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President's Report for January 2018

We have put a lot behind us over the past two months. Christmas with the great Christmas party. Arrival of the New Year, the Rose Parade, the Jaguar games, and many things that made us happy. The cold snap that was hard on some of us and the down side of winter are also in the rearview mirror. We are looking ahead now and see a lot of good things to anticipate like spring. A big event ahead is the Jacksonville Orchid Society Show. A lot of planning will take place between now and the evening of March 15 when our members begin setting up the Garden Club for the Show. We will see a flurry of activity at the Garden Club on March 16 when all the vendors and societies prepare the displays and vendors set up their booths. On Saturday, we will be ready for the public. Over 10,000 people will walk through the show and we all will take pride in the work we have done. It all ends at 4pm on Sunday and by 6pm, all society and vendors will have loaded their staging and plants and the floors will have been swept. We will all go home and sleep well Sunday night.

There are a lot of new members at JOS who may not have participated in our annual show. I am very happy that you have joined us as members, but please join us as we plan and put on this show. There will be lists passed around by the people who have volunteered to head the work groups involved in putting on our show. You will see that there is plenty to do. In addition to staging and hosting the show, we serve several hundred meals. It is particularly fun to be a clerk and learn what the judges do and learn what makes one orchid better than another. We help vendors load and unload their trucks and (case the place and pick our what we want to buy). Some of us will put in displays, others will register all the orchids for judging. Some will serve as greeters and greet the public at the front door. Some will help repot plants the public brings us and be available to answer questions. Some will sell t-shirts and conduct the raffle the public participates in. A lot goes on out of view of the public. Please help and try to find a place with one of the work groups and join in. The show is a big event and it will take a lot of planning over the next month to make it successful. Art Russell, our Show Chairman, and I, as your president, will get the warm fuzzy feeling that only success gives when it is all over. We certainly need your help and support.

Harry

Minutes

January 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by our President, Harry Mc Elroy.

Jane Russell was given a hand of applause for the wonderful work she did with the show poster and it will be ready for the February meeting.

Art Russell went over the show details for the new members. Art expressed the need for member participation and helping to make this happen in March.

Harry McElroy approved the treasurer's report. Marv Regan motioned and Art Russell seconded. All agreed in favor of the budget.

Sunshine committee report

- Mr. Waivery passed away the morning of 1/9/18
- Mike Heinz had a negative result from the lung cancer biopsy
- Lourdes Guell will need surgery from her accident

New Members

- Nicole Cadillac
- Olga Champion
- Betty Anne Robinson
- Doris Kae Ganzhorn
- Katherine Ganghorn
- Richard & Jeaneane Wells
- Pat Ryan
- Jane Giles
- T.C. & Bejae Robert
- Karen & Denny Reasower

Harry announced show table from December meeting.

We broke for hospitality table supplied by Beth Strate, Carol Engle, and Bonnie Myers.

Speaker: Houston Sneed, Horticultural Assistant at Jacksonville Zoo.

Houston spoke about orchid research project he is leading at the zoo.

Conservation of Platanthera Chapmanii in N.E. Florida and S.E. Georgia.

Annalee McPilomy and Rob Stomfay-Stitz called out the tickets for the raffle table.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernice Dunn, Secretary

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Annual Orchid Show!

March 17-18

Make plans to volunteer!

Treasurer's Report January 2018

Treasurer's Report January 2018

Ending Balance December 2017		\$	25,453.97
Income:			
Membership Dues	\$ 270.00		
Raffle Tickets	\$ 90.00		
Vendor Deposits for 2018 Show	\$ 1,350.00		
Silent Auction	\$ 28.00		
Christmas Party Dinner	\$ 50.00		
Misc	\$ 5.00		
Total Income	\$ 1,793.00		
\$ 27,246.97			
Expenses:			
Speaker Fee	\$ 150.00		
Speaker Dinner	\$ 16.41		
Snack Table Refreshments	\$ 6.27		
Total Expenses	\$ 172.68		
Ending Balance January 2018		\$	27,074.29
Potting Clinic Petty Cash Fund	\$ 25.00		
Raffle Petty Cash Fund	\$ 25.00		
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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 Assistant 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	<i>NO MEETING! Annual JOS Picnic</i>	
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	<i>Christmas Party! Date To Be Determined</i>	

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JOS Orchid Show

We're just over a month out from the Jacksonville Orchid Society's 2018 Orchid Show. If you haven't thought about your part in the show, **now is the time**. For our new members, this is the time when the society shines and produces one of the best society orchid shows in Florida, if not the nation.

Everybody's help is needed and we all pull together in the best manner we can. Not only is it a lot of fun, but... wait for it... helping set up the show is your best opportunity to acquire the pick of the orchids being presented by growers at the show. You'll be there early and will have the opportunity to see the orchids before the public. Be warned, however. Orchids WILL follow you home.

THE SCHEDULE

We've reserved the Garden Club again for the event. The show is scheduled for March 17-18 and set up will begin on March 15 following the general schedule below.



Thursday – March 15

12-5pm - floor setup, taping, masking

Friday – March 16

10am - ? - vendors arrive, unload, and setup displays and sales spaces; individual and society display setup; registration of orchids

Saturday – March 17

8-10am - orchid judging

10am-6pm - THE SHOW

Sunday – March 18

10am-4pm - THE SHOW, continued

4-7pm - clean up!



COMMITTEES

The committees remain much the same as before, except for the kitchen. Committee leaders, please contact your team and remind them that the show is just around the corner. We'll have a number of sign-up sheets at our February and March monthly meetings, but committee leaders need to be prepared to bring their own as well.

THE KITCHEN

The JOS Orchid Show is known for its kitchen and especially how well we take care of the AOS judges who will be evaluating orchids, vendor exhibits, society exhibits, and individual member exhibits.

We know that running the kitchen is a burden, so this year we are trying a different approach and are looking into catering the main "judge meals" on Saturday and other meals. The jury is still out, but we are looking into the issue. We also still need members to contribute food or money help defray the costs for running the kitchen.

This year Larry McNally has agreed to run the kitchen during the show. Please give Larry a hand as he'll be responsible for coordinating any food donations and making sure kitchen operations run smoothly. Please be sure to get in touch with Larry about any way in which you can help out with the kitchen events. Personally, I'll volunteer potato salad again as well as anything else Larry asks me to bring along.

DISPLAYS

Please let us know if you plan to put in a display. It's time to set your plans in motion. Space is limited, so it's time to plan now, if you haven't already.

Beth Strate is leading the team that will represent the Jacksonville Orchid Society this year. She is looking for a few more orchids and if you'd like your orchid considered, she is having a pre-show party at her home on March 10 to receive orchids for the display. ***Please RSVP to Beth if you'd like to participate.*** You can reach her at 904-280-9392.



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

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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.

January 2018 Show Table



Laelia Canariensis 'Golden Glow'
Larry McNally
1st Place — Cattleya



Epicattleya Rene Maques
Art Whittier
2nd Place — Cattleya



Laeliocattleya Judy Small
Harry & Celia McElroy
3rd Place — Cattleya



Cymbidium Peter Pan X Cymbidium Suave
Harry & Celia McElroy
1st Place — Cymbidium

January 2018 Show Table



Phragmipedium Don Wimber
Lois Rasmussen
1st Place — Paphiopedilum



Paphiopedilum Hung Shen Magic X Paphiopedilum
Hsinying Web
Harry & Celia McElroy
2nd Place — Paphiopedilum



Phalaenopsis NoName
Harry & Celia McElroy
1st Place — Phalaenopsis



Dendrobium Peter Shen X Dendrobium Nida Stripe
Harry & Celia McElroy
1st Place — Dendrobium

January 2018 Show Table



Cymbidium dayanum
Harry & Celia McElroy
1st Place — Species



Phaius Kryptonite 'Red Streak'
Art Whittier
1st Place — Misc



Oncidium Sugar Sweet
Rob Stomfay-Stitz
1st Place — Oncidium



Neostylis Lou Snearny 'Bluebird'
Jeff Sturgis
1st Place — Novice

The 2017 Show Table

I'm very much a "numbers guy." Since I also run a spreadsheet to capture each month's JOS show table awards, it's only natural that I convert that information into numbers.

The top 3 performers for 2017 were Harry and Celia McElroy; Brian Esterak; and Art and Jane Russell, in that order.

Name	Awarded Plants n=	Points
Harry and Celia McElroy	24	62
Brian Esterak	13	35
Art and Jane Russell	14	32

35 members had 136 orchids awarded during 2017, with awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or People's Choice. A total of 340 points were awarded across all awarded orchids. In measuring awards, 1st place was worth 3 points, 2nd place was worth 2 points, 3rd place was worth 1 point, and People's Choice (i.e., Best in Show) was worth 4 points.



"How to win?" Do you want to "win" or at least get an orchid awarded at the show table? The answer is simple, enter more orchids. Each of the top three awardees entered more orchids throughout the year than anyone else. However, there are a couple of tricks....

Enter orchids even when you think there aren't many orchids growing at that time. The good news is that everyone else probably only has a few orchids available as well and won't bother to enter, so this is the time for *you* to enter.

Enter different types of orchids. Everybody enters Cattleya, Dendrobium, and Phalaenopsis orchids. Bring something else to stand out from the crowd. You can enter them as "Species" if they are a species orchid, or as "Miscellaneous Hybrid" if it is not a species; and of course, there are the other categories of orchids as well arranged by alliance (er, tribe; er, family).

Enter a Cymbidium! Harry McElroy is almost the only JOS member entering cymbidiums. As a result, he's almost always a winner. Start giving Harry competition and you'll get awarded because it will just be Harry and you in that category. [Sorry Harry - I had to give away your secret!]



Enter your orchids at the March show table. Everybody is getting ready for the JOS Orchid Show at the meeting before the show. Very few bring their prize orchids to the show table. Now's your time! Bring yours!

Enter your orchid at the January show table. This is another low point for the number of orchid entries and another opportunity for your orchids to do well on the show table.

Enter your orchids if you are a novice. We created this category just for YOU! This is your opportunity to get started and do well. We want and value seeing your orchids at the show table, so be sure to let us see them!

Not sure about how to get started? Take a look at the "Show Table Entry Instructions" on the following page for information about how to class your orchids.

The forms are on the club website and available from <http://jaxorchidsociety.org>.

~Art Russell



Jacksonville Orchid Society Show Table Entry Form Instructions

Bring in your blooming orchids for judging on the Show Table. Three members of the JOS will judge all the orchids brought to the Show Table and the first, second and third best orchids will be awarded in each of the eleven classes. You can bring as many orchids in as you wish but only one orchid can be awarded in each class. Awards are also given for beautifully grown specimen plants. You can use the interactive Show Entry Form to complete your entry form.

Deciding What Class Your Plant Fits Into

Cattleya - includes Brassavola, Broughtonia, Cattleya, Encyclia, Epidendrum, Laelia, Myrmecophila, Rhyncholaelia, Schomburgkia, Sophronitis

Dendrobium – includes all Dendrobiums

Oncidium - includes Ada, Aspasia, Brassia, Cochlioda, Miltonia, Miltoniopsis, Odontoglossum, Oncidium, Trichopilia

Paphiodedilum - includes Cypripedium, Paphiopedlum, Phragmipedium

Phalaenopsis - includes Doritis, Kingidium, Phalaenopsis

Cymbidium - includes Ansellia, Cymbidium, Cymdiella, Cyrtopodium, Grammatophyllum

Vanda - includes Aerangis, Aerides, Angraecum, Arachnis, Ascocentrum, Euanthe, Neofinetia, Paraphalaenopsis, Renanthera, Rhynchostylis, Trichoglottis, Vanda, Vandopsis

Novice Group – includes any plants entered from any class if grown by a novice who wishes his plant to be judged in this category (rather than against other plants in the same class)

Miscellaneous Genera - includes Anguloa, Bifrenaria, Bletilla, Bulbophyllum, Catasetum, Cirrhopetalum, Clowesia, Coelogyne, Cycnoches, Dendrochilum, Dracula, Gongora, Goodyera, Ludisia, Lycaste, Macodes, Masdevallia, Maxillaria, Mormodes, Paphinia Phaius, Pleione, Pleurothallis, Sobralia, Spathoglottis, Stanhopea, Vanilla, Zygopetalum

Species – includes any species plants entered from any Alliance if you wish your plant to be judged in this category (rather than against other plants in the same Alliance)

Commercial – includes any plants from any Alliance if brought by a commercial grower

Filling Out the Entry Form

The entry form is an interactive form in pdf format.

- You should complete one form for each plant. You will select the judging class (Cattleya, Dendrobium, etc.) from the drop down menu, enter the plant tag information and your name. This will also allow the photographer to take a picture of the form and then the plant to facilitate orchid identification for the newsletter.
- You should enter the number of plants you are entering in a given class to give your judges the information they will need to judge the Show Table (e.g., if you bring 3 cattleyas, you should enter the number 3). Because a given member can only win an award for one plant in any one given class, the judges need to know if there are some plants that are excluded from further judging because the member's plant has already been awarded.

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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/VQzAl>

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!