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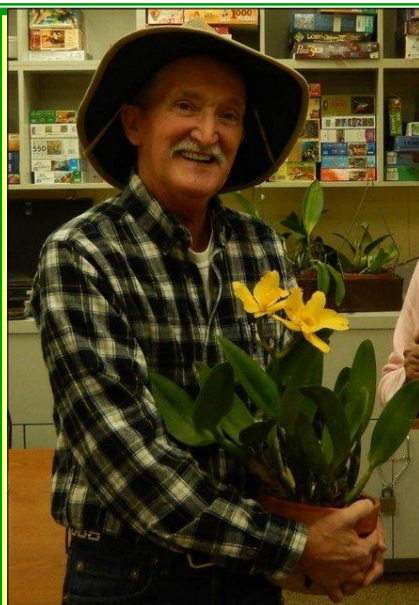
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THE KEIKI



This month's meeting will be very interesting with our member Gary Gethen, who is a master gardener. He will go through the ABC's of orchid care. This is a great time for our new members and novices to learn from the "Master".

Time is 1:00 pm, at the usual meeting place.

CALENDAR OF SPEAKERS/EVENTS FOR NATURE COAST ORCHID SOCIETY FOR BALANCE OF 2019

**MAY 18TH: GARY GETHEN (SOCIETY MEMBER). PRESENTATION ON
INSECTICIDES, FUNGICIDES, ETC.**

**JUNE 15TH: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
& SPEAKER ACCENT ORCHIDS (BRET & RUTH)**

JULY 20TH: LOUIS DEL FAVERO ORCHIDS, INC.

AUGUST 17TH: PAUL PHELPS ORCHIDS (PAUL PHELPS)

SEPTEMBER 21ST: BREDREN ORCHIDS (PHILLIP HAMILTON)

OCTOBER 19TH: PLANT AUCTION AT VFW HALL

**NOVEMBER 2ND: PICNIC AT CREWS LAKE WILDERNESS PARK
(PASCO COUNTY), PAVILION #1**

DECEMBER 7TH: CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BUFFET CITY, BROOKSVILLE

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 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**

People that signed up to bring food are:

Julie Appleget
Sonia Terrelonge
Pat Baig
Connie Chase

For Beverages:

Celeste Ogden
Bantita Hayward
Yati Douglas
Marie Tanaka

Thank you again for all the help with the set up and breakdown of the refreshment area. Team-work sure makes the job much easier on everyone.
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**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.

Spring sure has sprung. With all this beautiful weather our plants are growing like crazy. This is a good time to divide and repot your collection. I have been repotting and dividing our plants for the last two weeks. Just in the last few days I have repotted well over 100 plants! Spring also brings along some unwanted creepy crawly little guys such as mealy bugs, thrips, scale and spider mites. Make sure you have your insecticides/home remedies ready to take care of these little critters. As you are dividing your plants please be thinking about our auction. Donations from members are the lifeblood of our auction each year.

As mentioned at our last club meeting we still have some members with unpaid dues. Please make sure that you get that taken care of as soon as possible. Your membership dues are one of the things that help us pay our VFW Post rent, guest speakers and food for the show and picnic. If you can't be at the next meeting you could always mail your check to Arlene. Dues are \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a family.

At this month's meeting we will be announcing our nominations for our board members. If you want to be added to the nominations, please make your desired position known to the nominating committee prior to announcements. If you would like to attend this month's board meeting it is Wednesday May 15 at the Hernando Library, on the corner of Cortez and Blackbird Ave. The meeting starts at 1pm, all members are welcome to attend.

This month's meeting will be very interesting with our member Gary Gethen, who is a master gardener. He will go through the ABC's of orchid care.

This is a great time for our new members and novices to learn from the "Master".

Our upcoming events are:

June's speakers will be Ruth and Bret Ullery from Accent Orchids in St. Petersburg

July's speaker will be Luis Del Favero from Del Favero Orchids in Tampa

August's speaker will be Paul Phelps from Phelps Farms in Tampa

September's speaker will be Phillip Hamilton from Bredren Orchids in Apopka

October is our annual auction (October 19)

November will be our annual picnic (November 1)

December is our annual Christmas party on December 7 starting at 11am

Happy growing

Steve

Orchids are Masters of Deception

Orchids deceive insects into pollinating them. The reproductive parts of many orchid flowers are shaped and colored to look like the kind of insect they hope to attract. Once the insect is interested, the orchid's pollen sticks to the bug until it flies off to find another orchid that it mistakes for a mate.

Orchids Have a Symmetry Similar to Human Faces

Much of the reason orchids are so widespread is thanks in part to humans' affinity for and desire to grow them. The symmetry of the flower could have a lot to do with why people are so fond of orchids. An orchid has bilateral symmetry—like a human face—so if a line is drawn vertically down the middle of the flower, the two halves are mirror images of each other.



Membership Notes for March

By Arlene Appelbaum

April's meeting was well attended by over 55 members. It has taken several months and we have contacted those people who have been inactive in our society for the past year or two to see if they would like to continue to be in NCOS. Having done this, I am pleased to report that our active membership totals 93 people. My thanks goes to Jeff Rundell and Arty Appelbaum for their many hours compiling a letter and contacting all those folks who we have not seen for quite some time.

Don't forget that new name badges can be ordered for \$13.50. Please contact me if you would like to order one.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting on May 18th.

Arlene Appelbaum

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!

A few members have not renewed their 2019 membership. Those who have not renewed will not receive the Keiki monthly.

NCOC ORCHID QUIZ

1. Which of the following is not an orchid?

- ☐ Calanthe discolor
- ☐ Tricyrtis hirta
- ☐ Odriguezia leeana
- ☐ Paphiopedilum rothschildianum

2. Which orchid genus often produces flower spikes from a sheath?

- ☐ Cattleya
- ☐ Oncidium
- ☐ Vanda
- ☐ Gongora

3. Which orchid genus has two different flower forms on one inflorescence?

- ☐ Dendrobium
- ☐ Dimorphorchis
- ☐ Catesetum
- ☐ Vanda

4. The oldest orchids are:

- ☐ 15 to 25 years
- ☐ 25 to 50 years
- ☐ 50 to 75 years
- ☐ 75–100 years

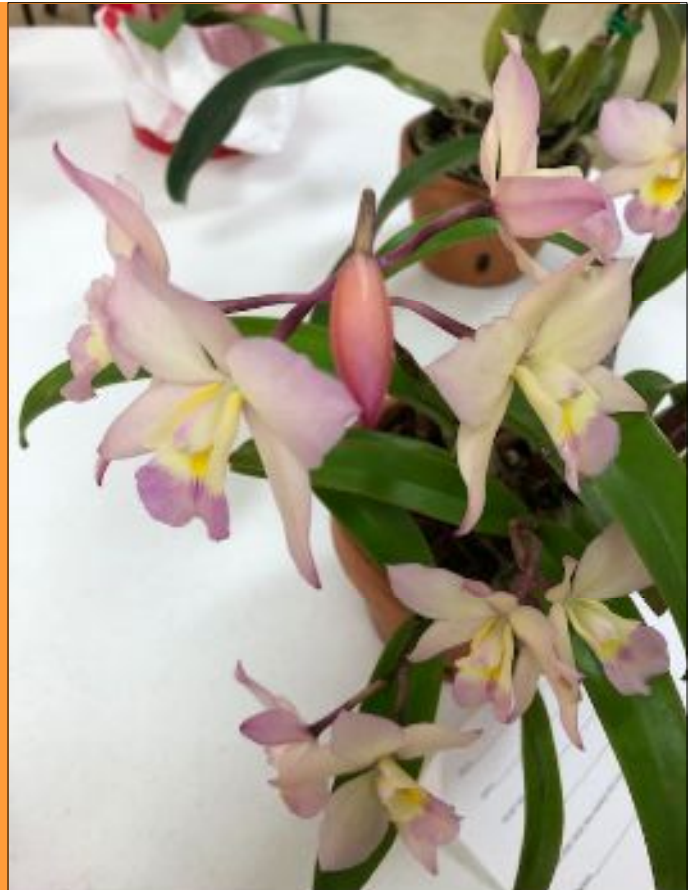
(Answers are on the Library Page # 12)

OLCOSH Show Table 4-20-2019

<u>Plant Name</u>	<u>Grower</u>
Aerangis umbonata	Kara Ramsey
Dendrobium loddigesii	Gary Gethen
Dendrobium cretaceum x self	Gary Gethen
Iwanagara Apple Blossom	Dan Grant
Cattleytonia hybrid	Pat Dupke
Eplc. Charlie Brown 'Hawaii'	Gary Gethen
Lc. Irene Finney 'Spring's Best' AM/AOS	Dan Grant
Paph. Joyce Hasegawa	Gary Gethen
NOID	Diane Musser
Paph. bellatulum	Gary Gethen
Lc. Irene Finney 'Spring's Best' AM/AOS	Matt Riesz
Ascocentrum miniatum	Matt Riesz
C. Hybrid	Delia Dunn
Phal. Zheng Min Parakeet 'Yaphon'	Steve Mattana
C. Jose Marti 'Mother's Favorite'	Dan Grant

Orchid Pictures From The April Show Table











Minutes of April Member's Meeting

By Kara Ramsey

Steve Mattana opened our meeting by discussing our annual show held last month. We had probably the largest crowd yet attend our show. The vendors were happy with the amount of foot traffic present and the number of sales that they saw – with several of the vendors selling out multiple times. The club saw a profit of over \$1,000 with this year's show, which was an historic first for us. Steve again thanked all of those volunteers with the 'WANT TO' who stepped up to help with the show. He honored Marita Riesz with an award of appreciation for all of her hard work organizing and setting up our shows for the last 4 years. He also honored Matt Riesz for all of his hard work in helping to set up the display plants for our annual show and for discussing plants featured on our show table during our monthly meetings.

We are still in need of volunteers to serve as 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President on the board for our club. The primary duty of the 1st Vice President is to provide back up for the President if he cannot be in attendance, and to ensure that the fees for our meeting venue are paid on time. The 2nd Vice President talks to our vendors and ask them if they would like to come to our meeting and perform a program (present/speak) for us. Steve asked for some volunteers to serve on a nominating committee to help find individuals that might be a good fit for the club in these elected positions.

Arlene Appelbaum provided a membership update for the club. As a result of our efforts at the show, the club gained 13 new members. At our meeting today we had 6 guests present and 45 members in attendance. Currently our club has a total of 118 registered members.

Jeff Rundell stood up to recognize Mary Lou Mattana with a certificate honoring her for the numerous jobs she has taken on to help out our club.

Delia Dunn reminded the club that she and Ken will be resigning as Editor of the Keiki in June, as they wish to spend more time traveling and with family. They are still looking for a volunteer(s) to take on this computer work for the club and will assist in explaining to the new Editor how to utilize Microsoft Publisher software program. Please get in touch with Ken, Delia, or Steve if you have any interest in this opportunity.

Steve made a request to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2019 meeting. This motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Pat Baig provided a Treasury Report for our show. The total income for our show, which included the vendors, attendance, raffle, new membership, and repotting came to \$3,565. Our expenses for the show included the hall rental, display supplies, and food totaled \$2,447.20. This year the club made a profit of \$1,117.73 from the annual show. The show this year really was historic. In previous years the club has lost money to put on the show. Education about orchids has always been the club's main goal. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's show a success both financially for our club and educationally by introducing new individuals to growing orchids.

At this month's meeting we broke into small groups to observe and discuss repotting techniques. Steve announced that next month's speaker will be club member Gary Gethen who will give a discussion on insecticides and fungicides.

Matt Riesz discussed the beautiful orchids featured on our show table for this month.

The raffle was drawn and the meeting adjourned.

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. You do not need to be a member.

Upcoming Webinars



Asian Cymbidiums

species – hybrids – culture

with Ken Jacobsen,
Pacific Central Judging Center



Greenhouse Chat for May

Ron McHatton

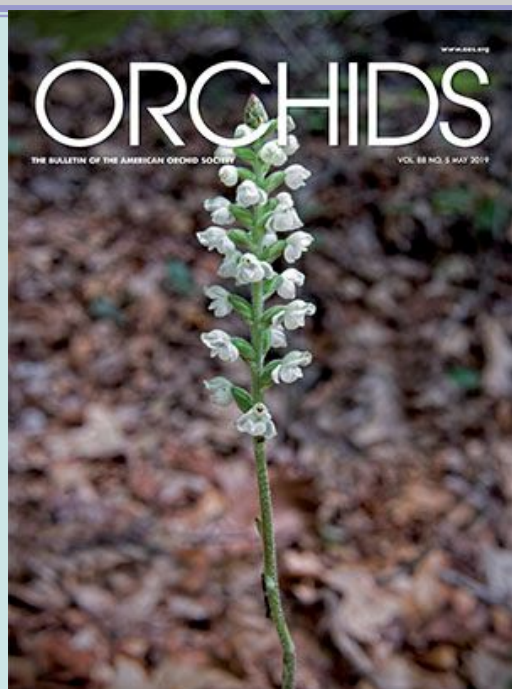
Originally on May 7 but has been archived

Asian Cymbiduims

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



FEATURED IN THIS MONTHS ORCHID SOCIETY BULLETIN

Dendrobium bigibbum was described
by Lindsey in 1852 following collection
by Dr. John Thomson in 1849 from Mt.
Adolphus Island, Australia

Become an AOS member and you can enjoy
such benefits as the monthly bulletin.



YOUR ORCHID LIBRARY

By Celeste Ogden

<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

Growing Orchids (Book Two) by J.N.Rentoul #200-018

Cattleyas and other Epiphytes. Over 200 colored illustrations of orchids together with over 30 black and white photos as well as maps and charts of pedigrees are included in this book. Historical background is given, with the fascinating stories of some of the more prominent nurseries and the adventures of their field staff, particularly in South America in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

NCOS ORCHID QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 4

1. **Which is not an orchid?** Tricyrtis Hirta is the answer. Tricyrtis is a genus of Asian flowering plants in the lily family with approx. 20 known species, commonly known as English toad lilies.
2. **Which orchid genus often produces flower spikes from a sheath?**
The correct answer
Cattleya
3. **Which orchid genus has two different flower forms on one inflorescence?**

The correct answer is Dimorphorchis. Dimorphorchis is a genus of flowering plants from the orchid family, Orchidaceae. It contains 5 known species, all endemic to Borneo.

4. **The oldest orchids are:** 50 to 75 years old





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.

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.

If you step forward now to familiarize yourself with the process and get a good understanding before June, you will be set to go. We will not be available in July to help.

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