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## President's Report For January 2016

I am writing this letter with a heavy heart with the passing of Jan Regan. She was special to me, as she was one of the first club members that really made Dorothy and I welcome when we first joined the club. She had a great attitude and always was in great spirits. Dorothy and I, along with the club members will miss her greatly and she will not be easily replaced.

2015 was a terrible year for the club health wise as we have had a number of members pass or have had serious health issues. I hope that 2016 will see a more pleasant outcome.

We had a great Christmas party, with the largest attendance that I can remember. Lots of good cheer, the food was great, and the bidding at the auction was spirited with lots of bidders.

Its time to think about the upcoming show. We all need to get to work on it and get prepared. There is a roster of the show chair guys and gals included in this bulletin. Please look it over and find one or more jobs you would like to be involved in and contact that chairperson. We need your help and cannot have a successful show without your help and participation.

I want to give a special thanks to Jane Barr for her recent contributions as club treasurer and Hospitality Chairwoman for the show. Due to health problems, she had to resign from those positions. Stacey Schwab has assumed the duties as treasurer and Celia McElroy as chair of the show Hospitality. Please help these members out as they settle into their new jobs.

Look forward to a new year and happy orchid growing.

*John*

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## Sad News – The Passing of Jan Ragan

As many of you have heard, Jan Ragan, wife of Marv Ragan, passed away during the Christmas holidays. Jan was a longtime and much loved member and friend of the Jacksonville Orchid Society whose smile always preceded her. Simply stated – she will be missed by her friends and the members of JOS. Several members shared their memories of Jan...

### ***Christie Peppard shared...***

Jan and Marv are adopted grandparents to me and the Peppard family. We have all enjoyed July 3rd Dinners and the July 4th PARTY & FIREWORKS. Our family has always enjoyed Marv and Jan's stories of their orchid adventures. One of our favorite memories of Jan is her Queen wave on the redneck limo. Most remembered is Jan's laughter at the kids playing volleyball in the mud pit and the mud wrestling that followed. Her smile and laughter will always be missed.

### ***Jane Barr shared...***

Jan Ragan was one of the kindest and first members of the Jacksonville Orchid Society to welcome me as a new member. She identified the first few orchids I purchased and taught me how to culture orchids I won in the raffle when I didn't have a clue what it was I won. I very fondly recall her sitting in the JOS Show Kitchen while I had the pleasure of enjoying and running the kitchen as she enjoyed the food I had made, cutting up with me and regaling me with stories that had her in fits of giggles with twinkles in her eye that I will always remember as SPARKLING like glitter, causing me to giggle too and simply embrace her! She was an awesome mentor, wonderful woman and will be remembered in my soul as long as I live. I loved Jan and will always think of her in the same way I think back fondly and smile at the memories of my two dear Grandmothers who guided me to become who and what I am!

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Rest in Peace Jan – you deserve to go rest high on that orchid mountain. I love you!

Jane Barr



### **A Message from our Outgoing Treasurer...**

Dear Friends and Members of the JOS,

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and welcome to the New Year! I wanted you to hear the news first from me and put out a most sincere request for all to step up and do any and everything you can to help out your and my beloved Jacksonville Orchid Society! The board works extremely hard to make this society what it is and something for us all to be proud to say we are members of. A tremendous amount of work goes into what our board and committee members do and I want to thank everyone who has taken part.

It is with a certain amount of regret and sadness that health issues with my back are causing me to step down as Treasurer and Show Kitchen Chair of the Jacksonville Orchid Society. I want to be the first to tell you, this was a VERY difficult decision for me and one I did not take lightly. Reality, however, has mandated that I must take care of the issues happening within my body and heal them. If I cannot help and heal myself, then I cannot be of help to the JOS. I am working with my spine doctors, family practitioner, physical therapy and doing all that I can to get myself strong so I can be back and better than new! This is a TEMPORARY good-bye, but I WILL be back and helping in every way I can. At present, it is unfair to the society for me to hold positions that my body cannot physically do, so in good conscience, I resigned my positions as of the end of 2015.

Here's where YOU, as my friends and members of the JOS (I know you love the society as much as I do), can help. The JOS needs YOU. PLEASE step up, join a committee, jump in, help out, make yourself a bigger and better part of our beloved society, you will feel a better sense of belonging, I guarantee it! Every bit of help is needed to keep this society strong. Every one of you has much to offer and much to learn. If you don't know what to do, no worries, you'll learn and your input can make a difference – it's what we all do – it's life. I am grateful to the JOS, have learned a lot, made many new lasting friendships and helped in every way I could help, I belong here. I have no regrets. Make me proud, step up, speak up, and I will be back as soon as I am able!

Highest regards and Happy New Year My Friends!

Jane Barr

## 2016 JOS Speaker Schedule

The 2015 Speaker Schedule is being constantly revised. Here's the current picture of the next couple of months:

Date	Speaker	Topic
12 January	Ron Midgett, New Earth Orchids	To Be Announced
9 February	Paul Storm of Meke Aloha Orchids	Schombo-Sex, 102
8 March	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
12 April	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
10 May	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
14 June	Fred Clarke	To Be Announced
12 July	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
9 August	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
13 September	Tom Kuligowski	To Be Announced
11 October	Roy Tokunaga	To Be Announced
8 November	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
December 2016	Christmas Party	<i>Christmas Party!</i>

### *Up-Coming South Eastern Orchid Show Events*

Date	Event	Comments
<b>January 2016</b>		
15-17	Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "An Orchid Masquerade"	Contact micahelschaberl@comcast.net for additional information
23-24	Miami Orchid Society's "Tamiani International Orchid Festival"	Contact martin.motes@gmail.com for additional information
<b>February 2016</b>		
6-7	Venice Areal Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale	Contact cwood12@msn.com for additional information
12-14	Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show & Sale	Contact realtojanet@bellsouth.net

## American Orchid Society Seasonal Orchid Care Checklists

The American Orchid Society (AOS) provides a wealth of information on their website (see <http://www.aos.org>) for members and non-members alike. If you are not a member, please consider joining as you have the interest and opportunity.

### Monthly Checklist for January and February

#### Cattleya

Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.



#### Cymbidium

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#### Lycaste

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#### Odontoglossums

Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using *Oncidium* and *Brassia*, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead

pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

### **Paphiopedilum**

The standard Paphiopedilum insigne-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a paphiopedilum, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.



### **Phalaenopsis**



Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid shows and sales.

### **Zygopetalum**

For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.

### **FROM THE SHOW TABLE CHAIRWOMAN – Linda Schenholm**

Thank you so much for giving your time during the 2015 monthly meetings. You readily agreed to judge, clerk and call the winning plants and that made my job so much easier. I do have to admit I enjoyed calling each and everyone of you, and enjoyed talking with your significant other when he or she answered the phone.

We're starting a new year so I'll be calling on you again. You're welcome to call me if you would like to volunteer during a certain month, or you and a buddy would like to judge together.

Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year!

## A REMINDER – REPOTTING CLINIC!

- *The JOS Repotting Clinic Begins in February!*
- Learn how to remove plant from old pot and ready for repotting
- Learn to determine correct medium for each plant
- Water - Fertilizer - insect/disease info.
- Long-term growers available for questions and advice
- Create friendships with other JOS members and with orchid growers/lovers who come to Hagan Ace
- (some growers/lovers bring in a plant(s) every month

*Epicattlieya Rene Marques "Flame Thrower"*

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In the greenhouse now... It seems our warm winter has accelerated the growth of orchids I don't normally see until the spring. What has been your experience?

*The Editor*



## Notes for Newcomers, New Members, and Novices

**Hands-On Training.** During the Spring thru Fall seasons, the JOS conducts “Re-potting Clinics” at the Hagan Ace Hardware on San Jose in Mandarin. This is a *de facto* training session for anyone wanting to learn how to repot their orchids. Older, or more experienced (!), members will be on hand to repot orchids for members of the public. More importantly, they are also there to help our new members, novices, and anyone interested learn how to report orchids of all types and descriptions. We do charge a nominal fee to recoup the cost of materials used in repotting, but other than that, there is no cost. More importantly, you can come by and “suck the experts’ brains dry” regarding orchid esoterica.

There is no better way to learn, than to learn by doing, so plan to come by and take advantage of our members’ knowledge, and learn how to repot orchids under their expert tutelage. The good news is that orchids are tough, and our members will help you learn about orchids from those that know—*Active Growers!*

**American Orchid Society.** Experienced growers know and recognize the value of the American Orchid Society (AOS). They are located on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.aos.org>. They offer information and expertise spanning the entire field of orchids. Locally, several of our members are practicing or past AOS judges. When you visit their website, you’ll find references, resources of all types, and often an invitation to participate in an on-line seminar of topics of interest to all orchid growers. You might also notice that elsewhere I’ve included monthly-themed American Orchid Society Seasonal Orchid Care Checklists. A benefit of membership is that AOS resources are available for member use.

Another AOS benefit is training. The AOS trains and provides judges for Orchid Shows, judging of AOS member orchids, and other events. You are welcome to attend AOS training and their doors are always open.

**Resources.** Thinking of the World Wide Web; the Web offers near-endless resources. Of course, the difficulty is finding accurate resources. Several of my favorites include not only the AOS, but:

**The Internet Orchid Encyclopedia** — <http://www.orchidspecies.com>

**The Orchid Wiki**—[http://orchids.wikia.com/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://orchids.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page)

**The St. Augustine Orchid Society**—<http://www.orchidspecies.com>

**Show Table—For the Novice.** Novice Growers and new members should not hesitate to display orchids on the monthly show table. There are several benefits, but the most important one is that you’ll get experience displaying your orchids in comparison to those of your peers, and also have an opportunity to learn about the process. Moreover, as a novice you’ll have an opportunity to display your orchids in your own category—Novice. But, here’s the thing, every one wants to see others’ orchids and are always pleasantly surprised when their own orchid places. So where are your orchids and why aren’t they on the Show Table?

- *The Editor*

## Footnotes ...

### ***On Sponsors...***

Please be sure to let our sponsors know that you are a member of the Jacksonville Orchid Society. It is important that we let them know through our patronage of our appreciation of their support.

In the Jacksonville area - Please visit the ***Williams Plant Nursery*** for your yard and greenery needs. The ***Williams Plant Nursery*** has supplied the Jacksonville Orchid Show with the greenery filling out the display spaces for the past several years. Let's make sure we support them as they have supported us.

### ***On our Speakers...***

Many of our speakers accompany their presentation with a selection of orchids, many of which relate directly to their presentation. Their sales of orchids is how they defray the true cost of traveling to make their presentation to the Jacksonville Orchid Society. Please be sure to view their orchids and purchase the temptation they've brought your way... ***It may not be available later!***

### ***Email Newsletter...***

If you know of a JOS member that is not receiving the newsletter via email, please send their email address my direction. I'll add it to the list if we don't have it, or correct a bad email address.

### **Thanks - The Editor**

### ***2015 Jacksonville Orchid Show Vendors***

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## Footnotes Continued ...

### January 2016 Pre-Meeting Dinner

A number of JOS members meet for dinner before the monthly meeting. In January 2016 we'll meet at "The Derby House" on Park Street, in the Riverside District of Jacksonville, at 5PM. Please feel free to join us—We look forward to seeing you.

See the link on GoogleMaps: <http://goo.gl/maps/VQzAI>

### **Audio Visual Support:**

*Confession time: I've handed in my Super Man cape. You'll note that I missed taking 4 pictures at the last meeting. In my effort to set up the AV support for the speaker and Society, I lost track. So its time to hand off this duty to someone who can focus on just this one task. The good news is that it's simple and easily learned. Please see John or myself and we'll get you started.*

Thanks—Art Russell, **The Editor**

### **A note from your Editorial Staff:**

Your newsletter, *The Bulletin*, is only as good as the content provided by its members. Often times the Editorial Staff writes the articles or uses others' with permission. Better yet would be if we build the newsletter around **Your** contributions. You don't need to be an accomplished author; you just need a willingness to take on a orchid-related, or other topics of interest to the membership. Send your submission to the Society Secretary or President, and they'll get it to us.

On another note, the Society needs assistance setting up audio-visual equipment for our monthly meetings. Please let the Society President or Art Russell know if you can help out.

Thanks—**The Editor**

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