



DEEP SOUTH ORCHID SOCIETY

Newsletter

September 2016

September Meeting

Date: Sunday, September 11th

**Place: Coastal Georgia
Botanical Gardens**

Time: 2:00PM

Greenhouse Workday

Our greenhouse workday was a big success. Several members showed up to help and they all left with a few orchids, and thanks to Greg for donuts and Hilda for sandwiches, they left with full bellies. I wonder, did they actually do any work or was it just eating and socializing? I kid, we appreciate everyone's efforts.



The President's Column

Learning About Orchids: Old vs. New School

Are you new to orchids or an old hat? If you fall into the latter category, there is a good chance that you have read or looked at the images in a thing called a book or you joined the American Orchid Society or Orchid Digest and received regular hard copies of their magazines. These resources are STILL, I repeat STILL invaluable. Why? Their content was and is written by respected experts, edited and often peer-reviewed. You could trust that the information had some weight and be confident in applying it to your own growing.

With the internet age, orchid magazines naturally went digital as did some books but other resources appeared as well. Among these were various websites and online forums. By now everyone is familiar with websites and the choices for orchid growers are broad. Commercial orchid growers sometimes include very good cultural information on their sites. Orchid society websites vary but some are well developed and very useful (for example, The St. Augustine Orchid Society page, <http://staugorchidsociety.org>, may be one of the best quick resources for topics including orchid pests, diseases and their treatments available).

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You may be less familiar with forums but popular examples include <http://www.phalaenopsis.net/phpBB>, <http://www.orchidboard.com/community/> and <http://www.rv-orchidworks.com/orchidtalk/>. Registered users can post questions including photos to current “threads” or create new ones and the members can respond. These forums often have a number of active, devoted, and experienced members which makes them a useful destination in your search for quality information. The only drawback is that these forums have now been around for a while and they can sometimes feel unwieldy. However, your opinion may vary. Dive in!

Of course, we are now in the age of social media and the “apps” that tends to come to mind first when exchanging information are YouTube and Facebook. YouTube is pretty straight forward and there are a fair number of orchid pages managed by individuals such as that of our recent speaker Brittany Lowery (Holy City Orchids). If you create an account, you can subscribe to your favorite YouTubers and follow their videos. You'll quickly find which are your favorite. As for Facebook, if you search, you can find MANY orchid-specific pages: regional growers and orchid society pages as well as those that focus on certain types of orchids, cultural techniques and more. On the surface, this is great. However, you have to be very judicious in choosing pages (trial and error) and who you trust for quality information. In my personal experience, I have found that there are pages with many active, skilled participants who enjoy sharing their knowledge on culture, breeding and amazing photos from their personal collections. There are also pages where the focus seems to be on showing off photos of their newest NOID and their plants are called “chids”. While these posts exhibit a love and excitement for their plants, these pages overall included too many individuals who were resistant to more than the most basic information and often became defensive when someone would get “too technical.” I chose to leave several such pages but your experience may vary. The point is that greater choice is wonderful but you must be discerning in the sources you trust.



1st Place, *Phalaenopsis Kasorn Rosy Lip*
David Jarrell

Happy Learning, David Jarrell

Get Ready for a Mysterious September Program



Well you will have to come to the meeting to really find out about the September program. I can tell you it will feature Greg Mosely and Dave Holesovsky. I can also let you know, I was told it is a “hands on” workshop. Sound a little suspicious, I thought so too. However, we understand it will also include orchids (Whew). Don't miss it.

(Orchids are from our Greenhouse)



Letter From the Greenhouse!

(All photos from The Greenhouse)

Things at the Greenhouse is coming along nicely. With the help of many members, we have cleaned out and given away alot of our excess at the greenhouse. We have switched fertilizer and are trying MSU with a couple drops of Super Thrive and the results are unbelievable. Plant growth and flowering has been spectacular. Vanda root growth is heavier than we have ever seen it. This is not an endorsement for MSU and Super Thrive but if you stop by the Greenhouse the results speak for themselves. With the 1st of September upon us it won't be long until we have to winterize the greenhouse and prepare for shorter days and cooler nights. It will be time for us to cut back on water and fertilize preparing for those shorter days. We are working daily to divide and repot much of the collection. Some of them. were in dire need of this procedure. The results so far have shown the immediate new root growth and happy plants. So for you that have put off repotting, now would be the time to get this done, if you want your plants to be happy and thrive.

I have attached some pictures of some of the bloomers at the greenhouse. I would encourage you all to stop by and take some time to enjoy. See you at the upcoming meeting September 11th.

Your dear friend,

The Greenhouse at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens

(Written by a friend of the Greenhouse, Jim Keplinger)



The Judging Continues

August was the third meeting that featured a Society judging for members. Participation continues to be great and there were lots of winners. This is now an official monthly event, so come and enter. We don't have space to show every orchid, but here is a complete list of winners. Throughout this newsletter I have featured images of several winners.

Category	Prize	Name	Grower
Cattleya	1	# <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Color Magic 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS	Jimmy Yu
	2	# <i>Cattleya</i> Arctic Star 'Snow Queen'	Norm Schoppenhorst
	3	# <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Burana Beauty 'Burana'	David Jarrell
Dendrobium	1	<i>Dendrobium</i> Enobi Purple 'Splash'	Dee Van Meer
	2	<i>Dendrobium</i> Burana _____ (partial tag)	David Holesovsky
	3	<i>Dendrobium</i> Genting Royal	Jenni Brodie
Oncidium	*1*	# <i>Leomesezia</i> Lava Burst 'Puanani' AM/AOS	Dee Van Meer
	2	<i>Bratonia</i> Dark Star 'Darth Vader'	? (CGBG GH)
Paphiopedilum	1	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Les Dirouilles	Dee Van Meer
Phalaenopsis	1	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Kasorn Rosy Lip	David Jarrell
	2	<i>Phalaenopsis pulchra</i> 'Red Robin'	Dee Van Meer
	3	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Jiuhbao Coral	Karen ?
Vanda	1	<i>Vanda</i> Barbara Hanck x V. Scott Thompson 'Crownfox' HCC/AOS	David Jarrell
	2	<i>Cleisostoma</i> <i>crochetii</i>	David Jarrell
	3	<i>Rhynchostylis coelestis</i> (*Flowers indicated this was a parent but the plant was not this species)	Kim Owens
Other species	1	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> <i>pardalotum</i>	Kim Owens
NoID	1	<i>Phalaenopsis</i>	David Holesovsky

** Best of the Meeting

These plants are listed with updated genera, hybrid genera or registered cross names when compared to what was on tag at meeting.

Board of Directors Minutes August 29, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm at the Savannah Mall Hospitality Room. The following were present:

David Jarrell	Greg Mosely	Pat Keplinger	Bob Carson	Jeannie Laster
Cheryl Holesovsky	Dave Holesovsky	Stanley Konter	Jim Keplinger	Gail Mathews
Terry Mathews				

The minutes were read and approved as submitted.

Greenhouse Update

- Jimmy Yu has been repotting a lot of the orchids in the greenhouse
- We have a lot of Dens in bloom
- The Savannah Garden Club awarded the DSOS with a \$300.00 grant for hosting the Wounded Warrior Project
- Jim has forwarded the letter to David Jarrell and he will send a thank you to the Garden Club with our information as to where the check should be sent
- A motion was made and seconded to continue the Wounded Warrior Project
Dave Holesovsky was appointed to chair this program

New Business

- We need to send Stanley all information to go into the newsletter as soon as possible after the board meetings
 - We discussed possibly donating our library books to the Savannah Library
 - Stanley will find out if the library will accept them
- Dues letters are due and will be mailed by the end of the week

Showupdate

- Cheryl has sent the invitations to the Vendors
- 5 Vendors, possibly 7

The Vendors should be told the number of people the CGBG are expecting, so they can bring enough orchids to sell

September 11th Meeting

- Greg and Dave will do a hands on workshop with orchids
 - Elizabeth Jackson has refreshments
- Bring your orchids for judging

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm
Next Board Meeting September 26, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted
Pat Keplinger
Recording Secretary for the DSOS



1st Place - Cattleya Rhyncholaeliocattleya Color Magic
'Mendenhall' AM/AOS - Jimmy Yu

The EVERY ISSUE UPDATE

The 2017 Annual Orchid Show will be held at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens on April 28 - 30, 2017. We have four vendors committed and working on more. The judges should be tied up by our meeting.



Display from 2016 Show



Vanda 1st Place - Vanda Barbara Hanck x V. Scott Thompson 'Crownfox' HCC/AOS - David Ho;esovsky



Oncidium 2nd - Bratonia Dark Star 'Darth Vader'

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