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President's Report For June 2016

What a great show and sale that some of us attended in Redlands last month. There were just too many vendors and plants to choose from. I picked up a large number of plants for our raffle table. Each of the coming months should have something to whet everyone's appetite.

As of this letter, we haven't had anyone step up to assume the position of Newsletter Editor. I would encourage someone to consider this position, as it is one of the most important jobs in the club. Don't be afraid to take this job on, as there are several people you can call on for help and direction until you are comfortable and settled as Editor. If you have an interest but are unsure of the requirements, talk with Art Russell. I am sure he will be happy to answer your questions and put your mind at ease.

While on this subject, there will be a number of club positions that will need to be filled for the next 2 years beginning on January 1, 2017. The nominating committee will be established very soon, so please think about taking a turn at one of the open positions. The club is only going to survive and grow if we have strong and active members in leadership roles.

Lastly, don't forget the potting clinic is coming up next Saturday the 4th of June. If you have never attended, you are missing out on great friendship, fun and just maybe, you may learn something new. Meet us at Hagan Ace Hardware, 12501 San Jose Blvd., just before Julington Creek. We will be there from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Summer seems to be at our door step now so take it easy as the temperatures begin to rise. Both you and your orchids need to stay hydrated and in a cool spot with a nice breeze. Look forward to seeing you at our meeting on June 14.

John

Passings...

It is with deep regret that I we report a member of our society, Mary Margaret Pyle, passed away on Saturday, May 28.

Mary always had a big smile when she came to a meeting or to the potting clinics. Most recently, Mary contributed to Margie Johnson's award winning exhibition at the 2016 JOS Orchid Show.



Up-Coming Florida Orchid Shows

Date	Event	Comments
September 2016		
7-9	Ridge Orchid Society Show "Orchid Jamboree" Ridge Orchid Society Show "Orchid Jamboree" is being held September 17 - 18, 2016 at the Stewart Center, 1702 US Highway 17 South, Bartow, FL	Contact: Glen Gary 863-688-3590 glengary54@yahoo.com

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Volusia Orchid Show

The Jacksonville Orchid Society took home several prestigious awards at the Volusia County Show in May. The exhibit was put in by Eric Cavin, James Arnold, Linda Schenholm, Dorothy VanBrocklin and John VanBrocklin.

We had many ribbon winners including a second place to Linda Schenholm's *Dendrobium aggregatum* and a third place to Bob Gaffney's *Paphiopedilum Jennifer Reinoso*. John and Dorothy also took several ribbons for a some of their impressive plants. Ribbons are extremely hard to win in Volusia County because there are very few entry classes which makes the competition tough!

The Society also took home the American Orchid Show Trophy for Best Exhibit in the show! James and Eric both received coveted American Orchid Society Awards for two plants each. James received an 85 point Award of Merit (AM) for his *Phragmipedium America 'HM3 Doc Hicks'* and an 83 point AM for *Paphiopedilum Chiu Hua Dancer 'Princess Zuri'*. Eric received an 86 point AM on *Paphiopedilum Shin-Yi Princess 'Bobby'* and an 83 point AM on *Paphiopedilum Transdoll 'Margaret C.'*

Our next show is the Gainesville Show in October. Start planning which orchids you want to enter.



Jacksonville Orchid Society Exhibit at Volusia—2016

James Arnold



Phragmipedium America 'HM3 Doc Hicks'
AM/AOS (85 points)



Paphiopedilum Shin-Yi Princess 'Bobby'
AM/AOS (86 points)

Eric Cavin



Paphiopedilum Shin-Yi Princess 'Bobby'
AM/AOS (86 points)



Paphiopedilum Transdoll 'Margaret C.'
AM/AOS (82 points)

June 2016—Annual Jacksonville Orchid Society Picnic

The annual JOS Picnic was again a wonderful success. It goes without saying that it was due to the many volunteers that helped put it together, and of course the many cooks that helped fatten us all up! Following are a few images from the event.



June 2016—Re-Potting Clinic

The June Re-Potting Clinic was an unqualified success! Again, our volunteers put the best possible representation of the club before the public at Hagan Ace Hardware in Mandarin. A few images, including before and after follow below.



Before



During



After



Guilty parties...

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
14 June	Fred Clarke	80% Grower
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>	

On the Treasurer's Report, Stacy expressed her regret that the report isn't ready for this month's newsletter.

A REMINDER – REPOTTING CLINIC!

- *We need members to help with the July 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



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 fairrieianum-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.



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

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

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Footnotes Continued ...

June 2016 Pre-Meeting Dinner

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

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