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## President's Report for November 2017

There were many phone conversations with my old friend and past JOS president George Schudel. George was a serious orchid grower and his philosophy intrigued me. He usually ended the call with "good luck" and "don't get caught"! What could his meaning have been? There are things you wish you had asked. The news is full of people who have been caught, certainly George didn't think me guilty of the many crimes and misdemeanors we see so much these days. It is not appropriate for me to dwell on moral, philosophical, or political issues but my vision of what should be for the Orchid Society is appropriate.

At our Christmas Party, we installed a new slate of JOS officers. Most are returning to the JOS Board, but as we start the New Year all of us should be considering just what it is we should be doing. The most important thing all of us should do is to define the mission of the JOS and work to accomplish that mission. The mission is simple and is the first phrase in our constitution:

**The purpose of this Society shall be to encourage the scientific study of plants, specifically orchids, both species and hybrids, and to encourage the growing of orchids.**

Personally, I don't think of myself as brilliant and am often quiet so that I don't confirm my ignorance. Don't we all wish that others would use the same judgement? There are often subjects that we disagree on as members of the society and as board members. Everyone has the right to an opinion and differences of opinion should be heard but the mission should be considered in all discussions. If we create issues or magnify small differences to make ourselves appear important in a way that diminishes the mission, we are guilty of damaging the mission. It is important to always put the mission first, in accordance with the desires of the majority.

Our Vice Presidents Lois Rasmussen and Art Russell have done a great job with speakers and activities over the past year. I encourage everyone to talk to both of them and let them know how much you appreciate their work and make suggestions for what you would like to change or have them do.

Today I got my propane bottles filled - I won't get caught by the first cold snap.  
Today I checked out my heater - I won't get caught.  
I made sure my chemicals were labeled - I won't get caught fertilizing with TSP again.

Do you get the idea? Well "don't get caught."

Harry

# Minutes

November 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, by our President, Harry McElroy.

Harry spoke about activities that had taken place within the club, such as James Arnold's participation in the Gainesville Orchid Show. The upcoming Christmas Party at the Jacksonville Country Club. Harry had John Von Brocklin come up and speak as to the selection of the new board members for the coming year. John stated there were three club members who were nominated by the committee to take over the two open spots on the Board. Those nominees were Frank, Rob Stomfay-Stitz, and Annalee McPhilomy. These members were secluded while the general membership in attendance voted as to their terms for the board. It was voted that Frank would fill the one board opening for 1 year and Rob Stomfay-Stitz would fill the other board opening for a 3 year term.

Visitors were: Darlene Carne; Ricki Alexander; Sharon Millan; Tom Pope.

New Members: T.C. & BeJae Roberts

Beth Strate provided the Sunshine Report:

- Helen Hoffman passed away.

We broke for snacks.

Our speaker for the evening was Eric Cavin. His presentation focused on AOS Judging and the scale of judging, eligibility and what judges specifically look for in the orchids. Eric has been in JOS for 30 years and an AOS Judge for 4 years. Eric's presentation was on what the judges look for in orchids when awarding ribbons. There are 3 types of judges: Show Table, Ribbon & Trophy, and AOS judging.

The raffle table was called and then the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Stomfay-Stitz, Secretary

# Officers

**President** ..... Harry McElroy  
**First Vice President** ..... Lois Rasmussen  
**2nd Vice President** ..... Art Russell  
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**Secretary** ..... Bernice Dunn  
**Membership Secretary** ..... Bonnie Myers  
**Director** ..... Frank Warnken 2018  
**Director** ..... Jerry Fowler 2017-2019  
**Director** ..... Rob Stomfay-Stitz 2018-2020  
**Immediate Past President** ..... John Van Brocklin

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**Photographer** ..... Art Russell 2010-  
**Show Chairman** ..... Art Russell  
**Meeting Show Table** ..... Jeff Sturgis

# Annual Orchid Show!

March 17-18

Make plans to volunteer!

# Treasurer's Report November 2017

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<b>Ending Balance October 2017</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>26,784.36</b>	
<b>Income:</b>			
Bank Interest (July)	\$	8.73	
Bank Interest (August)	\$	7.10	
Bank Interest (September)	\$	6.51	
Bank Interest (October)	\$	7.33	
Society Snack Table Donations	\$	6.03	
Vendor Payment 2018 Show	\$	450.00	
Raffle	\$	90.00	
Member Dues	\$	120.00	
Christmas Party	\$	650.00	
Silent Auction	\$	65.00	
Potting Clinic (November)	\$	160.00	
Sale of Chuck Clouse's Orchids & Supplies	\$	279.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,849.70</b>	<b>\$ 28,634.06</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Square Fee (June)	\$	25.45	
Square Fee (July)	\$	3.43	
Square Fee (August)	\$	0.66	
Square Fee (September)	\$	0.68	
Square Fee (October)	\$	16.59	
Square Fee (November)	\$	2.62	
Payment to Joyce Clouse	\$	303.30	
Potting Clinic Supplies	\$	3.42	
Society Meeting Raffle Plants	\$	35.29	
Society Snack Table Reimbursement	\$	4.25	
Silent Auction Distribution (October)	\$	42.40	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>438.09</b>	
<b>Ending Balance November 2017</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>28,195.97</b>	
<b>Receivables</b>			
Society Petty Cash Fund	\$	25.00	
Raffle Petty Cash Fund	\$	25.00	
Potting Clinic Petty Cash Fund	\$	25.00	

# Treasurer's Report December 2017

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<b>Ending Balance November 2017</b>		<b>\$ 28,195.97</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Christmas Party Auction	\$ 1,292.00	
Christmas Party Food	\$ 475.00	
Christmas Party Silent Auction	\$ 107.00	
Bank Interest (November)	\$ 6.77	
Bank Interest (December)	\$ 6.36	
Sale of Chuck Clouse's Orchids	\$ 500.00	
Silent Auction	\$ 6.25	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,393.38</b>	<b>\$ 30,589.35</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
JGCC (Christmas Dinner)	\$ 2,365.71	
Plants for Christmas Auction	\$ 500.00	
T-Shirt Deposit for 2018 Show	\$ 450.50	
Silent Auction Distribution (November)	\$ 52.00	
Tent for Club Use	\$ 259.99	
Auction Plant Pick-up Expense (Gas & Hotel)	\$ 164.86	
Society Plastic Name Badges	\$ 21.38	
AOS Advertising Fee for 2018 Show	\$ 552.50	
Square Fee (December)	\$ 17.34	
Payment to Joyce Clouse	\$ 751.10	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,135.38</b>	
<b>Ending Balance December 2017</b>		<b>\$ 25,453.97</b>
<b>Receivables</b>		
Society Petty Cash Fund	\$ 25.00	
Raffle Petty Cash Fund	\$ 25.00	
Potting Clinic Petty Cash Fund	\$ 25.00	

## 2018 JOS Speaker Schedule

The 2017 Speaker Schedule is being constantly revised. Here's the current picture of the next couple of months:

Date	Speaker	Topic
January 9, 2018	Houston Sneed, Horticultural Manager at Jacksonville Zoo	He will speak about an orchid research project he is leading at the zoo.
February 13, 2018	Marv Ragan	Encyclias
March 13, 2018	No speaker. We discussed the 2018 JOS Orchid Show	
April 10, 2018	Tom Kuligowski	Angraecums
May 2018	<b><i>NO MEETING! Annual JOS Picnic</i></b>	
June 12, 2018	Carlos Cahiz, Owner, OFE	Topic to be determined
July 10, 2018	Ivan Portillo, Owner, Ecuagenera	Topic to be determined
August 14, 2018	Francisco Miranda	Orchids from Brazil
September 11, 2018	Phillip Hamilton, Breden Orchids	Topic to be determined
October 9, 2018	Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids	ABCs of Orchid Nutrition
November 13, 2018	Fred Clark, SVO	Catasetum Culture
December 2018	<b><i>Christmas Party! Date To Be Determined</i></b>	



## 2017 Christmas Party

The 2017 Jacksonville Orchid Society Christmas Party is officially a success. Everyone appeared to be having a good time, so I'll be lobbying the Board of Directors (BOD) to approve our having the 2018 Christmas Party again at the Jacksonville Golf and Country Club.

All in all, we couldn't have asked for a better setting and a facility that met our needs better. However, I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize those that actually made the party work - Stacey Schwab, Dorothy Van Brocklin, and Linda Schenhom. It's easy to look successful when you have help from people such as them. Here's offering them my most sincere appreciation.



Equally important was the orchids presented for auction. John and Dorothy Van Brocklin drove to southern Florida and picked up the orchids from Thanh Nguyen of Springwater Orchids (<http://stores.ebay.com/Springwater-Orchids>) and Linda of Ritter Tropic 1 Orchids (<http://www.rittertropic1.com>). John and Dorothy once again pitched in to keep things going and I don't know where the JOS would be without their contributions. Kudos to both Thanh and Linda as well. It's support from sponsors such as themselves that helps the club continue to flourish. Obviously, don't hesitate to take a look at their offerings at the upcoming 2018 Jacksonville Orchid Show, but you can find them online as well.

So, who's ready for the 2018 party? With the society underwriting the cost of the meal in order to keep it at \$25, this is one of the best deals going. I'm ready, how about you? Pull out that calendar and get ready!

~Art Russell

These photos were taken by Roger Engle. Thank you, Roger!





# American Orchid Society

## Seasonal Orchid Care Checklists

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

### Monthly Checklist for January and February



#### **Cattleya**

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

#### **Cymbidium**

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#### **Lycaste**

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#### **Odontoglossums**

Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using Oncidium and Brassia, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

## **Paphiopedilum**

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



## **Phalaenopsis**

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

## **Zygopetalum**

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

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

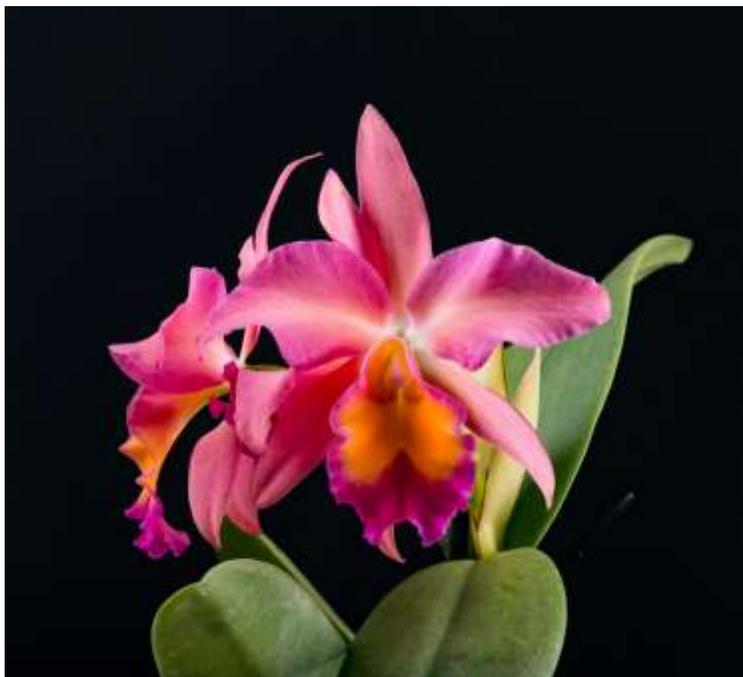
# November 2017 Show Table



Cattleya Penang 'Black Caesar' AM/AOS  
Brian Esterak  
1st Place — Cattleya



Brassolaeliocattleya Pink Empress 'Julsen' AM/AOS  
Bob Gaffney  
2nd Place — Cattleya



Cattlianthe Laurie Bloch  
Art & Jane Russell  
3rd Place — Cattleya



Cymbidium Valerie Absolonova  
Harry & Celia McElroy  
1st Place — Cymbidium

# November 2017 Show Table



Dendrobium Nano Chip  
Harry & Celia McElroy  
1st Place — Dendrobium



Dendrobium Katina Fancy 'Red Splash'  
Brian Esterak  
2nd Place — Dendrobium



Phalaenopsis violacea f. coerulea x Phalaenopsis belina coerulea  
Harry & Celia McElroy  
1st Place — Phalaenopsis



Phalaenopsis Quilted Beauty  
Christie Peppard  
2nd Place — Phalaenopsis

# November 2017 Show Table



Vanda Noname 1 - November 2017  
Jeff Sturgis  
1st Place — Vanda



Vanda Noname 2 - November 2017  
Annalee McPhilomy  
2nd Place — Vanda



*Acampe praemorsa* (syn *Acampe papillosa*)  
Jerry Fowler  
3rd Place — Vanda



Fredclarkeara After Dark  
Ed Cavin  
1st Place — Misc

# November 2017 Show Table



Brassovola Little Stars  
Jeff Sturgis  
1st Place — Novice



Miltonia 'Earl Dunn' Dark Lip (Peloric)  
Heidi LeCompte  
2nd Place — Novice



Beallara Tahoma Glacier Green  
Jerry Fowler  
1st Place — Oncidium

# November 2017 Show Table

*Coelogyne rochussenii* #6  
Victoria Ford  
1st Place — Species



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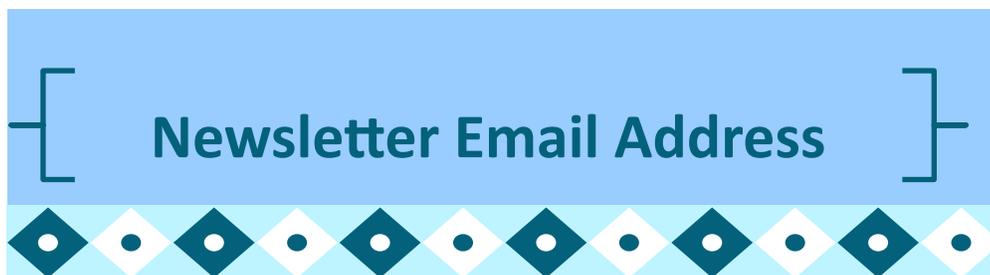


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## Dinner Before the Meeting!

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

## Annual Orchid Show!

Our annual orchid show is March 17-18!

Many hands make light work! Please make sure to set aside time before, during, and after the show to volunteer!

Look for more information on areas in which you can serve and opportunities to sign up soon!