

# *Cape Fear Orchid Society*

DECEMBER 2016



**Details inside!**

**Ann's Message:** As our year comes to a close, I have some exciting news for our members for 2017. First of all, we have a great slate running for office for 2017. Co-Presidents: Jim Lanier and Byron Price; Secretary: Linda Swanson; and Treasurer: Laura Overstreet. We are in the process of making the necessary changes to our By-Laws to accommodate our restructuring. So bear with us! We will not have a Vice President at the present since this position would be superfluous in view of our restructuring, plus a Program Chairperson will be added. The board is in complete agreement with these changes.

As you all well know, we need funds to pay for the great speakers we like to bring in for our talks. In the past we sold orchids at the Flower Show and had a Grower's Day function in the spring. CFOS has had several offers to help us out with these events. I am working out some details, but it appears that Wilmington's Wine and Chocolate event in early February wants to have various crafts available for sale. It would be great if we can snag a table to sell orchids there before Valentine's Day. Plus Brightmore wants to sponsor our Grower's Day in March as part of their educational program. More news will be forthcoming as the details are worked out. Happy Holidays! Ann

## ***HOLIDAY MEETING!***

The Arboretum, 6206 Oleander Dr., Wilmington  
Wed. Dec. 14th, 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6pm.

**DINNER:** Please bring a dish to share... enough for both you and a guest, if you bring one, and extra to pass. CFOS will provide the meat and soft drinks.

**SHOW TABLE:** Have a plant in bloom? Bring it! We will have an abbreviated description.

**CHINESE AUCTION.** Bring a new or nice item from home—garden item, plant, etc., or other “white elephant you would like to give a new home.”

### **HOW IT WORKS:**

1. Place your item(s) from home at the designated location. A cup will be placed in front of each item.
2. Purchase raffle tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Place your ticket(s) in the cup in front of the item(s) you want to win.
3. At raffle time, a ticket will be drawn from each cup. The winner will keep the item.
4. Tickets not drawn will be placed in a container. Tickets will be drawn for items not taken in the auction which will become door prizes.

**NOTE: IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP FOR THIS DINNER MEETING IN NOVEMBER, PLEASE !!! CONTACT ANN G. IF YOU ARE COMING AND IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST!!!! [ann.gallman@gmail.com](mailto:ann.gallman@gmail.com)**

## Standard Size (over 10 inches)



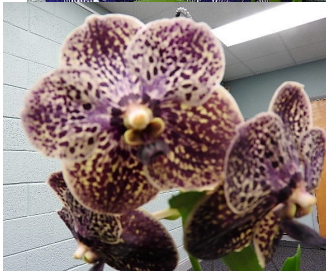
### Tie - Best in Show

**Vanda Gordon  
Dillon x Ascda.  
Suksamran Spot  
owned by  
Carol Shores**



### Tie - Best in Show

**Blc. Pamela Gaul  
'Volcano Queen'  
owned by  
Joyce Pennock**



**Tie—Best in Show Table Standard Size Plant (over 10 inches) is Carol's Vanda Gordon Dillon x Ascda. Suksamran.**

The distinguishing feature of Carol's Vanda hybrid is its unusual color: purple lavender overlaid with gray. I cannot attach a proper name to this color as it is new for me. This may not be the best description of the color, but it is different from anything which is already familiar. As a first blooming seedling, it should be expected in future years to have a lot more than 4 flowers. The condition of the plant itself is the best in my Vandaceous collection as the plant growth is very compact with no spaces with missing leaves. This may be due to the fact that I have been watering the plant almost daily during the summer. Similar comments to last month's Vanda winner apply here also. First year for that to happen for me as I moved the Vandas to a better location right next to the green house making watering a lot easier. Let's see how that works out this winter in the greenhouse with Vanda types all located at the sunniest part of the winter sun. Vandas are water lovers and do best in a greenhouse where it is much easier to water. These should still be watered until the roots turn green. Since these are tropical, it would be recommended to not use rain water on them unless it is warm. They could chill ( not chill out!). **These flowers are typically very long lasting.**

**Tie—Best in Show Table Standard Size Plant is Joyce's Blc. Pamela Gaul 'Volcano Queen'**

Joyce has a really lovely classical shaped Cattleya hybrid, Pamela Gaul, but the excellent color is its outstanding feature. It is interesting to note that she won second place in class at the Nov. meeting last year, First this year, and tie for Best in Show Table ~ way to go Joyce. The dark color overall is very good, especially with the large lip with a slight ruffle. When this plant is larger, it should have multiple flowers on each spike. Size and shape of standard size Catts have been perfected years ago. Remember our talk by Art Chadwick, Jr., an expert on Catts. His family business has been the donor of many of the plants named after U.S. President's wives. Some collectors like to collect just large flowered Catts. ( They must have a large greenhouse as these plants can get large.) I doubt if a President's wife will ever be given a mini catt unless it has about 100 flowers to make up for the petite size.

Plant commentaries by Carol Shores.

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# Miniature Class



**Best in Show**  
**Miniature Class**  
**Den. Enobi Purple**  
**'Splash'**  
**owned by**  
**Carol Shores**

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## **Best in Show Table Small to Miniature Size Plants** (under 10 inches wide or tall)

This Mini Dendrobium is Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash', with two spikes with striped lip and purple flared flowers (almost like splash petals, hence the clonal name), owned by Carol. The flowers look almost like the popular Phalaenopsis type. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Your clues that this plant is not a mini den phal type are the following:

1. Dend. phalaenopsis types are seldom minis, if straight section hybrids. This plant has remained constant in height for several years.
2. This mini plant is totally leafless and has flowered on the same spike several times on some of the old canes. If it were a phal type it would be dead already as that group is never leafless. The flowers are very long lasting for months.
3. As a leafless type, water should be withheld in winter. When it is out of bloom, it will go back in the greenhouse up very high, in a shady spot with my Clarkara hybrids where it will get **NO** water at all, only some ambient humidity, until new growth starts. In this group, some watering can be applied when the new growth is big enough to see.

The sad news is that this plant won Best Mini because it was the only mini exhibited this month. Bummer. Oh, well, maybe it would still have won something in some good competition. We hope to repot it this spring and maybe it will grow like crazy this summer. Growing hints: I am having the tree by my greenhouse pruned asap so that the greenhouse and the plants growing outside in the summer will get a bit more light. Growing orchids out doors on chains and in the greenhouse is pretty easy if the plants are on hangers and suspended above the bench. More bad news, I just discovered there is a slug in the greenhouse and my largest Phalaenopsis just had its spike chewed in half two days ago. Wonder if it will grow a new one due to the meristem at end of spike being cut off. Time will tell. This plant is going on a hanger alone with a couple of other ones at risk. If your plants have all had their 2 week cold treatment, turn the heat up to a minimum of 60 degrees at night if you are growing warm growing plants. Find chilly spots near the door for those cooler growers.

If you have a greenhouse, it is always appropriate to bring in a blooming plant or two to decorate your Christmas table. Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party this month. Don't forget to bring plants for the show table!



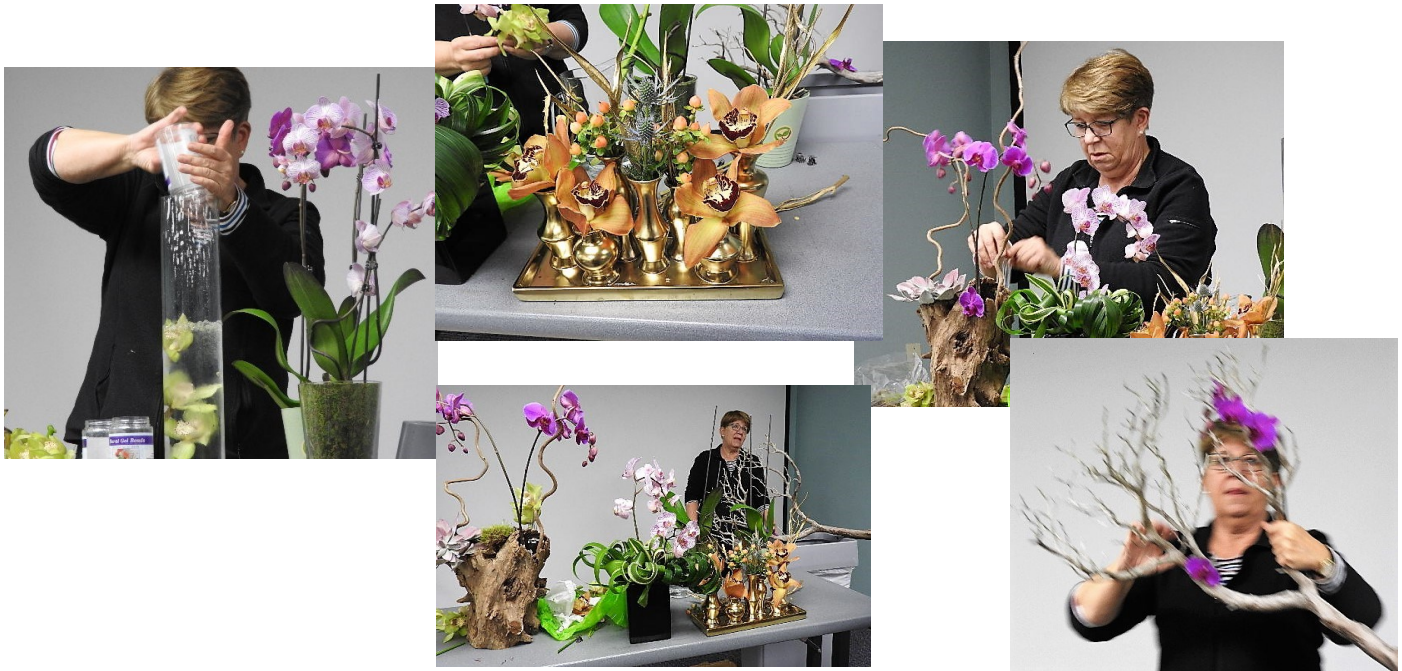
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Another container had oasis in it, a water holding substance in which plant stems can be placed and held firmly. In those she placed *Aspidistra* leaves, cut and curled to look like ribbons. Five or six together look like a bow.

In a lot of her arrangements, Robin uses mood moss to add texture. [Mood moss is *Dicranum scoparium* which has a distinctive appearance that changes with moisture. When dry, it appears wispy and irregular; wet, it looks fluffy with a definite texture. Check its descriptions and pictures on line.]

Robin used a large branch to create an arrangement. She added a few orchid flowers to a branch. She apologized to the orchid when she cut the flower off! She said she hates to cut flowers off of orchid plants. She also used artificial succulents, too. She added several pieces of Harry Lauder's Walking Stick. This plant is a slow growing, deciduous plant which can end up being 8-10 feet tall. It's flowers in the spring are small. In the autumn, when the leaves drop, the branches are twisted, gnarled, contorted pieces of wood that add lovely interest to unusual arrangements.

Robin uses U-glue, an adhesive made for the floral industry, to hold the single flowers to a stem. She puts glue on the outside of the bark. Can also put the glue on glass and then fasten the flower on to it. The bloom will last 3-4 days. You can find U-glue in Robin's shop, too.



**2017  
DUES... \$  
are due. \$25**

**[This includes a second person living in the same household.]  
Please pay in Dec. or January to keep your membership!**

**Cape Fear Orchid Society Meeting Notes  
November 16, 2016**

\***President Ann Gallman** opened the meeting at 7:00 pm by letting us know that the **Holiday Party** will be on **December 14**. Please bring an item for the **Chinese Auction** and a dish for the potluck dinner. There will be a show table.

Three orchid events will take place in November. The **Triangle Club** will have a show at **Duke Gardens**. An **AOS** webinar was occurring during the meeting, but it will be available on the net. The Kepleys, orchid collectors, will be auctioning their collection.

**President Gallman** then introduced our speakers—**Jim Lanier** and **Robin Weir**.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda Swanson, Secretary*



**Show Table Points 2016**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Total</b>
Pat Ahern	15	0	15
Charlie Barrett	58	0	58
Jan Denney	25	0	25
Ann Gallman	25	0	25
Polly Kopka	20	0	20
Kathi LaBash	59	0	59
Jim Lanier	116	8	124
Pamela Layne	134	0	134
Sam Lipscomb	30	5	35
Merry MacBarb	13	5	18
Anne McGee	15	0	15
Laura Overstreet	18	0	18
Lynette Pearsall	5	0	5
Joyce Pennock	81	23	104
Anita Potts	26	0	26
Byron Price	77	13	90
Jane Ranney	72	0	72
Jim Saxe	10	0	10
Bill Schade	120	0	120
Carol Shores	210	40	250
Donna Starling	0	20	20
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	128	0	128

**Election of Officers for 2017**

The 2017 Slate of Officers will be presented and elected by the CFOS members present at the December meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor if such persons have agreed to serve in the specific position before being nominated in this manner. Otherwise, the officers will be elected by acclamation.

**Nominations for 2017 Officers are:**

Co-Presidents:

Jim Lanier and Byron Price

Secretary: Linda Swanson

Treasurer: Laura Overstreet

Many thanks to these people for being willing to serve and to the nominating committee for their efforts.

## November Speakers' Notes:

We were fortunate to have two speakers in November: CFOS own member Jim Lanier, and accredited floral art designer and owner of "Wild by Nature" in Southport, Robin Weir.

Jim began by telling us that his favorite book on growing orchids is Understanding Orchids by William Cullina. Jim likes to mount his orchids. He especially likes to put Bromeliads on mounts. He uses premoistened sphagnum moss, wraps the roots in it and fastens them to the mount. Weigelia does not have many roots at all so he glues them to the mount. He uses liquid nails for exterior projects, basically a silicone type normally used for aquariums. Regular liquid nails dissolves when wet. He pushes orchid moss into the glue so that it does not look like glue. He uses a rubber band to hold it until the glue is dry. He likes orchid moss for appearance sake. He thinks this gives the plant an environment like it would have if in a pot. He dampens moss and works it in around the roots.

Jim also uses monofilament (fishing line) 20-30 lb. test because it disappears. Jim does use some 50 lb. strength when he wants to be able to see it.

Jim advises putting the monofilament on a nail and then, reeling it off and wrapping while the line is still attached to the reel. As you are wrapping, leave an end sticking out to use to tie it off. When you have put all you want on the mount and plant, double knot the line to make sure it stays on. This line will not be too visible from a distance. Although books say you can cut the line off in a year, Jim waits several years to make sure the plant is securely attached by its roots to the mount. He ties the line as tight as he can and has not experienced cutting of the plant doing it this way. If he uses line, he does not use the glue on method.

Jim grows almost all of his plants mounted because he has a tendency to overwater. If the plants are mounted, they are never hurt by this. His greenhouse is large, has a water feature, and it is easy for him to water whenever. In a house, it may be more difficult to water mounted plants easily. Jim says you can water bromeliads using a spray bottle, but these plants want water in the cups of the plant. Even tropical and terrestrial plants can be mounted. Some grow naturally in leaf litter and on rocks.

He likes a mount with some sort of support. Cedar wood is great because it does not deteriorate easily. Crepe myrtle works well and live oak is great, too. He does not use hot glue on the plants because he kept burning his fingers. Try it if you want to. He also had heard that copper wire would kill the plants. It works great on Bonsai plants, however. Jim uses galvanized wire. This is corrosion resistant wire, but Jim has found that orchid hangers of this wire last a long time for him. Fertilizer will rust anything. Wood will eventually rot. You can make a hole in the mount; then use lineman's wires to pull through the hole. Make a little loop and hook up the mount. Or use aquarium wire.

Robin Weir has been in the floral business for 24 years. Her shop is on Howe Street, the main street into Southport, close to the water. It is a charming shop and she has many ideas for displays and arrangements. She likes to use Cymbidium flowers in arrangements because they are large, long lasting, and striking to look at. Robin's first arrangement used a tall, cylindrical clear glass vase (about 2 feet tall). Robin filled it halfway with water and then poured a small bottle of water pearls (from the Dollar Tree) into the water. She then added large Cymbidium flowers alternately with the pearls until the vase was full. She added water as necessary. It was lovely! She said the arrangement would last about 3 weeks if the water was changed every few days. The water and glass seems to magnify the size of the flowers. Robin suggested that iridescent glass marbles could be added to the bottom before beginning to add flowers. Also, submersible lights could be added which can be remotely controlled. A second display used a board on which were about 5 different sized gold colored small vase shapes. In each of these, she put a single Cymbidium flower and then added a berry branch and thistle. She added grevillea, spray painted gold.



**CFOS Show Table Winners - Nov.2016**

**Best in Show Table - Standard Size Plants (over 10 inches tall or wide)**

	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
<b><u>Standard Size Best</u> -</b>		
Tie -	<b>Vanda Gordon Dillon x Ascda. Suksamran Spot</b>	<b>Carol Shores</b>
	<b>Blc. Pamela Gaul 'Volcano Queen'</b>	<b>Joyce Pennock</b>
<b><u>Standard Size Second</u> -</b>		
	<b>Mltssa. Hybrid</b>	<b>Donna Starling</b>

**Class Winners - Standard Size**

**Cattleya**

First -	<b>Blc. Pamela Gaul 'Volcano Queen'</b>	Joyce Pennock
Second -	C. Penang 'Black Caesar' AM/AOS	Joyce Pennock

**Dendrobium**

First -	Den. Burana Pink Lady	Carol Shores
Second -	Den. Jaqueline	Byron Price

**Odont Alliance**

First -	Mltssa. Hybrid	Donna Starling
Second -	Miltassia Estrelita 'Sweet Senorita'	Jim Lanier

**Oncidium**

First -	Oncidium Sharry Baby	Byron Price
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**Paphiopedilum/Phrags**

First -	Paph. N.O.I.D. Callosum hybrid	Donna Starling
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**Vandaceous**

First -	<b>Vanda Gordon Dillon x Ascda. Suksamran Spot</b>	<b>Carol Shores</b>
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**Best in Show Table - Small to Miniature Size Plants (under 10 inches wide or tall.)**

	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
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**Small/Miniature Size Best**

	<b>Mini Den. Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'</b>	<b>Carol Shores</b>
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**Class Winners - Small to Miniature Size**

<b>Mini Den</b>	<b>Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'</b>	<b>Carol Shores</b>
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Show Table results tabulated and reported each month by Jane Ranney  
Only categories with entries listed in results





# Cape Fear Orchid Society Meeting

**DECEMBER 14 — 6:30 pm**  
**Arboretum**  
**6206 Oleander Dr.**  
**Wilmington**

**PROGRAM:**  
**Holiday Meeting!**  
**Election of Officers**  
**Show Table**

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