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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let me start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year. I know I am excited by all the challenges and lessons we will experience in 2022. We are all so lucky to live in the State of Florida in this beautiful United States of America.

Our Christmas Party December 14, 2021 was a great success. I would like to thank Jackie Dougherty, our 2nd Vice President for the awesome job she did. It was fun and a lot of beautiful Orchids were auctioned to very happy members.

I want to take a moment to once again thank Lois Rasmussen for all the work she has done as our President the last 3 years. Lois did a fabulous job and as I pointed out at the Christmas party, she did it with an enthusiasm that has been contagious. Our society has grown under her leadership and with your help we will keep the momentum going.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.

Let me briefly tell you how I became involved with the Jacksonville Orchid Society. My husband, Steve Roadruck and I moved up from San Marco Island in Miami in 2015. I brought up a few Orchids but never did much with them besides watering. In fact I lost 2 my 2nd year here as I tied them to trees. In Miami they were always out, but even though I tried to cover them, they died. My Cattleya was fine as I brought it in when it got really cold. At our show in 2021 this same Cattleya Carol Easton 'New Horizon' was awarded "Best Species in Show" and "Best Cattleya in Show". My first time entering anything into judging so I was thrilled. I've attached a photo. Since I left all my clients in Miami (I was a Personal Trainer) I had more time and started buying more Orchids at Ace. In 2018 I met some of the JOS members at the Ace Potting Clinic and the rest is history.

In 2019 I volunteered to be a clerk at our show. I volunteered to show set-up and break down. I started helping at the Ace potting clinic. I found the more I volunteered and the more I interacted with "members who really knew their Orchids", the more I learned and the more I enjoyed it. I was asked to join our Board of Directors in 2021.

Our Show is coming up in March, quicker than you may realize. So the moral to my story is volunteer, get involved and hopefully, you will find as much joy in growing Orchids as I do.

Bright Blessings,

Christina Roadruck



January 2, 2022

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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

January--Courtney Hackney; What's Wrong With My Orchid?? February--Arthur Chadwick, Chadwick & Son Orchids; Large Flowered Cattleya Species March--Show Meeting

Coming in April! Our very popular Hands-on Mounting & Repotting Program! (see Marketplace for details on cork for mounting!)

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

SHOW TIME is HERE

We need your help, no experience needed!!

Want to meet more members, talk orchids, see thousands of orchids and get fed? Then you need to sign up on the Volunteer Sheets at the January & February meetings.

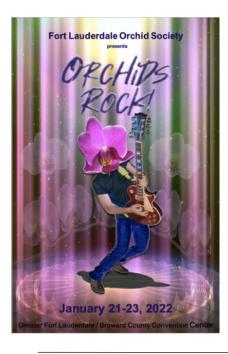
Help is needed as Ambassadors, working the Potting Tent, Clerking, selling Raffle tickets, Membership table and tent, Setting up on Friday the 18th, Breakdown on Sunday the 20th, Parking lot assistant.

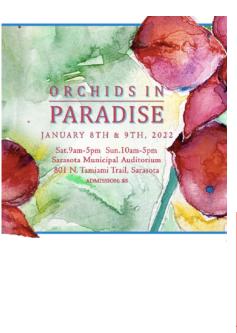
> Not sure what you want to do? Contact Bonnie Myers @ 904-571-3103 Or Laura Kissee @ <u>loll65@icloud.com</u>

We also are in need of Commercial Sponsors. Contact Jackie Dougherty @ <u>saedocs@aol.com</u>

Member Sponsors at \$25 or more contact Lorraine Conover @ <u>lorrainesorchids@gmail.com</u> or 561-302-6010

Other Events







January 2022

Jacksonville Orchid Society

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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"What's Wrong With My Orchid?" February Educational Program	9	10	11 JOS Monthly Meeting 6:00 pm	12	13	14	15
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						Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show	Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show
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Art Chadwick "Large Flowered Cattleya Species"	Orchid Show 30 FWC Orchid Show	31				×.	Florida West Coast Orchid Show

ATTENTION, MEMBERS!

Dear Members,

With the dawn of the new year, the Jacksonville Orchid Society annual dues once again become due. Society dues run from January through December and the cost of the dues will remain the same as 2021. A Single Membership will cost \$25.00 while the Family Membership costs \$35.00. As in the past, we also have an additional membership category: 'The Gold Membership'. This is a purely voluntary membership level and is \$100.00 per family. This membership level is a way of making a donation in support of the society while renewing your annual dues.

Members who have not renewed by the end of the April meeting, will be removed from the roster. Dues can be paid during our regular meetings in cash, by check, or a variety of electronic methods. (Please see the Treasurer)

If paying via US Mail, please make the check out to Jacksonville Orchid Society and mail it to me at: Jacksonville Orchid Society

c/o Colin Cage 627 Great Abaco Court Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The January General Meeting of the Jacksonville Orchid Society (JOS) will be Tuesday, January 11. 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 for plants provided by Courtney Hackney.

Members are welcome to privately sell **no more than 2** orchids or orchid related items with 20% of proceeds going to the JOS. 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.

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 our own Courtney Hackney titled "What's Wrong with my Orchid?".

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.

Please wear a mask if you are not fully vaccinated.

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER



Courtney T. Hackney

Dr. Hackney is Emeritus Professor of Biology and the former Director of Coastal Biology at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida. Previously he was Professor of Biology and Marine Biology at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. Courtney began growing orchids in the Florida Keys in 1962, while working for a small orchid nursery. He has continued his interest in both orchid hybridizing and orchid culture since then. He grows many different genera, but his favorite is the Cattleya Alliance. He has about 500 mature cattleyas and even more seedlings, but his favorites are classic clones, some of which appeared in orchid collections over 100 years ago. He makes 8-10 hybrids and species sib crosses per year in various genera.

He wrote a Growing Tips column for 20 years, which ended in

December 2013. Growing Tips appeared in newsletters around the country. He has also published in the *Orchid Digest* and *Orchids*. In 2004, he published "*American Cattleyas*", the culmination of a decade of study and interviews with many of the "Orchid Greats", which summarizes in old photographs and print how all of the modern cattleyas came to be. The book also describes what we know about cattleyas and cattleya hybrids, how to grow them, and what to expect from modern hybrids. During the past decade he has been researching the coerulea (blue) color form of cattleya species and hybrids, which was completed and published in 2018.

He and his wife Rose live in Jacksonville, Florida adjacent to a tidal swamp. Rose retired as a professional artist in 2017, but continues painting for fun. *Epi magnoliae (conopseum)* grows in trees of the swamp in his backyard. His orchids reside in a brand new 24'x25' Florida shade house adjacent to the swamp.

EDUCATION CORNER

The Jacksonville Orchid Society's mission is based on education about orchids. JOS member Courtney Hackney is a great source of information, and we'll be featuring many of his articles here. This month, an article to prepare you for his presentation at our monthly meeting. If there are any topics you'd like explored in the future, email me! saedocs@aol.com

Common Orchid Growing Mistakes - "How to Love Your Orchid to Death"

From Courtney Hackney's Monthly Column of Growing Tips. Hackneau@comcast.net

"Do no harm" is a basic tenant of the medical profession that many orchid hobbyists would be wise to adopt. A large number of orchids I see in my travels suffered premature deaths or injury, largely because of a misinformed attempt to help the orchid grow. The following is a list assembled from my experience with other growers and from my own mistakes.

"My orchids get the best water money can buy." My first question of the novice holding a shriveled, dead orchid is about their water. One person even admitted that she had a water softener installed for her orchid because she knew her water was "hard". Hard or mineral laden water may not be ideal, but softened water introduces salts that are toxic to orchids and typically lethal within a few weeks.

Another common mistake is to over-fertilize based on the conclusion that a poorly growing orchid needs more fertilizer. If over-watering is the number one killer of orchid plants, over fertilizing is number two. Fertilizers are nutrient salts that plants require along with water and light to grow. Recently purchased orchid that have a good root system do not require much in the way of fertilizer. Often, these plants have been grown quickly in commercial nurseries by maximizing light, water, and fertilizer. In the home environment, light is typically limiting and the medium contains all the nutrients the orchid needs in the short term. More often, the orchid pot needs to be flushed thoroughly with water occasionally to remove nutrients and to keep roots healthy.

Some pesticide and fungicide warning labels seem to state the obvious, e.g. "do not drink this product". Who would do such a thing? After fielding questions about pests, pesticides and orchids, I realize that no warning is too simple. Read the warning label carefully for both your own safety and the health of your orchids. The most common orchid-related pest problem seems to be overdosing and under dosing with pesticides. If the label calls for one

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teaspoon per gallon, use exactly that amount. Just because a scale infestation was "really bad" does not mean the concentration should be higher unless the label tells you to use a higher dosage. Some of the hormonal pesticides do prescribe lower concentrations after an initial treatment.

Another sometimes fatal error orchid hobbyists make is to change growing media because they see well grown orchids in some new medium. This often happens to relatively new hobbyists after purchasing plants from a commercial nursery or a visiting speaker. The mistake is to immediately repot every orchid into this "new medium". In most cases, the results are disastrous. There is much to learn by examining the growing medium of a commercial grower or very successful amateur. But remember that their success is specific to a set of growing conditions that may be very different from yours. In some cases, plants growing poorly at commercial nurseries are discarded, leaving the impression that all orchids grow well in this new medium. Some groups of orchids grow well in one medium, but not in another.

There is nothing wrong with experimenting with a medium and evaluating how well your plants grow in that medium but avoid a wholesale conversion to a new medium.

The most surprised individual is the novice grower that brings their plant in and asks what they should do to their orchid. Typically, their "problem" orchid has outgrown the pot, has roots going everywhere, and shows signs of having bloomed repeatedly. There is also usually an admission by the grower that they have neglected this "poor" orchid but are determined to take better care of it next year. In other words, they have "done no harm" and the orchid has thrived.

Jacksonville Orchid Society member Dr. Courtney Hackney, Retired Emeritus Professor of Biology at the University of North Florida, is a noted author and acknowledged "orchid expert." He published a column of orchid advice that ran for many years, and we are presenting select articles with his permission.

Citation: Hackney, C. (2006, October). October 2006 – Common Orchid Growing Mistakes. Retrieved from http://www.roseg4art.com/Growing-tips/common-orchid-growingmistakes.htm

CONTESTS

ORCHID BEAUTY CONTEST



Congratulations to December's winner--Jane Barr--Dendrochilum cobbianum 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!

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

Show Table Instructions and a link to the interactive Show Table Forms are available at: http://jaxorchidsociety.org/showtableentryforminstructions-3/ http://jaxorchidsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/ShowTableEntryFormInteractive-1.pdf

FIRST BLOOM CONTEST

40 members and guests of the Jacksonville Orchid Society mounted *Brassavola nodosa* (*B. nodosa*) at our 8 June 2021 monthly meeting. Since then, we have all been growing *B. nodosa* to see who could bloom theirs first.

Rules. First participant to bloom a *B. nodosa* from our 8 June 2021 meeting wins! There will be a prize determined by JOS President Christina Roadruck.

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



This orchid can be expected to bloom once or twice a year, typically in the Spring and/ or 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/ *Good Luck to you all!*

LET'S TALK ABOUT....

In this new, occasional feature, I'm going to discuss something I'm dealing with in my own collection. I'll either research it, or gather input from my panel of experts (the members of the Board of Directors). If there are any topics you'd like explored, email me! saedocs@aol.com

FUN PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES!!!

Okay, so not exactly something going on with my orchids, but a big part of being a member of the Jacksonville Orchid Society! And, a great way to meet new people with a shared interest, while maybe learning something new about your own collection!

There are some great ways you can participate beyond attending the monthly meeting. And, all are lots of fun!

Greenhouse tours--Most months we try to visit the growing area of one of our members. As the host, it's a chance to show off your space and even get some advice to enhance what you're doing for your plants. As an attendee, it's an opportunity to see what others are doing and get some ideas to incorporate in your own growing space! We don't yet have any lined up for 2022--if you are interested in letting members pop by on a Sunday afternoon, contact Jackie at 703-625-4760, <u>saedocs@aol.com</u> or speak up at the next meeting!

Potting Clinics--A huge part of the JOS mission of education, JOS members assist in repotting orchids brought to the clinics by interested members of the public. Clinics are held at Ace Hardware on San Jose the first Saturday of most months and at Plant Ranch Nursery on Beach Blvd on the third Saturday. Even if you're unsure of what you're doing, there are so many experienced growers there, you'll learn something while teaching the public! (and, it's a great recruiting tool for the Society!)

Show--You'll be hearing a lot about our annual show in the next few months. It's our signature event, and well attended every year! But it takes a huge level of participation from every member of the Club! There are varied "jobs" that you can do ranging from helping guide drivers in the parking lot or shoppers in the show to working the potting tent to assisting folks interested in joining our club. If you have any questions, speak up at the next meeting, or reach out to Bonnie Myers or Laura Kissee (see page 4). Together we will make the 2022 Show a huge success!

The Jacksonville Orchid Society Presents

Orchid Fantasy

Show & Sale, March 19-20, 2022 Free Admission

10:00-6:00 Saturday; 10:00-4:00 Sunday Mandarin Garden Club 2892 Loretto Road Jacksonville, FL 32223

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SHOW TABLE

We may not have had a Show Table in December, but we still want to see Orchids! So, this seemed like a good time to review the year's Beauty Contest Winners!!



January--Christina Roadruck--Lc Irene Finney 'York'

February--Christina Roadruck--Brassolaeliocattleya Sally Heath 'Sarah'



March-Christina Roadruck



June--Lois Rasmussen--C. mossiae var semi-alba



April--Christina Roadruck--Potinara Watermelon Perfume

May--Lois Rasmussen--Blc. Seta Rainbow 'Fantasy'



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July--Lois Rasmussen--Brassolaeliocattleya Chelsea Alward 'RedTips'



August--Lemuel Morales--Vanda Soroa Cherry Bomb





September--Art & Jane Russell--Rhynchomyrmeleya Snow Leopard

November's winner--Christina Roadruck, Vanda Panchara Delight

October--Lois Rasmussen, Blc. Walhalla 'Frog Level'





SECRETARY'S MINUTES

NOT REALLY! JUST A RECAP OF THE 2021 JACKSONVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY!



Everyone was welcomed by your Board of Directors, current and past.







Mandarin Garden Club was transformed into a holiday bistro! After a bit of mingling and "window shopping", dinner was served!









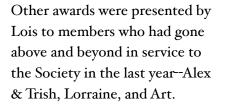
Outgoing President Lois Rasmussen and her husband Scott, long-serving Treasurer, were honored and thanked for their years of service to the Society by incoming President Christina Roadruck.

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Marv Ragan was given an AOS Certificate of Appreciation!





The fun continued as Eric kicked off the Orchid Auction! He was assisted by Margaret, Christina and Lois.











Some friendly competition ensued, with many members taking home multiple plants!





TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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Christmas Dinner Party Christmas Party Auction Christine Peterson Vendor Fees Lois & Scott R. Membership Dues Bank Account Interest	\$25 per person 12/14/21 Donation 2022 Show Gold Membership Dues 2022 \$25 Single/\$35 Family 12/31/21	\$250.00 \$2,195.00 \$100.00 \$1,525.00 \$100.00 \$25.00 \$4.08				
TOTAL INCOME			\$4,199.08			
EXPENDITURES						
iStorage Storage Room American Orchid Society American Orchid Society American Orchid Society PayPal Fees Office Depot Auction Plants	12/19/21 – 01/20/22 AOS Membership Fee, 2 years AOS Show Fee AOS Trophy Fee Credit Card Fees Name Tags, Dividers Carmela's Orchids	\$75.00 \$153.00 \$60.00 \$70.00 \$26.84 \$27.83 \$250.00				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$662.67			
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Accounts Payable Accounts Payable Cash Box Petty Cash	Ritter Orchids, Auction Plants Terry's Kitchen Party Catering Held by Treasurer	\$300.00 \$1,600.00 \$50.00				

MARKETPLACE

Not intended as endorsement or advertisement by the Jacksonville Orchid Society. Just members helping members!

Cork for Mounting

I have received three shipment boxes and am pricing each piece. Both tubes and the flats are here. There will be some available at the January meeting. Prices range from \$3- \$25 and everything in between. Most are \$7 - \$18 and these are great pieces, actually the best shipment I've gotten. You will be very happy with the choices.

Cash or check. Bring quarters since prices are rounded up or down to the nearest .25

Start looking at your collection to see what might be a little happier if mounted. If you have something that keeps crawling out of the pot, then this may be the way to go. If you have something that needs to have the roots dry faster this is a good choice. Tubes allow plants to grow all around over time. Check your collections now as you are moving them for the cooler weather and mark possible candidates. The Mounting Program will be in April so you have time to shop at the March show.

Lorraine Conover 561-302-6010 (cell), 561-395-2145 (home)

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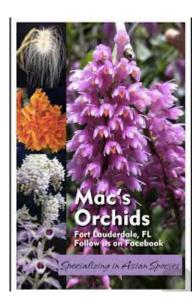
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