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THE KEIKI



Our next Event is the Orchids Gone Wild Show Saturday April 14th and Sunday, April 15th at our regular meeting place, VFW Post 8681, 18940 Drayton Street and County Line Road

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ORCHID LOVERS OF SPRING HILL Presenting "ORCHIDS GONE WILD"



Sat. April 14th, 10AM-5PM

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Sun. April 15th, 10AM-4PM

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REFRESHMENTS

If you signed up to bring something for our Show please make sure you bring it. If you don't remember what you signed up for, or want to help and haven't signed up, please contact me. I have all the information and will gladly add you to the list, or let you know what you are on the list for.

Lets have a great show! Thank you everybody!

Mary Lou :)

To all my Orchid Lovers Friends

I cannot tell you how much the outpouring of sympathy and support I received from my many friends at the Orchid Club in my time of extreme sadness at the passing of my brother, George, has meant to me. I shall always remember all your kindness.

Thank you so much.

Helen Battistrada



TREASURER'S REPORT

March 17, 2018

By

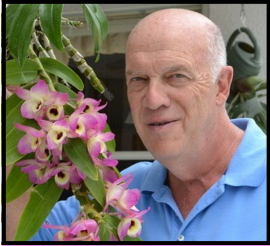
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Beginning Balance : \$10,973.09

Total Receipts \$ 793.00

Disbursements: \$ 907.53

Ending Balance: \$10,858.56



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jeff Rundell

The big event is upon us. Are you ready? First of all I look forward to seeing all members at our show. It's a great way to reconnect and support the club and our vendors.

I'm hoping you have some blooming plants all groomed up and ready to enter into our display. Is there a ribbon in your future? We need every blooming plant we can get even if it has only one bloom. Please be sure to bring your plants either Thursday night or early Friday so they can be properly labeled and arranged. We may also need additional foliage so if you have ferns, palms or other foliage you can loan please bring them. We may not use all plants but we never know what need might arise.

If you have signed up to work please arrive on time and stick to the job you volunteered for.

Volunteers get fed!

Make one last effort to get the word out to any friends or groups that might attend. Posters can still go in many public spaces. If you need additional posters you can print them from the web site.

We still need some helpers to do a few things so please call Marita to volunteer 732-673-1179

Our **May meeting** is titled "Tricks of the Trade". You are going to hear some of those little secrets and methods other members use to succeed with their orchids. You may find something that fits your style. If you have any trade secrets you'd like to share please find me at the show. **June** will see an old friend, Dr. Charles Thomas, return and tell us how his orchid world has changed, Thanks for all your help and support.

This is a test! Are you reading your Keiki? If you are the 2nd caller to 727-808-3008, you will win 5 Free Raffle Tickets at the May meeting...and you know you want those beauties...free!!! Be sure to leave your name and number if you get voicemail.



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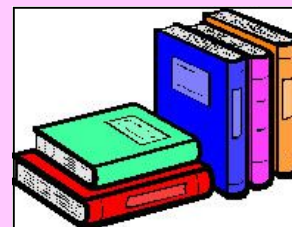
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Show and Tell Table February 17 Member Meeting



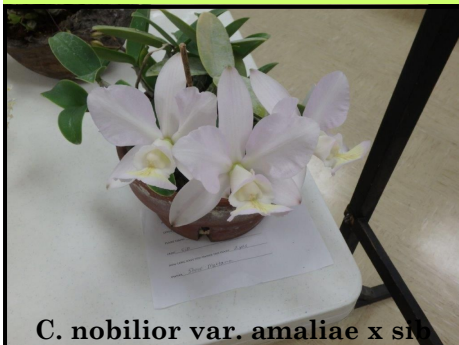
C. intermedia



Catt. Trick or Trick 'SVOIN'



Pot. Burana Beauty 'Burana'



C. nobilior var. amaliae x sibi



Cymbidium Hybrid



Den. Kingianum hybrid



C. walkeriana 'Kenny'



Den. Aggregatum var. jenkin-



Den. Lichenastrum (Australia)



Cookara Bill



Den. Aphyllum var. cucullatum



Den. Mini Snowflake



Catt. Tiny Treasure 'Star Amethyst'



Den. Aphyllum var. cucullatum (



Den. Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'

Show and Tell Table February 17 Member Meeting



Julie with Orchid



Phal. Mini Mark



Lc. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic'



Ludisia discolor



Den. Hybrid (Nobile type)



Ornithocephalus bicornis



Phal. hybrid

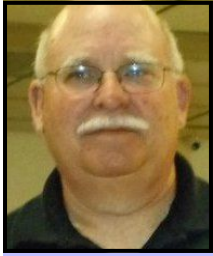


Pot. Flaming Orange 'Carmela'

Show Table March 17 Member Meeting

OLCOSH Show Table 3-17-2018

Plant Name	Grower	How long owned
Potinara Burana Beauty 'Burana'	Delia Dunn	6 yrs
Den. Dream Ace 'Carmela'	Francis Dames	2 yrs
Dendrobium lindleyi (formerly aggregatum)	Gary Gethen	
Dendrobium tangerinum	Gary Gethen	9 yrs
Laeliocattleya Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'	Gary Gethen	8 yrs
Dendrobium lindleyi (formerly aggregatum)	Jack Drage	3 yrs
Cookara Bill	Jeff Rundell	5 yrs
Dendrobium lindleyi var. jenkinsii (formerly Den. aggregatum)	Jeff Rundell	8 yrs
Dendrobium aphyllum var. cucullatum	Jeff Rundell	6 yrs
Ludisia discolor	Jeff Rundell	
Epicattleya Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'	Jeff Rundell	
Dendrobium lichenastrum 'Australis'	Julie Smolka	2 yrs
Dendrobium Mini Snowflake	Julie Smolka	1 yr
Dendrobium SOOS Celebrates 50 (aberrans x Little Atro)	Julie Smolka	2 yrs
Ornithocephalus bicornis	julie Smolka	1 yr
Phalaenopsis hybrid (blush pink)	Marge Waig	10 yrs
Dendrobium Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'	Matt Riesz	7 yrs
Epidendrum Miracle Valley 'Nodeshika'	Matt Riesz	2 yrs
Cattleya walkeriana 'Kenny'	Matt Riesz	1 yr
Phalaenopsis Mini Mark	Pat Dupke	1 yr
Pot. Flaming Orange 'Carmela'	Sonia Terrelonge	2 yrs
Dendrobium Wave King 'Sazanani'	Sonia Terrelonge	2 yrs
Cattleya nobilior var. amaliae x sib	Steve Mattana	2 yrs
Dendrobium hybrid (nobile type)	Wendy Paracka	4 yrs
Dendrobium Microchip (aberrans x normanbyense)	Wendy Paracka	1 yr
Dendrobium kingianum hybrid	Wendy Paracka	
Ctt. Trick or Treat 'SVO 4N'	WHO BROUGHT THIS PLANT IN ?	



OLCOSH Meeting Minutes 3-17-2018

Jeff Rundell called the meeting to order, and welcomed new members and guests.

The minutes from the previous meeting on February 17th were seconded and approved.

Helen Battistrada gave us a Treasurer's report:

Last month's balance was \$10,973

Current balance is \$10,858

Delia Dunn, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented a report. Helen will remain as Treasurer. We are still seeking nominations for President, although we do have one nomination. If you have a nomination please contact Delia, or Wendy Paracka, or Bobbie LeMay and let them know.

Linda Condon presented the membership report. She noted that we still have about 30 percent of the membership who have not renewed. The cost (\$17 per person or \$25 for two people at the same address) is very minimal, so please do renew your memberships promptly!

Jeff noted that once again we have a terrific newsletter, The Keiki, produced by Ken and Delia Dunn. It is one of the best newsletters around, and there are always special items inside for the membership. This month, five free raffle tickets were available to the first person who called Linda. Unfortunately, **NOBODY CALLED!** Come on, folks, read the newsletter!

Jeff asked for volunteers to help setup and takedown our meeting.

Jeff noted that Marita Riesz, who handled our picnic and our auction last year, is overextended

and cannot do those events for us this year. He asked for volunteers to take over our picnic and our auction. Pat Dupke, who formerly did our picnics, will take over the picnic, but she will need an assistant. There were no volunteers to take over the auction. If you would like to do it this year (it's not complicated) please contact Jeff.

Jeff asked for an assistant to Julie Smolka, to help handle publicity for the club. There were no volunteers. Please contact Jeff and/or Julie if you can assist with publicity.

We will not have a meeting in April this year, since it would be too close to the show. At our May meeting we will not have a speaker, but will ask some members to talk about their experiences and tricks of the trade for growing orchids at home. Please contact Steve Mattana or Jeff Rundell if you would be willing to talk to us for about 5 minutes or so and share your experiences.

Jeff gave some historical documents to Mary Lou Mattana, our Historian. If you have any old pictures, etc., please give her some copies for our records.

Marita spoke to us about our upcoming show, on April 14th and 15th :

- She brought signs that need to be put up the Thursday before the show, and asked that people take a stack of signs to put up for us. •

She asked for two volunteers to assist us with show plant registration – putting labels on plants and wrapping them with black cloth to be placed in the exhibit. Two people volunteered.

- We will need around 150 plants to fill both displays, including some miniatures for the smaller of the two displays. Our vendors have been asked to bring some specimen plants, but we will need **every plant you can spare** that has a

bloom on it. PLEASE BRING THEM to the VFW on Friday April 13th, starting at 8:30AM. If you have plants you would like to bring, but cannot be there on Friday please contact Marita so she can make arrangements for you to drop them off.

Matt Riesz asked for three volunteers to assist the judging team with awarding ribbons. The team will meet at 8:30AM the first morning of the show (April 14th) and award ribbons in several plant categories. Three people volunteered. •

Mary Lou Mattana sent around a sign up sheet for show assistance, and food donations. This year, we will have cold cut sandwiches and wraps on Saturday and Sunday, and will need things like salads and desserts to be donated. PLEASE NOTE: THE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE FOR SHOW VOLUNTEERS ONLY! So if you want to have a great time and a tasty lunch, you must volunteer. Please contact Marita Riesz, as soon as possible, if you can help.

Jeff noted that we have a terrific raffle table today, thanks to plants donated by our speaker, Billy Nunez.

Steve Mattana introduced Billy, who gave an interesting talk about Encyclias, especially E. tampensis, which is native to our area.

Matt and Jeff discussed the beautiful and special plants on the member display table, after which the raffle was drawn and the meeting was adjourned.

The minutes presented have yet to be approved by the members and will become part of the permanent record of the Club. If you see the need for an addition, a deletion or a correction, please use the address below to send an e-mail to advise that a change is needed. Thanks!

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Orchid Blooming: Tips and Tricks

Keep your orchids blooming as long as you can.

Phalaenopsis orchids, one of the most popular types, normally bloom 1-2 times a year and the blooms can last anywhere from 60-120 days. Dendrobium and Oncidium orchids have a typical blooming season anywhere from January to March. Both of these types typically bloom 1-2 times a year and their blooms usually last 30-45 days. Another popular type of orchid is Cattleya which will bloom during Spring to Fall once a year normally for a period of 7-12 days, but can sometimes last a little longer.

M o r e , F r e e O r c h i d T i p s !

At a minimum you may want to sign up for the [orchid tips newsletter](#) (it's free!). That'll give you some additional (more detailed) step-by-step tips you can start using with your Orchids right away...

On your computer, just click on:

<http://www.orchidsmadeeasy.com/orchid-blooming/>



Membership Notes

By Linda Condon

Happy Spring...finally! The Orchid Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day with our regular

March meeting, but we shared the floor with some folks eating corned beef and cabbage at tables across the aisle served up by the VFW! We had 43 members sign in, and the 42nd turned out to be Gary Gethen, whose number was chosen by our guest speaker, Billy Nunez. So Gary was the lucky winner of a lovely little Phaelenopsis in our Members Only Raffle. Billy shared some gorgeous photos of particularly interesting Encyclia crosses. We had one guest sign in as well. **Remember, for future meetings, if you bring a new guest with you, you will be given some free extra raffle tickets, and we have had some sensational plants on our Raffle Table.**



Please let us welcome our three newest members, all from Spring Hill, who joined at the March meeting:

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I know you will all be at our upcoming show, ORCHIDS GONE WILD, Saturday, April 14th and Sunday, April 15th at the VFW on County Line Rd. Most all of us will be working in some capacity for at least one time shift, but even if you aren't, be sure to go, bringing carloads of friends, neighbors, even relatives (!) to enjoy the sight and scent of the massed blossoms. It was exciting to see our show advertised in the calendar of upcoming events in the nationally distributed "Orchids" magazine. So we may have some visitors from even further afield, and we want to wow them, too - that means we all need to bring every single one of our blooming orchids (even with just one good flower) for Marita and her crew to work into the display to make it super lush. I promise, you'll feel like a proud parent when you see your "baby" up there!

A Few Show Table Beauties & continued on the back page





The Speaker Segment

By Kara Ramsey

Our speaker for this month was Bill Nunez from Seminole, FL.

Bill grew up in Florida on 1,800 acres of family owned cattle ranch land. During his youth he began working the local cattle ranches and became acquainted with Florida's cypress swamps. It was in these swamps that he became familiar with many of Florida's orchid species along with native ferns and various species of wildlife. It is clear in listening to Bill speak how much he greatly enjoyed those adventures into the wooded swamps. They became his refuge. Entering into those untouched woods left him with a sense of traveling back in time hundreds of years, a sense of old Florida. He first began growing orchids in the 1960's after receiving some back bulbs from some of his father's friends who had greenhouses and also grew orchids. He has a real passion for growing and creating new orchid hybrids within the *Cattleya* alliance. Today he gave a discussion on *Encyclia tampensis* and other *Encyclia* species and their hybrids.

The genus *Encyclia* (pronounced en-SIK-lee-ah) includes 150 species and several natural hybrids that are distributed throughout Mexico, Florida, the Caribbean, and parts of South America. The name *Encyclia* was derived from the Greek word *enkykleomai*, meaning to encircle, referring to how the lateral side lobes of the lip curve upward encircling the column. Characteristics that are common to all *Encyclia* orchids include a spring-hinged lip that is attached to the column, a lip that is spade shaped with a coloration that will vary from that of the petals, and a spray of blooms on an upright, arching inflorescence. The members of this genus are epiphytic with the exception

of *Encyclia gracilis*, which grows on rocks or as a terrestrial among leaf detritus in coastal habitats.

Out of all the *Encyclia* species the one that has captivated Bill's heart is *Encyclia tampensis*, or the Florida butterfly orchid. This species is a common epiphytic orchid that is distributed throughout central and southern Florida, Cuba and the Bahamas. This orchid species was first collected near Tampa Bay, hence the name. This orchid species is especially abundant along waterways and thrives in humid swampy forests and hammock habitats. The flowers are highly variable in both size and color. The typical presentation is flowers with sepals and petals that are a yellow-green suffused with varying amounts of brown or purple. The lip of the orchid is white with a distinctive purple or magenta spot located in the center of the lip. Although this species may bloom sporadically throughout the year, the typical bloom period is from May-August with the peak being in June. If you feel adventurous and would like to head out into Florida's swamps, Myakka River State Park near Sarasota, FL is a good location to view this orchid in bloom in its native habitat. In my experience, the peak time for blooming for that area seems to be the end of May till about middle of June.

Bill is rather particular about what characteristics he feels best exemplifies the species, and one of his plants, *Encyclia tampensis* 'Batman', is an exceptionally nice example that showcases all of the desired traits. The flower of this orchid has a lip that is flat and round, almost a perfect circle. The lip is a pristine white color and the purple spot on the lip is very pronounced.

The floral segments have a nice, round arrangement and the ends of the sepals and petals have a distinctive paddle-like shape. He warns us to be wary of specimens that display flowers with pointed petals as opposed to the paddle or oar shaped ones. Since this characteristic often indicates that there is some other species present in the background and the plant is not a “true” *E. tampensis*. When selecting which plants of the species to breed, he only selects those orchids that possess a flat lip with a nice dark spot. That is what he feels is most distinguishable about the species and helps *E. tampensis* stand out.

Now let’s take a look at some orchid hybrids that utilize *Encyclia tampensis*, other species *Encyclias*, and their influence on hybridization. One thing about hybridization is that it is trial and error. You never really know what quality of plants that you are going to end up with. Sometimes things do not always work out as you had hoped, as was the case of a cross created using an alba form of *E. tampensis* and Blc. Little Toshie. Bill informed that the majority of progeny from this cross were a disappointment. There were just a few plants from the entire cross that had pleasing flowers with a large, frilly lip and *Encyclia* influenced flower petals. In addition to the disappointment of the shape of the flowers the overall flower count with this cross was something to be desired. The best plants only developing two blooms per inflorescence. Sometimes in hybridization certain orchids are just too far apart from one another genealogically that the hybrid does not work. The hybrid Cty. El Hatilio (*C. mossiae* v. semi-alba x *E. tampensis*) had such extremely poor overall flower form that Bill mentioned he tossed nearly 600 plants into the dumpster. Every now and then nature will surprise you and give you a result that you were not at all anticipating from crossing two

orchids. That is the case of *E. gracilis*, a natural hybrid of *E. corerellii* and *E. fehlingii*. Both parents in this cross have small side lobes and a less than showy lip, yet the resulting offspring is a flower with a large, flamboyant showy lip and large side lobes. Further use of *E. corerellii* in hybridization has revealed that when this species is utilized as a parent in a cross that it will “puff out” the side lobes and lip of the flowers in its offspring. In breeding orchids it can often take several generations in order to breed out certain traits that are distinctive of a species. For instance, the hybrid *Encyclia* Cashen’s Chocolate Rose [*E. Orchid Jungle* (*E. alta* x *E. phoenicea*) x *E. cordigera*] has flowers that display flat and are not claw-shaped, as is characteristic of the species *E. cordigera*. Another example of this is the species *E. plicata*, which is perfectly beautiful in its own right, but not used much in hybridization because it takes many generations of breeding in order to help straighten out the lip. A favorite species of Bill’s that he enjoys using in hybridization is *E. randii*. He is partial to the wide lip and chocolate colored sepals and petals that this species will pass along to its progeny. Cty. Brazilian Rubies (*C. tenebrosa* x *E. randii*) is a beautiful hybrid created using this species that has deep chocolate colored sepals and petals and a bright fuchsia-red colored lip. Because of the *Encyclia* parentage the flowers of this hybrid hold and present better with considerably less flopping over. Another species known to pass along desired traits to its offspring is *E. alata*. The presence of *E. alata* in a cross will cause offspring to have striations on the lip and a yellow picotee around the edge of the lip. An example of these characteristics can be observed in the hybrid *Enanthleya* Pixie Charm (Cattlianthe Pixie x *E. alata*). Over the years there have been several hybrids made using *E. tampensis* and other *Encyclia* species. Although I am sure it is

other *Encyclia* species. Although I am sure it is difficult to single just one hybrid out, a personal favorite of Bill's is Cty. Ken Anderson [*C. Valentine* (*C. loddigesii* x *C. warneri*) x *E. tampensis*]. The flowers of this hybrid are heavily influenced by both *E. tampensis* and *C. loddigesii*.

The cultural requirements for *Encyclia* orchids are straight forward and similar to most other species of orchid. Just like with other orchid species they desire good, strong air movement. They prefer brighter light similar to *Cattleyas*, however, care should be taken to avoid direct midday sun. They will tolerate temperatures that range between 60F and 90F. With this genus it is important to avoid over watering plants as they do not like to sit with wet roots for extended periods of time. They prefer getting their roots wet and being able to dry out quickly. Bill recommends giving plants a "dry period" from November to February. During this time switch to a reduced water regimen, providing water to plants every 7-10 days. These orchids are very tolerant and can be grown both mounted and in pots. However, if planning to grow on mounts Bill suggests not to use any backing material (i.e. sphagnum moss) The moss would keep the root system too wet over an extended period of time. For his potted plants he utilizes an inorganic mixture of charcoal and volcanic rock. Whether growing your plants mounted or in a pot, the best time to remount or repot *Encyclias* is during the spring (March-April) or Fall (September-October) when they undergo their semi-annual growth spurts. *Encyclias* are extremely variable, produce showy displays of long-lasting flowers, are often highly fragrant, and just might become your new favorite genera of orchid!



Encyclia
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Show Table continued

