



DEEP SOUTH ORCHID SOCIETY

Newsletter

November 2016

November Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 13th

**Place: Coastal Georgia
Botanical Gardens**

Time: 2:00PM

My Orchid

*Beauty of Orchid
Beyond Compare*

*Petals Soft
And Color pure*

*Stems Sleek
And Leaves Soft*

*Beauty of Orchid
Beyond Compare*

by Willard Wells



Coming in the December issue, The Orchid Clock. A simple device that makes it easy to keep track of your orchid's annual growth cycles. Don't miss our next issue.

The President's Column

Pumpkin Spice Orchids

As you gird your loins for the appearance of orange-dyed Phalaenopsis at our local grocery stores, we can at least take heart in the fact that, at least for now, these torturers of orchids haven't figured out how to inject "the scent of the season" in them. Just be the good defenders of orchids that you are and tell your less informed friends AGAIN that "no, that color is not real and if they flower again, it will be white". Then, show them some images of the lovely oranges, yellows, etc that these diverse plants are already capable of making on their own. They'll be amazed! Hang in there! The struggle is real. Sigh.

Now onto the actual point of this message. As hot as it still is outside, cooler days are coming and it's time to plan for the season. The days will grow shorter and the light less strong, so we need to be more conscientious about the timing and frequency of watering – there is less time for crowns to dry and more time for your potting mix to dry. You may even have specimens in your collection, like some Dendrobiums, that require an extended dry rest. If you're growing under lights, you may even adjust the timing of your lights to mimic the external environment. (Continued on Page 2)

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If you have plants outside, you'll also be watching night time temps as an indicator of when to bring some or all inside. Finally, the greenhouse growers among us will be thinking about when to adjust their glazing or shading, when to get the heaters installed and running and when it will be time to seal up the cooling system and other areas where that precious heat may escape.

As you may recall from prior newsletters, I've mentioned that I grow in an older glass greenhouse. It takes some work to keep warm enough on our colder nights. The cumulative cost of propane can hurt so I've got some "tricks" to help. I use a couple small electric space heaters that are set to come on if the temperature drops to a "worry level" (about 50-55 F) and have also collected sets of incandescent Christmas lights which do put out heat (this is an old trick used mainly by small greenhouse growers). I also picked up several plastic drums (25 to 50 gallon) last year that I spray painted black, put under the southern edge of several benches and filled with water. This method of "passive heating" is much more common in northern regions and is frequently and very successfully employed in lean-to greenhouses with solid northern walls with these barrels stacked to the ceiling along the entire length of that wall. They absorb the heat during the day and as the air temp drops below the water temp, slowly give off that heat during the night. My greenhouse doesn't allow for such a structure but given the low cost of these barrels and spray paint, it can't hurt to add some more this year. To test how they were working last year, I picked up an inexpensive infrared thermometer and I can assure you that those barrels were several degrees hotter than the other materials in the greenhouse when the sun went down last winter and stayed warmer into the night.

The previous paragraph may sound like my next few months are filled with worry but let's remember that these seasonal changes are needed by our orchids to help them to grow and flower at their best. What "tricks" do you have in the works as we begin to move into Pumpkin Spice season or, as it was called in the ancient times, fall?

Bundle up (as I type this, it's in the high 80's outside... sigh!)
David Jarrell



Blc. Goldenzelle 'Orange Pumpkin'

November Meeting Features a Kool Down

Our November meeting will feature Larry Mays of Kool-Logs. Larry has visited us before and is always an interesting speaker. He will be bringing his "Logs" and plants for sale at the meeting.

Kool-Logs do not rely on a mechanical, but rather a natural process called evaporative cooling. As moisture transpires through the walls of the Kool-Log, it moistens the outer surface of the Kool-Log. This moisture then evaporates into the surrounding air and in the process, carries away heat from the Kool-Log surface.



Letter From the Greenhouse!

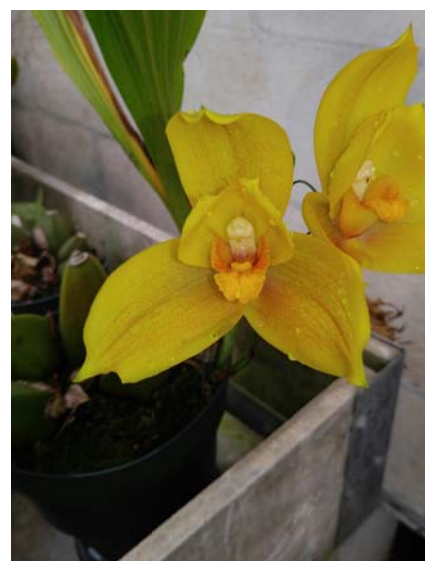
(All photos from The Greenhouse)

Hello from the Greenhouse,

Just wanted to let everyone know that I survived hurricane Matthew. We lost five glass panels but not totally, just cracked. Most of the damage came from debris blowing off the greenhouse next to ours. The CGBG lost several large pecan trees, which had to be removed, thankfully none of them fell our way. The large Poly covered greenhouse received the most damage and the structural frame was broken by the wind. It is awaiting to be repaired. They were without electricity and water for five days, but thanks to Jaime Yu, he brought pump up sprayers full of water and supplied enough moisture to keep them all happy. Actually, the orchids seemed to have enjoyed the storm and a large majority came into bloom right after Matthew, maybe they were just having a party.

We have attached some photos of some of the bloomers, so if you are through picking up limbs out of your yard, come on down to the greenhouse and take a look. We are in the mist of potting and repotting for the fall, so that we will have lots in bloom for our show. I just wanted to drop a note to let you know that the greenhouse and orchids are alive and well. I am looking forward to visits from the members and friends, we are the best show in town.

Your friend the Greenhouse (aka Jim Keplinger)



The Judging Continues

Since there was no meeting in October, this is the Society judging for members for September 2016. Participation continues to be great and there were lots of winners. This is now an official monthly event, so come and enter. Below is a complete list of winners. Unfortunately, the images apparently were lost with Hurricane Matthew, but we will make sure to show the winners next month.

Category	Prize	Name	Grower
Cattleya	*1*	# <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Lake Murray 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS	Jimmy Yu
	2	<i>Cattleya</i> Angel Bells 'Suzie' AM/AOS	Jim Keplinger
	3	# <i>Cattleya</i> Dinard 'Blue Heaven' AM/AOS	David Jarrell
Oncidium	1	<i>Brassia rhizomatosa</i>	Dave Holesovsky
	2	<i>Oncidium (Psychopsis)</i> Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS	David Jarrell
	3	<i>Oncidium (Psychopsis)</i> Mariposa 'Green Valley'	Cristina Negrea
Paphiopedilum	1	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Meda Ballard	Dave Holesovsky
Phalaenopsis	1	<i>Phalaenopsis mariae</i>	Cheryl Holesovsky
	2	<i>Phalaenopsis equestris</i> 'Blue Wanchio' SM/TOGA	Jimmy Yu
	3	<i>Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica</i>	Cheryl Holesovsky
Vanda	1	<i>Vanda</i> Pachara Delight FCC/JOGA but no clonal name recorded ('Sakata' or 'Pachara' have both received this award)	Dave Holesovsky
	2	<i>Aerangis luteo-alba</i>	Cristina Negrea
	3	# <i>Vanda falcata</i>	Dave Holesovsky
Other hybrids	1	# <i>Bulbophyllum</i> A-Doribil Candy Ann (full hybrid name, not a clone)	Dave Holesovsky
Other species	1	<i>Mormolyca ringens</i>	Cristina Negrea
NoID	1	Oncidioid intergeneric	Dee Van Meer
	2	<i>Vanda</i>	Dave 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.

Judges: Brenda Rithner, Cheryl Holesovsky, Lindsey Nathaniel

Board of Directors Minutes November 1, 2016

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

David Jarrell	Greg Mosely	Bob Carson	Pat Keplinger	Stanley Konter
Jeanie Laster-Clifton	Jim Keplinger	Jaime Yu	Cristina Negrea	

The minutes were read, corrected, and approved as submitted.

Greenhouse Update

There was some damage from the hurricane which has now been fixed
We have lots of repotting to do
The Hoop House was totally torn down by the hurricane
We have sprayed the whole greenhouse for lots of ants
Overall the Greenhouse is looking beautiful

November 13th Meeting

Larry Mays from Kool Logs will be our guest speaker
Cristina will have refreshments
We will have a raffle
Don't forget to bring your plants for judging

New Business

Dec. 11th will be our Christmas Party at Trisha and Herb Windom's home beginning at 4:00, \$10.00 per person which will include one door prize ticket
Pat will send out the invitations by the end of this month

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Next Board Meeting will be Nov. 28th at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Keplinger
Recording Secretary



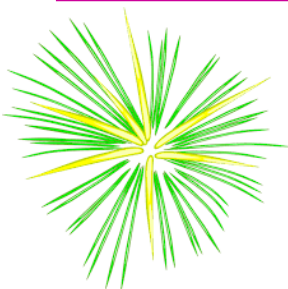
Both plants from our Greenhouse.

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 commitments from six vendors; Marble Branch Farms, Live Oak Orchids, Owens Orchids, Johns Island Orchids, Oglethorpe Orchids, and EFG Orchids. There's lots more to come, so start getting ready.



Display from 2016 Show



Get Ready For "Party" Month



December is our annual party and Trisha and Herb Windom have graciously agreed to host our party again this year. The party will be on December 11. If you have not been to our holiday party, you have something special in store. Trisha is a wonderful host in a marvelous setting with great food and fun. What more could you want? I'll be there (for sure) and you'll miss the event of the year if you are not.

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