



# THE BULLETIN

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## President's Report For May 2016

I hope you are planning to attend our annual Picnic and Auction to be held at Eric Cavin's estate at 3611 Richmond St. The picnic will start at 12 noon and auction around 1 to 1 ½ hours later. Please bring your chairs, table and eating utensils. Also a side dish of any sort would be appreciated by all.

I trust by now, you are in the full swing of repotting your beauties. This crazy weather is driving me and my orchids nuts. Down with the sides of the greenhouse and back up again. Where is global warming--not at my house.

Are you going to Redlands? If not you are missing a great orchid experience. The big problem is getting your buys down to fitting in your vehicle. If you are taking someone, just tell them they may have to walk back home.

Again, don't forget, you are welcome to bring your plants to have auctioned off. Just remember, they must be insect free, clean and in flower. If not in flower, they must be AOS awarded.

*We'll look forward to seeing you at the picnic on May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

***Don't forget there is NO meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.*** John

## **JOS General Meeting Minutes—12 April 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, by our President, John Van Brocklin.

John called for standing committee reports.

Visitors are: Man Chang, Sandra Jaques, Margo Abdelnour, Keith Harvey, Agnes Piper, Lindsey & Glenna Nathaniel (Deep South Orchid Society members), Rosemary & Bernie Nowotny and Conrad & Pat Jurgens.

John reminded that the Annual Picnic will be May 1, 2016 at Eric Cavin's residence.

John made the announcement that Art Russell will step down in December after more than 2 years as newsletter editor.

We broke for snacks.

Our speaker for the evening was Jim Roberts of Florida Suncoast Orchids in Myakka City, FL. His presentation was "Demystifying Deflasking." He spoke about the techniques of deflasking, the types of flask that orchids are grown in, the limited viability of flasking, talked about Agar, the substance that allow the orchids to germinate, the wet and dry techniques of deflasking. He then turned the group over to deflask orchids.

The show table was called by Eric Cavin. Judges were Lois Rasmussen, Art Whittier, & Mary Malouin. Bernice Dunn, clerked.

Best In show was by Victoria Ford.

The raffle table was called and then the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Stomfay-Stitz, Secretary

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## ***Deflasking 101***

*Jim Roberts* of Florida Suncoast Orchids, returning vendor for JOS annual orchid shows and popular speaker on Orchids, captured the membership during our April 2016 General Meeting. His presentation, “Demystifying Deflasking” did just that... Jim clarified the principles of deflasking seedling orchids and described the steps needed to successfully start them on their way to becoming mature orchids. However, Jim more than simply described the process—he turned what might otherwise be an academic presentation of interest to only a few members, into a fun-filled exercise where everyone participated in deflasking three different types of orchids, *Encyclia tampensis*, *Rhyncolaelia digbyana*, and *Lambara Five Aces #1 Long* (Bardendrum Nanboh Pixy X *Broughtonia sanguinea*). Not only did members deflask orchids and place them in seedling pots for further growth, at the end of the exercise, members took the orchids they deflasked home to enjoy the fruits of their efforts. More than several members were noted as having observed this as one of the best general meetings ever. **Thanks Jim!**

*Following are a few images of the fun.*



## Images of Deflasking 101—Continued



## 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
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



**Treasurer's Report  
March 2016 - Corrected**

**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	\$ 19.73
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%	\$ 1.77
Name Tags	\$ 15.52
Bank Interest Income	\$ 7.30
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,918.66</b>

**Ending Balance March 2015** **\$ 23,846.36**

**Receivables**

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

**Treasurer's Report  
April & Show 2016**

**Ending Balance March 2016** **\$23,846.36**

**Income:**

Member Dues	\$25.00	
Trophy Sponsorship	\$600.00	
Vendor Fees	\$1,850.00	
Plant Raffle	\$1,553.00	
Front Door Donations	\$549.52	
Water	\$63.00	
Potting Clinic Outside	\$228.65	
T-Shirts	\$1,490.00	
Silent Auction	\$112.00	
Food Donation	\$100.00	
Raffle Table-Society Meeting	\$62.00	
Return Check Fee (Vendor)	\$35.00	
Picnic	\$85.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,753.17</b>	<b>\$30,599.53</b>

**Expenses:**

Petty Cash	\$700.00	
Kitchen Food Expenses	\$675.23	
Garden Club Show Fee Remainder	\$1,200.00	
Garden Club 2017 Show Fee Deposit	\$500.00	
Society Brochures	\$270.00	
Trophies	\$372.11	
Ink/Paper	\$64.19	
Plastic for Show	\$134.75	
Tent/Table/Chair Rental for Show Potting Clinic	\$53.25	
AOS Show Fee 2017	\$110.00	
T-Shirts	\$1,148.52	
Speaker Dinner	\$13.00	
Speaker Fee	\$250.00	
Member Silent Auction Distribution	\$85.60	
Credit Card Fee 2.75%	\$11.47	
Return Check Fee (Vendor)	\$10.00	
President's Discretionary Fund (Taken from Petty Cash)	\$125.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,723.12</b>	

Ending Balance Show 2016

\$24,876.41

**Receivables**

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

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

Date	Event	Comments
<b>May 2016</b>		
7-9	<b>Volusia County Orchid Society Show "An Orchid For All Seasons"</b>  Volusia County Fair-grounds, Hester Bldg., 3100 East New York Ave., DeLand, FL	Contact: Jennifer Reinoso 386-822-3178 jenorchid@bellsouth.net
13-15	<b><i>Redland International Orchid Festival</i></b>  Redland Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Homestead	<b>Be there if you can—This is the must see event for the year!</b>  Contact: Bill Peters 305-242-1333 <a href="mailto:whimsyorchids@gmail.com">whimsyorchids@gmail.com</a>

# 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.

### *Monthly Checklist for May and June*

#### **Cattleya**

The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.



#### **Paphiopedilum**

The Paphiopedilum Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in Paphiopedilum fairrieanum-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths.



Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

## Phalaenopsis

Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the

summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.



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

## 2016 Orchid Show Clean-Up

Little noted by the membership was attendance of an orchid show raffle winner. She and her grandmother also attended the April Newcomer Training session presented by veteran JOS member Mike Heinz.

Here's hoping we'll see them again in the near future.

**- Editor**



## Show Table Results April 2016

<b>Cattleya Alliance</b>		
1st Place	Potinara William Farrell X Cattleya Horace 'Watermelon Perfume'	Brian Esterak
2nd Place	<i>Encyclia maderoi</i>	Melody Loll
<b>Cymbidium Alliance</b>		
1st Place	Cymbidium Memoria Geoff Laird	Harry and Celia McElroy
<b>Paphiopedilum Alliance</b>		
1st Place	Paphiopedilum Hsinying Web X Paphiopedilum Ruby Leopard	Bernice Dunn
<b>Phalaenopsis Alliance</b>		
1st Place	Phalaenopsis Hybrid	Frank and Ann Warnken
2nd Place	Phalaenopsis Noname	Tammy Stomfay-Stitz
<b>Species</b>		
1st Place	<i>Encyclia tampensis</i>	Victoria Ford
2nd Place	<i>Chysis bractescens</i>	Billy and Beth Strate
3rd Place	<i>Dendrobium farmeri</i>	Frank and Ann Warnken
<b>Members' Choice</b>		
	<i>Encyclia tampensis</i>	Victoria Ford

Judges: Lois Rasmussen, Art Whittier, & Mary Malouin

Clerk: Bernice Dunn

Table called by Eric Cavin



Bulb wendlandianum

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## April 2016—Show Table



Potinara William Farrell X Cattleya Horace  
'Watermelon Perfume'  
Brian Esterak  
1st Place Cattleya



*Encyclia maderoii*  
Melody Loll  
2nd Place — Cattleya



*C. lueddemanniana*  
Bob Gaffney  
1st Place — Paphiopedilum



Phalaenopsis Hybrid  
Frank and Ann Warnken  
1st Place — Phalaenopsis



Phalaenopsis Noname  
Tammy Stomfay-Stitz  
2nd Place — Phalaenopsis



Cymbidium Memoria Geoff Laird  
Celia and Harry McElroy  
1st Place — Cymbidium



*Encyclia tampensis*  
John Van Brocklin  
1st Place — *Species*  
**Members' Choice!**



*Chysis bractescens*  
Billy and Beth Strate  
2nd Place — *Species*



*Dendrobium fameri*  
Frank and Ann Warnken  
3rd Place — *Species*

## 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 the AOS 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

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## Footnotes Continued ...

### ***May 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 (*ME!*) 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 me.

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***

### ***Time for Changes—The Editor***

I've been writing the newsletter for over two years now and believe it's time for me to move back to my first love—***Orchids*** and *Orchid Photography*. I won't go far and will still provide images of orchids and events for the newsletter. As to writing a newsletter, you can go high-end with a dedicated program or as simple as a word processor such as Microsoft Word (I know—I've been publishing newsletters since 1986, so I've seen it all) . The bottom line is that it's only as tough as you make it. Moreover, I won't be going far, I simply will not be doing the newsletter, but will be available for help and consultation. Please speak to the BOD about any interest you may have in doing the newsletter.

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

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Cym. San Francisco 'Freckles'

# SPRING SALES



(Lc Red Empress X Enc. tampensis)

**EASTER ---- THUR., MARCH 24 through SAT., MARCH 26**  
**MOTHER'S DAY ---- THUR., MAY 5 through SAT., MAY 7**  
**9 AM 'TIL 6 PM**

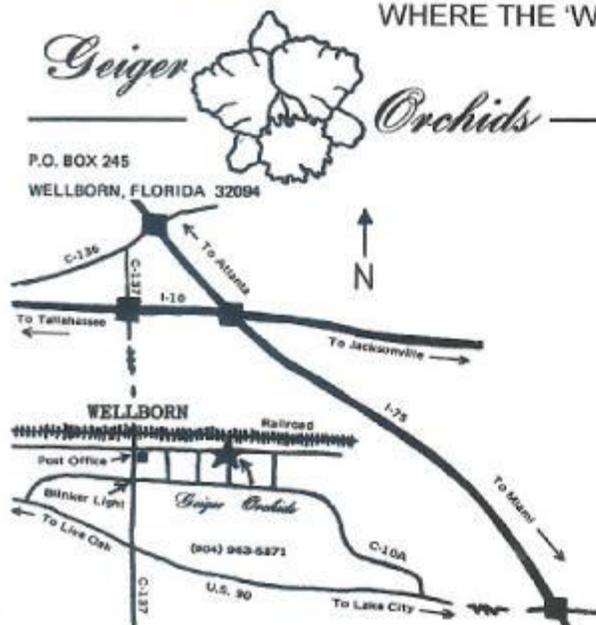
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