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THE KEIKI



This month, on April 20th, we will be holding a re-potting clinic.

If you want to learn how to repot your orchid, or if you can help newer members learn how, please come to the meeting and bring ONE orchid to re-pot.

The society will provide Hicks #5 Potting Media, and some sphagnum, and some tags. Hicks #5 is a good general-purpose mix of bark, charcoal, coconut chips, etc., suitable for most epiphytic orchids.

: Pat Dupke will be bringing a variety of different sizes of clean orchid clay pots for sale (\$0.25 each) plus clips and a lot of newspaper.

YOU should bring (in addition to your plant):

Shears or a cutting instrument. New single-edge razor blades work OK.

A tag for your newly-potted orchid, if you have a preferred type of tag.

#2 pencil for marking tags

An orchid pot about 1 inch larger than your plant. It should have plenty of drainage and holes for air movement. Plastic, terra cotta, etc – whatever you prefer.

Media for repotting your orchid, if you have something special you want to use. Don't forget to soak it before the meeting!

A tub for use while repotting. A 14 X 18 dish washing tub works well.

A 5 gallon bucket for water. If you don't have one you can share someone else's.

If you don't have a plant you want to re-pot, come anyway, as you can learn from others, or help others to learn!

Matt Riesz

Be sure you read page 11 if you want to present a plant for Judging in the future.

"A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM OUR JUDGES"

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</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>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>Publicity</u>	Mary Lou Mattana
<u>Refreshment Table</u>	Volunteers please
<u>Refreshment Reminders</u>	Mary Lou Mattana
<u>Show Chair</u>	Marita Riesz
<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

**Mary Lou Mattana****Food for the April meeting:**

Arlene Appelbaum
Kara Ramsey
Marj Waig
Mary Jo Zollo

Beverages: (we are fine on water)

Jeff Rundell
Karen Tacchra
Julie Smolka
Sonia Terrelonge

**TREASURER'S REPORT****By Pat Baig**

<u>Balance</u>	\$ 10,690.60
<u>Receipts</u>	\$ 250.00
<u>Disbursements</u>	\$ 2,363.13
Balance 3/31/19	\$ 8,577.47



FROM THE DESK OF Steve Mattana

Good day everyone.

Wow! What an incredible spring show that we had. We had over 400 people visit us. There were plants an plenty for everyone. A couple of our vendors sold out of plants! Congratulations and thank you to all the vendors that participated in our program this year.

A big hearty thank you goes out to Marita and Matt Riesz, along with all the volunteers that helped make this show an absolute success. All the members that did volunteer work definitely show that they have the "Want To".

Our advertising was mainly done without any cost. We only spent \$33.50 for two ads. We had incredible coverage via the internet, along with two newspaper ads. Thanks to Mary Lou for her hard work in doing this. Many people contacted me via email, Facebook and on the phone to find out about our show.

Our Facebook group page has now grown to 65 members. We had over a dozen new people come to Facebook over the show weekend. Along with a number of new members signed up to become members of our Society.

The **new biggest task for the Nature Coast Orchid Society is to elect new Officers.** We will definitely have the first and second Vice President positions open. Matt Riesz will not be returning as our first Vice President. I would like to put together the **Nominating Committee of three volunteers at our April 20th meeting.** The committee is something that is in our By Laws and must be done by society members. We need nominations to be attained from society members for all posi-

tions, but especially for the vice presidents. The Board officer positions are vital for the operation of our society. The first Vice President's duties are to cover for the president when not available and to make sure that the VFW meeting dues are paid. The second vice president duties are to set up our programs for each month. This can be done by asking other members who they would like the 2nd VP to try to get to come or to set up member participation programs. Neither of the VP positions take much of your time but are vital to our Society.

Our next meeting on April 20th will have to be a short meeting as we need to be out of the VFW by 3 pm. We will be doing our repotting program for one or two of your plants that need to be done. Please make sure that you bring all the necessary tools, a clean pot, clippers or scissors, repotting medium if you have some, a bucket if you have it and some newspaper to put down on the tables. There will be member plant sales also.

See you on the 20th.

I'm Alex Maximiano, the developer of OrchidWiz software. I noticed you were the contact for an orchid show in the recent past. I'm writing to let you know OrchidWiz Encyclopedia is currently for sale at 30% off if you or anyone else in your society would like to purchase it. The discount code is "TIPS" and the sale runs until April 15.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Alex Maximiano
Developer, OrchidWiz





Membership Notes for March

By Arlene Appelbaum

Our March Orchid Show was a very successful one from a membership perspective. We generated much interest in our society and best of all signed up 11 new members. This brings our membership total to 116. I have gone over the list and have located 28 inactive members. We will be contacting these people to evaluate whether or not they wish to continue as part of our Society.

Thank you to all who helped me at the membership table Saturday and Sunday. We are also composing a letter to all of the people who expressed an interest in knowing more about NCOS.

This will be sent out shortly.

I hope to see you all at the April 20th meeting.

MEMBERS:

Arlene has graciously taken over sending get-well cards and sympathy cards to members. If you know of any members who are ill or grieving, please send her an email to let her know at fluffy2cats@gmail.com



THANK YOU!

The Membership Chairperson is a very important position in our Society.

Members drop out each year due to various reasons such as age, moving, lack of interest, and many other reasons. It is most important that we continue to solicit and add new and perhaps younger members so we can continue as a vibrant group. Arlene is doing a super job.

The Publisher

NCOC ORCHID QUIZ

1. *Orchids come in every color except _____*
2. *How many continents do Orchids grow on? _____*
3. *How many documented Orchid Species are there? _____*

(Answers are on the Library Page , 14)

Volunteering

You may want to volunteer for a committee, a position, a job or just volunteer your ideas for a better Society.

The NCOS operates with volunteers. You know what you can best do to make our Society even better than it is.

The more people who help with their abilities the better group we have.

It is said that the volunteer is an even bigger winner than the organization. The volunteer will have a feeling of great accomplishment when they share their knowledge and ideas with their organization.

Dues were Due in January—You can still pay them at the upcoming meeting. 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.



Spring Show 2019**“Picture Perfect”****AOS Award Winners**

Award of Merit / American Orchid Society

Phaius tankervilleae

exhibited by: Jeff Rundell

Second Place Den. chrysotoxum var.
Suavis simumexhibited by: Accent Orchids
St. petersburg, FL

Third Place Den. anosmum f. album

exhibited by: Joy Orchids
Brooksville, FL**Nature Coast Orchid Society****Spring Show 2019 “Picture Perfect”****Ribbon Winners****Class 1 - Cattleya Alliance**First Place C. Brabantiae 'Palmetto Gem'
HCC/AOS
exhibited by: Bredren Orchids ,First Place Gur. skinneri f. alba 'Debbie'
FCC/AOS
exhibited by: Orchids in Bloom ,Second Place C. dowiana var. aurea
exhibited by: Joy Orchids
Brooksville, FLSecond Place Eplc. Epiorange 'My O My'
HCC/AOS
exhibited by: Bredren Orchids ,Third Place Ctna. Why Not
exhibited by: Bredren Orchids ,Third Place Gur. skinneri
exhibited by: Orchids in Bloom ,**Class 2 Vendor Plants - Dendrobium Alliance**First Place Den. Jantaboon 'Sunlight'
exhibited by: Accent Orchids
St. petersburg, FL**Class 3 Vendor Plants - All others**First Place Paph. Deena Nicole
exhibited by: Phelps Farm
Orchids Tampa, FLFirst Place Phal. Pinlong Cheris
exhibited by: Bredren OrchidsSecond Place Phal Taisuco Micky 'Bredren'
exhibited by: Bredren Orchids ,
Second Place Zygopetalum Big Red One
exhibited by: Accent Orchids
St. petersburg, FLThird Place Oncidium ampliatus
exhibited by: Joy Orchids
Brooksville, FL**Class 4 Epidendrum**First Place Epi. Miracle Valley 'Nodeshika'
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FLSecond Place Epi. radicans (orange)
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FLThird Place Epi. Wedding Valley 'Yubana'
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

Class 6 Cattleya alliance species

First Place C. intermedia var. amethystina
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

Second Place C. lawrenceana
exhibited by: Gary Gethen
Spring Hill, FL

Second Place C. nobilior var. amaliae
exhibited by: Steve Mattana
Weeki Wachee, FL

Second Place Paph. hybrid (dark purple)
exhibited by: Gary Gethen
Spring Hill, FL

Class 14 Phragmipedium

First Place Phrag. Don Wimber
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

Class 15 Vanda Alliance**Class 8 Cattleya hybrids and intergeneric hybrids– yellow/bronze/green/brown**

First Place Rlc. Taiwan Ruby 'Taiyoung #6'
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

First Place Vanda Crown Fox Golden Dawn
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

First Place Rth. Lily Marie Almas
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

Third Place Cattleytonia Koolau Sunset
'Sheer Delight' HCC/AOS
exhibited by: Gary Gethen
Spring Hill, FL

Class 9 Cattleya hybrids and intergeneric hybrids–red/orange

First Place Rth Lily Marie Almas
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

Third Place Cattleytonia Koolau Sunset '
Sheer Delight' HCC/AOS
exhibited by: Gary Gethen
Spring Hill, FL

Class 10 Cattleya hybrids and intergeneric hybrids – pink/lavender/purple/mauve.

First Place Cookara Bill
exhibited by: Jeff Rundell
Homosassa, FL

Class 10 Cattleya hybrids and intergeneric hybrids – pink/lavender/purple/mauve.

First Place Cookara Bill
exhibited by: Jeff Rundell
Homosassa, FL

Class 13 Paphiopedilum

Second Place Paph. hybrid (dark purple)
exhibited by: Gary Gethen
Spring Hill, FL

Class 13 Paphiopedilum

Class 14 Phragmipedium

First Place Phrag. Don Wimber
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

Third Place Phal hybrid - white
exhibited by: Connie Chase ,

Class 15 Vanda Alliance

First Place Vanda Crown Fox Golden Dawn
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

Second Place Vanda Bangkok Brown
exhibited by: Gary Gethen
Spring Hill, FL

Third Place Papilionanthe teres
exhibited by: Gary Gethen
Spring Hill, FL

First Place Phal hybrid - art shade with
rose stripes

exhibited by: Marj Waig ,

Second Place Phal. hybrid - mini purple
exhibited by: Arty & Arlene
Applebaum ,

Third Place Phal. Hybrid
exhibited by: Pat Dupke
Brooksville, FL

Class 16 Phalaenopsis (Doritis) Species

First Place Phal. cornu-cervi 'Red Wan
chiao'
exhibited by: Steve Mattana
Weeki Wachee, FL

Second Place Phal. violacea f. indigo
exhibited by: Steve Mattana
Weeki Wachee, FL

Third Place Phal. violacea f. indigo
exhibited by: Steve Mattana
Weeki Wachee, FL

First Place Phal. hybrid - green with purple
spots
exhibited by: Marj Waig ,

Second Place Phal. Yin's Green Jewel
'Montclair'
exhibited by: Steve Mattana
Weeki Wachee, FL

Third Place Phal. Ba-Shi Canary 'Xavier'
AM/AOS
exhibited by: Steve Mattana
Weeki Wachee, FL

Class 17 Phalaenopsis (Doritis) Hybrids - white/cream, with or without bars, spots or stripes

First Place Phal. Mini Mark
exhibited by: Pat Dupke
Brooksville, FL

Second Place Phal. hybrid (white/pink lip)
exhibited by: Connie Chase ,

Class 18 Phalaenopsis (Doritis) Hybrids - pink or lavender/purple, with or without bars, spots or stripes**Class 19 Phalaenopsis (Doritis) Hybrids - yellow/green/brown, with or without bars, spots or stripes****Class 20 Phalaenopsis (Doritis) Hybrids - other colors including red, sunsets, art shades and colors other than above**

First Place Phal. Zheng Min Parakeet
'Yaphon'
exhibited by: Steve Mattana
Weeki Wachee, FL

Second Place Phal. Memoria
Anthony Cardozo
exhibited by: Steve Mattana
Weeki Wachee, FL

Third Place Phal. Ember
exhibited by: Steve Mattana
Weeki Wachee, FL

Third Place Dendrobium hybrid - white
phal-type
exhibited by: Jeff Rundell
Homosassa, FL

Class 21 Oncidium Alliance

First Place Otz. Chantilly Mist x Rdcn.
Spring Bouquet
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

Second Place Onc. Midas 'Willow Pond'
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

Third Place Onc. Rosy Sunset 'F'
exhibited by: Steve Mattana
Weeki Wachee, FL

Class 22 Cymbidium Alliance

First Place Cym. Hybrid (yellow)
exhibited by: Gary Gethen
Spring Hill, FL

Class 23 Dendrobiums - Nobile and other soft-cane and hybrids

First Place Den. hybrid - nobile type - pink
exhibited by: Arty & Arlene
Applebaum ,

Second Place Den. anosmum f. alba
exhibited by: Gary Gethen
Spring Hill, FL

Third Place Den. Angel Moon 'Love Letter'
exhibited by: Delia Dunn
Inverness, FL

Class 24 Dendrobiums - Phalaenanthé and Spatulata sections and hybrids

Second Place Den. tangerinum
exhibited by: Gary Gethen
Spring Hill, FL

Class 25 Dendrobiums - All other, including Latouria and Oxyglossum sections and others

First Place Den. aggregatum
exhibited by: Delia and Ken
Dunn Inverness, FL

Second Place Den. aggregatum
exhibited by: Jeff Rundell
Homosassa, FL

Third Place Den. Little Atro
exhibited by: Matt Riesz
Spring Hill, FL

Class 27 Jewel orchids (Ludisia, etc.)

First Place Ludisia discolor
exhibited by: Jeff Rundell
Homosassa, FL

Second Place Ludisia discolor
exhibited by: Sonia Terrelonge

All Other Class 28 Genera - species

First Place Max. elatior
exhibited by: Gary Gethen
Spring Hill, FL

First Place Phaius tankervilleae
exhibited by: Jeff Rundell
Homosassa, FL

Second Place Cyclopogon lindleyanus
exhibited by: Julie Smolka
New Port Richey, FL

Second Place Ornithocephalus bicornis
exhibited by: Julie Smolka
New Port Richey, FL

Third Place *Max. variabilis*
 exhibited by: Matt Riesz
 Spring Hill, FL

Third Place *Mormolyca ringens*
 exhibited by: Gary Gethen
 Spring Hill, FL

Nature Coast Orchid Society Spring Show 2019 “Picture Perfect” Trophy Winners

Rosette - Best Orchid by a Commercial Grower

Phal. Pinlong Cheris
 exhibited by: Bredren Orchids

Rosette - Best NCOS Member Orchid in Show

C. intermedia var. *amethystina*
 exhibited by: Matt Riesz

Rosette - Best NCOS Member Species

Den. aggregatum
 exhibited by: Delia Dunn

Rosette for Best Cattleya Alliance

C. intermedia var. *amethystina*
 exhibited by: Matt Riesz

Rosette for Best Vanda Alliance

Vanda Crown Fox Golden Dawn
 exhibited by: Matt Riesz

Rosette for Best Dendrobium Alliance

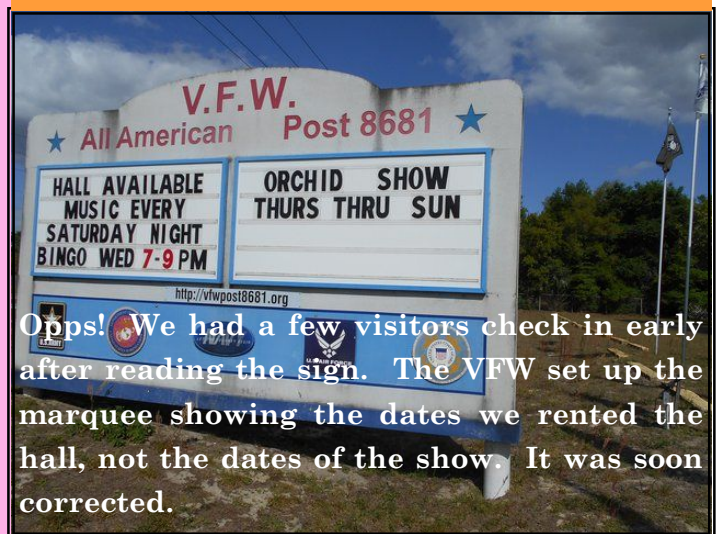
Den. aggregatum
 exhibited by: Delia Dunn

Rosette - Best Specimen Plant in Show

Gur. skinneri f. *alba* 'Debbie' FCC/AOS
 exhibited by: Orchids in Bloom

Rosette - Best Other (not Cat- tleya/Vanda/Phalaenopsis/Dendrobium)

Phaius tankervilleae
 exhibited by: Jeff Rundell



A Few Pictures During The “Picture Perfect” Setup



A Few Pictures During The “Picture Perfect” Setup





Orchid awards and Judging

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM OUR JUDGES

Serving as a clerk for the AOS judges during this year's orchid show was an educational and enlightening experience. It was interesting to hear the judges' discussions regarding our orchid flowers on display and observe how they reached their decision on which plants to award. After the judging was over with, I was asked by the judges in our team to relay a message to the members of our club. I want to stress that this in no way is meant to discourage members from displaying their plants in future shows – it is merely to inform and educate.

When providing your plants for display (and judging) please groom your plants so that they present at their best. This means staking flower spikes early before the buds develop, cleaning water spots from the leaves, removing any leaves that are yellowing or have spotting, and removing old flower spikes or flowers that have senesced. There were several plants featured in the display that our team of judges passed on for an award due to poor grooming habits. You have to remember that the judges are required to judge the whole plant and not just the flowers. Taking care of these simple grooming tips will not only help your plant to present better it just might grant you the opportunity to win an award during next year's annual show.

Kara Warnock



Click Here and see many many 2019 “Picture Perfect” photographs <http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com/2019-ncos-annual-show.html>

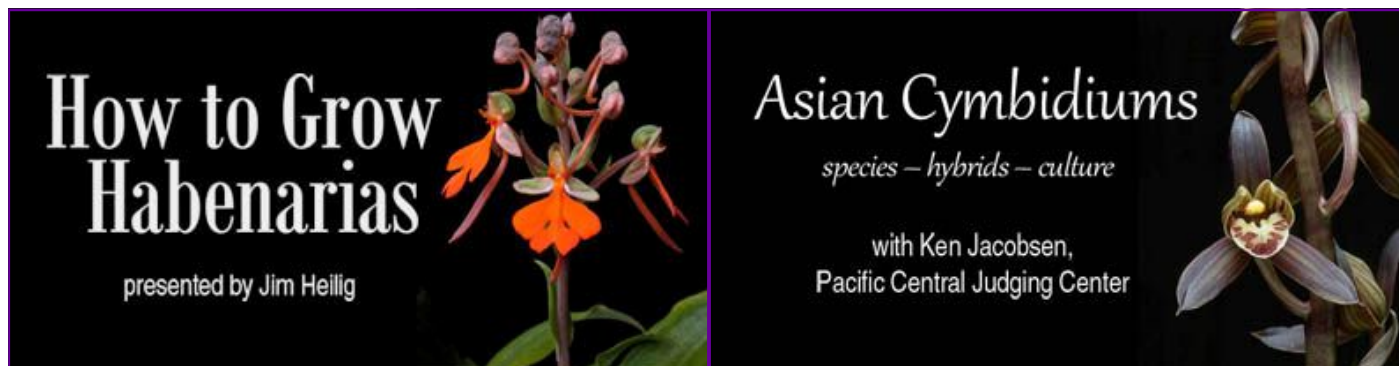
Here are a sample of the pictures you will see when you click above.



The American Orchid Society Webinars

Webinars are online video presentations. You can register for an upcoming webinar or watch the recorded webinars any time at your convenience.

Upcoming Webinars



How to Grow Habenarias

Jim Heilig

Thursday April 18, 2019

Asian Cymbidiums

Ken Jacobsen

Thursday May 16, 2019

Just click on: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>
and you can watch these videos at your convenience



**Angraecum
sesquipedale**

ORCHID OF THE WEEK

All orchid hobbyists and photographers are invited to submit digital images for the “Photo of the Week” to be featured on the Homepage of the American Orchid Society’s webpage.

You don’t need to be a member to participate. This would also be a great time to post your great orchid picture on our “Nature Coast Orchid Society” Facebook page.

For AOS instructions just click here:

<http://www.aos.org/all-about-orchids/photo-of-the-week.aspx>



YOUR ORCHID LIBRARY

By Celeste Ogden

Bill Nunez, our speaker in February said his Orchid Bible was “Orchid Seedling Care”. That is one of our Library Books (200-102), why don’t you give it a try?

<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 following meeting and remove your name from the list.

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

BOOK OF THE MONTH

An Enthusiasm For ORCHIDS by John Alcock #200-037

This book abounds with clever explanations for how these exceptionally complex flowers came to be shaped as they are. The reader can explore many aspects of orchid biology and history ranging from how some species avoid inbreeding and how we know that orchids evolved from an ancestor that belonged to the asparagus family.

NCOS ORCHID QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 4

Orchids come in every color except: Orchids come in every conceivable color, except for true black (although some are so dark, they almost appear black). Several species of orchids growing in the Mediterranean regions mimic female bees and wasps so well, that male bees/wasps will attempt to mate with the flowers, thus achieving pollination.

How many continents do Orchids grow on? Orchids are found on all continents except Antarctica, but the vast majority, such as *Dendrobium delacourii*, which grows in Thailand, are native to the tropics.

How many documented Orchid Species are there? Orchids are one of the largest and most diverse groups of plants. So far, over 25 000 species of orchids have been described. Each year, researchers are discovering hundreds of new species. Besides huge number of orchids in the wild, 100 000 varieties of orchids are created artificially, via selective breeding.



THE KEIKI

This is your opportunity to volunteer to be the next editor of the Nature Coast Orchid Society's monthly newsletter, The Keiki.

Delia and I will be giving it up after the June issue.

It quite an interesting job. We use Microsoft Publisher that does a lot of the work in making the newsletter attractive.

Articles are sent by the Officers and members by e-mail each month. There is a deadline, the end of each month, by which all articles have to be received and for the most part, the editor just compiles the information and a lot of it is repetitive monthly as far as setting up the pages.

It would be good to have you step forward now to familiarize yourself with the process and get a good understanding before June. It's quite an enjoyable job, especially if you like working with color.

Please get in touch with Steve or with us at 352-341-3711 or by e-mail at kendunn@tampabay.rr.com

Ken and Delia Dunn