

# JACKSONVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Is there a 'best' place to grow orchids? Which genera are good for our area? Which type should you avoid buying? Where do you find orchids to buy? How do you learn about how to care for them? What do you do if one looks sick or you find bugs on it? The best answer begins with membership in an orchid society where likeminded folks gather. I hope that you find this true with JOS. Our mission as stated in our Constitution primarily is educating the public about orchids so we take this very seriously and endeavor to plan our meetings with this in mind. All of our focus is to learn and teach about orchids and try to utilize our brief time together monthly to do that. Your Board of Directors regularly meets and discusses ways to accomplish our education goals. Currently, we are working on ways to improve the Show Table presentation to better use it as a tool for teaching. Your input would be great. Call or email me personally if you have thoughts about this particular event or any other way to encourage learning.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT.

We are so fortunate to have wonderful relationships with professional growers and having their expertise at hand is invaluable. As speakers, they bring knowledge as well as well grown plants to buy. Never be embarrassed or hesitant to ask them questions. They love to teach to improve your understanding and confidence in growing. Most of what I know I've learned from picking the brains of our growers. (along with a bunch of trial and a lot of error! LOL.)

In addition to our speaker program we have numerous other events that offer the opportunity to learn more about your collection. Greenhouse tours or 'Show Where You Grow' events are a great way to get together in a very informal way with your fellow members to see how we each grow. There is no perfect way but learning how to grow where you are is the key. Even professional growers have challenges so no matter your situation there is a way to accomplish your goals. We are here to help. Volunteer to host a tour of your growing area and get the experts to answer questions and offer advice. It's also a great time to socialize without the constraints of a formal meeting. Check the newsletter and website for the schedule.

Our hands-on mounting program in June was a big hit! We've got another hands-on program lined up for October. (Subject to change depending on speaker availability) This will be a repotting event. You should plan to bring your own plant and the appropriate size pot needed. All other supplies will be provided and a flat charge will be applied depending on size of pot. \$1/inch diameter. It will be on the honor system when collecting money. More information to come.

On a personal note I'd like to thank all the members who called or wrote to offer prayers and thoughts for Scott in July. Your caring means much to both of us. And on a happier note I want you to know we will not be attending the August meeting as we have a much needed Rhine river cruise planned. We'll be back for the September meeting.

September will summons in the last quarter of 2021. It's also time for several members on the BOD to turn their positions over to new blood. You will be hearing from your nominating committee soon asking for volunteers to step into these leadership jobs. Extensive knowledge of orchids is NOT necessary but organizational skills, time to give, and the desire to see the club continue to grow are 'must haves'. The rest comes with an excellent turnover from the current officer and the knowledge that you are not alone in any job. Please give this some serious thought. Serving as President has been a high point in my life and rewarding beyond words.

Respectfully,

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:

Aug- Phillip Hamilton, Bredren Orchids, Phaleanopsis

Sep- Thanh Nguyễn, Springwater Orchids

Oct- Hands on event featuring Lorraine; Pests/Diseases, General Care--**Bring questions!!!**

Nov- Fred Clarke; Sunset Valley Orchids, Topic TBD

Dec- Christmas Event, no meeting

## Greenhouse Tours



**Lorraine Conover's Home**  
677 Spanish Way East, Fernandina  
Beach, Fl  
August 15, 1-4:30

Featuring plants for sale from Marv's collection!  
**CASH ONLY!**

## Potting Clinics

Each month members of the Jacksonville Orchid Society (JOS) host two Orchid Re-Potting Sessions conducted as educational clinics. JOS provides all the potting materials and the orchid's owner provides the plant and pot. Our volunteers will provide the experience, enthusiasm, and excitement that makes orchid collecting so contagious. There is a nominal charge to cover the cost of materials.

This is NOT a re-potting service but a clinic intended to teach the public and members how to repot their own orchids.

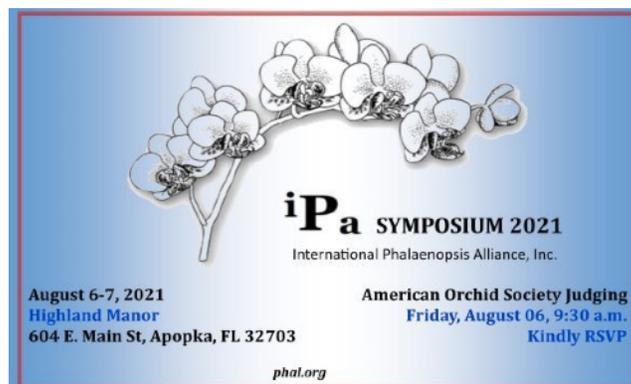
This month's clinics are:

August 7, 10-1 pm--Ace Hardware at 12501 San Jose Blvd in Mandarin

August 21, 10-1 pm--Plant Ranch Nursery, 14108 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville Beach, 32250.

**We encourage all members to volunteer/attend! It's a fun and educational experience!**

## Other Events



## Fall Orchid & Plant Sale

**JOS members** and all the orchid enthusiasts in our area are looking forward to September 11th & 12<sup>th</sup> for our first ever “**Fall Orchid & Plant Sale**” Event.

**We will not** have any displays, judging or food prep.

**We will have** lots of orchids to purchase from our favorite vendors and landscape plants for our gardens from other vendors.

**We will need** volunteers to help with Vendor setup on Thursday and Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, and during Saturday & Sunday in the Event areas. Bonnie Myers once again will be handling the Volunteer Sign Up Sheets. “**No Experience Necessary**”

**We are expecting** a great turnout and for sure need your participation to make this happen.

**Vendors will be** inside the Mandarin Garden Club building as well as outside in the garden areas. Our Potting Tent will be located outside. Hicks Orchid Supply will also be attending. You might consider preordering supplies.

**Take a few** “Save The Date” cards and give them to friends and people you meet. Many people who attended our March Show came from personal contact. Take a Poster and place it in your Publix store on the Bulletin Board and anywhere else you can place one.



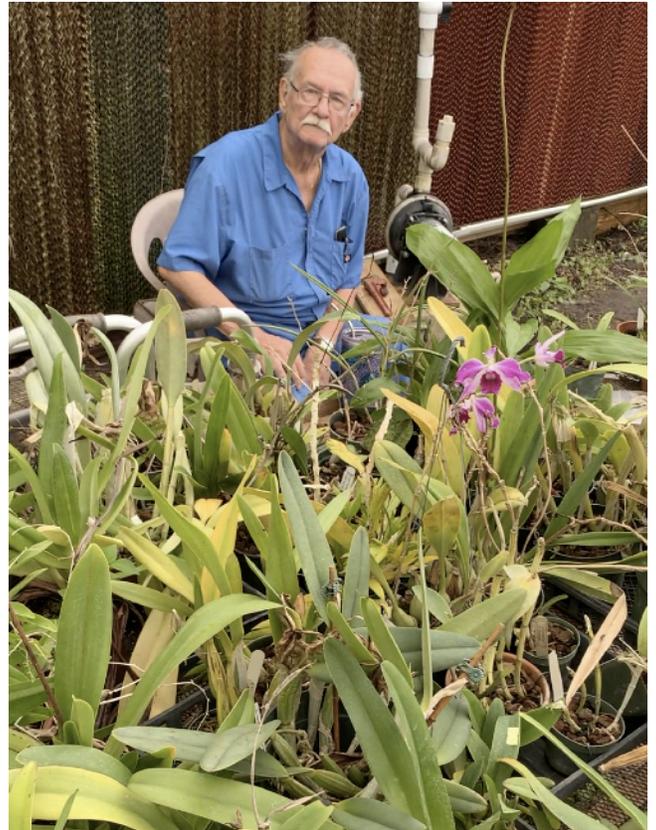
**Jacksonville Orchid Society**  
**Fall**  
**Orchid & Plant**  
**Sale**  
**Sat Sept 11, 9 - 5**  
**Sun Sept 12, 9 - 4**  
**Mandarin Garden Club**  
**2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville Fl**  
**[www.jaxorchidsociety.org](http://www.jaxorchidsociety.org)**

## Thank You Marv!!!

As many of you know, longtime JOS member Marv Ragan recently donated roughly 200 plants from his personal collection to the Jacksonville Orchid Society. The Society is very grateful for the donation, as the plants will provide income in the form of raffles, sales, and auctions.

We, as members, were also given the opportunity to “shop” Marv’s extensive collection of approximately 3000 orchids of varying genera! Keeping a few hundred for himself, he opened up his greenhouse to enable members to purchase plants at a ridiculously low price--another very generous gesture that gave us a chance to build our own collections.

***So, a huge THANK YOU to Marv for the extreme generosity!!***



# WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Please join me in welcoming the following new members:

**Debe Smith**



**Wendy Boyer**



**Hank & Darcy Grannis'** collection currently consists of 4 Phalaenopsis and one Den. amethoglossum. They have managed to terminate a variety of small orchids since the mid eighties and joined the Jax Orchid Society to learn how to maintain and propagate orchids; we have retired and traveled the lower forty-eight and half of Canada. Now that we are settled down (we've been here two years) we really want to be able to keep these for ever and will them to an orchideer.



**Michelle Hord**

<p><b>August 2021</b></p>	 <p><i>Jacksonville Orchid Society</i></p>						
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>August Program</u> An Introduction to Phalaenopsis by Phillip Hamilton</p> 	<p>1 Marv Ragan Orchid Sale 1:00 - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Ace Hardware Potting Clinic 10:00 am to 1:00 pm</p>
	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
 <p>Congratulations to Lois Rasmussen! June's winner--C. mossiae var semi-alba</p>	<p>15 Greenhouse Tour 1:00 - 4:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Plant Ranch Potting Clinic 10:00 am to 1:00 pm</p>
	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Orchid Beauty Contest Final Day</p>				

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING

**Phillip Hamilton  
Bredren Orchids,  
Apopka, FL**



Phillip was born and raised in Jamaica where he inherited his dad's passion for orchids and grew up working in his parents' orchid nursery, Hamlyn Orchids. Although his dad's true orchid passion is with the Jamaican native *Broughtonia*'s and their hybrids, Phillip's passion leaned heavily toward *Phalaenopsis*, which he has been growing and hybridizing since the age of eight.

He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida in Gainesville and is an American Orchid Society (AOS) Senior Judge.

Professionally, Phillip has worked for two major orchid production nurseries in Central Florida as a grower and grower/manager. In 2013 he formed his own business (part-time), Bredren Orchids, to facilitate the small-scale sale of some of the more unique *Phalaenopsis* and *Broughtonia* species and hybrids he grows and breeds.

He now manages Bredren Orchids full-time since 2017, with the generous help of his wife, Liz. They are currently working on developing this business into more than just the mail-order only entity it now is.

### **An Introduction to *Phalaenopsis***

This Program gives a general introduction to the genus, taking a look at some of the more important species in this diverse group, as well as some basic cultural requirements. Presentation also includes a pictorial featuring some of the current breeding trends.

Raffle Table Plants this meeting have been gifted by Marv Ragan from his personal collection. Thank you Marv!!

Phillip Hamilton, Bredren Orchids, will have a nice selection of orchids available for purchase.

There will be **no** Silent Auction or Member plant sales at this meeting.

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.

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## **Jim's Purely Organic Fertilizer--Available at the Fall Sale by Pre-Order ONLY!**

Jim Young is the owner of this company out of South Carolina. This fertilizer was originally developed by a doctor who used it with amazing results on his roses. The doctor asked Jim if he was interested in manufacturing and marketing it and thus began the company. Rose Society members throughout the USA use the product. In May 2017 Sue Bottom (St. Aug. Orchid Society and AOS contributor) wrote a detailed article for Orchids, the AOS magazine, about her positive experience using Purely Organic. In the July 2021 Orchids, Cindy Jepsen wrote about using fertilizer baskets which slowly feed the PO when rained on or watered.

I have used PO for about 3-4 yrs with significant results. Root growth is amazing. I highly recommend! Jim was invited to participate in our Fall Sale but due to a Jacksonville Rose Society pre-commitment he was unable to accept. He has since offered to take orders by email with delivery on September 11 at 2p at the Fall Sale. He has kindly broken his large bags to more manageable sizes of 5# (\$10) and 10# (\$15) as well as 23# (\$20) and 45# (\$35) bags. He also has the fertilizer baskets I described for sale. Amazon sells them in lots of 100 only (I bought 300) but Jim is selling multiples of 10 for \$2.50.

If you are interested please email Jim directly. All orders must be placed no later than August 26.

Please place your order at: [jimyoung1129@gmail.com](mailto:jimyoung1129@gmail.com)

All orders will arrive at 2 pm on Saturday September 11 at the Mandarin Garden Club. Cash or check only to be paid on receipt of product to Jim. Please be prepared to pick up your order and pay him at that time. No orders will be held.

I just ordered 4-23# bags. I use it in my orchids, my vegetable garden, every plant I put into the ground and on weak spots in my lawn. It is truly an amazing product, made and sold in the USA!

Happy growing,  
Lois Rasmussen

## EDUCATION CORNER

The Jacksonville Orchid Society's mission is based on education about orchids. Many of us have recently come into possession of new orchids (Thanks again, Marv!), so I thought instructions on adding new orchids to your collection was in order. Thanks to the contributors below! If there are any topics you'd like explored in the future, email me! saedocs@aol.com

### **So you just brought home some new orchids! What do you do now??**

If you're like me, your biggest worry has been finding a spot on the shelf for that new orchid. But there are good reasons to take a little time with it before adding it to your collection.

With this group, I'm following the guidance of Art Russell, who suggested that I keep them apart from the rest for now. I've sprayed them with BioAdvanced 3-in-1 Insect, Disease & Mite Control. I'll spray again in 10 days, plants and roots, when I repot them. I'll also spray the plants and pots with a fungicide (Thiomyl).

Below is more advice from other (more experienced!) board members. Hope this helps!



I segregate new plants from my existing collection immediately.

New plants have:

#1 been growing somewhere else under different conditions.

#2 They may look healthy but also may contain insects and not very good medium or roots.

All plants will get treated with either my Homemade Kill Juice (1/3 each of 409 cleaner, rubbing alcohol & water) or, if I'm spraying the rest of my collection, they will get Orthene pesticide. Orthene is ok to use on the entire plant and flowers. The Kill Juice will harm flowers unless rinsed off the flower immediately. They will also get a treatment of Physan, 2 teaspoons per gallon for fungus or you can use hydrogen peroxide.

I will take a look at the roots by gently slipping them out of the plastic pot. I usually don't like to repot newly acquired plants right away unless necessary. Most we buy are in plastic pots that dry out slower so I can easily grow them with less watering for on average a month while segregated.

One other thing I do right away is add the new plants to my Excel sheet with the name, price paid, where/who I got it from, color if known, date acquired and anything worth noting.

Lorraine

## EDUCATION CORNER CONT.

Every orchid I receive from anyone gets isolated for at least one week. Unless it's in spike or bloom I remove it from existing pot, check the roots and media and repot if necessary. I also treat with a dose of Subdue Max (systemic fungicide) and a dose of Safari (systemic insecticide). I repeat after one week and feel safe to return to my collection. I then begin to fertilize along with everyone else every 7-10 days.

Lois

I keep separate for a week and do Subdue. I don't do Safari unless I see something or my whole collection needs it. I put on the real mask(with filters), gloves, long sleeves and googles for Subdue but not if I'm just doing 1 plant. I didn't always do all this--for years I just kept new ones separate for a week. But I had a minor scale breakout 11/2 years ago so now I'm more careful.

Christina

When I bring in new plants, I separate them from the rest of the collection. Once I have checked them over to see if they need to be repotted, I drench them with 3 in one and two days later I drench them in a systemic fungicide. I then leave them separated until I see signs of new growth. Once I see new growth I place them into a location ideal for the light requirements.

Colin

The American Orchid Society ([AOS.org](http://AOS.org)) recommends at least 2 weeks of isolation before adding a new plant to your collection. In Greenhouse Chats April 2020 & July 2021, Ron McHatton advises up to a month of isolation as bugs can appear 2-3 months after purchase. He says to watch new plants carefully for disease or insects which may have been on roots. You can drench with fungicide and/or pesticide pro-actively.

**If you're still looking to add plants from Marv to your own collection, there will be a selection at each of the next three Greenhouse Tours. Please bring CASH!**

## IN MEMORIAM MRS. MARION HILLIARD

It is with profound regret that we announce the passing of Mrs. Marion Hilliard. Ms. Hilliard is well-known to many of our older members. She is a past President of the Jacksonville Orchid Society (JOS) and was Chairwoman of the JOS Orchid Show on multiple occasions. Many of us remember her as the the Chairwoman of the JOS Raffle Table for the JOS Orchid Show in her later years.



Mrs. Hilliard and John Van Brocklin announcing the raffle for the 2011 JOS Orchid Show.

A strong supporter of the JOS, she was responsible for many other JOS activities including auditing the JOS Library with Linda Schenholm and Sue Dellinger, and also being the JOS Parliamentarian. Not limiting her love of plants to orchids and the JOS, she was also a past President and Parliamentarian for the South Eastern District Garden Clubs.

John Van Brocklin remembered his first encounter with her like this “We were new to the club & our first show. Someone asked John to go to relieve someone on the raffle table. He got there and told Miss Marion he was there to relieve her. He said she looked at him as only she could & told him clearly she didn't know him & there was no way she was turning the money over to him! He says he felt like he had just been dressed down by his elementary school teacher.”

Linda Schenholm described her as “a real lady and orchid friend.”



## **ATTENTION!**

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

## ORCHID BEAUTY CONTEST



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!

Congratulations to Lois Rasmussen!  
July's winner—Brassolaeliocattleya Chelsea Alward 'RedTips'

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## A CHALLENGE!

40 members and guests of the Jacksonville Orchid Society mounted Brassavola nodosa (B. nodosa) at our June 8 meeting. Congratulations!

Now that we all have B. nodosa mounted, *Let's Have a Contest!*

**Rules.** First participant to bloom a B. nodosa mounted at the June meeting wins!

**A prize?** Well, of course there will be a prize! Prize will be announced in the coming months.

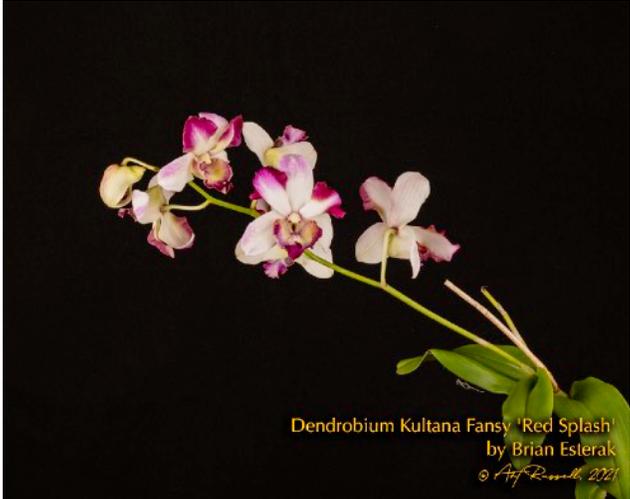
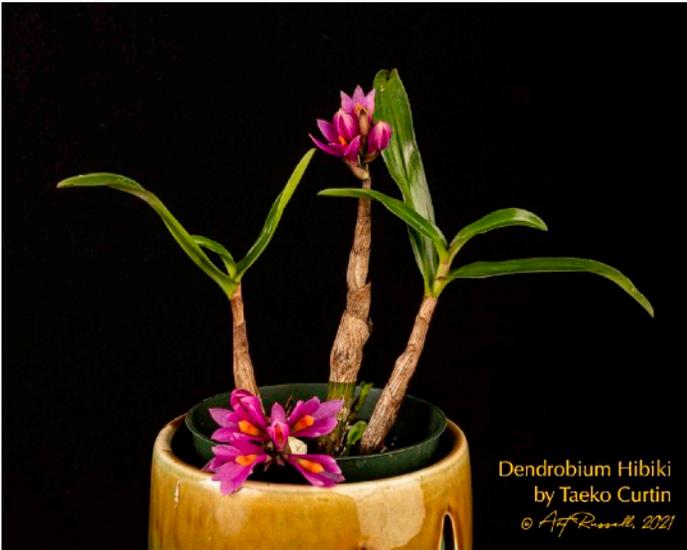
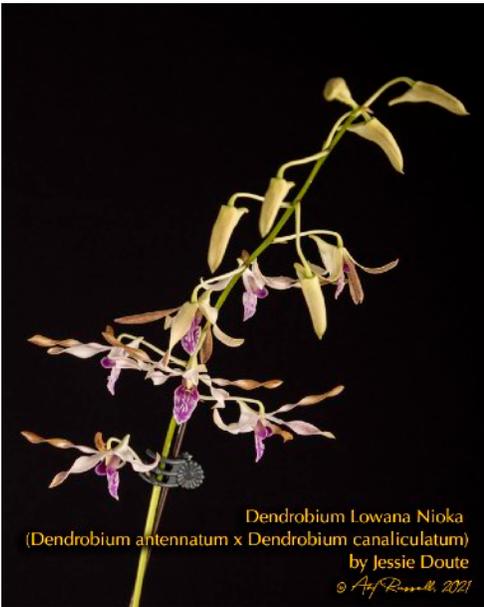
To submit your orchid as winner you'll have to send us a picture of the orchid as mounted last night and bring it to the next meeting.

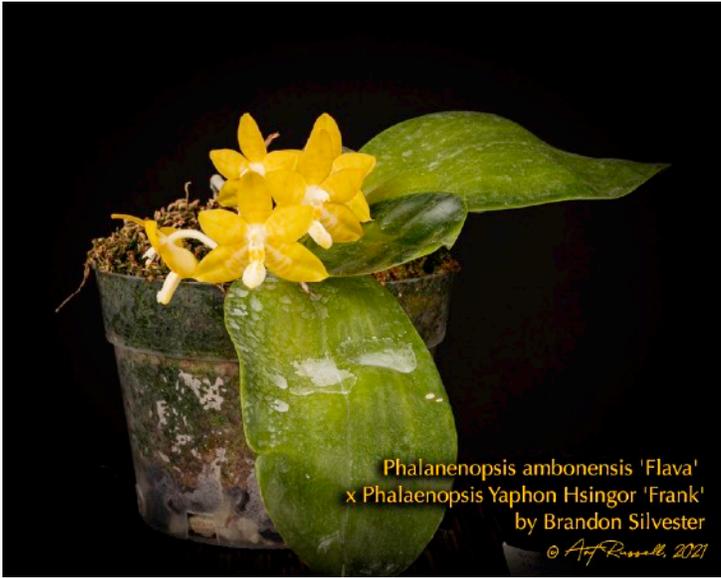
By way of background, *this orchid can be expected to bloom once or twice a year, typically in the Spring and / or the Fall.* In addition B. nodosa care instructions are on the JOS website (<http://jaxorchidsociety.org>) at <http://jaxorchidsociety.org/2021/06/08/brassavola-nodosa-b-nodosa/>

## SHOW TABLE

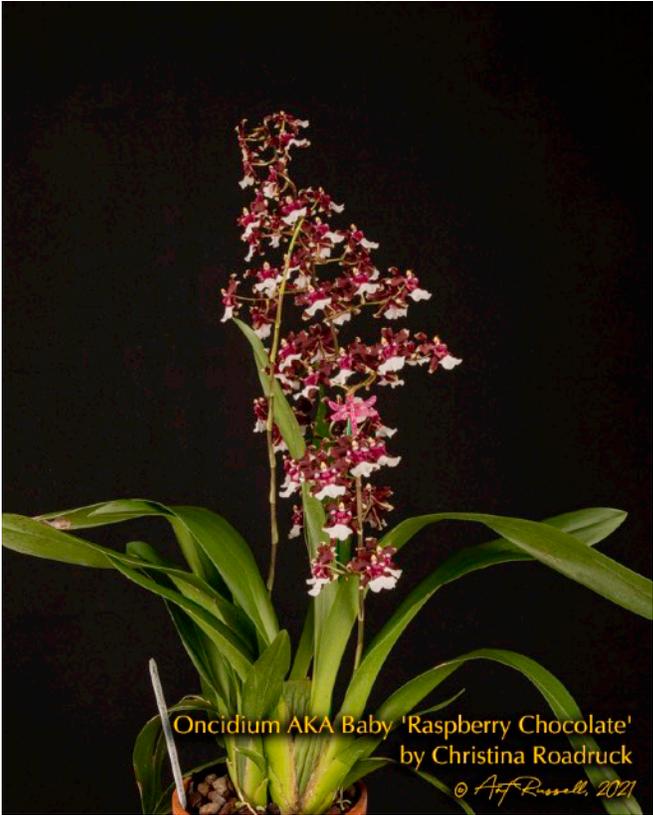
Class	Placing	Plant Name	Exhibitor
Cattleya	1	Potinara Coral Gold 'Pacific Rainbow'	Ann Sweeney
Cymbidium	1	Cymbidium Golden Elf 'Sundust'	Harry & Celia McElroy
Dendrobium	1	Dendrobium Kultana Fandy 'Red Splash'	Brian Esterak
Dendrobium	Unplaced	Dendrobium Lowana Nioka (Dendrobium antennatum x Dendrobium canaliculatum)	Jessie Doute
Dendrobium	Unplaced	Dendrobium Hibiki	Taeko Curtin
Dendrobium	Unplaced	Dendrobium Thongchai Gold 'Pinawattana'	Lana Wlodyka
Dendrobium	Unplaced	Dendrobium tobeene var Giganteum 'Green Mystery' HCC/AOS	Lana Wlodyka
Oncidium	1	Bratonia Shelob 'Tolkien'	Christina Roadruck
Oncidium	Unplaced	Oncidium AKA Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'	Christina Roadruck
Oncidium	Unplaced	Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos'	Sharon Carter
Phalaenopsis	1	Phalaenopsis bellina (Phalaenopsis bellina 'Jungle' x Phalaenopsis bellina #2) X Phalaenopsis bellina 'Corulea'	Harry & Celia McElroy
Phalaenopsis	Unplaced	Phalaenopsis ambonensis 'Flava' x Phalaenopsis Yaphon Hsingor 'Frank'	Brandon Silvester
Phalaenopsis	Unplaced	Phalaenopsis violacea 'Indigo'	Brandon Silvester
Phalaenopsis	Unplaced	Phalaenopsis violacea 'Blue' x Phalaenopsis violacea 'Red'	Harry & Celia McElroy
Vanda	1	Vanda lamellata x Vanda Noi Blue x Rhynchostylis Coelestis Blue	Tyler Doute
Vanda	Unplaced	Renanthopsis Cathy Welder	Harry & Celia McElroy
Vanda	Unplaced	Rhynchorides Thai Noi	Sharon Carter

Show Table Judges were Lemuel Morales and Nancy Loscar.

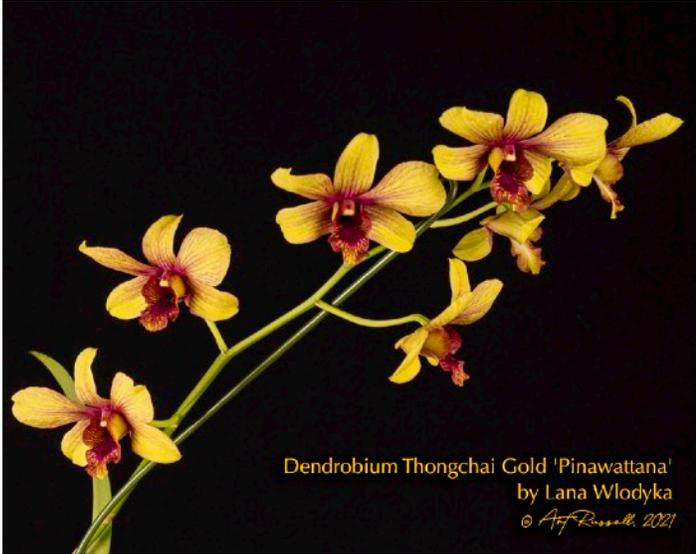




Phalaenopsis ambonensis 'Flava'  
 x Phalaenopsis Yaphon Hsingor 'Frank'  
 by Brandon Silvester  
 © Art Russell, 2021



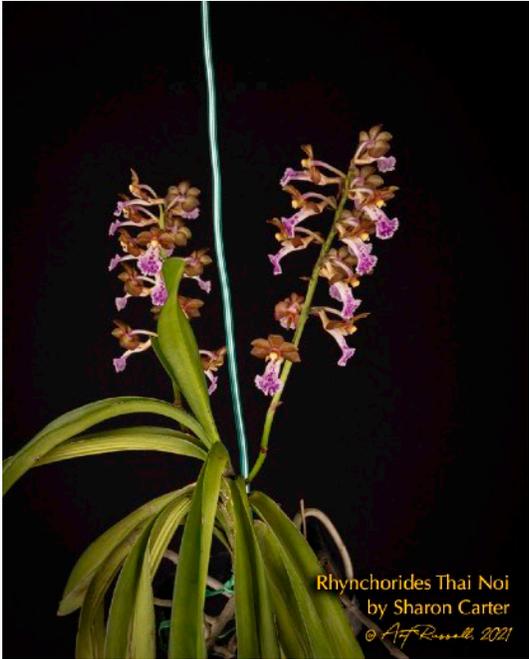
Oncidium AKA Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'  
 by Christina Roadruck  
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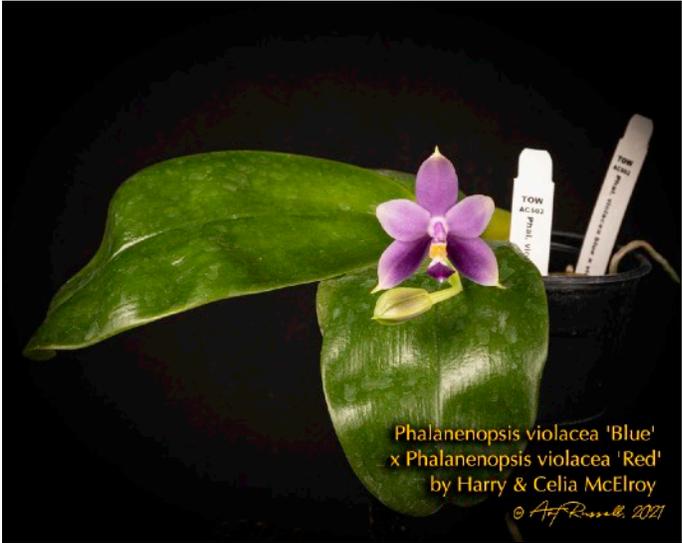
Dendrobium Thongchai Gold 'Pinawattana'  
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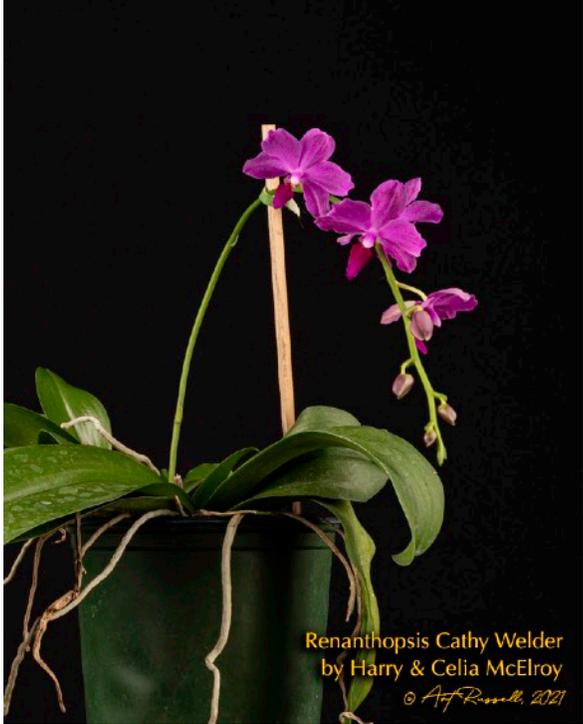
Phalaenopsis bellina  
 (Phalaenopsis bellina 'Jungle' x Phalaenopsis bellina #2)  
 x Phalaenopsis bellina 'Corulea'  
 by Harry & Celia McElroy  
 © Art Russell, 2021



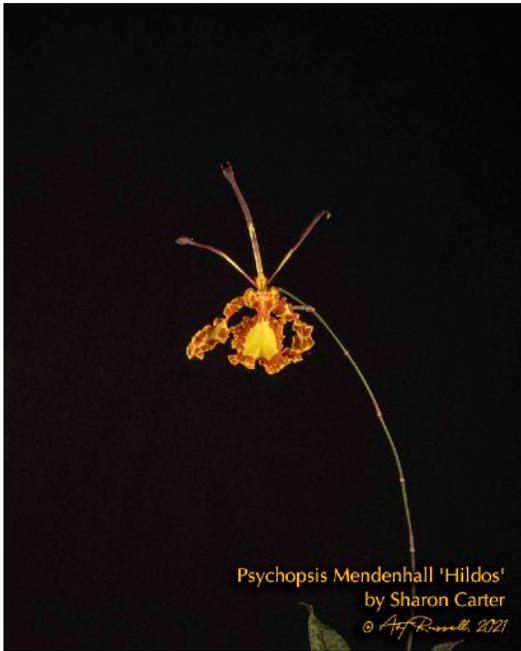
Rhynchorides Thai Noi  
by Sharon Carter  
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Phalananopsis violacea 'Blue'  
x Phalananopsis violacea 'Red'  
by Harry & Celia McElroy  
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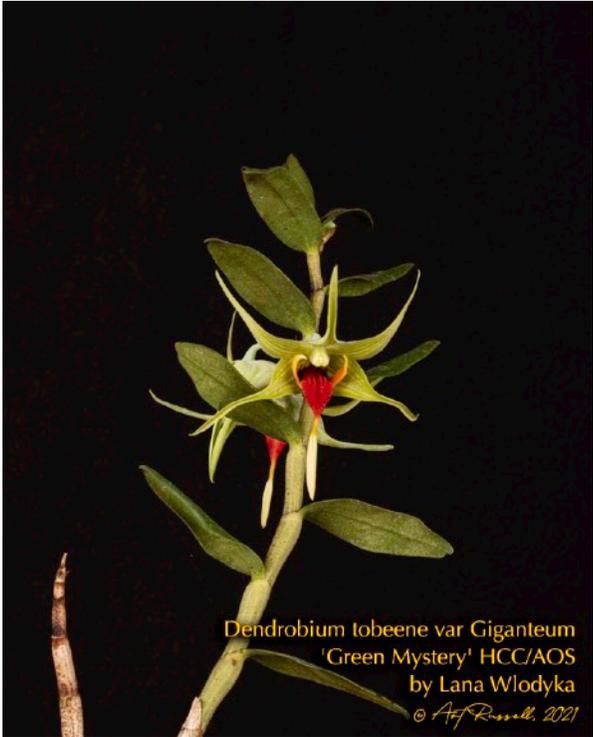
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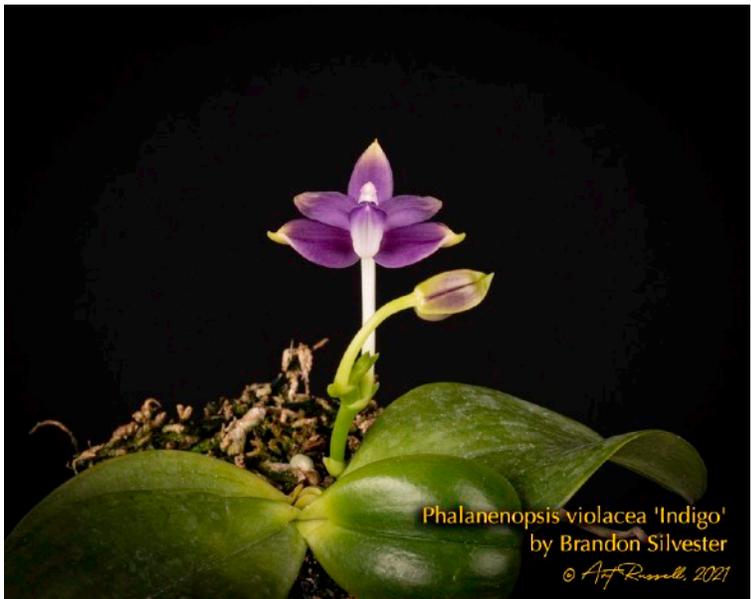
Potinara Coral Gold 'Pacific Rainbow'  
by Ann Sweeney  
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Dendrobium tobeene var Giganteum  
'Green Mystery' HCC/AOS  
by Lana Wlodyka  
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Vanda lamellata x Vanda Noi Blue  
x Rhynchostylis Coelestis Blue  
by Tyler Doute  
© Art Russell, 2021



Phalananopsis violacea 'Indigo'  
by Brandon Silvester  
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# SECRETARY'S MINUTES

## MINUTES OF THE JACKSONVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

July 13, 2021 - Mandarin Garden Club

Meeting called to order at 6:57 p.m. ET by Jackie Dougherty, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (standing in for Lois Rasmussen, President and Lorraine Conover, 1<sup>st</sup> VP who were unable to attend the meeting).

Attendance: 56 plus speaker (57 total)

### **President's report by Jackie Dougherty (for Lois Rasmussen):**

- Reviewed First Bloomed Brassavola Nodosa Contest rules. Simply put – the first person to bloom the orchid wins! Post a photo of your blooming orchid on the JOS Facebook page [Jacksonville Orchid Society | Facebook](#) and bring your plant to the next general meeting. Prize TBD.
- Reviewed the Orchid Beauty Contest rules. Look for the monthly contest entry on the JOS Facebook page and post your entry per the instructions on Facebook. The winner will receive \$10 in raffle tickets.
- Plant Ranch potting clinic is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET. Novices are welcome. The Plant Ranch is located on Beach Blvd near San Pablo Rd. Contact Colin Cage with any questions at [colincage@gmail.com](mailto:colincage@gmail.com).
- Marv Ragan is reducing his orchid collection and will be offering them for sale to JOS club members and St Augustine club members on July 25/26 and July 31 from 1 - 4 p.m. ET.

Marv's Address: 126 Wild Orchid Lane, Middleburg FL 32065

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

**Treasurer's Report by Scott Rasmussen:** Membership approved the July Treasurer's report as published in the newsletter.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and JOS Show Chair Report by Jackie Dougherty (for Lorraine Conover)**

- Fall Sale – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of September at Mandarin Garden club. See Bonnie Myers (volunteer coordinator) to volunteer.
- August Speaker - Thanh Nguyen from Springwater Orchids. (Note: after the meeting the speaker schedule was changed and Thanh will be the speaker for September)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report by Jackie Dougherty:**

- Greenhouse tours
  - August 15 from 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Lorraine Conover's house
  - September 26 from 1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Kathleen Snyder's house.

### **Membership Committee Report by Colin Cage:**

- Colin welcomed several new members and introduced guests.

**Library:** A list of books and videos is available on the website ([Jaxorchidsociety.org](http://Jaxorchidsociety.org)).

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**Sunshine by Christie Peppard:** Nothing to report.

**Hospitality:** The club enjoyed a Strawberry Cream Cake and fresh watermelon. Thank you to Carol Engle for her wonderful culinary skills.

**Speaker: Mac Rivenbark from Mac's Orchids. Topic: Culture of Selected Species**

Mac has grown orchids for 25 years.

Did you know? Orchids grow everywhere except Antarctica. There are over 800 different orchid genera. Orchids were described as far back as 300 BC.

### Phalaenopsis

- 50 million white orchids are grown each year. 85% of phals grow on one tree (similar to an oak tree). They grow on their side attached to a tree.
- They usually get 48 inches of rain a month. Let the phals dry out a little between watering.
- They like clear pots since need sunlight on the roots.
- Water a lot in June. Phals like year-round fertilizer. He likes slow-release fertilizer and uses Peter's fertilizer
- Phals can be repotted at any time. Even if in middle of flowering. Won't set it back if have good roots.
- You can mount an orchid in the pot and the roots will attach over the pot. Can mount it on anything.
- Leave the spike and remove the top at the base of the last flower.
- Phals will be damaged if weather drops to the low 40's. Will need to cold to bloom (a temperature drop to flower).

### Dendrobium

- Over 2000 varieties. He loves them. His favorite variety is Den anosmum. Fragrant. The name means no smell (ironically). Great to mount on a tree.
- Some dens are grown in mountains at high elevations and prefer cooler weather.
- Most dens have smaller flowers (like silver dollar size).
- Thunderstorm orchid (Den crumenatum) blooms 9 days after a thunderstorm. But the blooms only last a day. Some orchids have a bloom that lasts 6 months. Others are sequential bloomers.

### Slipper Orchids

- Not that many slipper orchid growers since not that many people are buying them. Need plenty of light.

### Cattleya

- Don't remove the skin on a cattleya until the bulb is hard and fully formed. The skin helps support it.
- He likes to mount cattleyas so can inspect the roots for health.

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### Culture

- Orchids don't like to be moved. That puts them in a different growing environment. Leave them in the same place.
- Put new growth facing south.
- Issues will hit plants with large broad leaves harder than others. Look on underside of leaves to see if any issues before buy a plant.
- If he uses sphagnum moss he'll grow it in a basket to let it dry out.
- Get a good pair of wire cutters. It's worth the money. He uses lots of zip ties. Better than wire. Zip ties can help attach plants to trees also.
- Don't cut orchids with scissors. Hard to sterilize scissors. Instead use razor blades to cut orchids. Use a new blade for each plant. Disease is really easy to spread from plant to plant.
- Orchids don't flower when they don't have enough strength. Work for a healthy plant and it will bloom.
- Fertilizer is bad for the environment. Use ½ strength or less. He fertilizes every other week. Orchids in nature get fertilized from water running down the tree. But when mounted on bark they don't get anything. Change up the fertilizer and do something a little different each time. Neptune's harvest is good for orchids but smells really bad.
- Alcohol – get the 90% strength. Use on cattleyas and let sit for 2 mins and then toothbrush the undersides to remove the stuff. Don't spray it inside.
- Neem oil suffocates the bugs and also leaves a film to protect the plant. Spray ever two months. Spray underneath the leaves. Especially the large leaves. Don't spray in the sun. Be sure and shake the sprayer frequently to keep it mixed.
- A surfactant (soap) – kills bugs. Don't use Dawn. Use the cheapest dollar store stuff you can buy.

**Show Table:** AOS Judge Nancy Losgar discussed the first place winning orchids. Congrats to the winners! If you'd like to enter a plant in the show table, please download the form in advance from the website at [Jaxorchidsociety.org](http://Jaxorchidsociety.org).

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Courtney

# TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Ending Balance of Checking Account Statement on 06/30/21	<b>\$2,933.06</b>
Ending Balance of Money Market Account Statement on 06/30/21	<b>\$17,084.18</b>
Ending Balance of Savings Account Statement on 06/30/21	<b>\$5.13</b>

**INCOME SOURCES**

Fall Sale 2021 Vendor Fees	7 Vendors	\$2,200.00
Potting Clinic	Ace 7/3 & Plant Ranch 7/17	\$286.00
Raffle Tickets	July 13 Meeting	\$305.00
Membership Dues	\$25 Single/\$35 Family	\$215.00
Donations	Refreshment Table July 13	\$21.00
Bank Account Interest	07/31/21	\$3.28

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$3,030.28**

**EXPENDITURES**

iStorage Storage Room	7/20/21 – 8/19/21	\$68.00
Square Fees	Credit Card Fees	\$1.40
Walmart	Ditty Bags for Fall Sale, 800	\$196.79
Thanh Nguyen	Speaker Fee, June 8 Meeting	\$200.00
Springwater Orchids	Raffle Plants, June 8 Meeting	\$150.00
Mac Rivenbark	Speaker Fee, July 13 Meeting	\$200.00
Mac's Orchids	Raffle Plants, July 13 Meeting	\$150.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$966.19**

Ending Balance of Checking Account Statement on 07/31/21	<b>\$2,155.03</b>
Ending Balance of Money Market Account Statement on 07/31/21	<b>\$19,926.30</b>
Ending Balance of Savings Account Statement on 07/31/21	<b>\$5.13</b>

**Total Bank Balance on 07/31/21** **\$22,086.46**

Accounts Payable		\$0.00
Potting Clinic Petty Cash	Held by Lois R.	\$25.00
Cash Box Petty Cash	Held by Treasurer	\$50.00

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