



The Keiki

HAPPY 20TH YEAR BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

A brief history of the Orchid Lovers' Club which was founded on May 16, 1992 by Jim & Trudy Duerstock.

By Pat Dupke



Honorary Members Trudy & Jim Duerstock
with Missy

Meetings were held in May-September at Trifles on Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill. Our first club president was Ginny Thein. Starting in October 1992 through April 1993 the club met at the Hernando County Government Complex, Horticulture Offices on Forest Oakes Boulevard, Spring Hill. Starting in May 1993 through March 2001 the club met at the Spring Hill Hospital Enrichment Center, on Mariner Boulevard, Spring Hill. Then in April 2001 we moved to the Oak Hill Hospital Enrichment Center on Cortez Boulevard, behind Oak Hill Hospital. In September 2011 Oak Hill Hospital took over the Enrichment Center and the center was named Partner's Club.

In September 1992, the club submitted an application for AOS membership. In August 1994, we adopted our club logo.

Our first newsletter was printed on April 1995. In August 1995 our newsletter became known as **The Keiki**.

CLUB PRESIDENTS:

June 1992-May 1994 – Ginny Thein
June 1994-June 1998 – Jim Duerstock
July 1998-November 1998 – Barbara Fauska
December 1998-June 1999 – Ed Bugbee, acting president
July 1999-June 2001 – Jim Duerstock
July 2001-May 2002 – Barbara Fauska
June 2002-June 2004 – Dave Dobson
July 2004-June 2006 – Ron Kilgore
July 2006-May 2007 – Jim Duerstock
June 2007-May 2008 – Judy Smith
June 2008-June 2011 – Al Fiore
July 2011-May 2012 – Dave Dobson

ORCHID SHOWS/FESTIVALS:

First orchid show with the Fantasy African Violet Club's show, October 1993 at Springstead High School which was open to the public.

First AOS judged orchid show, April 1996 which was held at the Spring Hill Hospital Enrichment Center; **“Oriental Orchid Gardens.”**

Second AOS judged orchid show, April 1997 which was held at the Suncoast Elementary School; **“Living with Orchids.”**

Third AOS judged orchid show, May 1998 which was held again at the Suncoast Elementary School; **“Joy of Orchids.”**

Fourth AOS judged orchid show, April 1999 which was held at the Florida National Guard Armory; **“Orchids Around the World.”**

Fifth AOS judged orchid show, May 2000 which was held at the Florida National Guard Armory; **“Orchids on Parade.”**

Sixth AOS judged orchid show, May 2001 which was held at the Florida National Guard Armory; **“Orchid Magic.”**

Seventh AOS judged orchid show, April 2002 which was held at the Shrine Club; **“Orchid Safari.”**

Eighth AOS judged orchid show, March 2003 which was held at the Shrine Club; **“Amazing Orchids.”**

Ninth AOS judged orchid show, March 2004 which was held at the Shrine Club; **“Spring into Orchids.”**

Tenth AOS judged orchid show, April 2005 which was held at the S.N.P.J. Lodge; our club won the AOS Show Trophy; **“Rainbow of Orchids.”**

Eleventh AOS judged orchid show, April 2006 which was held at the S.N.P.J. Lodge; **“Orchids A'weigh.”**

Twelfth AOS judged orchid show, March 2007 which was held at the S.N.P.J. Lodge; **“A Jungle of Orchids.”**

Thirteenth orchid festival, March 2008 which was held at the S.N.P.J. Lodge.

Fourteenth orchid festival, March 2009 which was held at the S.N.P.J. Lodge.

Fifteenth orchid festival, April 2010 which was held at the S.N.P.J. Lodge.

Sixteenth orchid festival, March 2011 which was held at the S.N.P.J. Lodge.

SOCIETY SHOWS IN WHICH OUR CLUB HAD A DISPLAY:

April, 1995 we did our first **“design”** in an AOS judged show sponsored by the West Pasco Orchid Society. We won our first trophy for this design.

March 2-3, 1996, West Pasco Orchid Show.

April 5-6, 1997, West Pasco Orchid Show.

February 28-March 1, 1998, West Pasco Orchid Show

October 2-3, 1999, Tampa Orchid Show; October 16-17, Ocala Orchid Show.

April 8-9, 2000, West Pasco Orchid Show; April 28-30, Tampa Bay Orchid Society & AOS Trustees Meeting,

Biltmore Resort in Clearwater – table top display.

October 14-15, 2000, Ridge Orchid Show, Lakeland; October 28-29, Ocala Orchid Show; November 4-5, Gainesville Orchid Show.

February 24-25, 2001, West Pasco Orchid Show; October 20-21, Gainesville Orchid Show; October 27-28, Ocala Orchid Show; November 30-December 2, Ridge Orchid Show.

March 9-10, 2002, West Pasco Orchid Show; September 21-22, Ridge Orchid Show; October 12-13, Ocala Orchid Show; October 26-27, Gainesville Orchid Show.

September 20-21, 2003, Ridge Orchid Show; October 11-12, Ocala Orchid Show.

September 18-19, 2004, Ridge Orchid Show; October 9-10, Ocala Orchid Show.

September 17-18, 2005, Ridge Orchid Show; October 8-9, Ocala Orchid Show.

September 16-17, 2006, Ridge Orchid Show.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES IN DECEMBER:

1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 & 2003 were pot luck and held at the Enrichment Centers. 2004 the luncheon was held at the Fireside Inn, Brooksville. 2005 the luncheon was held at the Bayport Inn, Spring Hill. 2006 the luncheon was held at the Boston Cooker, Spring Hill. 2007 the luncheon was held at the Wellington Club House, Spring Hill. 2008-2011 the luncheon was held at the Boston Cooker.

CLUB PICNICS:

First club picnic was held in June 1998 at Crews Lake Park in Pasco County. From June 1999 – 2000 picnics were held again at Crews Lake Park. June 2001 our picnic was held at Carl & Janet Liss' Orchid Nest, Culbreath Rd., Masaryktown. Then in June 2002-2005 our picnics were held at Crews Lake Park. In October 2006-2010 picnics were held at Crews Lake Park. Then in October 2011 the club voted to have an indoor sub picnic at the Partner's Club, Brooksville.

CLUB TRIPS:

First club outing was October 1998 to the Orlando area. We visited Tropic One, A World of Orchids & Tom Ritter Orchids. Second club outing was a bus trip in June 2000 to Louis del Favero Orchids & Phelps Farm Orchids. Our third trip was a bus trip in January 2001 to Byrd's Orchids, Tropic One Orchids & Krull-Smith Orchids. In May 2004, 2006 & 2010 a bus trip was taken to the Redland International Orchid Festival in Homestead, FL. In December 2005 a bus trip was taken to the Apopka area – growers that we visited were Krull-Smith Orchids, Korus Orchid Corporation, Best Plts. Nursery & Crystal Orchids. In April 2008 a bus trip was taken to Tropicflora Nursery, Plantio Nursery, Orchids Etcetera, Fendors Flora & Venice Orchids. In July 2008 a field trip was taken to Joy Orchids, Brooksville. In May of 2009 a car pool trip was taken to Smiley's Orchids in Clermont & Crystal Orchids in Mt. Dora. In November 2009 we car pooled to Louis del Favero Orchids in Tampa. We car pooled again in October 2011 to Goodwin's Orchids in Ocala, Farnsworth Orchids in Weirsdale, Chapman's Orchids & Krull-Smith Orchids in Apopka.

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS:

May 1992: Pat Dupke

December 1993: Helen Battistrada

April 1995: Ed & Lyn Bugbee, Bronislawa Levy, Joann & Jerry Oberley, Delia Dunn

December 1997: David & Joyce Fowler, Connie Revoir

December 1998: Dave Dobson,

1999: Ken Dunn, Garnet Allport

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