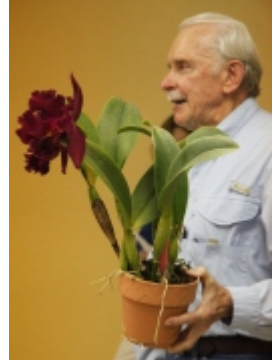


SAOS HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, December 5 Monthly Meeting

Christmas Auction



It's that most wonderful time of the year again, and we are eagerly looking forward to our Christmas party and auction where we'll share holiday cheer with all our orchid friends. Guests are always welcome.

WHERE: We'll meet at the Memorial Lutheran Church, 3375 US1 South 32086, (just south of Tractor Supply). Drive around to the back, closest to the hall entrance.

TIME: 6:30 – 9 pm. Social hour starts at our normal 6:30 pm meeting start time. We'll mix and mingle for a short while before attacking the buffet table.

FOOD: Diane Batchelder and Janis Croft) will be preparing main dishes of turkey breast with gravy as well as meatballs and ziti. Please bring a dish to round out the meal. Salads, potato and pasta dishes, vegetable sides and desserts have been well received and enjoyed in past years.

BEVERAGES: SAOS will provide water, iced tea and coffee. Otherwise it's BYOB, high or low octane.

AUCTION: After dinner, we'll finish the evening with an orchid auction where you can bid on a nice variety of different types of orchids. We have plants from Ben Oliveros and Steve Arthur, the list is attached and posted on the website to whet your appetite. We have two good-sized, gently used portable greenhouses to auction, plus another small greenhouse.



SAOS 2018 Calendar


Once again Terry Bottom has created an SAOS Orchid Calendar featuring the Members Choice awarded orchids from our show table during this past year. The photographs are stunning in quality, and there is plenty of space to write in your scheduled activities during the year. There is a limited supply. Calendars are \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

Send us Pictures of YOUR Growing Areas

We're putting together a program in 2018 showing how different SAOS members grow their orchids with a particular focus on how you prepare for growing your orchids in winter. Start snapping pictures and tell us some of your tricks. Email us with shots of both your summer and winter growing areas.



Plant Clinic on Hiatus until February

The first Saturday of the month from **February through October**, SAOS members will be at Ace Hardware on US 1 South to talk with you, answer questions and help you repot orchids.  [Here's a video of a repotting clinic!](#)

Date and Time: Saturday, February 3, 2018 9am-1pm

Where: Ace Hardware, 3050 US 1 South, t. Augustine 32086

Orchid Mentoring Program

We've had positive response to the Orchid Mentoring Program but are still hoping for more. We are trying to gauge the interest in developing an Orchid Mentoring Program for our new orchid growers. We envision continuing the Keiki Club get-togethers in the spring to talk about orchid growing basics. In addition, we would pair up new orchid growers with more experienced orchid growers so the new growers would have someone to bounce ideas off of, discuss whatever issue may be pertinent and provide hands on help. Interested? Let us know if you would be willing to serve as a mentor to one or two new orchid growers... and let us know if you would be interested in having an orchid mentor to help you learn the ropes! Tell us what you think... as a mentor, how you might be able to help, and as a mentee, what you would want to get out of it. Email Mentoring Coordinator [Susan Smith](#) with your thoughts and suggestions.

Mentoring Program Meeting: For those of you who signed up to join the mentoring program, we will have a meet and great at Sue and Terry's on January 28, 1-3 pm. We will talk about what each individual wants to get out of the program so we can tailor the 2018 Keiki Club schedule to achieve these goals. Spouses and partners welcome. **Moderator:** Susan Smith, Mentoring Coordinator **Where:** Sue and Terry Bottom's Home 6916 Cypress Lake Court, St. Aug 32086 **When:** January 28, 1-3 pm.

Keiki Club - to Resume in Spring


Keiki Club meetings will resume in the spring when our orchids have roused from their winter rest. We will talk about watering, fertilizing, repotting and other growing issues.

Spring Meeting: When: February 25, 2018 1-3 pm

Where: Janis Croft and Alan Winer's Home 8311 County Road 208, St. Aug 32092

Topic: SAOS Exhibit at Jacksonville Orchid Society Show **Moderator:** Janis Croft



Keiki Club is for our beginning orchid growers. Meetings start with a short presentation on a timely orchid culture topic and then it's open for discussion on any and all thoughts and questions. Lots of hands-on experience under the watchful eyes of more experienced growers. Check our website for more Keiki Club information.  [Here's a video of one of our get togethers.](#)

St. Augustine Month by Month [December in St. Augustine](#) Visit this site for orchid culture information related to our own St. Augustine and North Florida areas.