



# Gainesville Orchid Society

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# Newsletter

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January 2017

## President's Message Phylis Craig



Happy New Year to all. My first President's letter! I am looking forward to representing GOS and experience the total immersion I seem to have found myself in. A little about me-I am a native Floridian-originally from Miami, graduated from Nursing School at FSU (no worries I am a Gator now), moved to the Gainesville area in 1977, went off to Grad School in NY to become a Nurse Midwife and returned to Gainesville in 1982. I worked at the UF Student Health Care Center for 31

years and I am now working part time on call at Shands ER. I have always loved plants. I have a couple of plants that traveled with me through the years that are 40+ years old! Orchids came into my life when my dear neighbor Jack Smith became obsessed with the things. He gave me my first orchids and sparked my interest. This is my 2nd wintering in the greenhouse my husband built for me. The photo is of the first blooming of an orchid (L. anceps 'Nittany Frost' x L. anceps var. veitchiana) bought at Fred Keefer's in May of 2010. It was a long wait! My experience with orchids is pure dumb luck-I claim no great knowledge but I am persistent and patient, traits that com-

plement this hobby.

I look forward to working with Vice President Linda White, Treasurer Marti McGuire and Secretary Kelly Korman this year. We have a very strong core of committed members who will help guide me through the year. GOS will have a Board meeting prior to the Jan. 23rd general meeting. The board includes all officers, the past president and chairs of the standing committees: Membership, Program, Publicity, Annual Show, Library, Newsletter, Webmaster, Hospitality and Away Shows.

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 23rd at 7:00pm**

**Kanapaha Botanical Gardens**

The Gainesville Orchid Society meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month starting at 7:00 pm (Beginner's class) in the Summer House at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Drive. For additional information contact any of the GOS officers.

**Beginner's Class:** "How to Keep Your Orchids Clean and Happy" by Candy Hollinger

**Speaker:** "Buy It, Grow It and Bloom It!"

Tom Kuligowski, is an avid orchid grower specializing in angraecums. He is also an award-winning photographer with over 45 years of experience. He runs a great info web site: [www.angraeucums.blogspot.com](http://www.angraeucums.blogspot.com)

**Website:** [www.gainesvilleorchidsociety.org](http://www.gainesvilleorchidsociety.org)



## President's Message Phylis Craig

New members are a critical part of our organization and I encourage all of our membership to become involved with committee work and volunteering. We will be needing some new committee chairs for this year. Look for those sign up sheets in the back! See you at the next meeting Jan 23rd. Phylis Craig

Tom Kuligowski has long been known as the Angraecum man. Specializing in numerous Angraecoids; documenting growth habits, blooming traits and most recently has started some minor hybridizing. He has created the Angraecums blog ([www.angraecums.blogspot.com](http://www.angraecums.blogspot.com)) and an Angraecums Facebook Page to pass on growing trends and various culture techniques to help both the hobbyist and professional growers to grow and bloom these magnificent plants.

He has written numerous programs that are presented to the orchid societies throughout the country. Programs dealing with "Unusual and Natural Mounts", "What's Light Got To Do With It", "Creating Better Images of Your Personal Collection" and of course, "Angraecums".

His most recent presentation is "Buy It, Grow It, Bloom It". It deals with finding the plant you can't live without, keeping it

alive long enough to bloom a second time and getting it to become a spectacular specimen. There is however a rather big issue here. Can the plant even grow here? Asking questions, doing research and learning from our mistakes all plays a major part in this. The program deals with the growing variables and the parameters within the variables. Can these parameters be stretched and/or manipulated enough to do what others may see as impossible.

The program is beneficial to both the beginner as well as the experienced grower. It's all about the flowers!





## GOS 2017 Calendar of Events

**Jan. 23, 2017**  
and Bloom It

GOS meeting, Thomas Kuligowski, By It, Grow It

**Website:** [www.gainesvilleorchidsociety.org](http://www.gainesvilleorchidsociety.org)



## AOS NEWS

By Candy Hollinger

### Thanks for Your Donations

We had an incredible number of wonderful items donated to our GOS Holiday Dinner raffle. We made \$350, which has been sent to AOS headquarters in memory of Tom Sheehan. Tom, who passed away last May, was an Honorary Life Member of GOS, an Emeritus AOS Judge, and the work he did for GOS and AOS would fill volumes. We have requested that our donation be made to the Research and Conservation Committee, on which Tom served for many years. Thanks to everyone who participated by donation or by purchasing raffle tickets.

### AOS in 2017

Here is an excerpt from an AOS letter written by AOS Vice-President Jeanne Buchanan about what's going on this year. I am very proud that GOS, as an Affiliated Society and a regular donor, are contributing toward this progress!

"Our robust Website better connects the AOS to the orchid community. Each month over **100,000** people visit the site, looking for accurate, valuable information about all things orchid. **Information is power—and empowering!**

Our members rave about our monthly Webinars—an average 250 people participate in each one. The Greenhouse Chats hosted by AOS Chief Scientist and Education Officer Ron McHatton are the most popular. "The way that Ron presents the material makes a difficult topic easier to understand. He makes it fun to learn about orchids."

We continue to enhance our flagship magazine, **Orchids**. Long recognized for its content, this year the magazine received a silver medal (out of a field of 260 entries in the scientific and technical journals category) in the 2016 Gold Ink Awards annual competition.

We produced a new publication called **Guide to a Thriving Orchid Society**. It's full of ideas for how to recruit new members, keep your existing members, have a great meeting program, and advertise your club and events. This compliments the **Guide to a Successful Orchid Show** that we published last year.

Finding the money to pay for speakers is a huge struggle for many societies, particularly the smaller ones, so we've adapted 21 existing webinars that can be played from a member's computer at a meeting without an internet connection.

Membership dues account for only a portion of our annual expenses. The friendly, competitive bidding at the live auctions at the members' meetings twice a year helps. [But we need your help](#) to provide a sound financial basis for all our work throughout the year. Your gift is important because it offers immediate resources that we direct to current needs and opportunities that bring the world of orchids to members here and abroad.

Let me give you an idea of the initiatives we have on deck for 2017.

1. To enrich the AOS website as an education portal, we are scanning our entire collection of **Orchids** and its predecessors to post on the AOS website for our members' reading pleasure this spring.
2. To coincide with the Spring Members Meeting being held in conjunction with the Redland Orchid Festival, we have planned a stunning exhibit of orchid art and history May 12 through June 14 at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's new Adam R. Rose and Peter R. McQuillan Arts Center. **Orchids through the Artists' Eyes** will showcase orchid-themed paintings, sculpture, porcelain, decorative pieces, art glass, jewelry and priceless rare books from the AOS's own extensive collection as well as from private collections. We will continue to display selected pieces from the collection in the AOS Library at Fairchild once the exhibit closes.
3. The vision for the AOS library is to house and share the most stellar collection of orchid-related resources in the world. Being a lending library with an onsite librarian who specializes in reference services, the AOS library will share its assets and provide research support to all members who ask, no matter their physical geographic access to the library.
4. The Australian Orchid Council (AOC) wants to make **Orchids Plus** their official judging tool. The AOS has recently received the AOC's entire awards database (numbering some 6,600 awards) which we need to import into **Orchids Plus**.

The driving force behind everything we do is promoting our mutual interest in orchids through education, conservation and research. As we anticipate the AOS's 100th birthday, it is apparent that interest is timeless and ageless. A contribution to the AOS will help sustain the appreciation of orchids now and for future generations."

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**THE JANUARY 2017 AOS CORNER– From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice-Chair, American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Committee([dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com](mailto:dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com))**

**For newsletter editors:**

*Orchid societies are welcome to reproduce the AOS Corner, in whole or in part, in their society newsletters. We encourage promotion of AOS website use by your members.*

**Affiliated Societies Committee**

As the New Year begins, the Affiliated Societies Committee members will continue reaching out and connecting with all AOS Societies. Our goal is to provide individual committee contact with each society. We want to make sure the information we maintain in our records about your society is current and correct. We would also like to be able to provide copies of the AOS Corner to society presidents and newsletter editors in addition to the AOS representative so you'll be asked to confirm or update that information. We want to share all the AOS offers and provide assistance any way we can. Let us be your liaison to the AOS and we will thrive and grow together.

As mentioned last month, the date has been set for the AOS Spring Member's Meeting. It's being held at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, home of the AOS, in Coral Gables, Florida, on May 17-21, 2017. Also, note that it's being held in conjunction with Redland International Orchid Festival in Homestead, Florida, which is an event beloved by many orchid enthusiasts. Special hotel rates are being made available and quantities are limited so book now before it's too late. Hotel registration information is now listed in AOS events on the website. We'll let you know as soon as the meeting agenda is firmed up and registration is available. Please put it in your calendar and let your members know that all AOS members are welcome to join us.

The new compendium of ideas and suggestions compiled by committee members and excellently transformed into the "Guide on How to Have a Thriving Orchid Society", by Edna Hamilton, is being enthusiastically received. We've heard wonderfully positive feedback. This beautifully illustrated and graphically rich document is organized into four categories: how to recruit new members, how to keep your existing members, how to have a great meeting program, and how to advertise your club and events. We encourage you to share it with your society and its board. Remember to let us know what you think, what works for you and especially any ideas we haven't included that have proven successful. It's a document we would like to update with annual revisions in order to stay current and share effective strategies to help keep societies vibrant. You can either share info on the Affiliated Societies Facebook page or drop us an e-mail if you have any additions or suggestions.

If you have an upcoming show, remember to check out the "Guide to a Successful Orchid Show" which can aid even the most experienced to stay organized and on-track while planning a show. Also, remem-

ber we have an updated [List of Speakers](#) to help you plan society meeting programs. You will now find the Affiliated Societies link on the home page under the “About Us” heading.

**Here's the link:**[AOS.org](#)

**Please Note:** At its November 2016 meeting, the AOS Board of Trustees approved the following changes to award and show fees:

	<u>AOS Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Fee for AOS Award	\$36 to \$40	\$60
Show registration fee	\$50 to \$60	
Show trophy fee	\$60 to \$70	

These changes are effective with all show applications received and awards granted after December 31, 2016

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

### **American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017 @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST Everyone invited**

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. If you have a question, please submit your questions by Sunday, January 8th to [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net).

**Register now using this link:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2881490500871631874>

### **Novelty Cattleyas with Fred Clarke**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017 @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST Members Only**

Learn about what used to be called “Novelty Cattleyas”. Fred Clarke will explain what parents are best used to create fanciful spotted and splash-petal *Cattleya* hybrids.

**Register now using this link:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5799193038419534850>

**Note:** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



Cattleya intermedia (aquinii) 'SVO Star Burst' AM/AOS; Photographer: Arthur Pinkers

**WHAT ARE WEBINARS?** Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

**WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE?** The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

**YOUR SOCIETY CAN EARN FREE AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS:**

Encourage **new** membership to AOS. Affiliated societies can now earn a one-month extension of their AOS society membership for each **new** AOS member that they refer (*note: membership renewals don't count*). For now, the only way to take advantage of this program is to download and print the [\*\*AOS Membership Application Form\*\*](#), check the box "yes" to indicate that you are a member of a local orchid society, most importantly fill in the NAME of your orchid society, and **mail** the completed application and payment to AOS, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156.

*With twelve new AOS members, your affiliated society can have a FULL YEAR OF FREE AOS*

membership! Be sure to have membership applications with your society's name already filled in and available at your club meetings!

Remember to let your members know, we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they respond immediately, they'll also receive the following:

Digital Access To Over 20 Back Issues Of ORCHIDS Magazine

(Please note that this special bonus is currently available for a very limited time and will be removed at any time without prior notice.)

**THE JANUARY ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE** will feature great articles and beautiful pictures on:

- Genus of the Month – *Laelia*

Orchids Illustrated – *Sobralia*



*Sobralia xantholeuca 'Ohsuka'* HCC/AOS; Photographer: Chaunie Langland

- For the Novice - Words of Advice
  - Phil Spence writes about his favorite grastidioms and diplocaulobiums
- Smaller Brazilian Bifoliate Cattleyas



Cattleya aclandiae 'Waldor's Big Tom' AM/AOS; Photographer: Maurice Maretti

- Lindleyana - A New Species of *Andinia*

**ALSO FEATURED IN ORCHIDS MAGAZINE!**

16-page award gallery of breathtaking pictures of recently awarded orchids.

**RECENT ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:**

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "[Latest Orchid Awards](#)" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. *Free to members and nonmembers.*



Paphiopedilum Hsinying Agogo 'Annie Hikes' HCC/AOS; Photographer: Larry Vierheilig

**Let's grow together,**

**Denise Lucero**

## 2016 ORCHID SHOW REPORT

### INCOME

Trophy Sponsors	675.00
Vendor Fees	1575.00
Show Sponsors	1745.00
In Kind Donation	150.00
Donations	458.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>4603.64</b>

### EXPENSE:

Renaissance Printing	205.36
Creative Workshop banner	42.40
Show Ribbons	398.85
Trophies	490.00
Show Expenses (supplies, Grandiflora)	502.91
Publix lunch	229.66
Sams food, supplies	382.61
KBG	2440.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>4692.25</b>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>88.61</b>

## NOVEMBER, 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT

### INCOME:

Grandiflora plants sold	205.00
New member Wenllian Stallings	20.00
New members Kyle Baker & Brian Smith	25.00
New member Erin Carr	20.00
New member Marion Van Alstyne	20.00
New member Jessica Thrift	20.00
Dues Marian Sheehan	20.00
Dues Tere Fischer	20.00
Auction	931.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1306.00</b>

### EXPENSE:

Christine McGraw show expense/Gandiflora	502.91
Judy Angley snacks	5.48
Marti McGuire Publix lunch	229.66
KBG ½ Show expense, donations	2440.46
KBG room rental, 2017	1208.40
Renaissance printing	23.93
Tere Fischer refreshments	36.29
Tootie Richey	13.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>4460.84</b>

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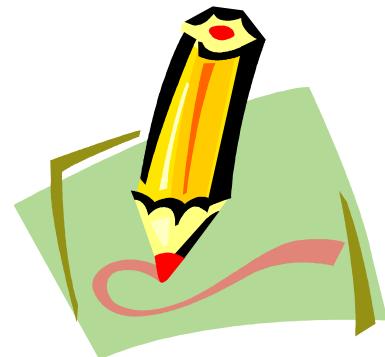
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**Funds available 8457.65 plus cashbox 75.00**

***Editor's Note:***

Would you like to contribute to our newsletter? Maybe a one time article or a special topic series? Suggestions and contributions will be welcomed if space is available. Ideas may include but certainly not limited to:

- ◊ Beginners' Progress, The good, the bad and the ugly
- ◊ Diseases and Pests
- ◊ Greenhouse ideas
- ◊ Tips and Solutions to everyday problems



**Members who have pictures of their plants or growing areas  
and would like to share them in our newsletter PLEASE send them to me... THANKS!!**

**Take Note:**

Julie Graddy is looking for ideas from our membership for the Beginner's class. Please let her know if there is something you want to learn about and she will find someone to lead a beginner's class on that topic. Her home phone number is: 352-378-8736 email is

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**Website: [www.gainesvilleorchidsociety.org](http://www.gainesvilleorchidsociety.org)**