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President's Report For February 2016

Well, here we are again with the cold weather and more fungus, mildew and crown rot to contend with. I think the weather is being controlled by the chemical companies that sell fungicides.

We had our first board meeting Thursday the 28th of January. The main topic was to set our budget for 2016. It required several hours but was finally finished with the overall total being what it has been for the last several years. Now all we need is for everyone to pay their dues to stay an active member.

Dorothy and I went to the Tamiami show to pickup raffle plants. We ran into Cammy, and three other members 'Linda, Margie and Stacey' who were buying out the place. How they and the plants got back is a mystery. It was a great show and was loaded with a great selection of orchids. If you have never been, it is a worthwhile trip and try to go next year. There are not as many vendors as at Redlands, but the comfort level is much nicer.

We need to put on our show hats as it is now less than 60 days away. Eric has lined up a great list of vendors and with everyone pitching in, the prospects look good for another great show. If you haven't signed up to participate, now is the time. We need all the help we can get and for new members it is a great way to get involved.

John

JOS General Meeting Minutes—January 2016

The January 12th 2016 meeting of the Jacksonville Orchid Society was called to order by its President John Van Brocklin. There were no minutes or Treasurers report to approve this month.

Jane Barr, who has been the Society's Treasurer, will no longer be able to continue her duties. Stacey will take over the Treasurer position, which will then leave her Secretary position open. The Secretary position will be discussed at the next Board of Directors meeting. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28th at 6:00PM at I HOP Restaurant on Bay meadows Rd. Mike Heinz spoke with Jane earlier in the week and said that she is now on permanent disability.

The passing of Jan Regan, a long time member of the JOS, was mentioned. Christy said that Marv would be entering the hospital on Friday to have a pace maker put in.

Dorothy Van Brocklin announced the visitors and guests for the evening. All members were reminded that Mary Malouin, our Librarian, had several books available to help in your orchid growing. Mike mentioned a basic orchid growing book is helpful for any new grower.

The upcoming Jacksonville Orchid show was discussed. The dates for the show are: April 2nd and 3rd. Help will be needed prior to the show, during, and after the show. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting, so please sign up and make yourself available where needed. Margaret Cavin needs trophy sponsors, so see her at the next meeting. See Celia the food chair- person for help with food and drinks for the show.

Art needs help with the audio and visual during the meetings. Please see Art if you are available to help with this task.

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We broke for snacks. Victoria reminded everyone to sign up for the refreshment table. Donations are always accepted.

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Member Notes

January started off with lots of visitors and one new member. Vasile Chencian is our new member. He has been visiting for several months with Bob Gaffney so some of you may already know him. If not, please look for him at the meeting, introduce yourself and make him feel welcome..

Remember, it is time for our annual dues. There is no change to the membership amount: \$20.00 for a single membership and \$25.00 for a family membership. Even if your spouse or partner is not active in the club, if they will be attending the picnic and Christmas party with you, it is more cost effective for you to get a family membership. Traditionally, guests are charged \$5.00 more than members at those events. Not a big savings but a little more money in your orchid fund.....I know you all have one!

Look forward to seeing you in February.

- **Dorothy Van Brocklin, Membership Secretary**

Editor's Notes

This issue is a bit larger than usual. Let's hope it doesn't choke your email server. I'll try to compress it as much as possible and will also provide the membership with a download link as well. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that this will work for the membership.

Why a larger issue? In a word—We're advertising our February speakers, *Paul and Mary Storm*. You will have already received an advanced flyer announcing their February 9 presentation, Shombo-Sex 102. To setup the topic, I've included one of his articles from the AOS journal, "**Orchids.**" Paul and Mary are planning to bring a large selection of Schomburgkia for sale to the meeting, as such, there will be **no member sales at the meeting**. Please also note that Paul and Mary **DO NOT accept credit cards**. Please bring **CASH or CHECKS** to pay for your purchase. In addition, Paul and Mary do accept Pre-Orders. I've been to their website at <http://www.mekealohaorchids.com> and placed my order. Make sure you take a look as well.

Speaking of the AOS, you are a member, are you not? If not, take a look their website, <http://www.aos.org/>. There you will find a wealth of resources intended to help improve your understanding and appreciation of orchids. It's almost time for me to renew, and I will again—for 2 years.

New Sponsor! Claude Hamilton of Hamlyn Orchids, <http://www.mekealohaorchids.com>, and on [Facebook](#), is now a sponsor. Be sure to take a look at his website. Claude is a well respected AOS Judge and his offerings are as varied as they are interesting. Claude will be at Redlands so be sure to look him up!



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Free Admission

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2016 Jacksonville Orchid Society Annual Show Staff Positions

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JOS General Meeting Notes—Continued

Due to planning issues our speaker for the evening was not here, but Eric Cavin, an AOS judge filled in to speak on “Paph’s”. A couple of items from Eric presentation of Paphiopedillum that were note-worthy.

Eric’s General bactericide recipe, used with 1 gallon of water:

Orthene- 1 TSP (systemic pesticide)

Thiomyl- 1 ½ TSP (systemic fungicide)

Dithane- 1 ½ TBS (topical fungicide)

Use a pump sprayer and apply 2 times 7 to 10 days apart. Then use monthly.

**Treasurer's Report
January 2016**

Ending Balance December 2015 **\$ 23,083.76**

Income:

Membership Dues	\$ 570.00	
New Member Dues	\$ 20.00	
Raffle Tickets	\$ 130.00	
JOS Lapel Pin	\$ 3.00	
Phalaenopsis Books	\$ 90.00	
Member Name Tags	\$ 30.00	
T-shirts	\$ 15.00	
Vendor Deposits for 2016 Show	\$ 2,800.00	
Trophy Sponsorship for 2016 Show	\$ 50.00	
Bank Interest Income	\$ 8.20	
Total Income	\$ 3,716.20	\$ 26,799.96

Expenses:

Speaker Fee	\$ 100.00
Christmas Dinner Refund	\$ 20.00
Christmas Auction Mbr Vendor Distribution	\$ 536.00
Photo for Show Poster License Download	\$ 33.00
Credit Card Fee (2.75%)	\$ 17.65
Bank Adjustment	\$ 10.00
Total Expenses	\$ 716.65

Ending Balance January 2016 **\$ 26,083.31**

Potting Clinic Petty Cash Fund	\$ 25.00
Raffle Petty Cash Fund	\$ 25.00
Petty Cash Fund	\$ 25.00

2016 JOS Speaker Schedule

The 2016 Speaker Schedule is being constantly revised. Here's the current picture of the next couple of months:

Date	Speaker	Topic
9 February	Paul Storm of Meke Aloha Orchids	Schombo-Sex, 102
8 March	JOS Members	Show Preparation and Round Table
12 April	Jim Roberts Suncoast Orchids	Advancing orchids out of compots
May	<i>Annual Picnic—No Speaker To Be Announced</i>	
14 June	Fred Clarke	To Be Announced
12 July	Louis Del Favero	To Be Announced
9 August	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
13 September	Tom Kuligowski	Something on Angraecum
11 October	Roy Tokunaga	To Be Announced
8 November	Courtney Hackney	Blue Orchids
December 2016	<i>Christmas Party!</i>	

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



Brassolaeliocattleya Little Toshie
x Sakurahime - December 2012

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Schombo-Fever Sweeping the

Whether You Call Them Schomburgkias, Myrmecophilas or

BY PAUL STORM



Laelocattleya Caprice 'OK', HCC/AOS (*Cattleya longipes* x *Laelia schultzei*)

Grower: Stephen Benjamin

Photographer: Richard Noel

Country and Caribbean!

Laelias, These Are Fantastic Plants

OFFICIALLY "SCHOMS" HAVE been around since 1838 when they were first described by Lindley in *Sertum Orchidaceum* (Lindley 1838) with *Schomburgkia crispera* as the type species. *Myrmecophila*, the related but separate group with hollow pseudobulbs, was first described by Rolfe in 1917 to accommodate four species that didn't quite fit (Rolfe 1917). Confusion has continued ever since. The respected and much loved Dr. Carl Withner, an acknowledged expert in a wide variety of orchid genera, wrote in *Cattleyas and Their Relatives — VOL. III* that

"*Schomburgkia* is one of the most perplexing orchid groups with which I have ever worked" (Withner 1993, p. 13).

Withner was obviously correct as the species in this group have, at different times, been variously referred to and described as *Schomburgkia*, *Myrmecophila*, *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Bletia* and *Epidendrum*. In addition, many of the individual species have been described by several different names by various recognized botanists. Some species have been associated with up to 14 different validly published names. It is no wonder that Carl Withner remarked about this confusing and difficult group!

At the time Withner's book was published, all of the species within this group were included in the genus *Schomburgkia*, which was divided into

two subgenera: *Schomburgkia* containing the species with solid pseudobulbs and *Chauno-schomburgkia* to accommodate those with hollow pseudobulbs. In 2005, with publication of *Genera Orchidacearum VOL. IV*, (Pridgeon, Cribb, Chase and Rasmussen 2006) the familiar schoms were cleaved: *Myrmecophila* was accepted as distinct and the remaining species were transferred to the genus *Laelia*. For purposes of this article I refer to them as schombo/laelias in order to differentiate them as separate from other species in the genus *Laelia*.

At present, the World Checklist of Selected Plant Families (WCSP; 2013) recognizes 14 species that I would consider schombo/laelias. This list of species is accepted by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) when registering hybrids and by the American Orchid Society for award purposes. This group includes: *colombiana* (formerly known as *wallisii*), *gloriosa* (which now includes *crispera* and *fimbriata*), *elata*, *heidii* (formerly considered a *undulata* × *rosea* hybrid), *lueddemanii*, *lyonsii*, *marginata*, *moyobambae*, *rosea*, *schultzei*, *splendida*, *superbiens*, *undulata* and *weberbaueriana*.

Myrmecophila (Mcp.), those with hollow pseudobulbs, includes ten species: *albopurpurea*, *brysiana*, *christinae* (formerly part of *brysiana*), *exaltata*, *galeottiana*, *grandiflora* (formerly part



JIM MARTIN

Laelia colombiana (*Schomburgkia wallisii*)



MARILE BRANCH FARMS

Myrmecophila christinae



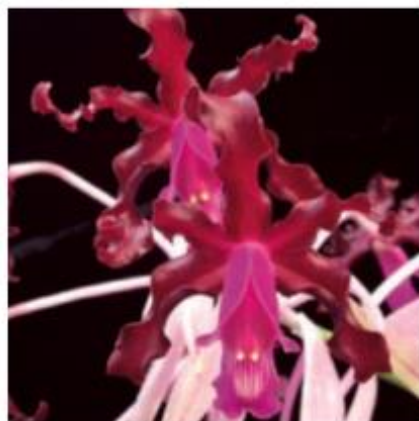
JEAN FINALE

Laelia (*Schomburgkia*) *lueddemanii*



JIM MARTIN

Myrmecophila (*Schomburgkia*) *brysiana*



MARILE BRANCH FARMS

Laelia (*Schomburgkia*) *splendida*. Lip side lobes are closed over the column and the apices flare away from the column apex.



MEKE ALOHA ORCHIDS

Myrmecophila (*Schomburgkia*) *grandiflora* normally, but not always, has shorter and wider sepals and petals and a wide open lip.



MEKE ALOHA ORCHIDS

A very rare "blue" or "coerulea" color form of *Laelia* (*Schomburgkia*) *rosea*



MEKE ALOHA ORCHIDS

Myrmecophila (*Schomburgkia*) *tibicinis*

of *tibicinis*), *humboldtii*, *thomsoniana*, *tibicinis* and *wendlandii*. *Myrmecophila sawyeri* was excluded because its botanical description paralleled that of *galeottiana*. This concept is currently considered a hybrid of unknown parents and hopefully future DNA testing will determine the parents of this "orphaned" hybrid, which is still admired and marketed.

One of the fascinating aspects of schombo/laelia and *Myrmecophila* species is their ability to hybridize with almost all of the related species in the Cattleya Alliance. This ability to interbreed creates a fascinating and myriad variety of hybrids available to collectors and enthusiasts. When two or more natural genera are combined to create a new hybrid genus, the new genus is referred to as a nothogenus. Currently, there are 44 nothogenera containing *Myrmecophila* as one of the component genera. These nothogenera may include up to (currently) five different Cattleya Alliance genera as components. The larger number of 98 nothogenera involving *Laelia* reflects the inclusion of many additional *Laelia* species other than the schombo/laelias. At this time, these nothogenera may include as many as seven different genera in the Cattleya Alliance.

Another intriguing aspect of these hybrids is that many seedlings of the same cross often appear to be totally different as they bloom because they display great variety. This novelty creates another wonderful opportunity for enthusiasts to concentrate on collections of seedlings of the same parents that display such interesting diversity. More genera involved in a hybrid increases the genetic combinations which result in increased variety among the seedlings of hybrids with the same parents. The tremendous variety of *Laelia/Schomburgkia* and *Myrmecophila* hybrids (with their hundreds of different generic combinations), results in new color patterns, colors and flower forms as well as possible resistance to predators, which some hybrids inherit from the thicker leaves of their species parent.

Due in part to their increased popularity, a major problem currently seems to be the misidentification of several of these species. The Internet, eBay and Craigslist, along with some commercial nursery advertisements and photographs, occasionally contain incorrect species names and photos, which only adds to the confusion. Several times while perusing the schomburgkia section of eBay, a large number of the listings or photos also



Myrmecatavola Frances Fox (*Brassocattleya* Polka Dot × *Myrmecophila tibicinctus*). Grower: Greg Allikas



Rhyncatlaelia Graf's Fusion 'Delicia Purpura', HCC/AOS (*Rhynchocattleya* Edisto × *Laelia undulata*). Grower: Planio La Orquidea



Laeliocatanthe JJ Crawley (*Cattlianthe* Tutankamen × *Laeliocattleya* Lady Luck). Grower: Meke Aloha Orchids

cited various university and garden herbarium specimens and treatises that list one species illustrated with a photo, drawing, specimen, or label of a different species.

When I first became enamored with this intriguing and exciting group of orchids I acquired a personal collection of several plants of all of the recognized species *based on their labels!* That is, I *thought* I was growing all of the species within this group until they began to bloom. At that time, I discovered the disappointing fact that even though the label identified the plant as a specific species it did not necessarily mean that it was correctly labeled. There is an understandable history of AOS awards for species in these groups that were awarded according to their label, which on occasion also happened to be incorrect. In appreciation of all dedicated AOS accredited judges, it is not reasonable to expect anyone to be knowledgeable in recognizing all of the tens of thousands of individual species in all genera! It should be the responsibility of individuals who submit species for award consideration to assure their orchids are correctly identified *before* submitting them for judging. In addition, it should also be the responsibility of individuals who register hybrids or offer species and hybrids for

sale to verify that their plants are correctly identified. Gradually, by recognizing the similarities of certain species blooming at the same time and matching them with their botanical descriptions in various publications, it is possible to recognize specific species and correct the labels when necessary. However, there is great variety within certain species and I believe there will be changes and additions still to come. Hopefully, continued advancement in plant DNA technology should provide a more complete list of species included in these genera in the future. Until then, the standards for species recognized by the RHS and AOS should be accepted and followed, which will ensure that everyone is working with the same taxonomy as it exists at this time. Diverse opinion or disagreement regarding what is currently accepted in the WCSP, although having possible future validity or acceptance, perpetuates the current confusion of species identification when it affects judging, registering hybrids or sales.

In recent years schombo/laelias, *Myrmecophila*, and their hybrids have continued to grow in popularity and it is no surprise that this once unknown and unappreciated group is quickly earning the affection and attention of orchid growers everywhere by becoming the most popular

group of orchid "new kids on the block." In recognition of their phenomenal rise in popularity, many commercial nurseries are creating new hybrids in order to meet the increased interest and collectors now have a wide variety from which to choose. Many of these hybrids will become "classics" and favorites and will receive future awards as judges become more accustomed to viewing them in shows and judging centers. Therefore, it is even more important that species and registered hybrids (and hybrids in the process of being registered) are correctly identified. In judging new complex hybrids, preconceived ideas based on standards for one of the species' parents ("too twisty," "too narrow," "lateral sepal not erect enough," etc.) need to be set aside as we consider the possibilities of what the progeny of the parents might produce and then honor the best of these results. As their presence in shows and judging increases, we are challenged to become creative and consider future possibilities of new flower forms, flower arrangement and color combinations.

Personally, I have never found an easier group of orchids to grow and bloom that has such a wide array of variety, shape, color and patterns. In view of their increasing popularity, many orchidphiles



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are obviously having a similar experience. How can many other orchid groups compete with: pretty, different, ease of growth, tremendous variety and some resistance to predators? This winning combination will obviously continue to attract an increasingly appreciative new group of fans, as well as excite and entice those who have already discovered them.

A few years ago the multitalented and gifted photographer for the American Orchid Society, Greg Allikas, wrote a personal and nostalgic essay in tribute to this group that he titled *Farewell Schomburgkia* (Allikas 2009). Allikas wrote that “the name itself holds a special magic for me; remembrances of my early days when every new orchid discovered was a source of excitement.”

To this I add: Move over Greg, the circle of admirers for this group is becoming larger, and larger and at the rate that it is expanding, our circle better be really large in order to accommodate all of us as well as future converts! Since this essay is still available on the American Orchid Society website I encourage anyone who hasn't had the pleasure of reading *Farewell Schomburgkia* to do so, and whoever may appreciate a refresher should consider reading it again.

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Paul and Mary Storm are the owners of Meke-Aloha Orchids “Schombo-World” in Sarasota, Florida. They have presented programs throughout the country and the Caribbean including: Schombo-Love 101, Schombo-Sex 102, Landscaping with Schoms, The Variety of Schom Hybrids with the Same Parents, Schombo/Laelia and Myrmecophila Species and their newest program Schombos-Right or Wrong. (email mekealoha@comcast.net; website www.mekealohaorchids.com)

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JOS General Meeting Notes—Continued

Paphs need pure water, good air circulation, and they can be repotted at any time.

The show table was called by Eric. The judges this evening were; Dottie Morrison, Frank Walkin, and Mary Malcouin clerked. The raffle table was called by John and Christy.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9M.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Myers

Up-Coming South Eastern Orchid Show Events

Date	Event	Comments
February 2016		
6-7	Venice Areal Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale	Contact: cwood12@msn.com
12-14	Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show & Sale	Contact: realtojanet@bellsouth.net
13-14	Boca Raton Orchid Society Show	Contact: Lorraine Conover 561-395-2145
26-28	Naples Orchid Society 2016 Orchid Show	Contact: Richard Pippen 239-775-5220
March 2016		
5-6	Key West Orchid Society Show "Wild About Orchids"	Contact: Jay Pfahl 305-294-1101 jfal@sprynet.com
5-6	Martin County Orchid Society "Orchids Carnivale"	Contact: David Nickerson & Debbie Wilson 561-891-1572 davidnickerson.environmental@gmail.com
5-6	Englewood Area Orchid Society "Orchids by Lemon Bay"	Contact: Mary Anne DiGrazia 941-697-9237 tommaryanne@centurylink.net
5-6	Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show	Eileen or Julio Hector 813-368-7353 or 813-765-9271 TampaBayOrchidSociety@verizon.net
12-13	Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show	Contact: Jim Longwell 239-340-5520 jlongwell1@comcast.net

Up-Coming South Eastern Orchid Show Events Continued

Date	Event	Comments
12-13	Orchid Society of Coral Gables	Contact: Melana Davison 760-212-8919 orchidiva@att.net
19-20	Port Saint Lucie Orchid Show "Orchid Paradise"	Contact: Hellen Wagner 772-599-3014 hellenrwagner@aol.com
26-27	Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Show	Contact: Jan Amador 954-347-2738 jbamador@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

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.

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

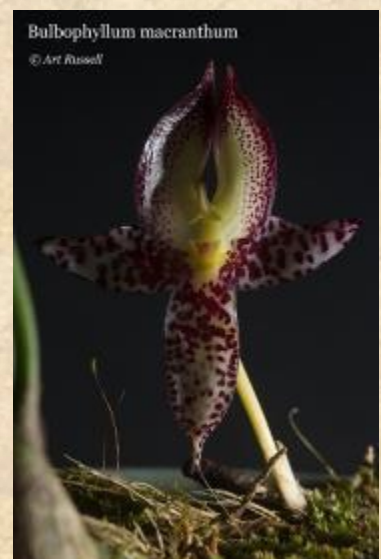


Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is 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.



Show Table Results January 2016

Cattleya Alliance		
1 st Place	<i>Cattleya glauca</i>	Diana Burwell
2 nd Place	Epicattleya Rene Marques "Flame Thrower" #1	Jane and Art Russell
3 rd Place	Laeliocattleya Betty Ford 'York'	Margie Johnson
Cymbidium Alliance		
1 st Place	Cymbidium Nut	Harry and Celia McElroy
Dendrobium Alliance		
1 st Place	Dendrobium nobile Noname	Frank and Ann Warnken
2 nd Place	Dendrobium species Noname	Dottie Morrison
3 rd Place	Dendrobium Minnie	Jane and Art Russell
Oncidium Alliance		
1 st Place	Odontocidium Wildcat 'Carmela'	Jane and Art Russell
2 nd Place	Oncidium Leopard Spots	Dottie Morrison
3 rd Place	Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos'	Beth and Billy Strate
Paphiopedilum Alliance		
1 st Place	Paphiopedilum Raisin Pie	Harry and Celia McElroy
2 nd Place	Paphiopedilum Albion FCC/RHS	Brian Esterak
Phalaenopsis Alliance		
1 st Place	<i>Phalaenopsis ambionensis</i> Tejas Giant AM/	Victoria Ford
2 nd Place	Phalaenopsis Sweet Candy	Dottie Morrison
3 rd Place	Phalaenopsis Dianne Burton 'Dream City' x	Harry and Celia McElroy

Show Table Results January 2016 Continued

Miscellaneous Hybrids		
1 st Place	Angraecum Veitchi	Billy and Beth Strate
2 nd Place	Zygopetalum Noname	Diana Burwell
3 rd Place	Catasetum After Dark 'Black Pearl'	Frank and Ann Warnken
Species		
1 st Place	<i>Ludisia discolor</i> 'Alba'	Dottie Morrison
2 nd Place	<i>Chiloschista Lunifera</i>	Victoria Ford
Vanda Alliance		
1 st Place	<i>Renanthera gigantea</i>	Ed Cavin
2 nd Place	Vanda 'Pinky Tuscadaro'	Billy and Beth Strate
3 rd Place	Vanda Robert's Delight Garnet Beauty	Jane and Art Russell
Novice		
1 st Place	Phalaenopsis Sogo 'Yukidan' AKA Big White	Tammy Stomfey-Stitz

Judges: Mary Malouin; Dottie Morrison, and Frank Warnken

Mary Malouin clerked

Eric Cavin called the table



January 2016—Show Table



Cattleya glauca
Diana Burwell
1st Place — Cattelya



Epicattleya Rene Marques
"Flame Thrower" #1
Jane and Art Russell
2nd Place — Cattelya



Laeliocattleya Betty Ford 'York'
Victoria Ford
3rd Place — Cattelya



Dendrobium nobile Noname
Frank and Ann Warnken
1st Place — Dendrobium



Dendrobium species
Noname
Dottie Morrison
2nd Place — Dendrobium



Dendrobium Minnie
Jane and Art Russell
3rd Place — Dendrobium

October 2015—Show Table, Continued



Odontocidium Wildcat
'Carmela'
Jane and Art Russell
1st Place — Oncidium



Oncidium Leopard Spots
Dottie Morrison
2nd Place — Oncidium



Psychopsis Mendenhall
'Hildos'
Beth and Billy Strate
3rd Place — Oncidium



Cymbidium Nut
Harry and Celia McElroy
1st Place — Cymbidium



Paphiopedilum Raisin Pie
Harry and Celia McElroy
1st Place — Paphiopedilum



Paphiopedilum Albion FCC/RHS
Brian Esterak
2nd Place — Paphiopedilum

October 2015—Show Table, Continued



Phalaenopsis ambionensis Tejas Giant
AM/AOS
Victoria Ford
1st Place — Phalaenopsis



Phalaenopsis Sweet Candy
Dottie Morrison
2nd Place — Phalaenopsis



Phalaenopsis Dianne Burton
'Dream City' x *Phalaenopsis*
Double Trouble
Harry and Celia McElroy
3rd Place — Phalaenopsis



Angraecum Veitchi
Billy and Beth Strate
1st Place — Miscellaneous



Zygopetalum Noname
Diana Burwell
2nd Place — Miscellaneous



Catasetum After Dark 'Black Pearl'
Frank and Ann Warnken
3rd Place — Miscellaneous

October 2015—Show Table, Continued



Phalaenopsis Sogo 'Yukidan' AKA Big White
Tammy Stomfey-Stitz
1st Place — Novice



Ludisia discolor 'Alba'
Dottie Morrison
1st Place — Species



Chiloschista Lunifera
Victoria Ford
2nd Place — Species



Renanthera gigantea
Ed Cavin
1st Place — Vanda



Vanda 'Pinky Tuscardaro'
Billy and Beth Strate
2nd Place — Vanda



Vanda Robert's Delight Garnet
Beauty
Jane and Art Russell
3rd Place — Vanda

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

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?

Novice Winner at the Show Table: Tammy Stomfey-Stitz was the First Place Winner of the Show Table Novice Category! This was Tammy’s first entry (see the Show Table Photos...) and **we expect to see many more!**

- **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

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February 2016 Pre-Meeting Dinner

A number of JOS members meet for dinner before the monthly meeting. In **February 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 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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