

**About the Club:** The St. Augustine Orchid Society was formed in 2006 and we have over 100 members. Our members range from the old hands to the newly initiated who just soak up information like a sponge. There are usually 50 to 70 orchid addicts in attendance and they love buying orchids at the sales table. Check out the <u>website</u> for more information.

**Meeting Dates:** We normally meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the conference room of a local realtor. The January and July meetings are often rescheduled to the second Wednesday to avoid conflicts with New Year's and Independence Days. People start wandering in around 6 pm. Doors officially open at 6:30 for plant sales with the meeting starting at 7 pm. Our speaker schedule through the end of the year is shown below with open dates noted in bold and tentative arrangements in italics.

Jan 9, 2019\* Dave Off, Waldor Orchids, Cattleya Collecting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Feb 5, 2019 Courtney Hackney and Eric Cavin, Judging the Show Table Mar 5, 2019 Daryl Venables, Tezula Plants, Tolumnias, the Equitant Oncidiums Apr 2, 2019 May 7, 2019 Vern Bloch, Laelia purpurata and Its Hybrids Jun 4, 2019 Allen Black, Allen Black Orchids, Novelty Brassavolas/Cattleyas-Spiders and Stars Jul 10, 2019\* Tom Wise, Johns Island Orchids, Esmeralda: Bewitching Doritis Species and Hybrids Aug 6, 2019 Jim Roberts, Florida SunCoast Orchids, Hybridizing Our Orchids Sep 3, 2019 Francisco Miranda, Miranda Orchids, Brazilian Catasetums Oct 1, 2019 Nov 5, 2019 Dec 3, 2019 Xmas Auction \* Meetings moved to the second Wednesday to avoid conflict with holiday celebrations

**Facilities**: If you have a formal Power Point presentation, we are all set up computer wise. All you need is a stick drive to put into the computer. If you developed your program using a Mac, save it to a Windows format. Our computer setup cannot open the Mac version. We allot a 45 minute period for your presentation.

**Dinner:** We normally entertain our speakers with dinner at a local Italian restaurant with great Italian dishes and thin crust pizza or a local dive with great shrimp, burgers and salads. Let us know if there are any special dietary restrictions or you prefer a different type of food. Depending on your schedule, we can meet for dinner before or after the meeting.

Honorarium: We offer a speaker's honorarium of \$150.

**Raffle Plants:** If you have plants for sale, we can offer \$50 for raffle table plants.

**Accommodations:** If your schedule permits, we would love for you to spend the night with us. Let us know you favorite libation for the après meeting and your breakfast preferences.

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