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THE KEIKI



Our New Meeting Place



VFW Post 8681 at 18940 Drayton Street in Shady Hills. The Post is on the corner of Drayton Street and County Line Road, on the Pasco side.

Our Next Meeting will be February 20th at 1:00 pm
JOYCE FOWLER will speak on plant preparation

LARGE TURNOUT AT JANUARY MEETING



Don't forget your membership dues. If you cannot bring your check to the next meeting then just mail it to: Helen Battistrada, Treasurer, 10355 Woodland Waters Blvd, Brooksville, Florida 34613. Make check payable to OLCOSH for \$17.00 for an individual or \$25.00 for a family.



Treasurer's Report

By Helen Battistrada

11/21/2015 Balance	\$5,384.53
Receipts	\$3,567.00
Disbursements	<u>\$1,063.35</u>
11/21/2015 Balance	\$7,888.18

Analysis

Balance as of two months ago: \$5384.53

Receipts for the last two months: \$3567.00
 Show expenses \$400.00
 Raffle: \$86.00
 Picnic: \$30.00
 Dues: \$93.00
 Auction income: \$2733.00
 Two donations:
 Jeff Rundell: \$25.00
 Memorial from Don Dodson: \$200.00

Disbursements for the past two months:
 \$1063.35
 Picnic: \$201.97
 Storage (3 months): \$120:00
 Raffle expenses: \$41.83
 Keiki expenses: \$84.44
 Stamps: \$9.80
 Bank charge (2 mo's): \$6.00
 Meeting hall (VFW – January): \$100.00
 Auction expenses: \$372.85
 Boxes for library book storage: \$31.30
 Christmas Party: \$89.77
 Hospitality: \$5.39

Current balance as of 1/16/2016: \$7,888.18

**February Refreshment Reminder
 by Laurie Ciannamea**

Snacks:

Thomas Govin
 Marita Riesz
 Ruth Redeker
 Bobbie Lemay



Sodas or Juice:

Sue Caparbi-Taylor
 Donna Fazekas

President's message

By Jeff Rundell



It's ShowTime, or it will be in just a few weeks. Even though I admit to being a little frantic in the weeks that lead up to the main event (ask my wife), the end product always makes me feel proud and gratified. So the crescendo has begun and it involves all of us working together to make this the best show ever. Even though this may seem premature, since the show is March 19-20, we will have no meeting in March so now is the time to make sure everything is in place. Here are some of the moving parts that will hopefully come together to make the show blossom in front of our eyes:

1. Vendors: We have enlisted 6 vendors and 3 of them are new which should provide a great mix.
2. Display: I know I've said it before. We need your blooming plants, all of them, so please do anything you can to coax them into submission so that they arrive in full glory even if that means that they only have a single bloom. We may not need every single plant but Linda Hindman and associates need to have things to choose from and very little gets left behind. We also ask our vendors to bring us specimen plants to beef up our display. The display also needs some lifeless help like driftwood, plant

Stands, rocks, planters, trellises, cork, bark and other natural items. Last the display needs foliage like potted ferns, mosses and lichens. I harvested a big bag of lichens, (the grey frothy stuff) from behind my house last year and returned it afterward and it didn't seem to hurt it at all. Just remember to scan it for critters before we get it.

3. Helpers: I've got my sign up sheet in hand and still see some blanks. Specifically we need 5 people to staff the club table at various times on Sunday. Also, we have 5 spaces in the potting shed both Saturday and Sunday afternoon. There are still 3 signs we need volunteers to place. Connie Chase could use an apprentice to help with the educational display on Friday. We need a couple of host volunteers on Sunday. Set up Friday always can use more hands. Finally please join the clean up party Sunday afternoon. The more the merrier!

4. Attendance: What powers our Orchid Festival are people, so we're doing our best to get the word out. Julie Smolka has worked hard to up our profile through advertising. All of us can help her by putting a poster up, which we will distribute or you can print from the website or an email we will send out. So bring a friend or enlist a relative that owes you one.

5. Food: This is Pat Dupke's kingdom so I'm only too happy to let her solicit donations. As I see it, my job is to keep everybody happy by eating some of each donation.

6. I get this sinking feeling that I've forgotten something obvious but that will give you a chance to embarrass me by bringing it up at the meeting on 2/20.

On the 20th we are looking forward to a presentation by Joyce Fowler of Joy Orchids.

I also wanted to note a couple of things that made me smile. We are working toward mailing a printed version of The Keiki to those

without any internet access (thanks, Tim!). We don't want anyone to feel underserved.



I have 2 large blooms on a *Cattleya Walkeriana* x *C. Laelia lobata*, from our legacy donation, (growing in big chunks of Lowes' red lava rock) which is a tribute to the care that the Smiths gave these plants

to the point where they actually bloomed immediately.



Finally I wonder if you can help me identify the little plant in the picture. It came from a south Florida flower bed and I was told it was an import. Kara Warnock, had helped me identify a little import that Yati Douglas had given me as *Zeuxine strateumatica* so let's see who can ID this one before the capsule bursts. I'm looking at the weather forecast and it looks orchid friendly so I'm off to drag out some of the winter weary into the sunshine. What do you think.....too optimistic ?

OLCSH Minutes 16 January, 2016

“Jovial” Jeff Rundell brought the meeting to order and introduced the other Officers present: Treasurer “Hilarious “ Helen Battistrada, VP “Giggling” Geary Harris and Secretary “Playful” Pat Dupke.

This is our first regular meeting in the new facility at the VFW. Members agreed it’s a great venue for us and a big improvement. Jeff informed us the Partners’ Club will no longer be a possibility, so we will continue to meet at the VFW for the foreseeable future.

After silencing everyone’s cell phones, Jeff asked any visitors to announce themselves. Laurie and Todd from Citrus County, who are also new members, were cordially welcomed by the members. Jeff pointed out that Linda Meyer is taking dues, which are an inexpensive \$17 per person or \$25 per family. Paid members receive a ticket for a very nice Dendrobium, to be raffled off at the end of the meeting. We welcomed back member Ed Bugbee, who would be our speaker today, talking about the World Orchid Conference in Miami. Ed brought some very nice plants for sale at bargain prices.

Helen gave us a financial report, which was for two months since we didn’t have a Dec. meeting.

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Helen said we are in very good shape, financially. We have moved our Board meeting, for anyone who would like to attend. Linda Hindman found us a room at the West Hernando Library, located on Route 50 just across from Racetrack. Board meetings are held the Wednesday before our regular meeting.

Thanks to Pat Dupke for arranging our Christmas party. We had some nice plants there, everyone had a good time. If you didn’t find something you like to eat, it doesn’t exist. Thanks also to Ken and Delia Dunn for their work on the Keiki.

They did a tremendous job putting it together, including pictures for anyone who was unable to attend the party. We have copies of the Keiki available for anyone who is unable to access it by computer. If you DON’T get it by computer, please make sure we know about it so we can send you a copy. Thanks, too, to Tim and Judy Smith who helped get the computer set up for today’s presentation. Julie Smolka also got our announcement put on Bay News 9 – YAY, Julie! Our show is coming up, and if you have any ideas on how to get the word out please let Julie know.

A couple of happy/sad notes: We got a donation from Don Dodson in memory of his wife. Don donated many plants, which helped us be so successful in our auction, and also sent a \$200 donation. We are very grateful for both. Those of you who bought orchids at the auction that were from the Dodson bequest, please try to keep that information with it when you repot or divide it. These are very special plants with a lot of sentimental value to our club.

We’re sad to report that member Bill Wilcox died recently. He was a wonderful guy who always had a good word. We’re not sure of the disposition of Bill’s plants but if need be the Board will handle that.

We have reserved the church again for next year’s orchid auction. It was a great venue and we’re excited to be able to use it once again. Matt Riesz kindly volunteered to handle the transcription of the recorded meeting.

We’d really like to get rid of the two nice cabinets that were in Pat’s pickup truck near the entrance today. Hopefully, someone will find a use for them. They previously held our library. \$20 each. Also, since our library can no longer be kept at the Partners’ Club and cannot be at the VFW we’re looking for other alternatives. We’re working on a way to make these books, some of which

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are unusual and/or out of print, available to the membership and keep them as best we can. Tom Govin has created a list of the books in the library and we will be finding a way to make the list available to our members, either on the website or via e-mail. We may also sell some of them.

Speakers: Next month we will have a representative from Ritter Tropic 1 Orchids Nurseries Inc., in Kissimmee. He should have plants for sale. In April we'll have Wally Wilder, from Florida Species Orchids. Wally won't have wild orchids for sale (it's illegal to collect and sell them!) but it should be a fascinating talk on Native Orchids of Florida. We're not sure about the March meeting. We'd like to have it just before the show, to handle last minute details, but there's a problem getting the VFW that day. So we may handle the show details in the February meeting.

Our historian, Linda Hindman, had her leg operated on recently. A get-well card was passed around for the members to sign. She's home recuperating and should be back for our show.

The Show: The Show is Saturday and Sunday March 19th and 20th, with setup on the Friday before. We need help on all aspects of the show, including, but not limited to:
Putting up posters wherever you can. Pat provided some of those and passed them out.

- Thursday night setup
 - Setup on Friday – our exhibit, tables and chairs, etc. – starting around 8:00AM – 9:00AM
 - Collect admissions at the door, and give out the raffle tickets for the hourly plant raffle 2-hour shifts
 - OLCOSH club table staffing – 2 hour shifts
 - Potting shed – 2-hour shifts
 - Put up and take down our signs
- Hosting and general hospitality – steering people around and answering questions
Bringing in foliage plants, stands, and other materials to make our exhibit GREAT
Takedown/cleanup at the end of the show (after 3PM on Sunday the 20th) – All hands on deck!
Providing food items for the members who're working at the show.

Signup sheet for jobs was passed around for people to volunteer. If you missed your chance, please contact Jeff. A signup sheet for food items was also passed around, and if you missed it or would like to provide something more please contact Pat Dupke. The food is for club members only – not the general public. But we're kind of known for our good food. Make sure to put your name on your containers when you bring food.

Working on a show is one of the most fun things about being in an orchid society, and a great way to learn more about the wonderful world of orchids. Vendors at the show will include: Joy Orchids; Touch of Orchids – lots of species; *Accent Orchids – specializing in Dendrobiums and Hicks Orchid Supplies (and orchids).* We also hope to have a couple of others, which the board is working on. Lastly, WE NEED YOUR PLANTS! There's no plant too small or too sad to bring in. Just because it only has a few flowers, or the foliage isn't perfect, doesn't mean we can't place it in our exhibit and make it look GREAT. So bring your plants!

If you want to order a name badge, which are magnetized, please see Linda and give her a check for \$11. They should be ready by the time we do our Show.

After getting some volunteers to judge the show table plants, the meeting recessed for a break with food and drink.

After the break, Julie, Matt and Todd went through the show table plants and discussed how each was grown and why it was selected for a ribbon.

Then we were treated to a great slide presentation from Ed Bugbee on the World Orchid Conference. It was fabulous, and there were lots of oohs and aahs from the audience.

After Ed's presentation the membership raffle and general raffle plants were drawn, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Riesz



Membership Note

From Linda Meyer

2016 started off with a bang for the Orchid Lovers Club of Spring Hill!!

We had a terrific turnout for the meeting held January 16th at our current, spacious temporary meeting place at the VFW on County Line Road. 48 members signed in, including 5 new members! Let's welcome:

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Julie Smolka, our Publicity whiz, was the winner of an orchid in the members-only raffle, and that clever gal immediately posted a picture of it on the club's Face Book page (which she recently established for us). You should check it out if you haven't already. Very cool!

Thank you to all the members who came prepared with a check to pay their dues: gentle reminder to the rest of us to bring a check made payable to OLCOSH for \$17 for an individual membership, or \$25 for a couple.

If you'd like to order a magnetic name badge like the one pictured, please bring a check for \$11 (or add it to your membership dues check)

I will order them right after the February meeting, so we should be able to have them in time to wear them at the Orchid Festival in March. Be sure to sign up for a shift working a job-any job!- at the Festival. It's the best way to really get to

know other club members, and to feel invested in our club (aside from all the \$\$ we all have invested in our amazing, addicting orchids!) See you February 20th at the VFW on County Line Rd, and bring a friend...or bring your sister!

A note about the minutes

The minutes presented on page 4 have yet to be approved by the members. If you see the need for an addition, a deletion or a correction, please use the address below to send an e-mail to advise that a change is needed. THANK YOU!

kdunn004@tampabay.rr.com

Orchid History and Connotation

It's pretty safe to say that there is no flower more widely coveted than the [orchid](#).

Different cultures throughout history have believed in the healing, disease-fighting and protective properties of the orchid. In traditional Chinese medicine the orchid is used to help cure coughs and lung illnesses. The ancient Greeks associated it with virility, and the Aztecs were said to drink a mixture of the vanilla orchid and chocolate to give them power and strength.

With an estimated 25,000 different types that exist naturally, orchids are of the largest flowering plant families. They carry an impression of rarity. Some tropical species grow in virtually inaccessible habitats and have only been seen a few times in the wild. Their exotic mystique and otherworldly beauty was irresistible to the Victorians who collected and displayed them like treasures (similar to the way we do today).

Today they are still hunted and traded by avid orchid collectors who also prize them for their blooms.



Speaker Segment

by Kara Warnock

Our speaker this month was long-time club member Ed Bugbee, who presented a beautiful slide presentation and spoke about his experience at the 19th World Orchid Conference and the Tamiami Orchid Festival while working with H&R Nursery.

The World Orchid Conference is an international event, which is held in a different country once every three years. The Tamiami International Orchid Festival is a weekend long annual orchid show that is held in Miami, FL each January. During the winter of 2009 the 19th World Orchid Conference was held in Miami and coincided with the annual Tamiami show over the same weekend. For those lucky enough to be in attendance to both shows it truly must have been a spectacle to behold.

Many of us that attend orchid shows probably do not stop to think about the amount of work that it takes to put such an event together. We are simply in awe of the dizzying array of beautiful flowers in front of us, and are in search of our newest beauty to take home.

The 19th World Orchid Conference (WOC) in Miami was a five day event open to the public, Wednesday-Sunday. As a side note, the last World Orchid Conference to be held in the U.S. was the 11th WOC back in 1984. Before visitors had even walked through the front entrance to the 19th WOC the orchid vendors had spent the last three days (Saturday-Monday) bustling about the exhibition hall (usually with very little room to move) in order to make everything perfect for those attending the show. Boxes of orchids situated on heavy pallets were moved about the hall using fork lifts to their desired locations.

The orchids which had arrived from all over the world had spent the last several days in these boxes and now need to be unpacked, cleaned,

aired, and watered prior to the arrival of show guests. Sales tables must be positioned and stocked with beautiful plants and flasks for purchase as well as all the necessary CITES paperwork for international buyers. Each of the orchid vendors attending the show must also work furiously at putting together their elaborate display in accordance with the theme of the show and their vision for their nursery.

For the World Orchid Conference each vendor was responsible for putting together their own 500 foot (sometimes larger) square display. The Tamiami show being held at a smaller exhibit hall did not allow for such elaborate displays. Rather than a large individual display, there was a central exhibit that all of the vendors collaborated to put together. The displays allow orchid vendors to feature their plants in a creative fashion, such as recreating for show attendees a natural habitat where several species of orchids may grow. They achieve these feats by using numerous props including painted Styrofoam, ferns, moss, driftwood, water features and a myriad of other items to create a visually pleasing display. For the displays some vendors may use a variety of different colored orchids in the display to create a pleasing color flow throughout the display. Others may use several hundred orchids of the same or similar color in order to create blocks or walls of one color for a dramatic effect.

Some vendors may choose to “showcase” a single orchid of a varying color amongst the wall of mono colored orchids. Such as an orchid with a dramatic red colored flower amongst a sea of white colored blossoms. Some displays at the show were so large and dramatic that the vendors would create paths within the display itself so that visitors could get up close to view the intricate details of their display.

Not all of the displays at the show were large in order to make an impact on show goers. At least one display by Andy’s orchids, a vendor that specializes in several species of miniature orchids, created a Wardian case to showcase several of their miniature gems for visitors to view.

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For anyone that has not attended a major international orchid show it is something that you should attempt to do. I speak from experience having attended the Redlands International Orchid Festival the last several years now. The international shows are incredible events to behold and you will definitely see several species of plants at these shows that you have never seen before. The World Orchid Conference is something unique that probably every avid orchid lover should try to take in at least once during their lifetime.

PREPARING YOUR ORCHIDS FOR SHOW

by Matt Riesz



It is now February and 'show time' is approaching faster than you think and our little jewels have to be shining their brightest for the big day.

Begin to stake your plants progressively now, if you haven't been doing it already. Carefully stake pseudobulbs especially if you have a specimen plant. If your orchid is large with the hope of many flowers, you should stake it so that it appears to be evenly flowered on all sides. Do not move the plant after it is staked or you will change the direction that the plant was staked to grow in.

As show day approaches, hopefully you will be able to remove the stakes. If your plant has a lot of canes, make sure that it is either staked upright or that it's evenly grown and flowered to create a pleasant cascading effect. If you really don't know how to stake a plant correctly, you can bring it to any OLCOSH meeting and ask one of our more experienced growers to show you the best way to stake your plant or its inflorescence.

If your plant has to be staked in order to transport it to the show, to avoid flower breakage, try to stake it before you bring it to the staging area for the show.

Make sure that your orchids have no extra 'meat'

on them. Mealy bugs, scale and spider mites are not especially appealing to your associates who then have to clean up the plants at show setup. It is a known fact that the little beasts will be attracted to that orchid next to it in the cardboard box. There are many different kinds of insecticides, oils and soaps that may be used to get rid of these pests depending upon your growing conditions and size of your collection. Be thoughtful, and use them before you bring your plants to the collection center.

Groom your plants! If they have any leaves that have been badly discolored for any reason, cut them off. Trim off the edges of leaves that are brown and cut them to a point, especially on Cymbidiums. Remove any leaves that are dead. Clean off loose old tissue on older pseudobulbs (a soft bristle tooth brush and soapy water does a great job). Not only will the plants look better, but you also will be able to see if there is any scale hiding underneath the old tissue.

Make sure that your name and the complete name of your plant is printed on masking tape on the bottom of the pot. The proper name includes any awards (AOS, RHS etc.) if applicable. This way you can remove and save the tags to insure that they will not be lost or broken in transit. A written list of your plants should accompany the orchids when you drop them off, and you should keep a duplicate. Remember that we have to complete accurate labels and entry forms with the proper name of the orchid for judging.

Remember, our exhibits are Society Exhibits. Don't be afraid to bring in your plants for the show. Some of the best plants are left on windowsills, under lights or in greenhouses because the owners didn't think they were 'good enough'. Let's try to make it our goal that the Society is represented by as many members as possible, and not just a few individuals.



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ORCHIDS THAT LOOK LIKE SOMETHING ELSE

We will feature one every month



Naked Man Orchid (Orchis Italica)



They prefer partial shade and low nutrient soil and flower in April. They grow up to 20” in height, with bright pink, densely clustered flowers. They are found commonly and widespread in the Mediterranean in large clusters

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FESTIVAL OF ORCHIDS

Presented by The Orchid Lovers Club of
Spring Hill

Saturday March 19, 10am—4pm

Sunday March 20, 10am—3pm

At The VFW Post, Corner of 18940 Drayton and County Line Road
in Spring Hill

**Orchid displays, 6 Vendors, Suppliers,
Potting Booth, Help and Advice**

Free Parking—\$2.00 donation for entry

Hourly Orchid Raffle

**Directions: County Line Road (Pasco 578) 2.7 miles west of 589 Parkway or
6.3 miles east from US 19 (18940 Drayton Street)**

Call 352-503-7858 or 727-856-0222 or visit
www.springhillorchidclub.com for more information



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Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota is marking its 40th anniversary year with an international Orchid show in February 2016. More than 1,000 orchids from the subtropics and tropics of the Americas will be on display February 14 - March 27, 2016 at the Gardens' conservatory for [The Orchid Show: Celebrating 40 Years at Selby Gardens](#). Visitors to the Gardens enjoy the show as part of the larger visitor experience at Selby Gardens, which is the world's only garden committed to the study and preservation of epiphytes, which include orchids. For more information visit www.selby.org.

!!! H E L P !!!

We are in need of salads and desserts for our vendors and club members who are working at our festival on Saturday, March 19th. I will have the sign-up sheet at our meeting on Saturday, February 20th. You may also call me at 727-856-3485. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Pat Dupke

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