



# THE BULLETIN

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## President's Report For April 2016

Since this letter is written before the show, I can only report that at this point in time, everything appears to be in great order. Eric has lined up a great group of vendors.

A great number of your plants should start to show signs of new growth and are ready to be repotted. This is especially relevant to your bifoliate Cattleyas. This is the safest time of the year to repot these plants. An old article covering these orchids can be found at [www.oocities.org/~marylois/archiv15.html](http://www.oocities.org/~marylois/archiv15.html). Look for article by Greg Allikas. The article is old, but is a great article and the plants are grouped by culture requirements.

Our **Annual Picnic** and sale at Eric Cavin estate is set for **May 1, 2016**. His address is 3611 Richmond St. , Jacksonville, FL. For new members, this is a great place to party, have great food and steal some fabulous plants. You are also welcome to have extra plants auctioned off. Details will be forthcoming.

This is a short letter, but was trying to get ready for the show. I hope you had a great time at the show and had a good time and also picked up some new beauties for your collection. Thanks to all who participated and believe me it couldn't have been a success without you.

*John*

## JOS General Meeting Minutes—8 March 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM, by our President, John Van Brocklin. John called for standing committee reports and the upcoming show. John reminded that the Annual Picnic will be May 1, 2016. Visitors are: Margo Abdelnour ('orchid sits' for snow birds) and John Oswalt. If you are interested in any library books from the society's library, please make your request 2 weeks in advance, so they can be brought to the meeting.

Dorothy reminded that this was your last opportunity to pay your dues or you risk being dropped from the newsletter and emailing list.

Much of the rest of the meeting was given over to discussing our upcoming Annual Orchid Show. We have a new vendor for the show, Spring Water out of Melbourne. Eric Cavin has created an excel spreadsheet to be circulated for an easier registration process.

Each show chair discussed their needs for volunteers to bring food, assist with selling raffle tickets, selling t-shirts, greeting guests, re-potting plants, set-up before the show, clean up after the show.

Victoria Ford made announced that she needed people to sign up for the Hospitality Table for the next few months.

There will be an original painting by Jean Barbour donated for the raffle and tickets for this will be \$5.00 each ticket.

We will have a food truck at the show this year for the general public.

Margie Johnson gave a discussion on how one should go about cleaning up your plant(s), ways to display them, how to cut the leaves properly, and how to cover up the pots of your plant(s) for judging. If you do bring in a plant(s) for judging, they must be in on Friday. There is a display and individual tables.

John also mentioned that one can use shadow boxes for displaying your plant(s) as well. He empha-

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sized how important it was to check for any bugs prior to bringing in any plant(s) for display or judging.

On Sunday, 3 April, the St. Augustine Photography Club will be allowed in prior to the show opening to take photographs. Anyone who would like to



join them is welcome to do so.

Stephen Dunn will be having his painting club come to the show to paint the orchids. He is also going to be donating a painting to the raffle.

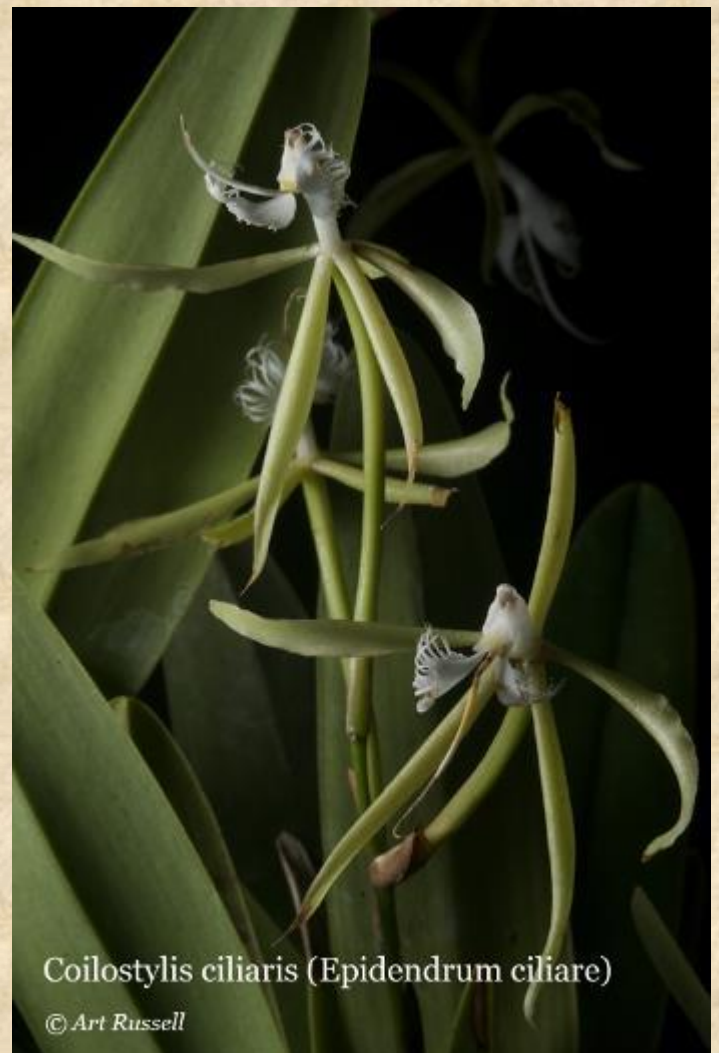
Following the orchid show related discussions, Art Russell gave a presentation on "Orchid Lessons Learned." He spoke about his loss ratio and what is the primary reason for his loss of orchids...too much water. He also discussed how the greenhouse helps with water control. He also discussed the terrestrial orchid, *Zeuxine strateumatica*. He discussed his success rate of what he grows as a result of the factors he discussed.

The show table was called by Harry McElroy. Judges were Lisa Deems; Sue Dollinger and Frank Warnken. Lisa Deems clerked.

The raffle table was called and then the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Stomfay-Stitz, Secretary



**Treasurer's Report  
March 2016**

**Ending Balance February 2016** **\$ 25,999.73**

**Income:**

Raffle Tickets	\$ 95.00	
Bank Interest Income	\$ 10.26	
Potting Clinic Income	\$ 104.00	
Show Trophy Donations	\$ 25.00	
Show Food Donations	\$ 200.00	
T-Shirts	\$ 90.00	
Silent Auction	\$ 115.00	
Phalaenopsis Books	\$ 15.00	
Picnic	\$ 15.00	
Donation - Society Snack Table	\$ 96.03	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 765.29</b>	<b>\$ 26,765.02</b>

**Expenses:**

Raffle Supplies - Show	\$ 6.90
Post Cards for Show	\$ 2,086.61
Society Snack Table	
Reimbursement	\$ 46.03
Liability Insurance	\$ 525.50
Member Silent Auction	
Distribution	\$ 71.20
Information/Reply Cards	\$ 145.00
Credit Card Fee 2.75%	\$ 0.11
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,881.35</b>

**Ending Balance March 2015** **\$ 23,883.67**

**Receivables**

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



*Images of the 2016 Jacksonville Orchid Show*





*Images of the 2016 Jacksonville Orchid Show—Continued*



**The Jacksonville Orchid Society thanks ...**

**2016 Jacksonville Orchid Society Annual Show Staff and All of the Volunteers who gave their time to make the show a success!**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Show Chairman	John Van Brocklin
Co-Chairwoman	Lois Rasmussen
Cleanup Crew	Charley Dellinger
Clerks	Jerry Fowler
Exhibits (Amateur & Society)	Eric Cavin
Exhibits (Commercial)	Eric Cavin
Foliage	James Arnold
Garden Club Liason	John Van Brocklin
Graphic Design (Poster)	Jane Russell
HOSPITALITY (Judges Breakfast, Workers Lunch & Exhibitors Food)	Celia McElroy
Judging	Marv Regan
	Eric Cavin
Membership & Greeting Table	Mary Malouin
Photography	Art Russell
Potting & Culture Table	Tammy Stomfay-Stitz
Publicity	Dorothy Van Brocklin
Raffle	Christie Peppard



**2016 Jacksonville Orchid Society Annual Show Staff Positions  
Continued**

Position	Name
Registration & Classification	Eric Cavin
Setup	Art Whittier
Show Schedule & Program	BJ Honkamp
Signage	BJ Honkamp
Society Sales	Linda Schenholm
	Bonnie Myers
Staging	Bob Malouin
Transportation	Harry McElroy
Trophies	Margaret Cavin
	Jane Russell





## 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
12 April	Jim Roberts Suncoast Orchids	Advancing orchids out of compots
1 May— <b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Annual Picnic - BE THERE!!!</b>	
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	<b>Christmas Party!</b>	

### A REMINDER – REPOTTING CLINIC!

- *We need members to help with the May Repotting Clinic!*
- 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



## Up-Coming South Eastern Orchid Show Events

Date	Event	Comments
<b>April 2016</b>		
15-17	<p><b>Western North Carolina Society host Spring Members Meeting "2016 Asheville Orchid Festival"</b></p> <p>North Carolina Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC</p>	<p>Contact: Brett Hopkins 828-299-9924 wncosavl@gmail.com</p>
16-18	<p><b>50th Tallahassee Orchid Society Show &amp; Sale</b></p> <p>Doyle Conner Agriculture Bldg., 3125 Doyle Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, FL</p>	<p>Contact Michael Wright 850-320-6566 wrig0567@comcast.net</p>
23-25	<p><b>Vero Beach Orchid Society Annual Show &amp; Sale</b></p> <p>Riverside Park, 3001 Riverside Park Dr., Vero Beach, FL</p>	<p>Contact: Douglas Mew 772-713-5165 vbos@verobeachorchidsociety.org</p>
29 Apr— 2 May	<p><b>Deep South Orchid Society "The Savannah Orchid Show"</b></p> <p>Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, 2 Canebrake Road, Savannah, GA</p>	<p>Contact: James Keplinger 912-424-2463 jimkeplinger1967@gmail.com</p>
<b>May 2016</b>		
7-9	<p><b>Volusia County Orchid Society Show "An Orchid For All Seasons"</b></p> <p>Volusia County Fairgrounds, Hester Bldg., 3100 East New York Ave., DeLand, FL</p>	<p>Contact: Jennifer Reinoso 386-822-3178 jenorchid@bellsouth.net</p>



## 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 March and April

#### Cattleya

Although March is, in many parts of the country, still a cold and blustery month, the lengthening days and warmer temperatures allowed by increased light are long-awaited harbingers of the coming change of season. Some of the best standard cattleyas of the year will be in bloom, or will be blooming soon. The last of the winter-flowering hybrids will join the earliest of the spring hybrids in a wonderful display. Be on the alert for senescing sheaths that need removal. If these yellowing sheaths are not removed, the moisture they trap can lead to bud rot. Careful removal of the sheath will allow the buds to develop,



although they will need additional support. Changing light conditions can also be a problem in March and April. An exceptionally bright day, especially immediately following a rain, can lead to sunburn of the foliage if shading is not attended to properly. There can still be periods of dull days where spikes can be weakened owing to the lower light. Lengthening days will mean increased metabolic rates necessitating increased water and fertilizer. The plants will indicate needs by drying more rapidly, which means more frequent watering and fertilizing.

With the passing of the season for winter bloomers, and the beginning of the season for spring bloom, it is also the time to be on the lookout for plants that will need potting after they bloom. Immediately after blooming has proven to be the best time to repot winter- and spring-flowering cattleyas. In most cases, they will be ready to grow roots, so if potted at this time, they will root right into fresh mix with little or no setback.

#### Cymbidium

Plants should be putting on a spectacular show this time of year. Adjust all staking and twist-ties and be on the lookout for aphids, slugs and snails. Give adequate water because flowering strains the plants. As new growths appear later, increase the nitrogen level in the fertilizer. Should a plant look healthy but not be blooming, try increasing the light during the next growing season. The number-one reason for no flowers is lack of light.

#### **Dendrobium (Australian)**

These hard-cane dendrobiums will be at their flowering peak now. It is not unusual to see a specimen of this type in an orchid show boasting 1,000 flowers. The secret with this group -- bred primarily from *Dendrobium kingianum* and *Dendrobium speciosum* -- is to provide ample water, fertilizer and light during the growing season.



## **Lycaste**

This genus of superb orchids will be coming to the end of its flowering season. Soon you will see the beginning of new root growth, which is an excellent time to repot into fresh media. As new growth emerges, provide ample fertilizer and water. A sign of good culture is an increase in the size of pseudobulbs with each successive year.

## **Miltoniopsis**

This marks the beginning of the flowering season. Amazing displays of color will dazzle the grower over the next few months. Prepare your plants for optimum display by staking spikes (if needed) and cleaning off the older yellow foliage. Do not miss the wonderful fragrance as the flowers unfold..

## **Paphiopedilum**

March is the beginning of the season of heaviest potting for lady's-slipper orchids. However, it is a month where the volume of plants needing attention is still small. It is an excellent month to take the time to work with your paphiopedilums before the pressure of other potting prevents your doing the thorough job you should. Look at each plant: Is it clean of dead and dying foliage? Is it weed free? Does it need potting? Is it in spike? Does it have an insect problem? Cleaning and restaging your paphs is one of the most satisfying tasks of the orchid year. Cleaned and potted paphiopedilums look happy.

The summer-blooming types will be showing the first of their buds in March and April. Be on the lookout for the buds, as well as any insect pests that may have found their way into the crowns of your plants. It is especially difficult to clean mealybugs, in particular, once they have become established in the plant. Better to get to them before they get a good toehold.

Increasing light levels should give emerging spikes the strength they need to grow straight and strong. Do not be too anxious to stake the spikes, because if they are staked too soon, the flowers may develop a "nodding" stance, where the dorsal will not stand upright. If the spikes seem to develop at an angle, let them, and stake after the flower has hardened for best carriage, especially on the hybrids with fairieanum background.

## **Phalaenopsis**

In most of the country, March is the peak blooming month for phalaenopsis. Staking needs to be carefully attended to, so that the flowers will be displayed at their best for orchid shows and judging -- even those intended for your home will look best if properly staked. One of the most decorative aspects of phalaenopsis spikes is the way they gracefully arch. If not staked properly, the spike will lack this grace and will not be as pleasing. Most growers like to have the final support just below the first flower, allowing maximum support, without sacrificing the beauty of the





arching spike.

Rapid-growing spikes and open flowers place extra demands on the plant. Careful monitoring of watering and feeding will give the plants the energy they require to give their best floral display. Remember, too, that the lengthening days will also increase the frequency at which plants need water.

Beware of the invasion of sucking pests that accompany the flowering season. Flowers and spikes are favorite targets of mealybugs and scales. Be on the look out for their presence, often indicated by the appearance of sooty mold resulting from the exudate of the bugs, and treat before flowers or buds are too advanced. If flowers and buds are too far along, the chemical treatment may damage or abort them.

### **Pleurothallids**

Members in this large and increasingly popular group will be looking their best now. If plants are not in flower, the next few months provide an excellent time to divide if needed or repot into fresh mix. Taking care of these tasks now will allow enough time for your plants to become established before the hot weather arrives.

*The AOS (and JOS) thank Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.*





## Show Table Results March 2016

<b>Cattleya Alliance</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Brassolaeliacattleya Ama Med 'Tipmalee' AM/AOS	Margie Johnson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Guarthroleya Haddie Notch Paradise	Art and Jane Russell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	<i>Cattleya lueddemanniana</i>	Bob Gaffney
<b>Cymbidium Alliance</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Cymbidium Fifi 'Harry' X Red Planet	Harry and Celia McElroy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Cymbidium Noname	Chuck McPhilomy
<b>Dendrobium Alliance</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	<i>Dendrochilum magnum</i>	John Van Brocklin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Dendrobium nobile Red Emperor 'Prince'	Ed Cavin
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Dendrobium Noname	Mary Malouin
<b>Oncidium Alliance</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Brassidium Nittany Gold	John Van Brocklin
<b>Paphiopedilum Alliance</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Paphiopedilum Hellas 'Westonbirt'	Bob Gaffney
<b>Phalaenopsis Alliance</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Phalanaeopsis Artemis	Victoria Ford
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Phalanaeopsis Misty Mountain	Frank and Ann Warnken
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Phalanaeopsis Black White Queen	John Van Brocklin
<b>Species</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	<i>Oeoniella polystachus</i>	John Van Brocklin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	<i>Coelogyne Noname</i>	Margie Johnson
<b>Vanda Alliance</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Neofinetia falcata 'Toyozakura'	Victoria Ford
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Vascostylis Pin Rivers 'Redland Sky'	John Van Brocklin
<b>Members' Choice</b>		
	Dendrobium nobile Red Emperor 'Prince'	Ed Cavin

Judges: Lisa Deems, Sue Dellinger, and Frank Warnken

Clerk: Lisa Deems

Table called by Harry McElroy



## March 2016—Show Table



Blc. Ama Med 'Tipmalee' AM/AOS  
Margie Johnson  
1st Place — Cattelya



Gty. Haddie Notch Paradise  
Art and Jane Russell  
2nd Place — Cattelya



*C. lueddemanniana*  
Bob Gaffney  
3rd Place — Cattelya



Cym Fifi 'Harry' X Red Planet  
Celia and Harry McElroy  
1st Place — Cymbidium



Cym Noname  
Chuck McPhilomy  
2nd Place — Cymbidium



Brsdm Nittany Gold  
John Van Brocklin  
1st Place — Oncidium



*Ddc magnum*  
John Van Brocklin  
1st Place — Dendrobium



Den nobile Red Emperor 'Prince'  
Ed Cavin  
2nd Place — Dendrobium



Den Noname  
Mary Malouin  
3rd Place — Dendrobium

**Members' Choice!**



## March 2016—Show Table, Continued



Phal Artemis  
Victoria Ford  
1st Place — Phalaenopsis



Phal Misty Mountain  
Frank and Anne Warnken  
2nd Place — Phalaenopsis



Phal Black White Queen  
John Van Brocklin  
3rd Place — Phalaenopsis



Paph Hellas 'Westonbirt'  
Bob Gaffney  
1st Place — Paphiopedilum



*Oenla polystachus*  
John Van Brocklin  
1st Place — Species



*Coel Noname*  
Margie Johnson  
2nd Place — Species

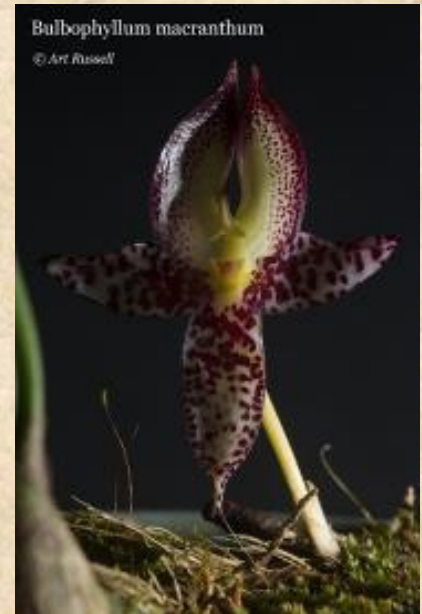


Neof falcata 'Toyozakura'  
Victoria Ford  
1st Place — Vanda



Vasco Pin Rivers 'Redland Sky'  
John Van Brocklin  
2nd Place — Vanda





### Editor's Notes

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. I renewed for 2 years—How about you?

**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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*American Orchid Society Judge*





## 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**

### ***2016 Jacksonville Orchid Show Vendors (Tentative -Still under development!)***

Art Stone/Palmer Orchids

Quest Orchids

Macs Orchids

So Orchids

Florida Sun Coast Orchids

Odom Orchids

Krull/Smith Orchids

Hick's Orchid Supplies

Ritter's Tropic I Orchids

Springwater Orchids

E. F. G. Orchids



## Footnotes Continued ...

### **April 2016 Pre-Meeting Dinner**

A number of JOS members meet for dinner before the monthly meeting. In **April 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/VQzAl>

### **Audio Visual Support:**

*Steve Dunn has graciously agreed to handle Audio Visual Support for the society.  
Thanks Steve! —Art Russell*

### **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***



These are our sponsors & the folks who supply our raffle table.

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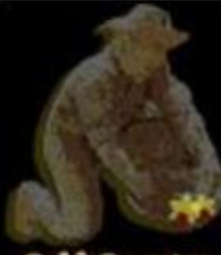
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