Pat Dupke
<u>Publicity</u>	Mary Lou Mattana
<u>Refreshments</u>	HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED
<u>Refreshment Reminders</u>	Laurie Ciannamea
<u>Show Table Report</u>	Matt Riesz
<u>Speaker Segment Writer</u>	Kara Ramsey
<u>Trips</u>	Sonia Terrelonge & Laurie Ciannamea
<u>Webmaster</u> (Website set up by Ken Dunn)	Bob East

**SNACKS**

**Marge Waig
Laurie Ciannamea
Pat Baig
Julie Smolka**

BEVERAGES

Marie Tanaka

Thank you to everyone that brought in refreshments this past month. We had much more than was ever expected. Since we had so many beverages brought we have 4 - 2 liter bottles of soda and a case and 1/2 of water left. We really only need a little for this month brought, as we really don't want many leftover beverages each month.

Also I would like to thank the person that cleaned up after the meeting. By the actual clean up time almost everything was done. While this was extremely helpful, we also want to be mindful of the people speaking and wait for them all to be finished.

Please take a moment to think about helping with our refreshment area each month. Here is a breakdown of what we need for this area, as I have taken on more responsibilities for the society and need to give up this area. This is what we are looking for:

Setting up and breaking down only takes a few minutes before the meeting and after the meeting. One of the volunteers for this committee also needs to bring the leftover, unopened, beverages home to store for the next month. Laurie Ciannamea has kindly volunteered to be responsible for sending the sign up sheet around, asking for the monthly snacks and beverages. THANK YOU, LAURIE!!

That information is then sent to Delia each month for input into the newsletter. No one on the committee would need to give more than **15 minutes a month**, such a small contribution to yield enjoyment for everyone.

It would be a big contribution to our society if you would consider being part of the refreshment committee.

Please get back to me, either with a reply email, or by phone. Thank you,

Mary Lou

218-556-1855 (cell #)

lidosmom@gmail.com

nice things for this society, such as our newsletter, photos of our show table and our refreshment area. There is a need for a little bit of your time to help out. Some of the things we need help in only take approximately 15 minutes a month. Everyone can squeeze that out! Please consider talking to one of your new board members regarding where you can do your part.

On a different note, this is a recipe that I use for a homemade bug spray. It helps control those pesky pests that seem to enjoy our orchids as much as we do. What you will need:

26-28 oz spray bottle

½ cup 409

½ cup 70% rubbing alcohol

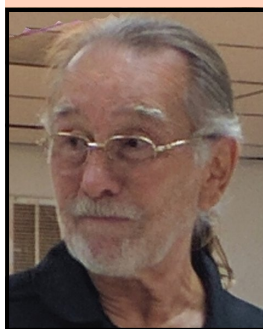
1 Tablespoon peppermint soap

(Dawn dish soap works also)

Fill bottle with water.

This is a formula that I have been using for years and have had good success with, give it a try.

Steve



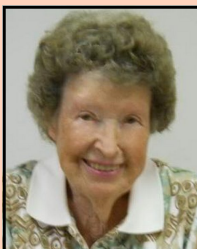
From the desk of Steve Mattana

Good day everyone, and thank you again for your support in electing me your new president. I will do my best for our society.

Looks like the heat is back on in Florida! Its time we take extra care in making sure our plants are cool with plenty of ventilation. Now is also the time to divide that plant you've been wanting to do. Our auction is coming up in November and your division would make a great donation to our biggest fund raising event of the year. Doing that division now gives the plant time to acclimate.

Remember my phrase 'WANT TO', well we have a member with the WANT TO for our monthly meeting Minutes. Kara Ramsey has volunteered to do them starting with next month. She already does a great job with our speaker segment so I know that the entire meeting will get the great coverage we all appreciate. Thank you, Kara, for having the WANT TO, to help your society.

We are always looking for a few people with the WANT TO, to help in different areas. It is essential to all members that we have people step up and help out. Only through volunteers do we have



TREASURER'S REPORT

By

Helen Battistrada

Beginning Balance \$9,153.41

Total Receipts \$ 562,75

Disbursements: \$ 822.00

Ending Balance: \$8,894.16

(Final cost to the Club for the 2018 Orchid Show was \$715.51)



New Officers for the Spring Hill Orchid Lovers Club were installed at the regular meeting on June 16, 2018 after being elected at the May meeting. L to R Pat Dupke, Executive Secretary; Pat Baig, Treasurer; Steve Mattana, President; Matt Riesz, First Vice President; Jovan Parker, 2nd Vice President; Delia Dunn, Nominating Committee Chairperson.

We hope you will all give Steve, and your new board, your enthusiastic support and help out in any way you can to make them, and our club, successful and enjoyable.



An Important Fundraiser for Our Orchid Club.
A Great Way to Increase Your Inventory of Orchids Buy a few tickets for the drawing!

\$1.00 each or 10 for \$5.00



Matt and Doctor Thomas pointing out some of the exceptional Orchids on our June Show Table, This was an exceptional month with a total of 40 plants for show. To see many of the gorgeous Plant Pictures just click here: <http://www.springhillorchidclub.com/beauty-from-the-show-table-6181.html>

Let's Make Our Club Even Greater—Volunteer to help any where you feel you can be of service.

OLCOSH Show Table 6-16-2018

Plant Name	Grower
Phal. hybrid (pink blush)	Connie Chase
Phal. hybrid (white)	Connie Chase
Blc. Rustic Spots	Delia Dunn
Blc. Windward Flare	Delia Dunn
Coilostylis oerstedii	Gary Gethen
Encyclia radiata	Gary Gethen
Hawkinsara Koolau Sunset 'Sheer Delight' HCC/AOS	Gary Gethen
Lockhartia lunifera	Gary Gethen
Cattleya lutea	Gary Gethen
Cattleya intermedia var. coerulea 'Carmela'	J. Parker
Vanda hybrid (pink)	J. Parker
Bc. Bill Worsley	Jeff Rundell
Zygolum Rhein Moonlight	Jeff Rundell
Phal. Art Hall	Jeff Rundell
Vanda Lou Sneary	Jeff Rundell
Encyclia Traci Sellers	Jeff Rundell
Encyclia atroniceum x bractescens	Jeff Rundell
Encyclia dickinsoniana	Joyce & David Fowler
Encyclia guadelupeae	Joyce & David Fowler
Encyclia tampensis	Joyce & David Fowler
Encyclia ceratistes	Joyce & David Fowler
Encyclia ramonense 'Dr. Pepper'	Joyce & David Fowler
Blc. Hawaii Stars 'Paradise'	Matt Riesz
Blc. Rustic Spots 'H&R'	Matt Riesz
Blc. Hawaiian Leopard 'Mei Ling'	Matt Riesz
Encyclia Tampa Grand (E. tampensis x E. randii)	Matt Riesz
Bl. Petite Stars	Matt Riesz

Rcv. Jimminey Cricket 'Marita' AM/AOS	Matt Riesz
Prosthechea (Epidendrum) Green Hornet	Pat Dupke
Paph. In-Charm Cloud (Ang-Thong x In-Charm White)	Scott Hillegass
Dendrobium farmeri - pink form	Sonia Terrelonge
Paph. Joyce Hasegawa (delenatii x emersonii)	Sonia Terrelonge
Slc. Anduril 'Krull's Scarlet' AM/AOS	Sonia Terrelonge
Phal. cornu-cervi	Steve Mattana
Phal bellina var. coerulea	Steve Mattana
Phal. violacea var. indigo	Steve Mattana
Phal. bellina var. alba	Steve Mattana
Phal. tetraspis 'Spots'	Steve Mattana
Phal. bellina var. alba	Steve Mattana
Rhyncostylis odorata	Yati Douglas



A Sample of The Beautiful Pictures From The June Show Table

Click Here to See The

Rest of The Stunning Pictures From The June Show Table

<http://www.springhillorchidclub.com/beauty-from-the-show-table-6181.html>

The Board has voted to make some minor changes to our club By-Laws and they will need membership approval. According to our By-Laws, changes must be submitted in writing to the membership four weeks prior to voting on the amendments. The Changes were published in the June Keiki.

There are 6 changes listed , Please be prepared to vote at the July meeting on the changes. You may review the changes by clicking: <http://www.springhillorchidclub.com/changes-in-by-laws-june-2018.html>

Membership Notes for June

By Arlene Appelbaum

Our June meeting was well attended. Fifty seven members and one guest were present.

Please welcome Diane Musser and Jose Rosata to our group.

We have ninety five paid members at this time. Thanks to my assistant, Carol Vanderlaan for her invaluable help.

Do you read the Keiki? Five free raffle tickets will be awarded to the 5th caller to 352-382-3272 at the July meeting.

Be sure to attend our July meeting on Saturday July 21st, at 1:00 PM at the VFW Post, corner of Drayton and County Line Road, Spring Hill.

Arlene



Check out the Tampa Bay Orchid Society

Just click here to view their website:

<https://tampabayorchidsociety.shutterfly.com/calendar>



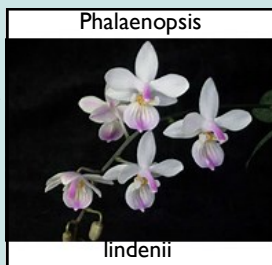
Speaker Segment

By Kara Ramsey

Our speaker this month was Dr. Charles Thomas of Lecanto, Florida. Dr. Thomas has operated a successful, small dental practice along with his wife for the past 37 years in Homosassa. He began growing orchids nearly 40 years ago upon receiving some divisions of plants from Ms. Ruby Ray, a florist friend during his time living in Gainesville. When first introduced to the *Phalaenopsis* alliance he did not consider them to be actual orchids. His vision of an orchid was the typical *Cattleya* corsage orchids of the day. He became intrigued by the longevity of the plants and the charm of their blooms. He now enjoys growing several varieties of orchids in his greenhouse at home and has a real love for *Phalaenopsis* orchids, both species and hybrids. Today Dr. Thomas gave a discussion on *Phalaenopsis* orchids, their culture, and their use in breeding.

Phalaenopsis orchids are distributed throughout tropical Asia from southern India and Nepal, east to Papua New Guinea, north to China and Taiwan, and south to tropical Australia. *Phalaenopsis amabilis* is one of the largest flowered species in the genus that is found from the Philippines and Borneo to Australia. The sepals and petals of the flower are pure white with the callus of the mid-lobe a variety of yellow and red, depending on the individual plant. In hybridizing this species is often utilized to create our modern white hybrids. *Phalaenopsis amboinensis*, a species from the Amboin islands with creamy, yellow to orange flowers with red-brown stripes are used in breeding to create plants with heavily spotted flowers. In hybrids the yellow background color apparent on the flowers will often come through in the hybrids,

and the red-brown bars apparent on the species become transposed into spots. An example of this spotting can be seen in the hybrid, *Phal.* Dos-Ambos, created by Dr. Henry Wallbrunn. He crossed a large, white *Phalaenopsis*, *Phal.* Dos Pueblos, with the species *Phal. amboinensis* to create the hybrid *Phal.* Dos-Ambo, which features creamy yellow flowers that are heavily spotted throughout, as though they have the measles. *Doritis pulcherrima* (now known as *Phal. pulcherrima*) is a species that is mostly terrestrial in habit with several color forms of varying shades due to its wide distribution within southeast Asia – with purple and yellow color forms being the most common. This species when used in hybridizing will yield hybrids with good flower color, longer spikes, and an extended (summer) blooming period. *Phalaenopsis schilleriana* is a beautiful wild species native to the Philippines with striking mottled foliage and arching, pendant inflorescences with large, rose colored flowers. This species is responsible for giving us our pink colored hybrids and can often pass along its fragrance to hybrids too. Named after the French orchid grower who first flowered the species, *Phal. lueddemanniana* is an epiphytic orchid native to Manila in the Philippines. The flowers are of a fleshy or waxy substance and highly variable in color with a white background and bars of magenta, violet, amethyst, reds, or browns. When used in breeding this species will yield hybrids with flowers in shades of reds and browns, often spotted, and have a slight curly cue detail around the edges of the petals. *Phalaenopsis lindenbergii* is an attractive species from tropical moist lowland forests endemic to the island of Luzon in the Philippines. This is a petite species with one inch flowers with faint purple lines and tint on the sepals



and petals, a bright pink lip, and a yellow throat. When utilized in breeding this species will pass along petal veining and stripes to its offspring. A native to the Malaya peninsula and the Indonesian island of Sumatra, *Phal. violacea* is an epiphytic species with lustrous green leaves and vivid flowers in shades of pinks, magenta, yellowish-green, indigo, and blue colors. This beautiful species is used in hybridizing to provide great fragrance and in creating red colored *Phals.* *Phalaenopsis equestris* is a charming species native to the Philippines and southern Taiwan that blooms from February to May and again in Autumn with a flurry of tiny, clustered flowers. Hybrids created using this species will feature spikes of flowers with clustered blooms. Native to Borneo *Phal. gigantea* is the largest known *Phalaenopsis* species named for the giant size of its leaves, which can grow to over two feet in length on a mature plant. This species is capable of passing along several desirable traits to its hybrids including spotted flowers, thick flower substance with a glossy texture, as well as round, full floral segments. Although not difficult to grow, this species can take significantly longer to reach maturity than other species, as long as 15 years from seed to first bloom.

Dr. Thomas discussed with us as well some of his culture tips on how he grows his orchids. Keeping in mind that everyone's growing conditions are unique, and what works for one may not work for everybody. He grows his orchids in plastic pots that comfortably fit the plant and uses a potting mix of 3 parts fir bark, 2 parts charcoal, 1 part hardwood chunks, 1 part perlite, with a 1" layer of sphagnum moss as a top dressing. This standard potting mix of his has worked very well for his *Phalaenopsis* and *Paphiopedilum* orchids for his particular greenhouse conditions. His *Cattleya* orchids, however, do not get the sphagnum top

Dressing. He repots his orchids frequently with most of the orchids getting repotted once a year. His orchids are watered weekly, every 4-7 days during the summer and less in the winter months. The orchids are grown in bright indirect light without any hard shadows within the greenhouse. He fertilizes his orchids once a month using a balanced fertilizer indicated for use on orchids. Also, once a month he uses Epsom salts on his orchids, at a concentration of one teaspoon per gallon of water. To treat for pests he uses a house plant spray suitable for use on flowers, but recommends not using oil products. In his experience oil applications have been harmful and even fatal to some of his *Phalaenopsis* orchids, in particular *Phal. violacea* seems sensitive.

We all appreciate and grow orchids for different reasons. For Dr. Thomas



Dr. Charles Thomas

he finds growing orchids to be a great way to relieve stress and he appreciates the beauty of their flowers. Orchids can allow us to feel connected to the environment. When we grow orchids from other parts of the world we are often inspired to

learn more about their native habitats in order to grow them optimally. Closer to home we might be inspired to find native orchids and discover wild places we did not know existed. Since most orchids are extremely long lived they can provide a unique connection to the past. Within Dr. Thomas' collection of orchids is a *Paphiopedilum callosum* that is over 40 years old and used to belong to his grandmother. Now her memory lives on through her plant every time the flowers come into bloom.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

by

Celeste Ogden



Wild Orchids Of Florida (with references to the Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plains) Book # 200-034 by: Paul Martin Brown

In more than 100 years of research in Florida, Wild Orchids of Florida is the first field guide to be published for this orchid rich state. Over 400 color photo's as well as line drawings, distribution maps, illustrated keys, detailed descriptions of 118 species, and tips on orchid hunting will enable even the novice to easily identify any of the orchids found in the wild.

How do I get this book?

I will bring your selection to the next meeting

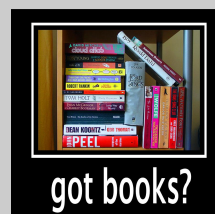
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Book of the Month is number 200-034 or select any other number(s) that you would like to spend some time with.



OLCOSH Minutes 6/16/2018

By Matt Riesz

Jeff opened the meeting and welcomed our speaker, Dr. Charles Thomas.

Visitors were welcomed, as well as new members

Linda Condon, our membership chair, has stepped down. Her responsibilities will be taken over by Arlene Applebaum and Carol Vanderlaan, who have been helping her for some time already. Thanks, Arlene and Carol!

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Helen Battistrada gave us a financial report:

Starting balance: \$9,153.41
Total receipts: \$562.75
Total expenditures: \$822.00
Current balance: \$8,894.16

Helen also noted that the final cost to the club for our show was \$715. The board will be having some meetings about the show to consider possible changes to increase attendance and decrease our costs. If anyone has any suggestions please contact our show chair, Marita Riesz, or one of the other board members.

Helen Battistrada will be going into semi-retirement as our treasurer. She has been with our club for 27 years - longer than almost any of us - and a special cake was baked by Mary Lou Mattana to celebrate and thank her for her long service. Helen will continue to help Pat Baig, our new treasurer.

Jeff thanked member Joyce Fowler for coming to the meeting and bringing a selection of beautiful plants for sale. Joyce is a professional grower and

we really appreciate her! Joyce will also be our speaker in August.

Jeff thanked Ken and Delia for once again putting out a great Keiki, our newsletter. There was a prize of a free plant for being the 5th caller after reading the newsletter, but we don't know who it was because Linda is in Alaska. So we'll figure that out as soon as we can.

Jeff gave an update on Tim Smith's condition. Tim is improving but still has a way to go. He expressed his thanks for all the cards and messages from club members.

Jeff will be retiring as our president, but he will continue working on our not-for-profit status.

We're in need of a volunteer to handle refreshments for our meetings. Mary Lou Mattana had been doing that job, but she will be taking over as Publicity chair from Julie Smolka, who is stepping down from that position. (THANKS, Julie, for all your hard work these past few years!!!). Please do consider volunteering for refreshment committee..

It's relatively simple and without someone to organize it we will be limited in what kind of refreshments we can provide. Let Steve Mattana know if you can help.

Celeste Ogden has also volunteered to continue to be our Librarian. Thanks, Celeste!

Pat Dupke will organize our forthcoming picnic on Saturday October 20th at Crews Lake Park. She's researched several different options including possible catering. She asked for a helper to evaluate alternatives and select one, and Marita Riesz volunteered.

Our auction is coming up in November, and Jeff Rundell will be organizing it. He will need some help, so if you can help out please let Jeff know.

We will also need plants, so as you do your repot-

please set aside some divisions for the auction. While we will, as usual, be getting some plants from commercial growers it is often those special divisions from our members that are the highlight of the event.

Steve Mattana told us that our July speaker will be Bret Ullery, of Accent Orchids in St. Petersburg. Bret will talk about Schomburgkias and Dendrobiums.

Our new slate of club officers was installed, with Delia's assistance in administering the oath of office and telling us about the new board members. The new officers are:

President:	Steve Mattana
1 st Vice President:	Matt Riesz
2 nd V.P. and Speaker Chair:	Javon Parker
Executive Secretary:	Pat Dupke
Treasurer:	Pat Baig

Non-elected positions and committees include

Librarian	Celeste Ogden
Historian	Mary Lou Mattana
Show Chair	Marita Riesz
Auction Chair	Jeff Rundell
Publicity Chair	Mary Lou Mattana
Speaker Notes	Kara Ramsey
Meeting Minutes	Kara Ramsey
Website	Bob East and Ken Dunn
Member emails	Tim Smith
Raffle	Arty Abblebaum and Bruce Baright
Editors	Ken and Delia Dunn
Parliamentarian	Delia Dunn
Membership	Arlene Applebaum and Carol Vanderlaan
Refreshments	<open>

We thank these folks for all their hard work.

Jeff turned the meeting over to Steve, who introduced himself and spoke about some of his plans and ideas.

We discussed some of the great information available on social media, especially Facebook. Get on Facebook and look up Springhill Orchid Club, and Florida Orchid Growing.

Matt, Jeff and Dr. Thomas talked about the beautiful plants on our show table this month.

We heard a great talk by Dr. Thomas.

The raffle was drawn.

The meeting adjourned.

THE OLCOSH 6/16/2018 MINUTES

By Matt Riesz



A note about the Minutes

The minutes presented have yet to be approved by the members and will become part of the permanent record of the Club. If you see the need for an addition, a deletion or a correction, please use the address below to send an e-mail to advise that a change is needed.

THANK YOU!

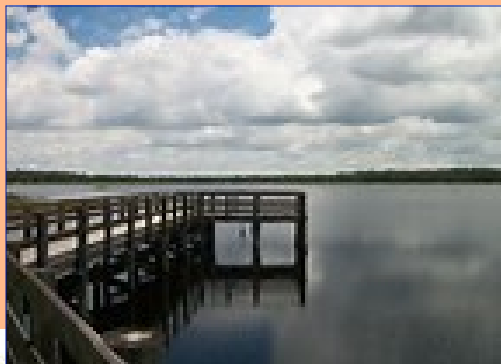
kdunn004@tampabay.rr.com

Members,

Mark your calendar for October 20, 2018 for the Annual Orchid Club Picnic,

Thanks,

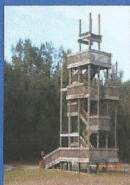
Pat



**More information
next month**

History of Park

Pasco County Crews Lake Wilderness Park opened in August of 1990 and is located on 113 acres of wilderness grounds surrounded by canopies of impressive oak and cypress trees. It is a great place to get out and enjoy nature, without traveling too far from home. The park features: bike trails, a boat ramp and canoe launch, a boardwalk, tent camping, fishing pier, an observation tower, interpretive nature trails, a botanical garden, picnic shelters, and a big playground for the children to play on. This is a great place to enjoy birding, biking, picnicking and even having a wedding ceremony.



For the hikers, there are well marked trails, one through a botanical garden filled with birds, butterflies and wildlife and other trails that lead into depths of a green forest. The Great Florida Birding Trail calls this park a "must see" for the wealth of migratory song and water birds that pass through.

The Suncoast Trail can be accessed via public roads and sidewalks. You can explore maps for this and other trails in the area at the following website: www.floridagreenwaysandtrails.com

Special Events

The Central Pasco & Gulf Railroad, Inc. offer free train rides on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:00am - 4:00pm. The train depot is located near Shelter #2 by the log cabin. The train can be reserved for birthday parties. Contact 727-639-7639 for more information or visit www/cpgr.org.

Directions: From I75, take Exit 59 to SR 52, head west until you reach Shady Hills Rd., turn right and proceed until you reach Lenway Rd., turn right, then right on Crews Lake Dr., you will be at the entrance to the park.

From US 19 head east on SR 52 to Shady Hills Rd., turn left and follow to Lenway, (follow directions above)



Other events held at this park consist of: Earth Day, Car Shows, Bike Tours, and many more.

Dogs are allowed on a leash in designated areas. Signs are posted throughout the park.

We welcome you to come and enjoy the beauty and nature of this wilderness park.

Pasco County Parks and Recreation Crews Lake Wilderness Park



16739 Crews Lake Dr.,
Shady Hills, FL 34610
(727) 861-3038

Hours: Dawn to Dusk
Phone: (727) 861-3038
Email: www.pascocountyfl.net

"It Starts In Parks"



ORCHID CARE 101

Now that you have this orchid plant, what do I do with it?

The American Orchid Society has all the answers to the following questions. These questions are often asked by members who are new to orchids but the answers are also great for those of us who run into problems even after many years of orchid culture.

1. Where do I cut the spike?
2. How do I water my orchid?
3. How do I feed my orchid?
4. When should I repot my orchid?
5. What is the best potting media?
6. Where in the home can I grow my orchid?
7. Why won't my orchid re-bloom?
8. What's that growing on the flower stem?
9. What is the best orchid for growing in the house?
10. What should I look for when buying an orchid?
11. What's wrong with my orchid?

All of the answers to these questions and many more can be found by going to The American Orchid Society website. Just click here:

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-care/orchids-101.aspx>

*(Answer to question on front page)

The genus is named in honor of Sir Richard and Moritz Schomburgk who were botanists in Germany.

The most notable feature of the Schomburgkias Orchid (beside the striking flowers) is that the large cylindrical pseudobulbs are hollow. Ants often take up residence in the hollows and act as a security force to protect the plant from potential predators.

Rothschild's orchid: \$5,000 per plant !



Rothschild's orchid nearly became extinct after discovery.

Rothschild's orchid (*Paphiopedilum rothschildianum*), commonly known as the Gold of Kinabalu orchid, was discovered in 1987, after which it was ravaged by orchid smugglers and became nearly extinct. Notable for its imposing horizontal petals, it has been reintroduced by cultivated seedlings, but it remains elusive. It lives in the wild only at the Kinabalu National Park in Malaysia, and takes many years before a single bloom appears.

ONE OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE PLANTS IN THE WORLD.

Just a little math...If you owned 100 orchid plants and were able to sell them for \$50.00 each you would then have enough cash to buy (1) one Rothschild Orchid but not enough money left over to join our Orchid Society and learn how to care for your gem .

"And in the end it's not the years in your life that counts. It's the life in your years."

Abraham Lincoln