

Cape Fear Orchid Society



MARCH 2016



Ann's Message ...

We had a great day on Saturday with the Big Bloom-in' Orchids Day. Many people contributed to the success of this event. Byron Price arranged for the newspaper articles, everyone on the board posted notices around Wilmington and contacted garden clubs, Linda Swanson managed the "eats" beautifully, Jan Denney made posters and drove to Orchid Trail for orchids, Martha Conner and Laura Overstreet juggled the finances, including setting up the credit card operation, Charlie and Arlene ordered lovely orchids from Hawaii, and Polly ran the raffle table. And a great big thanks to everybody who came in and setup the room on Friday night! Phew!!!

We had about 74 people registered for the event; this leaves us at least \$400 after paying mileage for the speakers. We sold all of the 80+ plants except for 8 plants; these will be used for future raffle tables. And Polly pulled in more than \$350 at the raffle table. Plus, we have two new members join us: Carol Smith and Barbara Tuzzeo and returning member, Sherrell Bunn. Welcome!!

We are deeply indebted for the beautiful plants on the raffle table donated to us from Donna Starling of OrchidHotHouse.com, Anthony Curtis (our speaker), Rob Majkowski of Orchid Scapes and John Stanton of Orchid Trail.

Our speakers are preset from now until July with our participation with the orchid society consortium. The first of these speakers is Linda Wilhelm from Woodland Orchids outside of Charlotte on March 16th.

Our membership recently benefitted from the mass purchase of Orchiata bark. We purchased 45 bags of bark, which have almost totally been delivered to everyone. Many, many thanks to Joyce Pennock and her husband for driving to Savannah to pick up the bark and help deliver it.

Ann
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MEETING DATE:

MARCH 16

Arboretum, 7 pm

**Speaker:
Linda Wilhelm**

**Program:
Oncidium Culture**

CFOS PROGRAMS 2016

APRIL	13	- John Stanton
MAY	11	- Glen Decker
JUNE	15	- Mark Reinke
JULY	13	- TBA
AUG.	10	- Courtney Hackney
SEPT.	14	- TBA
OCT.	12	- Art Chadwick Jr.
NOV.	16	- TBA
DEC.	14	- Holiday Meeting

FEBRUARY SPEAKER'S BIO:

Linda Wilhelm started growing orchids in 1980 after vacationing in Florida with her mother. Intrigued by orchids, she bought a small *Cattleya* seedling, not knowing that it would take seven or eight years to bloom. It was the beginning of an addiction. After meeting Rolf in 1985, he became involved, too. When the hobby got out of hand, Linda and Rolf started their business, Woodlands Orchids. They grow *Oncidiinae*, compact *Cattleyas* and also a number of different species.

Linda is an accomplished speaker and really enjoys doing programs for orchid societies and garden groups. She enjoys being involved in shows outside her region, including offshore shows in the islands. "It offers such an opportunity to see a different variety of orchids as well as an opportunity to extend my group of friends."

She is an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society and is a recipient of the American Orchid Society's Certificate of Education, among other awards and responsibilities.. She served 6 years as a Trustee with the American Orchid Society.

Linda will be bringing some plants for sale, including any pre-orders. Just let her know what you want. Selections may be made on her website for advance orders.

<http://www.woodlandorchids.com/index.html>

Linda's email is: orchidfrau@woodlandorchids.com. Her phone is: 704-393-1740.

Big Bloomin' Orchids Day - March 5, 2016

Space...empty space! A rarity in a newsletter! A place to share with you the excitement of the weekend and Saturday's morning event organized to earn funds for CFOS to provide its members with speakers throughout the year. What fun it was!

Friday night we had over 10 people who came to help with the set up. Charlie had arranged the plants that came from Hawaii with identifying popsicle sticks in them and prices. Jan and Ann brought the plants they got from Orchid Trail in Raleigh. And the table was full!!!! Not a small matter, Laura, Martha, Pat and Ann worked on how to use "The Square" so that we could accept credit cards. Finally, the lights were doused with all in order.

Bright and early on Saturday morning, Charlie opened the doors for those early helpers. The coffee was made, the tables filled with morning snack goodies, and at 9Am, I do believe Terrill Potts was the first member arriving to get her favorite plants from the sale table. Leah Grenell had a table set up for supplies and was ably helped by a friend and a young niece who charmed that table. Leah's niece brought bookmarks she had made for sale.

Sales were brisk from 9-10. At 10, Nick Plummer gave the basics of orchid growing and care. He emphasized how orchids can be addictive. CFOS members know that, don't they?

Between the speakers, Nick answered questions for many people.

Anthony Curtis then spoke about some specific orchids. He is young and brought his female friend, wife, SO, and his dog. It was a Whippet. It's sister had died recently and the dog was sad and lonely.

Then, Polly supervised the raffle which included beautiful plants. Grower members donated arrangements for the raffle table. Each winning ticket went to a different person. Isn't it good that we shared the wealth!

After all was said and done, the clean up was finished in one hour! The last out was Charlie with the unsold orchids. How many? Only 8 out of 88 or more orchids at the meeting. Good job, everyone!!!! Those 8 will also appear on the raffle table in meetings to come.

Check out page 3 for pictures of the goings on March 5th

by Jan

PS Thank you, Ann! We know how hard you worked to make this a success!!!

Ann and Jim ...

BBOD—MARCH 5, 2016



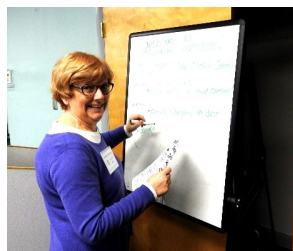
The boss and her boss! Maybe ...!



Leah and her crew sets up.



Laura is ready!



Pat preps the board.



Martha has "The Square."



Charlie and the plants.



Polly gives out the raffle tickets.



The Raffle plants!



Jim and Arlene discuss plants.



Kitchen supervisor Linda and Lean.



Speaker Nick Plummer.



Leah's helper!



With the dog!



Speaker Anthony Curtis.

Three of our members!



FEBRUARY WINNERS



THE BEST STANDARD
Wilsonara Pacific Perspective
'Pacific Heat'
owned by
Charlie Barrett



THE BEST MINI
Mini Phalaenopsis
owned by
Polly Kopka



Phal. venosa
(AOS pix)

**Best In Show Table Standard Size - was
Wilsonara Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heat'.**

Owner **Charlie Barrett** described his own plant as the runt left at the bottom of the box that members bought as a group of seedlings last year in conjunction with Grower's Days events. None of the other members who had received that particular plant remembered having it bloom. I checked my own plants and I apparently did not get one of that particular cross. The *Wilsonara* genus has been renamed *Oncostele* for anyone interested in buying a similar plant. *Wilsonara*, aka *Oncostele*, is a complex hybrid in the *Oncidium* alliance. Apparently, *Colmanara* is also another synonym. *Oncostele* Black Beauty X *Oncidium* Yeadon is the parentage, as related to me by Charlie.

The close-up of the flower shows the excellent shape and overlapping petals, and size of flower for this type of *Oncidium* complex hybrid. The fringed effect on the petals is interesting. After a search of the AOS data base and other sources, I found no awards or any plants with this one as a parent, probably because the flowers are spaced way too far apart on the flower spray. I also am wondering what the spike would look like if it were trained to be pendant. A mature plant with multiple spikes should be stunning, due to the color. These plants are relatively easy to grow when given well drained mix and moderate light.

**Best In Show Table Miniature was a
Phalaenopsis N.O.I.D. owned by Polly Kopka.**

This particular mini *Phal.* shows a striking resemblance to one particular small species: *Phal. Venosa*. See a close up of Polly's plant on the left to compare it to the species that I think is dominant in its genetics. Polly says that this plant has been in bloom for quite a while and is about to quit... but what that tells us is that the species in the cross has great substance and lasting power which was passed on in this cross. I think the substance came from this species: *P. venosa* with one example pictured to the right. The intensity of the stripes came from an additional species.

There were no second place winners in either category this month.

Articles and small photos by Carol Shores.

CFOS Show Table Winners February 2016

Best in Show Table - Standard Size Plants (over 6 inches tall or wide)
Standard Size Best - **Plant** **Owner**
Wilsonara Pacific Perspective ‘Pacific Heat’ **Charlie Barrett**

Class Winners - Standard Size

Encyclia, Epidendrum, First	Maxillaria Maxillaria elatior	Bill Schade
Second	Maxillaria variabilis Black	Bill Schade
Gongora/Cyno/Stanhopia Alliance First	Fdk. After Dark ‘SVO Black Pearl’	Carol Shores
Miltonia/ Odont Alliance First	Wilsonara Pacific Perspective ‘Pacific Heat’	Charlie Barrett
Paphiopedilum/Phrags First	Paph.Mustafas Magic x Magic Leopard	Carol Shores
Phalaenopsis First	Dtps Hsinying Little Voodoo ‘Stripe’	Pam Layne
Second	Phal. N.O.I.D. Red lip	Carol Shores
Unusual/Rare	Mormolyca ringens	Bill Schade
Terrestrial/Jewel First	Ludisia Discolor	Pat Ahern

Best in Show Table - Miniature Size Plants (under 6 inches wide or tall)
Miniature Size Best - **Plant** **Owner**
Mini Phal N.O.I.D. **Polly Kopka**

Class Winners - Miniature Size

Mini Phal First	Mini Phal N.O.I.D.	Polly Kopka
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Show Table results tabulated and reported each month by Jane Ranney
 Only categories with entries listed in results

Show Table Points 2016

Members	Previous	February	Total
Pat Ahern	0	10	10
Charlie Barrett	15	20	35
Ann Gallman	15	0	15
Polly Kopka	0	20	20
Kathi LaBash	8	0	8
Jim Lanier	20	0	20
Pamela Layne	20	10	30
Joyce Pennock	10	0	10
Anita Potts	8	0	8
Byron Price	18	0	18
Jane Ranney	15	0	15
Bill Schade	11	18	29
Carol Shores	20	18	38



PROGRAM NOTES: FEBRUARY 10, 2016: Repotting Your Orchids

This month, CFOS had an unstructured program devoted to answering questions from members about growing or repotting their plants. Charlie and other experienced orchid growers gave their suggestions on what would work best for the orchid at hand. Richard Evers brought some very nice plants from his excess supply in his collection and he donated some to the raffle table. Charlie brought a variety of orchid supplies for sale from Leah and Nathan's greenhouse such as clear plastic pots, baskets of various sizes, metal plant hangars, medium of various types, etc.

Ann began the program with "Show and Tell" of orchid products:

1. - A package of New Zealand sphagnum from Orchid Trail, supposed to be the best because of the long strands it contains.
2. - A bag of Oyster Shell pieces from Farmer's Supply Co in Wilmington. Also called chicken scratch, this product can supply some calcium needs to the roots of your plants when mixed with the medium. Carol Shores also suggested ground up egg shells for this.
3. - A container of Orchid and Bromeliad food. This product was pictured on the photo page of Steve Tobiassen's greenhouse in the January issue of the CFOS Newsletter.
4. - Jan Denney brought The Orchid Expert, by Dr. D.G. Hessayon, available from Amazon books for \$14.99. The book's description and drawings are very helpful to newer growers and the descriptions of orchid types and cultures are well done.
5. - Carol Shores showed an electric Exacto type knife. When her plants need to be trimmed or divided, she uses this as her sterilized tool. When the knife feels warm, she wipes it with rubbing alcohol. When it is good and hot, she cuts where she needs to on her plant with the knife which can be used like a saw. Then, she sears the wound with the flat side of the blade and dusts the wound with cinnamon.
6. - Carol also referred to a very good article in the February issue of the AOS publication, *Orchids*, called: "Orchid Disease Control: Part 1." Author Sue Bottom includes excellent photos in the article of the diseases she describes.
7. - Several types of boot trays with grids in the bottom were discussed for plant trays.

Charlie and others gave a variety of suggestions for repotting and growing orchids.

1. - Stanhopeas are best grown in baskets because the spikes grow down and bloom under the pot. If using a basket and a cocoa mat, pull the coco mat apart so that the plant has room to send the stem downward through the mat.
2. - The orchid Gongora is related, but its growth is up, not down.
3. - Pleated leaves indicate inconsistent watering. The leaf will not straighten out, but the plant will not be hurt by this.
4. - When to repot? When the medium inside is turning to mush or the plant is growing out of the pot and over the edge. Repot when the roots are little. Then as they grow, they will adapt to the medium and settle into the pot well. Wait til the flowers are gone and the newest roots are showing. These are the best roots.
5. - Coconut orchids grow up like a ladder.
6. - How to repot? Sometimes, bury the old pseudobulbs in the new medium. Put the oldest part of the plant against one side of the pot. This allows new growth to march across the pot as the plant ages. Place new growth closer to the medium. This refers to Phals that often lose the bottom leaves and need to be shorter when repotting. Charlie does not cut off old back bulbs. He does tug on them. He discards them if they come off.
7. - Growth on Phals and Vandas comes out from the center of the plant. Most other orchids grow across one way. Oncidiums can grow out in all directions. When this happens, the middle of the plant becomes the dead zone. This creates somewhat of a donut effect.
8. - What to do with old roots? Old roots can be cut off if they are not actively growing or are mushy or are dead. New growth on a root can be seen as a green tip. The longer the green tip, the better the plant is growing. If the tips are green, you are usually watering well. If the grayish

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white covering of the root begins to cover the end, water the plant more. Don't cut off viable Phal aerial roots. In nature, these are the arms that hold the plant onto the tree.

9. - In repotting Phals and various other plants, soak the roots so that they become more pliable and can be easily planted into the medium.

10. If the roots have grown in a circle around the pot, pull the roots apart when repotting. Don't just put those roots back in the new medium in a circle. Trim when necessary.

11.- If plant is in sphagnum, soak the sphagnum, pull the roots apart, and pull the old sphagnum out of them. This medium lasts about 3 years. In the middle, it can become a wet, soggy mess. Nothing will be growing in the core. So, if buying a plant in this mix, the best procedure is to repot it right away since this process of deterioration may already have begun..

12.- If the middle of the medium goes bad, hold the plant sideways and water the roots. The plant can also be left out of the pot. Still, water it.

13.- Dendrobiums and some other plants will grow little new plants on stems. They will get little leaves and little white roots. These are babies or Keikis. When these babies grow bigger, they can eventually be potted and grown as new plants. Dens can grow well in slot baskets. They can also be taken out of the pot and hung on a hook like Vandas.

by Jan Denney

PHOTOS FROM THE FEBRUARY 10 MEETING



CFOS Meeting Notes February 10, 2015

***President Gallman** opened the meeting at 7:15 by asking the membership to post the flier for Big Bloomin' Orchids Day wherever they can. She reported that two "new to us" speakers have been secured. Nicholas Plummer of the Triangle Orchid Club, who specializes in *Encyclia* and Terrestrial orchids and Anthony Curtis of the Carolina Judging Center. Big blooming orchid plants will be available for purchase from Orchid Trail, Lehua Orchids, and Kalapana Orchids. Since this is the club's major fund raiser for the year members are asked to do as much to publicize the program as possible. Members were also asked to donate treats for our guests and that the treats be packaged in individual servings such as in cupcake liners.

***As a service** to the members the club, CFOS will be purchasing Orchid Potting Mix. If you would like to order a bag, please e-mail President Gallman at: ann.gallman@gmail.com

***Ann** reported on upcoming events:

February 12-14 **South Carolina Orchid Show** at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden in Columbia

February 27 **66th Annual Tidewater Camellia Club Winter Show** We will have a table at this event.

March 5 **Hobby Green House Tour** This is the same day as your fund raiser, and so we will be encouraging attendees to go on to this excellent tour.

March 12 **Sandhills Growers' Day**

April 14-17 **North Carolina Orchid Show** in Asheville.

She added that Sandhills' Grower's Day will be March 12 and the cost is \$30.

***The President** also added to the list of upcoming speakers.

March Linda Wilhelm

April John Stanton and Anthony Curtis (send them any orchid questions you have at: orchid-trail@yahoo.com)

May Glen Decker

June Mark Reinke

August Courtney Hackney

October Art Chadwick

***President Gallman** introduced the evening's guests.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Swanson

Secretary

REFRESHMENTS FOR MARCH

SNACKS:

**Arlene Hubner
Carol Shores**

DRINKS: Bill Schade

RAFFLE: Bring something to put on the table if you have a plant to get rid of!



Sandhills Orchid Society
presents

GROWER'S Day 2016

SATURDAY

MARCH 12

9:30 to 3:00

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
1601 Raeford Rd.
Fayetteville, NC

\$30 by Mar. 9. \$35 at the door

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Seminars, light lunch,
orchid to take home

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Meeting date...
MARCH 16 - 7 pm
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SPEAKER:
Linda Wilhelm



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