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Florida's Native Orchids
By Kara Warnock**

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 16

**Speaker will be Bill Nunez and he will be speaking on
cultivating orchids from flask to bloom. Members are en-
couraged to bring plants to sell**

**There will be available for purchase at the Saturday meeting 1 lb.
containers of Norman Fang's Orchid Nutrients for \$10 each.**
This is more than just a fertilizer, it is compound of complete orchid nutrients
contained all essential major and minor nutrients in one easy to use concen-
trated powder form. Simply dilute the one teaspoon per gallon of water and feed
your orchids twice a month. Formulated by Norman and used at Norman's Or-
chids year-round. This optimal orchid nutrients contain no Urea Nitrogen and
it has been tested on orchids in vitro and in vivo. Safe on all orchids.

Your purchase helps offset the expenses of the club.



**Norman Chan of Norman's Orchids in
Montclair, California was our guest speaker
at our last meeting on January 19th. Go to
[Http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com)
Then click on tab, right-center "Past Speakers Text"
for a full outline of his presentation**

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>	HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED
<u>Refreshment Reminders</u>	HELP NEEDED in January
<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****Refreshments for February Meeting****Snacks:**

Marge Waig
Diane Musser

Tricia (I can't read the other name written by her, it is something like this Juyk???)
Pat Moran

Beverages:

Diane Musser
Celeste Ogden
Bob Nixon
Javon Parker

I would like to thank everyone that pitched in and helped with the set up and break down of our refreshment table. Teamwork surely makes it faster to get done. Now that we can store everything in the VFW it really is easy to get it done.

Thanks again!
Mary Lou

**TREASURER'S REPORT****By Pat Baig****Balance** \$9,379.78**Receipts**

Raffle \$ 131.00

Membership \$ 681.00

Vendor Payments \$ 400.00

Total Receipts \$ 1,212.00

Disbursements **-\$ 928.00**

Balance 2/5/2019 \$ 9,663.78



FROM THE DESK OF Steve Mattana

Good day everyone

Well folks we started off the year with a fantastic program with Norman Fang. I found it to be extremely informative learning about all the different species of Phalaenopsis. We learned which plants are most widely used in creating hybrids, as well as a few new species that are used in our primary novelty phals. Norman also spoke about his fertilizer that he formulated with all the important nutrients that a plant requires. I have been using the fertilizer for approximately four months and found it to be incredibly well-balanced. It has given me some fantastic plants! Since his fertilizer is so good, we have purchased 2 cases for the society's members to purchase at just \$10.00. That is a bargain. We already have more than one case spoken for. A special thanks to Norman for giving us the

opportunity to buy this fertilizer at this reduced cost.

This month our program will be presented by Billy Nunez. He has spoken to us before. His presentation this time should be quite interesting for everyone.

Hopefully we are just about done with this very cold weather. The next 30-day forecast doesn't show us going below 45 degrees. Finally!

Don't forget that March is our BIG event, called Picture Perfect. The theme sounds very interesting, I can't wait to hear about what the display will look like.

We have postcards (See sample below) promoting this event for everyone to handout. Please take a few and post them where ever you can. We still need some volunteers for the show. As always see Marita and sign up for whatever times that you can help. Each time slot is only 2 hours, so please sign up!

Nature Coast Orchid Society

Annual Orchid Show & Sale
Presents
"Picture Perfect"

*Saturday and Sunday
March 30th & 31st, 2019
10:00 A.M. till 4:00 P.M.*

Location: VFW Post 8691 corner of Drayton St. & County Line Rd., Spring Hill
(Pasco County Rd 578 2.7 miles west of 589 Parkway or 6.3 miles east from US 19.

Website: www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com



Membership Notes for February

By Arlene Appelbaum

Our January meeting was well attended by 44 members and 7 guests.

Please welcome 5 new members to our group:
Karen and Henry Taccard
Robert Brands and Mary Jo Zollo
Debra Haley

Our membership now totals 104 people. Please encourage those who you might know to attend our meetings as they are always informative, with great speakers and varied topics of interest to both seasoned and novice orchid growers, not to mention the yummy treats.

Thank you again to the 45 people who renewed their 2019 membership.

Please remember to e-mail me with the name or names of any of our members who may have been ill so that I might send a get well card on behalf of our group.

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!



NCOC ORCHID QUIZ

A. "Deciduous" refers to....

1. dropping leaves at certain times
2. hybrid orchid
3. A process that includes humidity and sunlight atmosphere

B. True or False

The bigger the orchid the more water it takes?

C. In 'orchid speak' what is the "anther"?

1. A kind of spiked leaf
2. A variety of a multicolored orchid
3. A part of the orchid plant that carries the pollen

Answers on the Library page, Page # 14

Dues are Due in January—You can pay them at the February 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.



MEMBER MEETING MINUTES—JANUARY 19, 2019 By Kara Warnock

Steve Mattana opened our meeting by thanking **Jeff Rundell** for all of his hard work in obtaining the club's 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status.

Ken Dunn presented a prepared message to the club from the bylaws committee. The bylaws committee consists of Delia Dunn, Matt Riesz, Pat Dupke, and Ken. When our club was reestablished as a non-profit organization (Nature Coast Orchid Society, Inc.) special bylaws were written so that our club might obtain our status as a corporation. The bylaws committee was formed in order to combine our existing club bylaws with those written for our corporation status. The committee put together this combined set of bylaws, which was then approved by the board. The new bylaws were published for member review in last month's Keiki and also made available on the club's website. Ken made a motion to Steve and to the club to accept these new combined bylaws as our society bylaws in full at this time. This motion was seconded by Matt Riesz. Steve then made a motion for club members to vote on the combined bylaws. The club members voted to accept the new bylaws in full for the society.

Jeff Rundell spoke and thanked all of those members that helped out with the annual orchid auction. The auction turned out to be a marvelous success. We had lots of contributions to the auction from both growers and members. Jeff wanted to bring special recognition to two of our members, Tim and Judy Smith, for their donation of a multitude of orchids to the auction.

Marita Riesz provided the club with an update on this year's orchid show, 'Picture Perfect'. At this month's meeting the sign-up sheets for help with show tasks were distributed for volunteer sign ups.

We have added a 7th vendor to our show, Eric Olson Pottery. For our show we are still in need of some talented individuals to come and sketch orchids featured in our displays. Also, we are still in need of artistic accents including items such as painting easels, paint brushes, and picture frames to incorporate into our orchid displays. These items can be dropped off as late as Friday, March 29th during the set up prior to the show. We are still in need of a volunteer to take over the kitchen duties at the show. Again, unless we have a member(s) volunteer for the kitchen the club will only be providing food and drinks for the vendors at our show and not any of the volunteers who work the show, as has been done in the past. Our upcoming orchid show will be an AOS judged show. That means the AOS will be providing trained judges to come in conduct the ribbon judging for the plants featured in our show. If there are any plants present that the judges feel are worthy of an AOS award, than those plants will be pulled aside and judged per AOS standards. This is a VERY big deal for our club as we have not had an AOS sanctioned show in several years.

Steve honored **Linda Condon** with a certificate for her dedication in handling the club's membership during previous years. It is because of individuals like Linda who are devoted and have the 'WANT TO' to volunteer to help with activities that our club is sustained.

Arlene Appelbaum provided a membership update for the club. As of today the club currently has 104 registered members. Today we had 45 people renew their membership for the 2019 year. At today's meeting we had 44 members sign in, 7 guests present, and 5 new members join our organization.

Ken Dunn won the **member's plant raffle** for this month's meeting. (Continued on next page)

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Membership dues for this year are \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a couple. We cannot accept credit card payments for membership dues – cash or check only.

With our new club name and logo comes new branding. Sonia provided some information for those club members interested in an **embroidered T-shirt with the new club logo**. She has tried to match our new logo as closely as possible with the embroidery design(s) available. If you are interested in the embroidery, please bring in a pre-washed cotton shirt (polo style) and see Sonia regarding further details.

Arlene will begin taking orders for **new name tags** in the near future. The new name tags will be black in color and feature our new logo. Price for the new name tags should be around \$12-15. Arlene will have more information for us on the new name tags next month once she has researched vendors.

If you would like to order a coffee cup featuring the new logo (as seen at the meeting and in the Keiki) please get in touch with Ken. The coffee cups are \$12.

Matt Riesz and Norman Fang discussed the bountiful orchids featured on our show table.

The club enjoyed a presentation by Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids on *Phalaenopsis* and new color variations that are coming into cultivation.

The raffle was drawn and the meeting adjourned.

SHOW SUPPLIES NEEDED

Asking for volunteers who might have some props we could use for our show display such as:

Painting pallets, paints, easels, paint brushes, old picture frames, etc. Please let me know what you have so we can plan to place items in our display.

Also looking to borrow 4 six-foot (6') folding tables. Please contact me first before bringing them. Thank you.

Note: We now have two local Artists who will be setting up and painting/displaying their work at our show!

Marita Riesz

Show Chair

732-673-1179

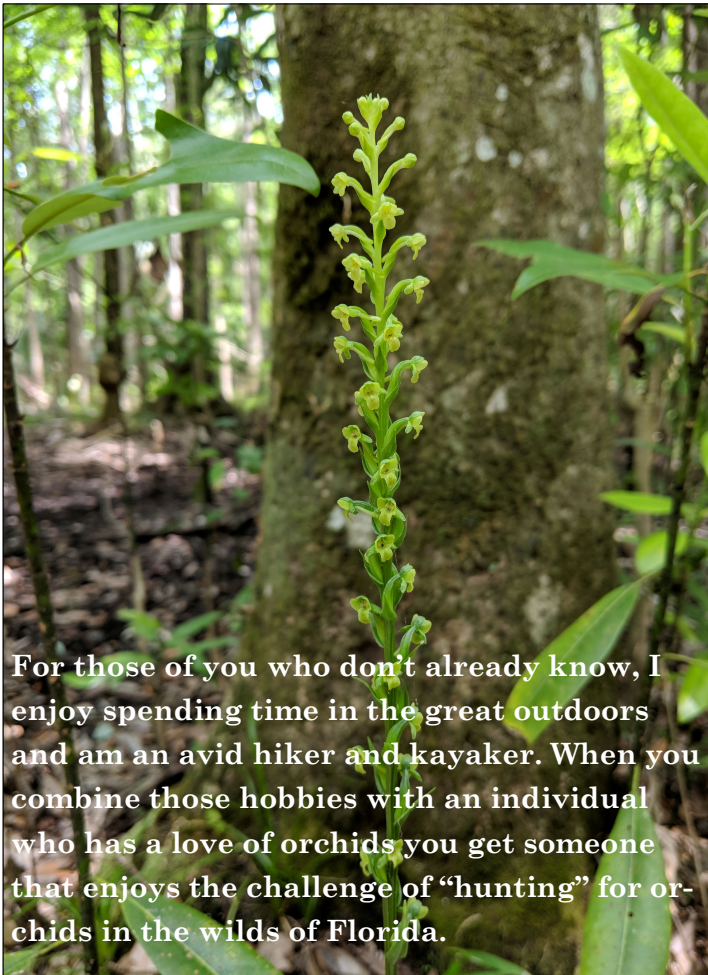
MaritaRiesz404@gmail.com

Pick up some business cards at the next meeting and advertise our Society to your neighbors and friends.



Hiking For Florida's Native Orchids

By Kara Warnock



For those of you who don't already know, I enjoy spending time in the great outdoors and am an avid hiker and kayaker. When you combine those hobbies with an individual who has a love of orchids you get someone that enjoys the challenge of "hunting" for orchids in the wilds of Florida.

The state of Florida has 106 species of truly native orchids.

To put that in perspective, about half of the known species of orchids to be found within the United States and Canada also call Florida home.

These orchids can be found throughout all 67 counties – with our four southernmost counties (Collier, Broward, Monroe, and Miami-Dade) containing more than half of the species of orchids in the state. It is our northern counties, however, that hold some of the state's rarest species. Our state is home to both terrestrial and epiphytic orchids. The terrestrial orchids, or those that grow

with their roots in the ground to take up water and nutrients, seek shelter in our pine flatwoods, wet meadows, hardwood hammocks, and dense swamps.

The epiphytes are the orchids that live within trees with their roots attached to the rough bark, where they absorb water and nutrients from their surrounding environment. Some of our native orchids, such as the ghost orchid (*Dendrophylax lindenii*), have adapted to live in specialized ecosystems like south Florida's dense cypress sloughs. Several other genera have learned to acclimate to altered landscapes such as roadsides, wet ditches, and cultivated lawns.

For those of you who don't already know, I enjoy spending time in the great outdoors and am an avid hiker and kayaker. When you combine those hobbies with an individual who has a love of orchids you get someone that enjoys the challenge of "hunting" for orchids in the wilds of Florida. If you were out walking in the woods would you be able to tell that the plant you just came across was an orchid? Not all of our native orchids are easily recognizable at first glance, as there is a great morphological diversity within the Orchidaceae family. However, all orchids possess certain distinctive characteristics that make it an orchid. If you have trained your eyes on what to look for, spotting orchids in their native habitats really isn't that difficult. The following is an introduction to some of our native species of orchids that I have come across during my explorations.

The very first orchid that I recall discovering in the wild was *Epidendrum magnoliae*, or the green-fly orchid.

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This is a very common epiphytic orchid found throughout central and northern Florida in mesic hardwood forest – especially those woodlands that are in close proximity to bodies of water. This epiphytic orchid forms dense clumps of plants that display arching flower stems of glowing yellowish-green flowers. Flowering occurs predominantly between the months of August and March, but this species is known to flower sporadically throughout the year. I frequently encounter this species in my excursions into Florida's backwoods and along our regional rivers. I never tire of seeing it. It is truly a glorious site to come across a specimen in full bloom on a live oak tree, surrounded by resurrection fern in all its splendor after a recent summer rain. A good place that I like to frequent to view this orchid up close is along one of the established trails at the Ross Prairie State Forest. This forest area is situated along Hwy 200 to the southwest of Ocala.

A recent find of mine while hiking this past summer was the common grass pink orchid (*Calopogon tuberosus*). This is one of the four species of grass pinks that occur in the state of Florida. The common grass pink is a terrestrial orchid that prefers



sunny wet meadows, prairies, and pine flatwoods, but will also tolerate sphagnum roadsides. Growing in a wet ditch located along a forest road in the Goethe State Forest was where I observed this orchid with its deep pink flowers and golden bearded

lip. Flowering for the common grass pink occurs from March into August, with April often being a peak month.

The Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area is a frequent haunt of mine that I love to explore. Nearly every time that I head out to hike this area I find orchids in bloom. It is here that I have discovered the southern tubercled orchid (*Platanthera flava*), shadow



witch (*Ponthieva racemosa*), toothed rein orchid (*Habenaria odontopetala*), and the fragrant ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes odorata*). I don't quite know what it is about these longleaf pine flatwoods, wet meadows, rich damp hardwood hammocks, and remnant old growth cypress swamps that calls to me, but I will keep coming back to them to reveal their secrets and search for more orchids.

Probably one of the most striking of all of Florida's orchids is the leafless beaked orchid (*Sacoila lanceolata*). This is a terrestrial orchid with vibrant coral to brick red colored flowers that frequents habitats such as road shoulders, open pastures, old fields, and dry woodlands. This orchid is typically

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Sacolia lanceolata

found in bloom from March until June. All current literature contains no reported sightings of this species in Hernando County. This past May I was fortunate enough to come across a population of 20+ plants in bloom along a rural roadside in north, central Hernando County. I just happened to be driving by the right location at the time these plants were in full bloom. It truly is amazing how distinctive these brightly colored red flowers contrast against the surrounding green foliage even when driving by at 60 mph.

A unique, diminutive species of orchid that I have come across during a recent late summer hike was the three birds orchid (*Triphora trianthophora*). This terrestrial orchid spends most of its time underground living in association with a mycorrhizal fungus to help the uptake of nutrients. The plants push forth from the earth from swollen tuberoids to bloom each year between late July and mid-



Triphora trianthophora

December among mixed deciduous woodlands. These ephemeral orchids with their pale pink and white flowers with green crests on the lip open during the night and last but only a single day. The flowering of this species is sporadic and dependent upon weather conditions in a given area over an extended period of time – currently believed to be triggered by a drop in nighttime temperatures. You have to be lucky to view *Triphora spp.* orchids in full bloom, as you have to be in the right location at the exact time of their blooming event.

Probably the rarest of all the orchids that I have encountered thus far has been the Chapman's fringed orchid (*Platanthera chapmanii*). This orchid, now a distinct species, arose as a natural hybrid between the orange fringed orchid (*P. ciliaris*) and the orange crested orchid (*P. cristata*). This rare orchid is confined to scattered populations throughout northern Florida and a few sites in adjacent southeast Georgia.

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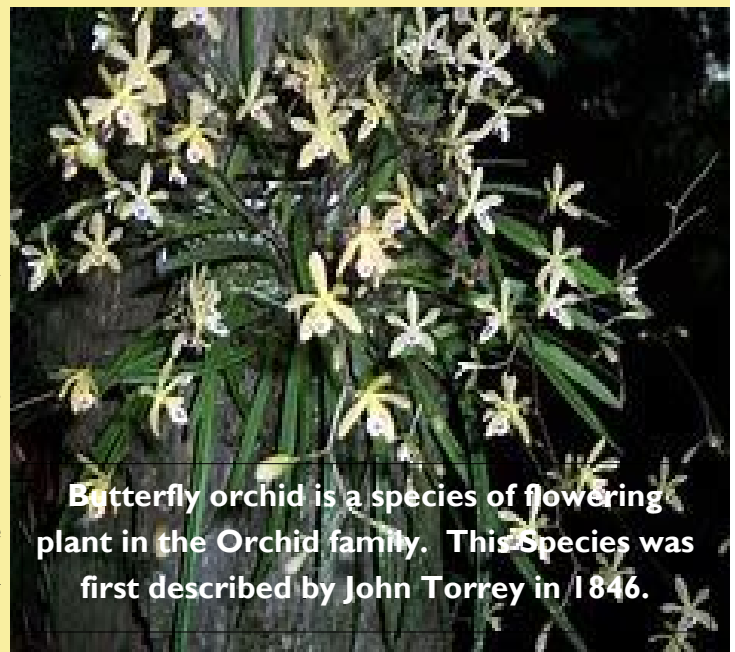
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The historic habitats of this terrestrial orchid were longleaf pine savannahs and wetlands in which seasonal fires would burn and keep woody vegetation in check. Regional silviculture activities associated with pine plantations (including herbicide applications) along the coastal plain greatly reduced and altered their native habitat. The few populations of this rare orchid that remain are mostly restricted to wet areas along roadsides and under power line right-of-way where vegetation is maintained by mowing. I had the good fortune of observing this rare gem with its vibrant golden-orange blossoms on a recent trip to north Florida. I located this orchid along a roadside in the Apalachicola National Forest towards the end of its bloom period, which extends from late July to early September.



Finally, I can't discuss native orchids of Florida and not mention the most famous orchid to the Tampa Bay area, the butterfly orchid (*Encyclia tampensis*). This epiphytic orchid named for the Tampa Bay area where it was first collected (1846) is locally abundant throughout central and southern Florida.



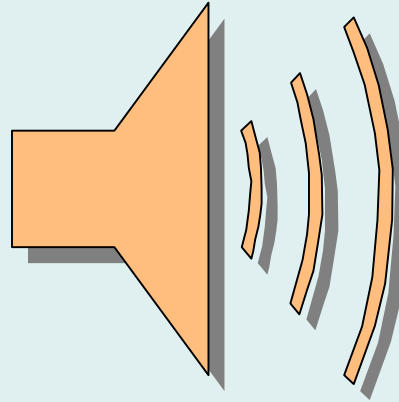
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The typical presentation of the flowers are sepals and petals that are a yellow-green suffused with varying amounts of brown or purple and a white lip that is kissed with purple or magenta. This orchid is a very hardy resident of our dark humid swampy forests, hammocks, and major waterways from Tampa southward.

Depending upon habitat, individual plants are highly variable in both the size of the pseudobulbs and the coloration of the flowers. The peak flowering period for this species is between June and July – although it has been known to bloom sporadically throughout the year. Good local places to view this orchid are along the banks of the Hillsborough River and at Myakka River State Park.

Hopefully this article has encouraged you to get out and explore some of our local backwoods in search of our native orchids. Outside of Alaska, our state has proportionately more protected land than any other state. Many wild areas still persist and finding orchids is closer and easier than you may think. I realize that I have been rather vague with my exact location(s) on many of my discoveries and this was intentional, as there are still those individuals that wish to exploit native species. If you do venture into our forests in search of orchids I strongly implore you to take only pictures and leave only footprints behind.



PRIOR ORCHID SOCIETY GUEST SPEAKERS

Did you know that you can go to our society website and read transcripts of the speakers presentations for the last year or so?

Kara Ramsey has been so giving of her time and expertise to carefully transcribe the messages from our excellent speakers and these presentations have now been added to our website for future reference.

Why don't you log on now.

[Http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com](http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com)

Click Tab, Left-Center "Past Speakers Text"

If you haven't visited our website recently you might want to take a look a few of the Highlights.

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And much more!

<http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com>

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



Greenhouse Chat February 2019

Ron McHatton

Tuesday, February 26th, 2019

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST

Choosing the best plants

Lois Cinert,

Tuesday, March 12th, 2019

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST

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



AOS PHOTO 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>

Wow! is all you need to say about the **January Show Table**. 25 of the most beautiful



plants grown and shown by our own members. Norman Fang, our great speaker for January, helped Matt describe each well-grown plant to the members. If you didn't bring your gorgeous plant for show last month bring it on the 16th.

To see the stunning plants from the Show Table in all their colorful splendor, click here:

<http://www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com/beauty-from-the-show-table-1192019.html>

OLCOSH Show Table 1-19-2019

Plant Name	Grower
Rth. Fuch's Orange Nuggett	Delia Dunn
Procatavola Golden Peacock	Gary Gethen
Liparis condylobulbon 'Henry Shaw' CCM/AOS	Gary Gethen
Laelia rubescens alba	Gary Gethen
Psychopsis papilio alba	Gary Gethen
Bct. Booth Lee 'Venice' AM/AOS	Jeff Rundell
Sophronitis cernua	Jeff Rundell
Lc. Hybrid	Judy Smith
Den. Dr. Uthai x Den. Burana Beauty	Matt Riesz
Den. Hawaiian Twinkle	Matt Riesz
Burrageara Kilauea	Matt Riesz
Bct. Booth Lee 'Venice' AM/AOS	Matt Riesz
Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Bluebird'	Matt Riesz
Vanda Mevr. L. Velthuis X Vanda Fantastic Fanfare	Matt Riesz
Bl. Golden Glory	Pat Dupke
Den. Hybrid - Aussie-type	Sonia Terrelonge
Rlc. Haw Yuan Rose	Sonia Terrelonge
Phal. Lamb's Passion	Steve Mattana
Phal. violacea indigo	Steve Mattana
C. Melody Fair 'Carol' HCC/AOS	Todd Cleaver
Den. Royal Wings	Todd Cleaver
Blc. (Tokyo Magic X Toshie Aoki) X Blc. Williette Wong 'The Best' AM/AOS	Todd Cleaver
C. Drumbeat 'Triumph' AM/AOS	Todd Cleaver
Rlc. Mem. Laila Mae Griffe (Blc. Emily Simmons 'Mendenhall' X Blc. Fortune 'Grandview' AM/AOS)	Todd Cleaver
Bc. Mount Hood 'Mary' AM/AOS	Todd Cleaver





YOUR ORCHID LIBRARY

By Celeste Ogden

We have received a gift of several books for our library. Take a look and see if there is one 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 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

ORCHIDS IN COLOUR by Brian and Wilma Rittershausen #300-12

Orchids in Colour has been written with the amateur orchid grower and enthusiast in mind. It contains a wealth of cultural information which provides guidelines for the beginner, and includes many details regarding the most popular orchids which are in cultivation today. The main feature of the book is the magnificence of the 105 full colour photos of the orchids, each photo being accompanied by descriptive notes which give full details for both hybrids and species.

NCOS ORCHID QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 4

- A. "Deciduous" refers to... 3. Dropping leaves at certain times
- B. The bigger the orchid the more water it takes. The answer is "Yes" in most cases, but watering is very important. Exposed roots may take a lot of water even in a small plant.
- We suggest you go to the Society Library above and select a good book that covers watering. If you water improperly, you have a dead orchid.
- C. When inspecting an orchid what is the "anther"? 3 is the correct answer, the part of the plant that carries the pollen.



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

Delia and I need to be reducing some of our activities and want to do some traveling and will be needing someone to take over as editor.

If you presently do a little computer work it would not be a really difficult 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 each month as far as setting up the pages.

At some point we will be giving firm notice of our retirement but it would be good to have someone step forward now to familiarize themselves with the process and get a good understanding before we give it up. It's quite an enjoyable job and especially if you like working with color.

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

Ken and Delia Dunn

THE KEIKI