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THE KEIKI



JANUARY 19—OUR FIRST MEETING IN 2019

Norman Fang will be our guest speaker.

Even before 1988 Norman received his degree in Ornamental Horticulture from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. Mr. Fang was already immersed in Orchids. While still a student, he managed the Raymond Burr collection on campus. Two scholarships to study plant tissue culture allowed him to study under Dr. Murashige at the University of California and Dr. Tanahe at the University of Hawaii.



In 1986 he started his renowned nursery, Norman's Orchids, based in both California and Taiwan. His parents, brother and sister soon joined him in the company as it grew, and he wisely was the first to secure the domain name of www.orchids.com. Exhibiting at shows across the US, he has received more than 400 American Orchid Society flower quality awards and 20 AOS Show Trophies. In addition, he was honored in 2005 with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Agriculture at Cal Poly in Pomona.

As the second youngest judge to become fully accredited, Norman has traveled around the world to judge orchid shows,

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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 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

**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	\$6,202.25
Total Receipts	\$ 3,150.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 340.59
Balance 12/17/18	\$9,011.66



FROM THE DESK OF

Steve Mattana

Happy New Year everyone! 2018 was a terrific year for our society. We made some incredible changes, including making ourselves a nonprofit organization. We have also started work on our March Show. We will be an AOS sanctioned show, the first one in many years. This means that there will be AOS judges looking at orchids that they feel might warrant an AOS award. What a plus that would be for any member to win one of those. Your orchid's picture would be included in their magazine, with what kind of award you received. We have seven vendors signed up this year, making this one of our larger shows. This year's event is going to be one not to miss. Don't forget to volunteer for one of the many committees that provide all the necessary tasks to make our show special.

sale. Norman Fang, who resides in California, is world renowned for his orchids. He distributes his orchids worldwide.

The brand-new program will be about how to grow better orchids. We are going to be one of the first of five societies to hear this program. I personally have been using his fertilizer and Mega Thrive for about 6 ½ months with amazing results. If you place an order in advance there will be a 10% discount offered. It would be best to go to the website, find what you like and phone in the order at 1-888-4orchid (1-888-467-2443). Mention that you are a member of the Nature Coast Orchid Society and will be seeing Norman on the 19th.

We are working on getting new name tags made. Be sure to see Arlene to order one. Cost is estimated to be \$15.00. More information will be available at the meeting.

Our Christmas Party was a very big success. We had more than 30 people attend. Toys for Tots

were once again collected and picked up by the Marines right after the party. Thank you everyone for bringing a toy. Just think about the children that received them. Our orchid raffle gifts were handed out. Everyone that attended received a free raffle ticket for this. A big thank you goes out to Pat Dupke for all the work she put into making this party wonderful.

Happy growing, see you at the next meeting!

Steve

Nature Coast Orchid Society

Annual Orchid Show & Sale

Presents

"Picture Perfect"

*Saturday and Sunday
March 30th & 31st, 2019
10:00 AM till 4:00 PM*

**Location: VFW Post 8651 corner of Drayton St. & County Line Rd., Spring Hill
(Pasco County Rd 378 2.7 miles west of 550 Parkway or 6.3 miles east from US 19.**

Website: www.naturecoastorchidsociety.com

In January Norman Fang from orchids.com will be our guest speaker with plants and fertilizer for

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From Asia to South Africa, from Canada to South America. In 1996, with Paul Bechtel, he initiated AOS Judging at Taiwan International Orchid Show and since then has served as AOS Representative for the Taiwan Orchard Growers Association. As a result of these relationships, he has been instrumental in bridging the license agreements with TOGA and the Taiwan Paphiopedilum Society to include their award records in Orchid Plus.

As a former Vice President of the American Orchid Society and having Chaired their Development Committee, he is currently serving on their Public Relations Committee. In addition to these AOS volunteer activities, he's a Founding Member and Regional Director of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, currently celebrating it's 25th year.

As an active member of several affiliated societies, Norman is a sought-after guest speaker for societies and the AOS with generous financial, scholarship and plant donations.



**"When two people
Understand each other
In their innermost hearts,
Their words are sweet,
Like the fragrance
Of orchids."
Confucius**

The experts say orchids are epiphytes or lithophytes but they are really parasites. They suck all the money out of your wallet

Lithophytes are plants that grow in or on rocks. Those that grow on rocks are also known as epipetric or epilithic plants. Lithophytes feed off nutrients from rain water and nearby decaying plants, including their own dead tissue. Chasmo-phytes grow in fissures in rocks where soil or organic matter has accumulated.





Membership Notes for November

By Arlene Appelbaum

Our group enjoyed a delightful Christmas Party in December 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 was 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 November Auction in November.

To all our friends, a Happy and Prosperous New Year and may all of your orchids be great ones.

See you at the January Meeting.

Arlene and Carol

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!

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.

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.





Orchid Gift Ideas a bit late



Sprinkler Can

Wall Clock

Jewelry Box

License Plate Holder

Shower Curtain

Flip Flops

Puzzle of the month (February)

What's that in the fire, and not in the flame?

What's that in the master, and not in the dame?

What's that in the courtier, and not in the clown?

What's that in the country, and not in the town?

What am I? (**Answer on page 8**)

(From Farmer's Almanac)



Have you started your Facebook Account?

1. Click on: www.facebook.com
2. Fill out the Facebook form with your name, email address or mobile phone number, a password, birthday and gender
3. Click on "Sign Up"
4. Then you will need to verify your email address or phone number
5. You will then get an email or text message and you are ready to go!

Once you initiate your personal Facebook account you can then sign up for other Facebook orchid sites such as Nature Coast Orchid Society, Newbie Florida Orchid Growers and Florida Orchid Growers and post your beautiful orchids for all to admire..



Happy Posting

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 January

Ron McHatton

Tuesday, January 29th, 2019

8:30 PM—9:30 PM ES



Growing Cymbidiums

George Hatfield

Wednesday, February 13th 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



LYCASTE POWELLII

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>



YOUR ORCHID LIBRARY

By Celeste Ogden

We have received another 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 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

(Answer to Puzzle of the Month, Page 6—"the letter r")

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 photo's of the orchids, each photo being accompanied by descriptive notes which give full details for both hybrids and species.



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

Pick up Orchid Society Business
Cards at the January meeting so
that you can have them to pass out
to people about our meetings and
activities.



Orchids and Pitcher Plants

We've never seen so many rose pogonia orchids in one place. These frame some glowing pitcher plants along a road in the Apalachicola National Forest. Robin Kennedy discovered these pogonia along on FR143. There was a group of about 30 in a ditch all within about a 2' diameter circle.

A talented photographer, Kennedy uses a Nikon D100.

WILD ORCHIDS



Orchid is a sweet deceiver. The lovely *Calopogon tuberosus* or "grass pink" blooms from April to June in North Florida. A widespread terrestrial orchid, it thrives in bogs and in meadows.

The "calopogon" deriving from a Greek word for "beard," was first collected in the 1730s by John Clayton in colonial Virginia, according to Carlyle A. Luer in *The Native Orchids of Florida*. Like many flowers, it is a sweet deceiver. Writes Luer, "A bee is deceived by this patch of hairs which mimics a cluster of stamens. Upon alighting, his wiggling weight causes the lip to fold forward, as if in a hinged trap, placing him squarely upon the stigma of the column with outstretched arms waiting below. Thus, propagation is perpetuated as the unsuspecting gymnast deposits pollinia and obtains more for the next flower."



"Progress" and development in Florida have endangered the *Listera australis* or Southern twayblade, shown here with stunning clarity.

Patricia Stampe and

Robin Kennedy found this orchid blooming at the Marianna Caverns "in a leaf littery kind of area," he writes. "They are almost impossible to see unless you know where they are. It was afternoon on a sunny day. There is black cloth in the background

for the closeups to make the flower stand out from the leaf litter." A Nikon digital camera was used.

The Twayblade orchid is threatened.

