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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When I was a kid it seemed that time crept by. I wanted to be older, independent, so impatient for my life to be moving forward. Youth is a grand thing that sees everything rosy with no limits. My mom always used to say "Youth is wasted on the young". It's taken me a lifetime to understand. I hope as our younger members read this that they can grasp how important it is to live in the day. "The grass is always greener on the other side", "Take time to stop and smell the roses", "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get", "Dream big and dare to fail".....Age old sayings that have meaning and lessons for us all no matter our age. I had a greenhouse tour at my home on May 16. The turn out was great! It's days (and moments) like that day that allow me to really understand the importance of this single life I've been granted. I was surrounded by all the things that I deem as success and happiness. My wonderful husband and family, cherished friends, orchids and orchid enthusiasts and the opportunity to share my home and my love of orchids is my reason for being. Thank you all for being a part of my journey. Use each of the days you have to 'smell those roses' (or orchids) and enjoy the things that matter! Remember:

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you can never see the shadow" Helen Keller

Sincerely and Happily Growing Orchids,  
Lois

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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)	

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## EVENTS

### Speakers

Speaker list for 2021 is tentative but is as follows:

Jun-Lorraine Conover, Lois Rasmussen. Hands-on mounting event—  
Contact Lois (904) 315-9284

Jul- Mac's Orchids

Aug- Thanh Nguyen, Springwater Orchids. Topic TBD

Sep- Phillip Hamilton, Bredren Orchids, Topic TBD

Oct-Art Chadwick. Topic TBD

Nov- Fred Clark; Sunset Valley Orchids, Topic TBD

Dec- Christmas Event, no meeting

## Greenhouse Tours

We're looking for more growing spots to visit! It doesn't require an actual "greenhouse"!

Please let me know if you would like to open your space to the members for a "Tour" of your own!



Photos from Lois's event courtesy of Art Russell



## Other Events

**NOTICE**  
**American Orchid Society**  
 Monthly Flower Judging  
**Tampa, Florida Location**  
 Open to the Public - Guests Are Always Welcome  
**NEW SCHEDULE**

**The Florida North Central Judging Center Meets Here:**  
**Christ the King Campus**  
 717 S. Dale Mabry Hwy.  
 Tampa, FL 33609

Orchids are reviewed for flower quality and culture awards. Flowers must arrive thirty minutes prior to judging for registration.  
 Wednesday Judging begins: 7 p.m.  
 Saturday Judging begins at 10:30 a.m.  
 Entry Forms are available on our Home page and on site. Membership in the AOS is not required to enter your orchids for review.  
<https://fncjc.shutterfly.com/>

**Fourth Week of each month**  
 (Check our Website Calendar Page for Day & Date)

**Central Florida Orchid Society**  
**"Orchid Obsessions"**  
**64th Annual Show & Sale**

**June 5 & 6**  
 Saturday 10-5  
 Sunday 10 - 4  
**Oviedo Mall**

Our Vendors:	Springwater Orchids
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Odom's Orchids	Brendren Orchids
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Equigenera	Orchids in Bloom
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Entrance 4.00 with this post

## Jacksonville Zoo/Art in the Garden

On May 22&23 we attended this event. Special thanks to Art Russell, Melody Melvin, Colin Cage, Sharon Carter and Dani Cusick for giving up their weekend to represent our club at this widely attended show. We were located in the African Forest in the Gorilla viewing cave. The best spot ever! Mama gorilla with her 4 week old baby nursing and then napping in mama's arms, daddy stretched out with his legs crossed against the wall sleeping close by; Silverback slamming against the glass when a human visitor at viewing window didn't look 'right' and rattled the whole enclosure; nature at its best!

We brought lots of blooming orchids for display, culture sheets and membership applications. As visitors came into the gorilla viewing area we were right up front and created a lot of interest from lots of people who varied from knowledgeable to "no idea" but interested in learning. It was a great educational opportunity for our society fulfilling our mission. I expect to see a lot of new faces at our general meetings, repotting clinics and our upcoming September Orchid and Plant Sale.

Lois



# SECRETARY'S MINUTES NOT REALLY. IT'S THE PICNIC REPORT!!

This year's picnic was such a fun time! Plenty of new members were in attendance, which was great to see!

The weather cooperated (no thunder until it was pretty much broken down!). We had a great group for set up--erecting tents, arranging tables, organizing apps, sides & desserts. Huge thanks to Mike Novak for picking up and returning the grill as his first official act as a JOS member!



Food was plentiful.

Thanks to all for their side dish contributions--it was a great mix! Special thanks to Alex and Trish for manning the grill (and the rest who set it up, encouraged the cooking, and ran the meats into the crowd)! There was so much that everyone who wanted it got a little snack for the road!



The orchid auction was a blast--Our own personal Vanna (Lois) did a great job showing off each orchid to Eric's descriptions. The bidding was rowdy at times (sorry Melody!), and our youngest bidder made the highest offer!! Congrats to him!



And, of course, a HUGE thank you to Eric and Margaret Cavin for providing such a beautiful setting!

Hopefully everyone had a great time, and will absolutely plan on attending next year!



# WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Please join me in welcoming the following new members:

**Sarah Edwards**  
**Joy Oviedo**  
**Cheryl Jarrett**

**Joy Breitung**

My name is Joy Breitung. Currently Master Gardener, President of The Jacksonville Herb Society, Member of the Mandarin Garden Club, assigned the Horticulturist position on the Board, member of the Native Plant Society, and now a member of The Orchid Society. Owner of J & E Ceramics business out of my home in the Lakewood Community.

June 2021	 <span style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">Jacksonville Orchid Society</span>						
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hands-On Educational Seminar</b> <b>Mounting Orchids</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>June 8th</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presented by <b>Lois Rasmussen &amp; Lorraine Conover</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A Frequently Asked Question</b></p> <p><b>Q</b> Where do I get the forms to enter a plant for the monthly <i>Show Table</i>?</p> <p><b>A</b> On the opening page of the website, on the right, follow the <i>Information</i> link and then click on <i>General Meeting and other forms</i>. Continue down to <i>Show Table Entry Form</i>.</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30					
							

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

### The June Meeting--Mounting an Orchid

This is a DIY program. We will show you how to mount your *Brassovola nodosa* on a wood plaque. Start to finish. Quantity is limited to 30 plants available so register asap. Cost is \$10 per mount.

We will have Raffle plants and plants for sale provided by Springwater Orchids.

You may bring 2 plants for our Silent Auction. Remember anything you sell must be clean with no pests, labeled with name. If not blooming a picture of the flower works. 20% proceeds to JOS.

AND we are having a Surprise guest at this meeting maybe even two!! Make sure you attend.

This is a great opportunity to gain experience from watching and participating. It's also a great way to add to your growing collection.



To register contact Lois or Scott--  
josorchids1943@gmail.com, 904-315-9284



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**MEETING LOCATION**  
Mandarin Garden Club  
2892 Loretto Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

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.

Social Distancing. Please bring a mask to wear if you are not yet vaccinated and can't maintain social distancing of 6 feet from others at the meeting.

## EDUCATION CORNER

The Jacksonville Orchid Society's mission is based on education about orchids. Thanks to Art Russell for this month's installment about *Oncidium Twinkle*! If there are any topics you'd like explored, email me! [saedocs@aol.com](mailto:saedocs@aol.com)

One of our new members won *Oncidium* (Onc.) *Twinkle* at the February 2021 JOS Raffle Table. Following are a few thoughts on growing Onc. *Twinkle* that I've gathered from personal experience as well as a number of sources (see References) with some remembered and some originating from a lecture or two over the past decade.

### Origin

Onc. *Twinkle* is a hybrid composed of two *species* of orchids: 50% *Onc. cheirophorum* and 50% *Onc. sotoanum*. These and all members of the *Oncidium* family are "New World" orchids and as such originate in the Americas. *Onc. cheirophorum* grows natively from Nicaragua to Columbia at higher elevations and *Onc. sotoanum* grows natively in northern Central America at lower elevations.



Onc. Gold Dust

### Light

The parents of this orchid like shaded to bright shaded light. It should not get direct sun although early-morning sun is *probably* okay.

### Water

The general guidance for orchids with thin roots, such as Onc. *Twinkle* is that they should be watered frequently. These orchids are commonly grown in either clay or plastic pots and that means the hazard of retaining too much moisture. Ideally, like most oncidia, these orchids want to be watered heavily and then dry out, but not totally. Do not allow these orchids to dry out during the growing season. In our area of Florida, you'll need to investigate the type of water you have. **DO NOT USE SOFTENED WATER.** Soft water acquires that characteristic by the addition of Salt. Importantly, most orchids are not very salt tolerant. It is also a good bet that you can use a balanced fertilizer (i.e., 20-20-20 and water at 1/4 to 1/2 the listed concentration).

### Temperature

Onc. *Twinkle* grows best in cool to warm conditions with nighttime temperatures of 75°F to 58°F. As with all orchids, they will tolerate warmer temperatures best if accompanied by sufficient airflow.



## Media

Fir bark is commonly used as a medium to grow this orchid. However, as with all orchids, Onc. Twinkle will easily accommodate itself to whatever media you have available. The key is to



Onc. Twinkle 'Red'

ensure that it does not retain too much water in relation to how you water. What does this mean? If you tend to use a lot of water or you keep your Onc. Twinkle outside where it receives large amounts of moisture, the media must drain rapidly. On the other hand, if you tend to under water or perhaps grow Onc. Twinkle inside, you might want to consider a more water retentive media. Let your growing conditions and how you water determine your media choice.

## Rest

Onc. Twinkle, like many orchids, needs a rest during winter. During this

period growth slows or even comes to a stop, reflecting the area where this orchids parents evolved. Occasionally water the orchid enough to keep the pseudobulbs from drying out and then return to your normal heavier watering in the Spring.

## General Comments

This orchid will easily adapt to being grown inside the house. However, be sure to remember that it should not get direct sun although early-morning sun is *probably* okay. In addition, this is a compact orchid, so it doesn't take up much space. If you have the room, this orchid is a good one to have in your collection.

## References

<https://www.orchidwiz.com>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oncidium> <http://www.orchidspecies.com/onccheirophorum.htm>

<http://www.orchidspecies.com/oncsotoanum.htm>



Onc. Tsiku Marguerite

## Fairies on Parade

In addition to being a member of JOS I am also a member of the Bartram Garden Club on Amelia Island. We just had an event called Fairies on Parade as a fundraiser.

I was asked to design an Orchid Display for the Fairies. Created a little fairy house from Oak leaves, moss, and other natural dried garden findings. Then the enchanted orchid forest they lived in. Attendees young and more experienced in life enjoyed the first exhibit as they entered the garden areas that had been transformed into something magical. I also included an informational table with JOS info and culture sheets for anyone interested. I was asked many questions about our show, culture, meetings, etc. I'm sure we will have guests at our meetings as well as the Potting Clinics.

Lorraine Conover



# **ATTENTION!**

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

## ORCHID BEAUTY CONTEST



Congratulations to Lois Rasmussen!  
May's winner—Blc. Seta Rainbow 'Fantasy'

Post a picture of your prettiest orchid growing during the month on the [JOS Facebook page](#). Include your name and the name of the orchid. A panel will judge the entries and select the prettiest orchid! Enter as many as you like! Participation is open to all members of the Jacksonville Orchid Society.

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

### 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!

## Getting To Know Orchids

### Match these orchid species names with the Genus

- |                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Dendrobium (Den) ____    | a. purpurata (pur-pur-AH-ta)  |
| 2. Oncidium (Onc) ____      | b. teres (THE-reez)           |
| 3. Cymbidium (Cym) ____     | c. phoenicea (fee-NISH-ee-ah) |
| 4. Vandaceous (V) ____      | d. candida (KAN-did-ah)       |
| 5. Bulbophyllum (Bulb) ____ | e. perrinii (pe-REEN-ee-eye)  |
| 6. Miltonia (Milt) ____     | f. fuscum (fus-KAY-tum)       |
| 7. Coelogyne (Coel) ____    | g. lobbii (LOB-bee-eye)       |
| 8. Epidendrum (Epi) ____    | h. suave (sway – vee)         |
| 9. Laelia (L) ____          | i. bigibbum (bye-JIB-bum)     |
| 10. Brassavola (B) ____     | j. asperata (ass-per-atta)    |

**\*\*Bring your printed out sheet with answers to the next meeting and see how many you get correct!\*\***

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Jacksonville Orchid Society  
Treasurer's Report  
For the period of May 01 to May 31, 2021

Ending Balance of Checking Account Statement on 04/30/2021	<b>\$4,475.49</b>
Ending Balance of Money Market Account Statement on 04/30/2021	<b>\$12,707.27</b>
Ending Balance of Savings Account Statement on 04/30/2021	<b>\$5.13</b>

## INCOME SOURCES

Picnic 2021 Tickets	\$5 per person, May 02	\$55.00
Donations		\$38.00
Potting Clinic	Ace, 5/1/21 & Plant Ranch 5/15/21	\$195.00
T-Shirts		\$150.00
Picnic Auction	May 02, 2021	\$2,235.00
Membership Dues	\$25 Single/\$35 Family	\$410.00
Mounting Clinic	\$10 per person, June 08	\$30.00
Member Sales Donations	April 13 Meeting	\$122.00
Bank Account Interest		\$2.87
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$3,237.87</b>

## EXPENDITURES

iStorage Storage Room	05/20/2021 – 06/19/2021	\$68.00
Square Fees	Credit Card Fees	\$19.88
Coastal Postal	Business Cards, Membership Forms	\$57.46
Mandarin Garden Club	Fall Sale Venue Rental	\$1,200.00
Mandarin Garden Club	Show 2022 Venue Rental	\$1,200.00
Auction Plants	Carmela's \$250 - \$150 previous payment	\$100.00
	Prematurely reported on April 2021 report	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$2,645.34</b>

Ending Balance of Checking Account Statement on 05/31/2021	<b>\$2,873.52</b>
Ending Balance of Money Market Account Statement on 05/31/2021	<b>\$14,901.77</b>
Ending Balance of Savings Account Statement on 05/31/2021	<b>\$5.13</b>

Total Bank Balance on 05/31/2021 **\$17,780.42**

Accounts Payable	Ritter Orchids	\$250.00
Potting Clinic Petty Cash	Held by Lois R.	\$25.00
Cash Box Petty Cash	Held by Treasurer	\$50.00

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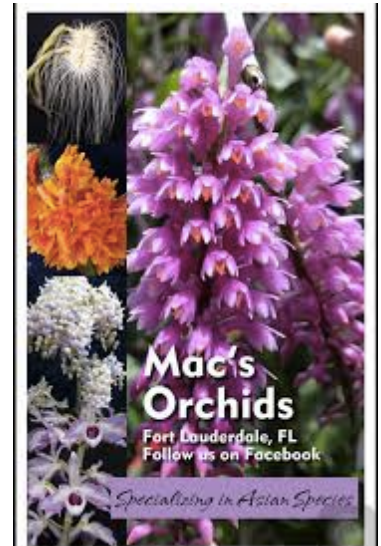
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