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The Jacksonville Orchid Society Presents

A Walk In The Orchids

Show & Sale, March 10-21, 2021
Free Admission

10:00-6:00 PM Saturday, 10:00-4:00 Sunday

Jarin Garden Club
2892 Loretto Road
Jacksonville, FL 32223
www.jaxorchidsociety.org

THE SHOW ISSUE

New Address!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message Feb 2021

Greetings to all our members. This is the most exciting and the most stressful time of the year for our club. It's Show Time which means that we are now down to days instead of months to finalize plans to ensure a successful show. I would guess that most of you have little understanding of what goes on behind the scenes to bring this event to fruition. Lorraine Conover, our Show Chairman, has worked crazy hard and still is working to get the many loose ends tied before the third weekend in March. When you and the many members of the Jacksonville community arrive on March 20th, you will find ample parking manned by volunteers who will direct you and get you safely parked (all planned and staffed in advance). You will find smiling faces to welcome you into the main building (set up and staged the night before by volunteers) to where our vendor displays are arrayed with prize winning orchids and the amateur displays that represent the local societies and our JOS members. You'll find the raffle table (manned by a volunteer) with beautiful orchids/supplies, JOS t-shirts for sale (volunteers, again) and our kitchen prepared (yep, volunteers adhering to COVID-19 guidelines) to feed our vendors as well as the AOS judges who will already have selected the best of the best in the displays. As you leave the building and enter the gardens at the back you'll find our vendor sales areas that were set up the day before by volunteers in a frenzy of activity so today would be possible. We have 7 orchid vendors, an orchid supply vendor and a specialty orchid pottery vendor for you to visit. We also have an education table where we do potting, mounting and offer general information about growing orchids manned by members of your society. None of this would be remotely possible without every one of the volunteers that have worked to make this weekend possible. It's not too late to offer to help. Lorraine has a lot of blank spots on her signup sheet that must be filled. If you plan to attend this show, please plan to devote your time for a couple of additional hours to fill one of these necessary jobs. Your Show Committee, the Show Chairman and your Orchid Society thanks you for anything you can do to help.

Respectfully,

Lois Rasmussen

<p>March 2021</p>	 <p><i>Jacksonville Orchid Society</i></p>						
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>This month's program will be dedicated to preparation for the Annual Show.</p> <p>Lorraine Conover will cover the show from set up to breakdown and everything in-between.</p> <p>Set up will be on Thursday 3/18/21 and Friday 3/19/21. The show will take place on Saturday 3/20/21 and Sunday 3/21/21. Breakdown takes place immediately after the show on Sunday.</p> <p>Show venue: Mandarin Garden Club 2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville.</p>		1	2	3	4	5	<p>JOS Ace Hardware Potting Clinic 10:00 am</p>
	7	8	<p>JOS Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm</p>	10	11	12	13
	<p>Daylight Savings time begins</p>	15	16	<p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>JOS Orchid Show Set Up</p>	<p>JOS Orchid Show Set Up</p>	<p>JOS Orchid Show 10:00 am 6:00 pm</p>
	<p>JOS Orchid Show 10:00 am 4:00 pm</p>	22	23	24	25	26	27
	<p>JOS Board Meeting 4:00 pm</p>	29	30	<p>JOS Beauty Contest Final Day</p>			



IT'S COMING!
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Meeting Show Table Chairman	Harry McElroy
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Ace Hardware, Lois Rasmussen. Back up-Christine Roadruck (1st Saturday)	
The Plant Ranch, Colin Cage. Back up-TBD. (Begins in April, 3rd Saturday, monthly)	

EVENTS

Speakers

Speaker list for 2021 is tentative but is as follows:

Mar- Show Meeting. Lorraine Conover (come prepared to volunteer!)

Apr- Steve Hawkins. Oncidiums

May- Picnic; no meeting

Jun- TBD

Jul- Lorraine Conover, Lois Rasmussen. Hands-on mounting event

Aug- Thanh Nguyen, Springwater Orchids. Topic TBD

Sep- Phillip Hamilton, Bredren Orchids, specializing in Brazilian Cattleya

Oct-Art Chadwick. Topic TBD

Nov- Fred Clark; Sunset Valley Orchids, Topic TBD

Dec- Christmas Event, no meeting

Green House Tours
(When is yours?!?)

4/25 Christina Roadruck
5/16 Lois Rasmussen

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Scott And Michelle Campbell

Scott and Michelle were members of the JOS many years ago and are currently members of the St. Augustine Orchid Society. They started with a phalaenopsis 20 years ago and soon realized that the Cattleya was their favorite genus. Their collection soon grew to about 100 plants of which 30 are Cattleyas.

In the winter their collection is housed in a greenhouse which can be converted into a slat house for summer growing. Michelle is the orchid admirer while Scott focuses on the culture. Now that they are back as members, we look forward to their participation in the society.

Melody and Eduardo Hertel

Melody and Eduardo hail from the Philippines and are no strangers to orchids. Prior to arrival in the US, Melody did not grow orchids but was surrounded by orchids and orchid growers. Melody's interest in orchids was triggered in the early 90's when she took a six-week educational course on orchids from Marv Ragan.

While working full time Melody was not able to focus on orchids but now being retired from the Mayo Clinic, she wants to get serious again. Currently they have a small greenhouse and look forward to a collection comprising a variety of genera.

We look forward to their participation and involvement in the society.



Orchid Society Dues 2021

Society dues for the 2021 calendar year are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$35.00 for a family membership.

Dues in the form of cash, check or credit card will be accepted at the meeting on March 9th. If you will not be able to attend the March meeting, please forward your dues checks to:

Colin Cage
627 Great Abaco Court
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Colin Cage
Membership Secretary.

WHY VOLUNTEER FOR THE JOS ORCHID SHOW??

Volunteering for my first show was the pivotal event that eliminated any doubt of my orchid addition. I got to meet and befriend the professional growers who were our vendors. We got to know the growers through working with them, getting to see their inventory first as we unloaded their trucks, but most of all talking to them about their plants and getting to real gauge on how to grow well!

I have volunteered every year thereafter and have established long-lasting relationships. When I'm in doubt about culture or when one of my girls isn't doing well, I can pick up the phone and talk to the expert or send a photo and get an email response. I have learned so much, but still have so much left to learn. Volunteering for the show opens doors to that knowledge. I, for one, will be there!

Lois Rasmussen



2021—My First JOS Show!

Being a new member in early 2020, I was very much looking forward to my first JOS Orchid Show. I knew it would be a great opportunity to get to know some of the members, and to learn from the growers/vendors and judges. I signed up for as many volunteer opportunities as possible, and was especially excited at the prospect of following judges around. To my extreme disappointment, COVID squashed that by cancelling the show. But, this year will be different! I plan on working as much of the weekend as I can, learning, laughing, and shopping!!!

Jackie Dougherty

I know for a fact that you can find AOS awardable plants from the vendor tables at our show.

Look for new Cattleya hybrids and new Paphiopedium hybrids.

Eric

Running with the Judges

When attending my first Jacksonville Orchid Show as a JOS member I volunteered to be a "Clerk." It was one of the best decisions I made as a new member of the society. Time invested was only about 2 hours and during that time I listened in as the judges described multiple orchids and their assessment of its quality. More than that, I also learned more about why different orchids are selected and how to best grow them. Fast forward 10 years, and I'm still volunteering to be a Clerk at our shows.

Art Russell

Just what is a Society Orchid Show? The answer would depend on who you ask.

- An opportunity to be introduced to the world of orchids.
- A chance to purchase some rare or endangered species.
- An opportunity to spend a day with friends exploring what's new in the orchid world.
- An opportunity to speak to experts in their field.
- To learn more about this fascinating hobby.
- A chance to build your collection.
- An opportunity to attract prospective new members.
- Shop!

The involvement and contribution of every member of the society will determine just how great a show we can deliver. Let's all stand together and deliver a show that we can be proud of. The Jacksonville Orchid Society has a well-deserved reputation for outstanding annual shows and it is now our time to step forward and continue this proud tradition.

Colin Cage



From the moment I walked in the door of the 2018 Jacksonville Orchid Society show I was hooked! My ignorance of orchids was apparent as I gazed at the wonder before me. Who knew there were orchid varieties besides those sold in Publix? And the fragrance! I had no idea orchids were fragrant. The aroma was almost overwhelming as I entered the room. I wandered around the show for the next two hours marveling at the beautiful blooms in front of me. I purchased four orchids that day with names I couldn't pronounce. And I couldn't believe I spent \$45 for one plant. One plant! My husband couldn't either LOL. I ended up joining the club on the spot and never looked back. Today I'll gladly pay the cost of an orchid and know I'll get my money's worth in pure joy.
Deborah Courtney

My First Orchid Show

I had no idea what an Orchid Show was but having joined the local society recently, decided why not sign up to help. And help I did! Set up on Thursday, Vendor set up on Friday and the show Saturday & Sunday, then breakdown. I was there all four days and enjoyed being part of something way bigger than me! Empty white tables turned into black covered and skirted display tables with a vendor assigned to create his Orchid Display for AOS Judging. Vendors arrived and it looked like chaos to me, but they were busy creating something beautiful. Me, all I saw were plants in plastic pots blooming with pretty flowers, moss, ferns and driftwood, a mess on the floors, etc.

Then I show up Saturday morning and just could not believe the transformation that happened from when I left the afternoon before. Since then, I have never regretted one single minute of being part of the Orchid World. My only wish would be to turn back time 25 years and enjoy that much more time in this fascinating world of orchids.

Lorraine

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The March General Meeting of the Jacksonville Orchid Society (JOS) will be Tuesday, March 9. Doors will open at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm.

Prior to the start of the meeting, please buy your raffle tickets. Ritter Orchids will provide the orchids for the raffle table and we anticipate a good selection. Don't miss this chance to pick up different genera of orchids to add to your collection at a good price.

Also prior to the meeting, members are welcome to privately sell orchids with 20% of proceeds going to the JOS. Items other than orchids may be offered for sale as long as they are orchid related. For example: orchids, plant hangers, potting materials or plaques qualify. Also, items with an orchid theme are also welcome such as: ceramic items, paintings, books, clothing, etc.

Members may also offer two orchids at the Silent Auction Table. All orchids should be in bloom; if not, they should be accompanied by an appropriate picture or description.

Show Tables will be set up and we encourage you to bring in blooming orchids to compete!

At 7PM, we will have a brief business meeting and then take a brief break for you to finish your purchases, enter the raffle, and allow for late comers to do the same. We will then reconvene for the evening's presentation by Lorraine Conover giving details about the Show!

NEW MEETING LOCATION! Remember that our new location going forward will be at the Mandarin Garden Club in Jacksonville, FL:

Mandarin Garden Club
2892 Loretto Road
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Social Distancing. Covid considerations will be with us for the foreseeable future. Please bring a mask to wear if you can't maintain social distancing. What does that mean? Wear a mask if you can't be 6 feet away from others at the meeting.

Our General Meeting is a good time to ask questions from our expert growers and get tips for what to do when there is a problem. We cover a wide variety of topics including species and hybrids that are good to grow in this area, identification of pests and diseases, watering and fertilizing, and where to grow your orchids.

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

It's All About the Show

This is the meeting to ask your questions

We are down to the wire and still need help on Saturday and Sunday. Our show will be successful with as many members as possible pitching in. A few cannot handle everything. I am reading Facebook replies on FOG and Newbies especially, and there are a number of fellow orchid enthusiasts coming to our show from out of our area. Let us make them and everyone else feel welcome.

No experience is necessary to help, and you will have a chance to shop too! You always benefit and learn something new volunteering at Orchid Shows.

Now is the time to get your plants ready for the Members Show Table. There will be judging for ribbons, and hopefully and elusive AOS Award. Last month there were some tips in the newsletter for grooming your plants, and you can now put that to work for you. Check out Eric's tips on what the judges look for in this issue. Show off what you have! If you want to show a mounted plant, you must supply a hanger or some type of pot to keep upright.

If you have questions and you are not sure about staking your plant, bring it to the March meeting. We'll work on getting them presentable! Bring your supplies.

Afraid of missing out?

Fear not! There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer for the show!

- **Show Set-up**—Pop by for an hour or two Friday and help the club get ready.
- **Ambassadors**—2-3 hour shifts available all day Saturday and Sunday.
- **Raffle Table**—2-3 hour shifts Saturday and Sunday
- **Membership**—Help Colin talk up the club in 2 hour blocks both Saturday and Sunday
- **Potting Tent**—Slots still available either Saturday or Sunday
- **Hospitality/Kitchen**—Christie & Alex could use a few more in 3-4 hour blocks Saturday & Sunday.

Fun & friendship all around! Step up and help out for a bit!!!

It's not too late!! Either sign up at the March meeting, or contact Bonnie 904-571-3103 or email Meyers3922@bellsouth.net



Schedule for Plant Registration:

Space exhibits and plants in space exhibits: Fill out the excel spreadsheet and return to Eric no later than Thursday March 18.

Individual entries: Email Eric (dirt2021@yahoo.com) with the plant name, parents, color, and classification no later than Thursday March 18. I may also be able to take a few entries on Friday.

To find the parents, you have several options. You can try to find them online (Google search), If you are an AOS member, you can find them on their website, if you have Orchidwiz you can find parentage there, or you can call someone to help you. Eric, James Arnold, Art Russell, Harry McElroy, Lois, or anyone with Orchidwiz.

For classification use this list, starting on page five. <http://jaxorchidsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-JOS-Show-Regulations-and-Classifications.pdf>

If you haven't done this before, please ask someone for help. It's relatively easy to register a plant, but it can be rather daunting the first time.

Plants stay on Exhibition for the weekend. Pick up when the show is done at 4pm Sunday.

EDUCATION CORNER

The Jacksonville Orchid Society's mission is based on education about orchids. This month's installment is thanks to Eric Cavin on what show judges look for. If there are any topics you'd like explored, email me! saedocs@aol.com

Are you thinking about entering a plant in our show this year? Now is the perfect time! We have plenty of space for individual entries and entering the plants is a lot like entering plants for our monthly judging. The only difference is that you will be eligible to win ribbons, trophies, and the much-coveted AOS Awards.

When I look at our monthly table of plants that we all bring in, I always see many plants deserving of one of these honors! Your plants are worthy of entry into our show and since vendors are not eligible for ribbons, you are only competing against other amateur growers just like you.

You might wonder, what are the judges looking for in a plant? For ribbons and trophies, they are looking for the best in each category and there are around one hundred different categories. They consider form, color, and arrangement when choosing the best, or the top three. Genetics and things like temperature will determine color and form, but there are some things you can do to improve your chances of winning.

Judges like to see that you have taken the time to care for your plant. If you grow outside, like many of us do, including judges, then you need to clean up your plant. Remove sticks and leaves which may have fallen into the plant and the pot. Clean the pot or drop the whole thing into another clean pot.

It also helps to remove dead parts of the plant. With a sterile knife, simply cut away the dead parts. You don't need to remove old bulbs if they are still green at all.

If you have water spots or dirt on your leaves, clean them with a soft rag or paper towel with water.

What about Leaf Shine? It's generally considered an unnatural distraction for orchid judging. I recommend avoiding it.

This leaves us with probably the most important thing you can do to show your plants.... Staking!

In general, the flowers should be held upright. Many times, flowers can weight down the inflorescence (stem) and cause it to sag. The best time to start staking your plants is as the inflorescence is growing. Put a stake beside it early on and stake it as it grows. Try to make your staking job look as natural as possible. For instance, A Phalaenopsis inflorescence should have a nice arch to it and cattleyas should be staked upright. Other genera which are commonly staked are Paphiopedilum, Oncidium, and many Dendrobiums.

EDUCATION CORNER (CONT)

Take a look at this picture. It's Phalaenopsis Baldan's Kaleidoscope and shows exactly what to do and what not to do. Notice the staked inflorescence; it is upright, has a nice arch, and the flowers are nicely displayed. The un-staked inflorescence hangs down; the flowers are hard to see, and is in general unattractive. I can imagine exactly what the judges would say about this plant.... "They did such a good job staking one inflorescence, I wonder why they didn't stake the other one? It would have made a huge difference."



Also, don't make the mistake of staking too late or you will get an un-natural looking inflorescence that's even worse than no staking. Look at the same plant below, I staked the second inflorescence way too late. The stem has an odd bow, and the flowers are held almost 90 degrees off.



You also need to know that some plants should not be staked and are preferred to be left hanging; species like, Stanhopeas, Gongoras, pendulous Cymbidiums.

Let me know if you have any questions showing your plants and I personally cannot wait to see many of you bring plants in!

Eric

Be a JOS "Ambassador!!!"

You may be asking, *"What's an Ambassador?"*

- Ambassadors will be the first person visitors to the show will interact with.
- Ambassadors will help direct traffic, but mostly Ambassadors will answer general questions about orchids, where is the restroom, where are the vendors, etc.
- The good news is that every member already knows far more about orchids than the visiting public. However, if someone asks a "technical" question - point or take him or her to one of the more experienced members of the club. We'll find an answer. Also don't forget that the vendors ARE EXPERTS in their orchids. They know how to grow them and would love to answer the public's questions.
- Ambassadors are NOT law enforcement! We'll be seen as physically present and in so doing provide a sense of "security" for the public and vendors. If there are "real" security issues, we'll call the Police.
- Ambassadors get to wear sporty distinctive vests to be provided by the Society!

PLANNING - We have 2 - 3 hour shifts available Saturday and Sunday. Does this mean you won't have time to visit and buy orchids? Not at all - most of the time you'll simply be walking around in the vendor or orchid display areas anyway.

REQUEST - Please contact me to sign up for the following general time frames on both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday - 9:15AM to 12:30PM; 12:30PM to 3:30PM; 3:30PM to 6:00PM

Sunday - 9:15AM to 12:30PM; 12:30PM to 2:30PM, 2:30PM to 4:30PM

I'll have a sign-up chart with me at the February and March General Meetings.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS WORK.

Thanks,

Art Russell
For the Jacksonville Orchid Society

ATTENTION!

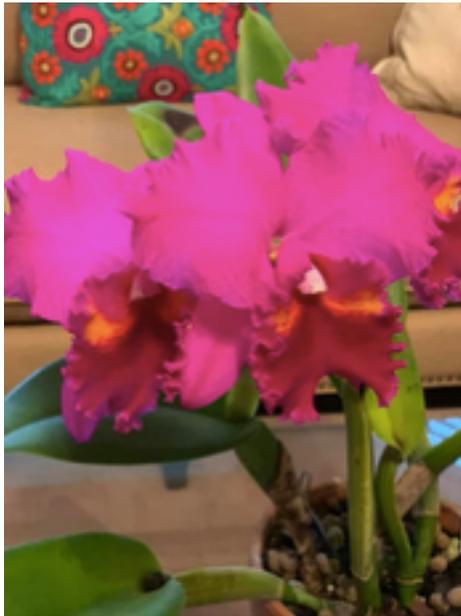
Anyone currently holding on to library books,
please return them!

THANK YOU!!!



ORCHID CONTESTS

February Beauty Contest Winner



Brassolaeliocattleya Sally Heath 'Sarah'
Christina Bonelli Roadruck

Monthly Beauty Contest Rules

Post a picture of your prettiest orchid growing during the month on the JOS Facebook page and note it as an entry in the Beauty Contest. At the end of the month, a panel will judge that month's entries and select the prettiest orchid! Include your name and the name of the orchid. Enter as many as you like!

My example is: Angraecum Veitchii by Art Russell - January 2021 JOS Orchid Beauty Contest

Participation is open to all members of the Jacksonville Orchid Society.

WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

We'll announce the winner at the following month's meeting of the Jacksonville Orchid Society, and here in the newsletter.

You don't need an expensive camera to enter pictures. Keep it simple; a cell phone can record amazing images. We just want see to pretty orchids!

SHOW TABLE

Members - Don't forget to bring your blooming orchids for the Show Table. Remember also that all orchids brought for the Show Table, Sale, or Silent Auction should be free of virus, bugs, scale, or any other pests. Please also clean any orchid for sale, auction, or show as if for show presentation

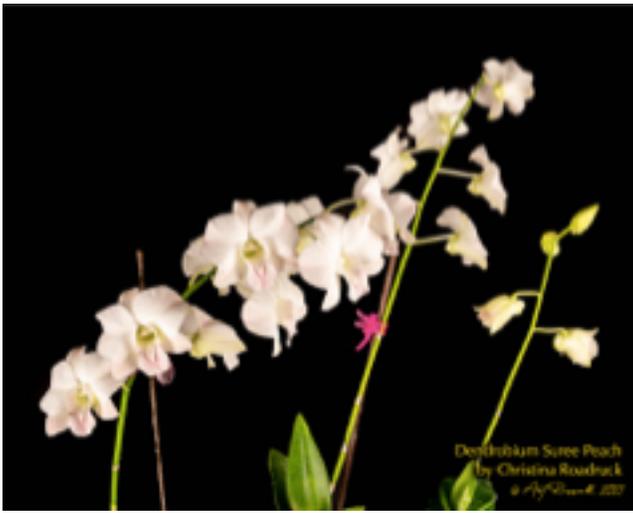
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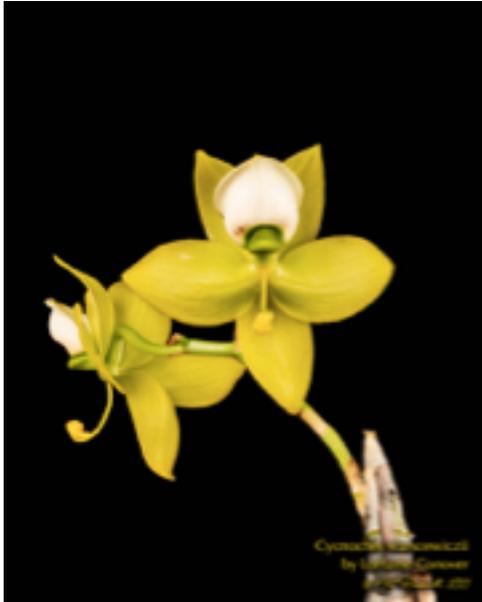
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Class	Placing	Plant Name	Exhibitor
Cattleya Hybrids	1	Cattleya Mary Lynn McKenzie	Jackie Dougherty
Cattleya Hybrids	2	Brassolaeliocattleya Aristocrat x Rhyncolaelia Arabyana x Brassolaeliocattleya Pamela Heatherington	Lois Rasmussen
Cattleya Hybrids	3	Cattleya Tiffeny Bells 'Orchid Glade'	Christina Roadruck
Cattleya Hybrids	Unplaced	Brassolaelio Yellow Bird	Lorraine Conover
Cymbidium Hybrids	1	Cymbidium Carpenters Golden Anniversary	Harry & Celia McElroy
Cymbidium Hybrids	2	Cymbidium Jill 'Betty Jo'	Brandon Sylvester
Dendrobium Hybrids	1	Dendrobium Pocket Lover	Lorraine Conover
Dendrobium Hybrids	2	Dendrobium Suree Peach	Christina Roadruck
Lady Slippers	1	Paphiopedilum Crown Jewels 'Supernova' X Paphiopedilum Thunder Eagle 'Top Gun'	Christina Roadruck
Lady Slippers	2	Phragmipedium Twilight	Lois Rasmussen
Lady Slippers	3	Paphiopedilum W. Stevens	Deborah Courtney
Miscellaneous Hybrids	1	Coelogyne Unchained Melody	Lois Rasmussen
Miscellaneous Hybrids	2	Zygopetalum Advance Australia 'Blue Velvet'	Brandon Sylvester
Oncidium Hybrids	1	Galeopetalum Arlene Armour	Deborah Courtney
Phalaenopsis Hybrids	1	Phalaenopsis Twin Sisters	Annalee McPhilomy
Species	1	Paphiopedilum fairrieianum	James Arnold
Species	2	Angraecum sesquipedale	Kathleen M. Snyder
Species	3	Cycnoches warszewiczii	Lorraine Conover
Vanda Hybrids	1	Rhyncostylis gigantea	Fema Mankinen
Vanda Hybrids	2	Rhyncostylis gigantea	Art & Jane Russell







SECRETARY'S MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE JACKSONVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

February 9, 2021, Mandarin Garden Club

Meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m. ET By Lois Rasmussen, President.

President's Report by Lois Rasmussen:

- Based on member survey feedback, the board agreed to bring in one high quality Speaker a month with hands on working sessions in between. An example of which would be buying seedlings and potting them up.
- First to Bloom Contest – In the fall, members were given plant divisions of a large Oncidium sp. and a contest was decided to honor the first member to bloom a division. Congratulations to Art Russell for being the first to bloom the division!
- Orchid Beauty Contest – Each month the club hosts an Orchid Beauty Contest where members post a photo of a blooming orchid to the club's Facebook page. A panel of three judges pick the prettiest orchid. Congratulations to Christina Roadruck, our January winner! Submit your entry by clicking on this link: [Jacksonville Orchid Society | Facebook](#)

Secretary's Report by Deborah Courtney: Membership approved the January Minutes as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report by Alex Romero: Treasurer report not available in the January newsletter. Will be published in February newsletter. A hard copy is available during the meeting for review. Membership approved the Treasurer's Report.

1st Vice President and JOS Show Chair Report by Lorraine Conover:

JOS Show Update

- Volunteers are needed to be Ambassadors to walk around and answer questions.
- Christie Peppard is in charge of food. Due to Covid restrictions, all food must be boxed up. Please see Christie to sign up for a food donation.
- Sponsorships: Member sponsorships available for \$25 for a trophy. Commercial sponsorships available at \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1,000. See Jackie Dougherty for a form (hard copy or email).

2nd Vice President Report by Jackie Dougherty:

Greenhouse Tours – Don't need a greenhouse to host a tour. Just show how you grow orchids. Let Jackie know if you're interested in hosting a tour.

- April 25 - Fema's house. Address in next newsletter.
- May - Lois's house.
- Picnic is May 2nd.

Membership Committee Report by Colin Cage:

- Colin welcomed two new members and introduced several guests.
- The club held a ramble to Krull-Smith Nursery in Apopka the weekend of Feb 13th in separate

SECRETARY'S MINUTES (CONT)

vehicles due to pandemic.

- Dues of \$25 individual, \$35 family are now due. Anyone that has not paid their dues will be removed from the roster and the email list.
- The member survey results will be mailed to the membership. One third of members participated in the survey. The results will guide the Board of Directors as they plan for 2021.
- Highlights of the survey:
 - Speakers are top priority for members and last in satisfaction. An area of improvement for the board.
 - New Meeting location was the highest area of satisfaction for members.

Education Moment: Lois brought in an orchid in a bad need of repotting with roots growing over the side of the pot. Lorraine discussed how to care for this orchid and how to dress it for a show.

- Once see new growth repot it. Or could divide it. Or could put a pot next to it to grow into.
- Start training new shoots on a stake that is longer than the stalk so it will support the bloom. She uses wire from Lowes (16 gauge). May want to bend the tip or put a tip on it or you'll poke yourself in the face.
- Remove any damaged leaves off (sunburned or damaged). Remove all old brown bloom spikes.
- Sterilize your clippers. Take cinnamon and a toothbrush and dab the cut to protect from disease.
- Clean leaves with regular milk. ½ and ½ works even better. Lactic acid in the milk cleans. Then rinse off with water. This clears off the stuff you've sprayed on your plants for months.
- Ensure plant has no bugs and is super clean.
- Use a dark pot to put all the attention on the plant.

Guest Speaker: Harry McElroy spoke about his love of Cymbidiums

Highlights:

- Cymbidiums were in cultivation by people longer than any other orchid we know of. People were growing Cymbidiums before the pyramid of Giza was built.
- Secret to success is to select the right type of Cymbidium for your climate - cold, warm and hot. The hot growing Cymbidiums do best in Jacksonville.
- Best grown outside in 60-70% sun, keep moist and don't dry out, and use a Cal Mag fertilizer.

Show Table: Courtney Hackney and Margie Johnson reviewed the winning orchids from the show table. Congratulations to the winners and a special shout out to James Arnold for his species Paph that won best of show!

Raffle: Annalee McEnamy and Christie Peppard announced raffle winners and handed out plants to the lucky recipients.

Hospitality: A big thank you to Carol Engle for the delicious Red Velvet cake. Yummy!

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Courtney
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jacksonville Orchid Society
Treasurer's Report
For the period of February 01, 2021 to February 28, 2021

Ending Balance of Checking Account Statement on 01/31/2021	\$1,078.20
Ending Balance of Money Market Account Statement on 01/31/2021	\$16,173.91
Ending Balance of Savings Account Statement on 01/31/2021	\$5.13

INCOME SOURCES

Membership Dues	\$390.00
Shirts	\$30.00
Donations	\$100.00
Trophy Sponsorships	\$100.00
raffle Tickets	\$184.00
Vendor Show Fee	\$325.00
Refreshment Donations	\$13.00
Member Sales	\$7.20
Potting Clinic (Feb)	\$50.00
Bank Account Interest	\$2.18
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,201.38

EXPENDITURES

Postcards and Printing	\$2,480.02
Printing	\$185.50
Trophies	\$370.00
AOS Show Fee	\$60.00
Speaker (Nov Meeting)	\$200.00
Potting Supplies	\$151.05
Raffle Plants	\$150.00
Show 2021 misc	\$180.81
Shirts	\$435.91
Auction Plants (Christmas Party)	\$400.00
Christmas Party	\$73.74
Diamond Digest Award	\$30.00
iStorage Storage Room	\$68.00
Square Fees	\$0.36
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,785.39

Ending Balance of Checking Account Statement on 02/28/2021	\$1,492.03
Ending Balance of Money Market Account Statement on 02/28/2021	\$12,176.07
Ending Balance of Savings Account Statement on 02/28/2021	\$5.13

Total Bank Balance on 02/28/2021	\$13,673.23	
Potting Clinic Petty Cash Fund	Held by Lois R.	\$25.00
Cash Box	Held by Treasurer	\$50.00

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HARRY'S CYMBIDIUM REVIEW

Cymbidium Species	Heat Tolerance Index
Cymbidium ensifolium subsp. Haematodes	10
Cymbidium canaliculatum	10
Cymbidium aloefolium	10
Cymbidium ferdinandianum	9.5
Cymbidium dayanum	9.5
Cymbidium ensifolium subsp. Ensisolium	8.5
Cymbidium madidum	8.5
Cymbidium bicolor	8.5
Cymbidium rectum	8.5
Cymbidium autopurpureum	8.5
Cymbidium murronianum	8.0
Cymbidium cloranthum	7.0
Cymbidium sinense	5.5
Cymbidium floribundum (pumilum)	5.0

List of cymbidium species that influence cymbidium hybrids to grow successfully in warm or hot climates. A 10 on the index will have the most influence and a 5 the least. From the book "Heat Tolerant Cymbidiums" By Kobsukh Kaenratana

Grow Outdoors with 60% to 70% Sun. Cymbidiums should be light green, not dark green.

Water – not soggy but never completely dry.

I use a Time Release fertilizer at the rate of 1 tsp for a gallon size pot. One application was OK when I used Nutracote 13-13-13, 180 day-controlled release but could not find it this year. Osmakote was used as a substitute this year. I apply $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp of the Nutracote 18-6-12 to a gallon size pot in April and a 1tsp again in June. That is a lot, but remember that outside a lot of fertilizer is washed away by the rain. In addition, I also apply the same fertilizer as I use on phalaenopsis and cattleyas as often as once a week, plus a once monthly application of Calcium and Magnesium.

In October I water in a High Potassium (K) fertilizer at 125 ppm K. Fertilizers of this type are usually designed for tomatoes. It is always better to give cymbidiums less fertilizer than they need than more. Enough will give good results but if you see leaf tips turning black then you may be over doing fertilizer. If you see flower spikes turning black or aborting, the plant may need more Calcium. New growth may turn black from lack of calcium as well but it also may be too much Nitrogen or bacteria rot.

We talked about snails and all the damage they can do, but not all snails are bad and not all snails should be killed. Note the shape of the shell of this Wolf snail and be happy you have this one.

Wolf snails do not eat plants, but snails and insects that *do eat* your plants. (Euglandina Rosea)

You can buy predatory snails to help control the bad ones. Google "Predatory Snails"



Good References

<https://www.cosv.com.au/publications-and-resources>
and [Orchid Diseases \(staugorchidsociety.org\)](http://staugorchidsociety.org)