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TUESDAY, May 1, 2012

 Setup/Social
 6:45 - 7:15 p.m.

 Meeting
 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.

Deicke Auditorium 5701 Cypress Road Plantation, FL

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Dear POS Members:

June is our 44th Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner. During the May meeting on Tuesday, a sign-up sheet will be at the entrance. We are asking you to bring either a main course, side dish, appetizer or salad. We will also be having the Photo contest in June. You can submit 2 pictures you have taken of a named orchid you have grown. The pictures must be 8"x 10" size with your name and the orchid name printed on the back.

Membership renewals and new memberships are due in June. Renew early and encourage a friend to join.

June is also the month that we vote on our 2012 Board. We are also in need of some new board members. I encourage you to become active, so please consider joining us. No experience is necessary. The Board has a great time getting out there and getting things accomplished. Board Positions available are: Plant show table, Event Committee and Promotional Director.

A big Thank you to Dan Christensen from Dan and Margie's Orchids for giving such an educational lecture on the intricate and misunderstood Vanda species. We all learned a lot of new things. This month's speaker is our very own Past POS president, speaker and grower Gail Miller. I know many of you have questions. Don't be shy. Write them down and ask our speakers. POS invites educated speakers for our members on all levels to inspire and educate.

Looking ahead, we will be having our auction in October. Look over your plants and select the ones you would like to donate to the club for auction. All the monies raised by the club are used for the club. If the plant is not in bloom in October, take a picture when it does bloom and put it on the plant for auction. This makes the plant more appealing to the buyer.

See you at the meeting.

Rose Maytin, President

Big Get Well Wishes To Joe Mihalic from all of us at POS!

Check out the Plantation Orchid Society on Facebook



<u>BLUE</u> Jeff Tucker Lc. Irene Finney "Spirit Best"





<u>BLUE</u> Carole Schwimmer C. Pradit Spot "Black Prince" X B. Nodosa "Susan Fuchs" FCC/AOS



<u>BLUE</u> Jeff Tucker Blue Vasco. Memoria Gabriel Piedrahia Uribe X Crown Fox Cherry Tart



<u>BLUE</u> Rose Maytin Den Aggregatum



<u>RED</u> Linda Stewart Rdcm Angel Heart X Rdcm Velvet Queen Tolumnia



BLUE Phyllis Durst Phal. Glory



<u>BLUE</u> (No Name-Lost Tag) Den. Copper Queen X Den. Takami Kodama



BLUE Phyllis Durst Bractescens



<u>BLUE</u> Phyllis Durst Onc. Psychopsis Papilio v. Alba



<u>**RED</u> Mary Lee Tabeling** V. No Name Fragrant</u>



<u>**RED</u> Mary Lee Tabeling** DTPS. Chain Xen Queen</u>

As a reminder, all plants brought in for the show table should be free of pests and diseases. Take some time to stake and clean the leaves of your plants, this allows for better presentation. Also, please do not bring newly-purchased plants for the show table. The show table is an outlet for members to share the great job they have done in growing and flowering their orchids; therefore, please respect the unwritten rule of owning and growing an orchid for a minimum of 6 months.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH WINNERS

(Who Didn't Get Credit For Their Beautiful Plants In Our April Newsletter)

Blue	Tolumnia Genting Yellow
Blue	Dtps. Fusheng's "Glad Lip'
Blue	C. Skinnerii
Blue	Pot. Marlon Smith Crystalle AM/AOS
Blue	LC. Prism Pallette x Sibling
Blue	Dtps. Mei Dar Diamond 'Sweetheart'
Green	BLC. Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS
Red	Dtps. Chianxen Magpie
Red	Den. Smilliae 'Lea'
Red	LC. Drumbeat 'Heritage'
Red	Yamadara 'Redland Sunset'
Red	C. Skinnerii
Yellow	Phal. Zuma's Pixie

Linda Stewart Linda Stewart Phyllis Durst Phyllis Durst Allen & Jan Mink Phyllis Durst Allen & Jan Mink Allen & Jan Mink Phyllis Durst Jeff Tucker Sybil Le Blanc Karen Reynoldson Carole Schwimmer



The 50th Anniversary of the Plantation Orchid Society is in 2018. Rose is in the process of preparing memorabilia for POS in the way of photos, banners, awards. Etc. If you know anyone that knows someone that has anything to contribute please call Rose at 954-401-3171 or e-mail posorchids@gmail.com

Proposed Slate of Officers For the Board of Directors

that we will be voting for in June. President - Rose Maytin First VP - Tony Blanc Second VP/Membership - Elise Chapman Treasurer - Sybil Leblanc Secretary - Karen Reynoldson Trustee/Hospitality - Judy Revier Web/Historian - Cynthia Deming Trustee/Public relations - Angela Puca



OUR MAY SPEAKER IS PAST POS PRESIDENT, GAIL MILLER OF MILLER'S WAY ORCHIDS & NURSERY

NOTE FROM ROSE:

May is Bring Your Plant to Work Month!

Yes, bring your blooms to work and show them off. Why not be a Show Off? I bring mine to work all the time (since I practically live there) and my clients always come in looking to see what's new and in bloom. Encourage your friends at work to join us. Beware: Your boss may want to join POS too!

UPCOMING POS CALENDAR

EARLY RENEW/NEW MEMBER SIGN UP BEGINS NOW. RENEWAL IS FOR LAST YEAR MEMBERS ONLY

June:	44th Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner and Member Only Photo Contest. This is our annual Membership renewal and New Member Sign-up. You will get a plant when you sign up or renew.
July:	Broward Orchid Supply will speak on advanced repotting as
2	well as disease identification and solutions. Order your sup plies early and they will have them ready at the meeting
August:	Speaker to be announced
September:	Speaker to be announced
October:	Auction
November:	Ramble
December:	Annual holiday party

Members Only Photo Contest

Rules:

- 1. For members only.
- Submit two 8"x10" photos of a named orchid that you have grown.
- 3. Each entry must have Orchid Name.
- Your name must be printed on back of photo.

Winner will receive a prize!

ENJOYING THE APRIL MEETING!



Karen King & Helen Tribble



Susan Fairfield



David & Janet Jewel

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to everyone who brought food to the April meeting. Cynthia Lawrence - Oatmeal Cookies, Rose Maytin - Meatballs, Carrots, Tracy Moulton - Ham and Cheese Puffs, Janet Jewell - Tres Leches/ Three Milk Cake, Trevor ChaChamp. Remember, we always love the treats you bring but:

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE SHEET SO WE CAN THANK YOU IN MARCH. Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Judy Revier.



Dan completes a transaction with Blake Grogan.

THANKS TO OUR APRIL SPEAKER Dan Christensen from Dan & Margie Orchids

Dan Christensen of Dan and Margie Orchids Gave us a great presentation on Vandas. Dan has over 20,000 orchids growing in five greenhouses. His show-house has over 500 orchids in bloom or in spike.

Vanda orchids require about 70% sun in order to bloom. Full

sun in July and August in Florida is too much for most vandas. An East, North or South exposure will work for vandas, but West expo-



Tracy Moullton helps Blake Grogan with his Vanda kiki.

sure will probably be too much. Dan explained that if you are comfortable in the conditions outside then your vandas will be comfortable as well. A pool



Dan shows Tina Cor how to pot a kiki.

enclosure will give about 50% shade for your plants. Vandas can take temperatures down to forty degrees, but remember that the wind is also a factor. Fifty degrees with a strong cold wind will take a toll on vandas. Since wind in the winter comes from the NW, you can enclose a greenhouse or a pool enclosure only on the North and West side and give protection to your outdoor plants.

Dan waters his vandas every other day. He believes that is why his plants have big thick roots. Leggy palm tree vandas are plants that are kept too dry. The best time to water is in the morning, but he stressed that you have to do what works for you. Dan and Margie water before they fertilize. They use a 20-20-20 fertilizer once a

week at 1/4 strength. They use this for 2 months and then they switch to a bloom booster once a week for three weeks. Many vandas will go into spike 6 weeks after using a bloom booster.

As vandas grow larger they will send off kikis. These can be separated from the mother plant, but if they are removed before they flower, removing them will set the flowering back 2 years. When cutting a vanda, there should be at least 3 good healthy roots above a cut line if the plant is too long. Any roots hanging below 18" are not necessary and can be cut. You can also peel back old leaves to remove lateral "eyes". New roots may grow from these eyes. Old bloom spikes can be broken off. Vandas also grow well when attached to trees.

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The nursery is currently open Tuesday thru Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.



SOME LUCKY RAFFLE WINNERS AT THE APRIL MEETING!







Linda Sultzer

Judy Revier

Alma Woodrow



Cynthia Allen



Admiring the Show Table



Gail Johnson (Very Interesting!)



Phyllis Durst is still collecting old towels and blankets for animals in rescue shelters. If you have any towels or blankets that you would like to get rid of, please bring them to our meeting Tues. and give them to Phyllis.





CURRENT EVENTS

Orchids in the Park - 2012

Saturday and Sunday, May 26th and 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Dante Fascell Park, South Miami, FL 8600 SW 57th Ave (Red Road) 14th annual orchid sale by OrchidMania South Florida. Great plants, great prices, for a great cause. Beautiful orchids of all kinds – proceeds benefit the Pediatric AIDS program at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Visa/ , cash and checks (w/proper identification) will be accepted. Free admission. Event Website: http://orchidmaniafl.org/events-calendar/

Broward County Plant Affair

Saturday and Sunday, May 7th and 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Plantation Heritage Park 1100 South Fig Tree Lane Park admission \$1.50 for adults Special things for Mother's Day Weekend. Wonderful South Florida grown plants and trees plus porch, patio and garden items. Unique gift items for Mom or treat yourself. More Info: 954 797-2722, 954 581-6463



Mark your May Calendar

Redland Orchid Festivals, Inc.

Presents

16th Annual REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL

May 18-20, 2012 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fruit & Spice Park 24801 SW 187th Ave. Homestead, Florida America's Favorite Orchid Festival!

Admission - only \$10

NEW! Weekend pass, only \$25 Admittance for all three days Available at all park ticket locations on Friday.