



**Presenter:** Jim Roberts

*Meeting Date:* August 6, 2019

*Presentation:* Hybridizing Orchids – How They Are Made

**Meeting Location:** Conference Room of Watson Realty by the rear parking lot, [3505 US 1 South](#), St. Augustine, FL 32086

**Scheduling:** We try to get to the meeting place to set up the room about 4:15 long before any people arrive. We have to move around tables and chairs and set up your sales tables (4-2 ft x 8 ft tables and a hanging rack). That usually takes around 45 minutes and then we can go have a leisurely dinner and be back by 6:15 before the crowds arrive. The meeting begins with a plant sale at 6:30 though potential buyers are milling around before then. At 7:00 there is a brief (the briefer the better) discussion of club business and then Courtney Hackney discusses the show table. Then there is a short refreshment break and the program presentation begins at 8:00 and lasts for 45 to 60 minutes. The meeting closes with a plant raffle and auction and is usually over a few minutes after 9.

**Attendance:** The club has almost 100 members. There are usually more than 50 orchid addicts in attendance and they love the sales table.

**Facilities:** If you have a formal presentation, we are all set up computer wise. All you need is a thumb drive to put into the computer. The computer set up is a Windows operating system, so programs developed with a Mac should be saved to the Windows version.

**Dinner:** We can meet for dinner before or after the meeting, your choice. The easiest thing is to meet at Watson Realty around 4:15 so we can set up the room and you can set up your sales table. We should leave for the restaurant by 5:00 so we can get back to the meeting room before too many people arrive. There are a couple of close-by restaurants we enjoy. Romano's has Italian dishes as well as great thin crust pizza at [4010 US 1 South 32086](#) and Ned's Southside Kitchen is a local dive with great burgers, shrimp dishes and daily specials at [2450 US 1 South 32086](#). If there is another type of food you would prefer, please do not hesitate to suggest a Plan B.

**Honorarium and Travel:** We offer a standard honorarium of \$150 and can offer \$50 in travel expenses.

**Raffle Plants:** We offer \$50 for raffle plants, your choice. Small blooming or near blooming plants are always big hits. Don't bother with unusual or species plants on the raffle table.

**Sales Table.** There are some true collectors in the club that will part with large chunks of cash for special plants, but smaller plants at more affordable prices generally sell the best.

**Preorders.** If you have a preorder list, you can send it over a month or two before the meeting and I'll post it on the website and send it to our members. They love preordering!

**Accommodations:** We're hoping that you'll stay with us. There is a private bedroom with a king size bed and private bathroom. We're at [6916 Cypress Lake Ct 32086](#) south of St. Augustine. You'll take exit 298 from I-95 and head north on US 1. If you want to meet up at the house, you'll make a right onto SR 206 at the light at the intersection of US 1 and SR 206. Travel east on SR 206 for a mile or so until you make a right onto Cypress Point Drive (across from the power substation). Take the first left onto Colonial, the first right onto Cypress Lake Court and we're the last house on the left before the cul de sac.

**Breakfast.** Let us know what you'd like to have for breakfast so we can be properly provisioned.

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