



Cape Fear Orchid Society

December 2019

HOLIDAY MEETING DINNER

Wednesday December 11 6:00 pm.



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.**

SHOW TABLE: Have a blooming orchid? Bring it! We will have an abbreviated description.

CHINESE AUCTION. Bring an item from home— garden item, plant, or other item that needs a new home.

HOW A CHINESE AUCTION WORKS:

1. Take the item you brought to the designated area.
2. A cup will be placed in front of each item.
3. Members purchase raffle tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
4. Place your ticket(s) in the cup(s) in front of the item(s) you wish to win.
5. At program time, a ticket will be drawn from each cup. The winner will keep the item.
6. The unpulled tickets from the cups will be placed in a container and winners will be pulled until all additional items are gone.

If you haven't signed up for this meeting, please contact Joyce Pennock to find out what food will be helpful on our buffet.
pennockjoyce@yahoo.com,
910-457-6050 (home) 910-523-0674 (cell)

Set-up will start about 5. Come help, if possible!



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DUES for 2020 are due. Still \$25

This includes a second person living in the same household.

Only \$2.08 per meeting!

Please pay Treasurer Laura Over-street in Dec. or January to keep your membership current!

Why dues? Speakers cost money every month: Cost for the Presentation; cost for overnight accommodations; cost for speaker's transportation.

Although our treasury is healthy, we can easily wipe it out in one year. Members want good information. We search for speakers who will give us just that!

For more details, read the Treasurer's October report in the November meeting notes below and the November Treasurer's report printed on the next page.

Meeting Notes-November 2019

President Byron Price called the meeting to order and welcomed our guest, Paula Paye's brother Bobby. President Price then thanked Joyce Pennock who will chair our holiday party on December 11th. A sign-up sheet was passed for members to indicate the food they would bring for the buffet.

The President announced the planning for our BBOD to be held March 7, 2020. Laura Overstreet will chair this event. Also, progress is being made to file the IRS 1023 to achieve Tax Exempt Status.

Treasurer Laura Overstreet presented her report. Checkbook balance as of October 31,2019 was \$5,606.52. Expenses included October speaker fee \$200.00, speaker travel \$146.67, and speaker meal \$31.75. Extra income was \$50.00 given to Pam Layne and Laura Overstreet by Sea Oates Garden Club for presenting a program on orchids for them. Members should begin paying 2020 dues in December.

Vice-President Pam Layne indicated the nominating committee's need for a CFOS 2020 Vice-President, a Secretary, a Program Chair, a Hospitality Chair, and a Publicity Chair. The committee will report next month.

President Price introduced Speaker, Lester Poole whose presentation was "Singing the Blues, The Color of Phalenopsis." He discussed the process of attempting to create a blue Phalenopsis.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne McGee for Linda Swanson, Secretary



CAPE FEAR ORCHID SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT-November 2019

CHECKBOOK BALANCE ON OCTOBER 31, 2019 5606.52

INCOME:

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| Raffle | \$64.00 |
| Renewal Dues | 75.00 |
| Orchiata Payment | 9.00 |
| Sp. To Garden Club | |
| By Pam and Laura | 50.00 |
| TOTAL: | 198.00 |

EXPENSES:

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| November speaker | 172.00 |
| Speaker Food | 25.00 |
| Ch to reimburse already deposited | 9.00 |
| Payment for orchiata | |
| Acadia-spag.moss | 215.01 |
| TOTAL | 421.01 |

CHECKBOOK BALANCE November 30, 2019 5383.51

OUTSTANDING VISA charges: Nov. lodging and use of meeting room 257.32

Editor's Note:

Money is half of our orchid group's needs. We must have members to do to the tasks necessary for our get-togethers. None of the responsibilities is difficult or too time-consuming, but, as you know, no organization will endure with only 3 or 4 people doing all the work. Please think about taking one of the positions currently open. What you learned in kindergarten is still true: Many hands make light work. And in our case, your involvement can make the difference between success and failure.



CFOS Winners of the Month – Nov. 13, 2019

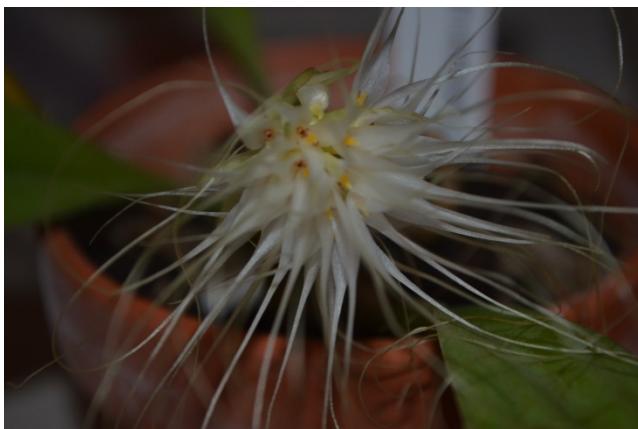
By Carol Shores

The Best in Show Table Standard is a lovely *Oncidium* Sharry Baby hybrid owned by Joyce Pennock. Her plant has several branching inflorescences and well-spaced flowers on each spray. This is probably one of the most popular *Oncidiums* ever. I forgot to note on the label if this was the most popular clone - *Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'* which has a distinctive chocolate fragrance. The lavender color pops out, and the lip has a distinctive white blotch at its base. These plants make great specimen plants, and you can see that her plant is working hard toward that goal with about 6 flower spikes. I think we have seen her plant before when it was smaller; she is showing her skills as a great orchid grower. These plants will do well as house plants if given a sunny window with bright but not burning light throughout the day. Attached is a close up photo to show the shape of the flowers.



We had some great plants in the Best in Show Table Miniature category this month:

Our Best in Show Table Miniature winner is *Bulbophyllum medusa* owned by Joyce Pennock. This plant has a florescence called a head, which has numerous small flowers branching from a compact point at tip of the spike producing a very tight spray of flowers. Most **Bulbos**. have a disgusting fragrance, but this one is not in that group. It has pure white flowers that tell you it is likely pollinated at night by some sort of moth, which is not a carrion loving insect like most of the dark colored flowers in the genus. These plants need frequent watering BUT must have excellent drainage. They like to sit in water for a few minutes after being watered, but if allowed to stay in water, the medium could rot, and there go the roots. These can grow in fairly low light situations.



We had a lovely Tolumnia hybrid owned by Paula Paye for Second to Best in Show Table Miniature . We have seen several Tolunnias in the past, but I put in a photo to show something distinctive about this hybrid; the closeup photo shows the back side of the flowers which are speckled on the back only. So you can appreciate this flower, both coming and going. The front of each flower has a clear solid yellow color. This orchid is great kitchen window sill plant. Again they require a quick draining mix. Some growers put the plants inside a tiny clay pot with NO mix and just let the plant root to the side of the pot.



Thank you!

Byron

Pamela

Laura

Linda

**And all the others who made this
CFOS year possible, productive and
pleasant for us.**