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Setup/Social 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. Presentation starts promptly at 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

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From the President

Dear POS Members and Friends:

Thank you Alex Lamazares, "The Orchid Doctor" from OrchidMania for coming to demonstrate repotting and giving us some useful tips to make the task easier. Thanks to the members who made a donation to Orchid Mania that help fund Project Cradle and other grass roots organizations that help children with AIDS.

Our May speaker is Carlos Cahiz from OFE orchid supplies. It's a great time to stock up on supplies so call OFE early and place your order

June is our Anniversary. Our Annual Membership Registration has begun. Be sure to get your membership forms submitted early to receive your membership plant in June. Remember, your membership more than pays for itself by giving you half price holiday party, holiday orchid, anniversary gift orchid, chance to win name tag plant raffle at monthly meetings, and eligibility for contest entries exclusive to members only such as the June annual photo contest. So get your camera out for a chance to win at our June Photo Contest. The winning photo will be featured on the POS Auction poster.

The Plantation Orchid Society will be holding elections of the Board at the June meeting. Membership and membership support has grown making POS an extremely successful organization. We look forward to continuing the success of the past through our members so please consider running for a board position, trustee or committee Chairperson. Get involved and make a difference.

See you at the meeting, Rose M. Maytin President



Check out the Plantation Orchid Society on Facebook



Our Condolences To the family of Linda Sultzer,

ESPECIALLY HER HUSBAND CHARLES AND CHILDREN ROSE PAWLIN OF PALM BEACH GARDENS; SONS MICHAEL AND NICK SULTZER, AND DAUGHTER KRISTIE SULTZER, ALL OF PLANTATION. LINDA, A VALUED MEMBER OF THE PLANTATION ORCHID SOCIETY PASSED AWAY ON APRIL I. LINDA LOVED SHOWING OFF ORCHIDS THAT SHE PROUDLY

GREW, AS WELL AS ATTENDING OUR MEETINGS.

IN HER OBITUARY THE FAMILY ASKS THAT YOU GIVE SOMEONE YOU LOVE AN ORCHID TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF THIS VERY SPECIAL LADY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL RIBBON WINNERS!



YELLOW RIBBON Lc. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire' Karen Reynoldson



YELLOW/BLUE RIBBON Eplc. Jackie Bright 'Hilo Stars' Clc. Gold Digger x Epi. Randianum Randi Phyllis Durst



YELLOW RIBBON maxcillariella tenuifolia Rose Maytin



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Den. Ancep
Mireille Jeannopoulos



YELLOW RIBBON C. amethystoglossa Gigi Louis



BLUE RIBBON
V. Robert's Delight
'Red Black'
Karen Reynoldson



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<u>BLUE RIBBON</u> Blc. Fuch's Orange Nugget 'Lea' Phyllis Durst



<u>BLUE RIBBON</u> Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON Phal. KV Beauty 'M-P0722' Phyllis Durst



<u>BLUE RIBBON</u> Rhyncholaelia digbyana var. fimbriata Karen Reynoldson



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BLUE RIBBON Onc. Jiuhbao Gold Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON Alcrd. Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold' HCC/AOS Phyllis Durst



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Blc. Orange Nugget x Fuchs Orange Nugget x C. skinneri alba 'Yolanda Questa'
Phyllis Durst



<u>RED RIBBON</u> Den. Nobile Mireille Jeannopoulos



RED RIBBON C. Guatemaltensis Suzie Bleus



<u>RED RIBBON</u>
Blc. Fuch's Orange Nugget
'Lea'
Tom & Barb VanStrander



RED RIBBON Den. parishii alba Lynn Molitor



RED RIBBON
Ascda. Princess Mikasa 'Rosado'
Ascda. Royal Saphire x V. Corulea
Elise Chapman



RED RIBBON Den. famerii Phyllis Durst



RED RIBBON Lç. Trick or Treat Tom & Barbara Van Strander



RED RIBBON Onc. NOID Mireille Jeanopolous

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.

























Join us on the Board

Would you like to serve on the Plantation Orchid Society Board? Our elections are in June. Please nominate yourself or a friend to be on the board or let us know if you want to serve on one of our commitees. All nominations must be presented to: Phyllis Durst at e-mail - jdurst1@comcast.net or Angela Puca at e-mail angela. puca@outlook.com phone (965) 791-1874.

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Don't Forget to Sign Up For Our June Potluck Dinner!

Pot luck Dinner sign up:
Appetizers, Dinner, Side Dishes or Salad only.
DRINKS AND CAKE PROVIDED
Please sign up at May meeting or call
Angela Puca: 954-791-1874.

Early Membership Renewal Begins in April

Cost for renewal is \$25.

Additional family members are \$15.

Just print out the separately attached registration form, fill it out and bring it to the meeting on Tues. Everyone renewing by June will receive a Plant at the June meeting!



Our 2015 Photo Winner - Jill Greenbaum

Enter Our JUNE MEMBERS ONLY PHOTO CONTEST

Rules:

- Contest is for members only.
- Submit two 8"x10" photos of a <u>named</u> orchid that you have grown.
- Each entry must have the Orchid Name.
- Your name must be printed on back of photo.

A prize will be awarded to the winner!

OUR MAY SPEAKER Carlos Cahiz of OFE Orchid Supply



OFE Orchid Supplies Showroom



Carlos A. Cahiz is the oldest son of Carlos and Teresa Cahiz. Carlos was born in Valencia, Venezuela. He went to the University of Kansas where he graduated in 1989.

Carlos joined the family business, OFE Orchid Supplies in 1990, and has been with the company since. One of his first test as manager was to deal with the devastation from Hurricane Andrew.

He has recently been more involved with the local orchid community, and has been in the board of the South Florida Orchid Society for the last 6 years.

Carlos shares his West Kendall Miami home with his wife Amanda and their son. They share their home with various adopted dogs, birds, and turtles.

With a small orchid collection of around 300 plants, Carlos favors any plant that produces a nice fragrance, or has unusual characteristics.

His growing philosophy can be distilled into two thoughts: (KISS) Keep It Simple Son. And, Learn to look and listen to your plants. They will tell you, and show you what they like.

Need supplies? Place your orders with OFE before the meeting on Tues. Call 305-253-7080 or check their website: www.ofe-intl.com



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO TINA PENA

Tina has done a fantastic job being in charge of our Hospitality/Refreshment table. Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Tina and her husband. They are moving to New Orleans, where Tina will be Commander of a Coast Guard unit.

Congratulations and Safe Travels, Tina...

We'll miss you!



Our April Program Was Presented by Alex Lamazares from OrchidMania

by Mary Lee Tabeling

Dressed in his signature matching yellow scrubs, glasses and crocs, Alex Lamazares aka "The Orchid Doctor" began his presentation on a serious

note. He explained that the pupose of OrchidMania is to provide services to children stricken with HIV and AIDS. Most of the children they work with, have been orphaned and are either in foster care or the care of relatives. OrchidMania offers services not provided by the government such as cab fare, bus tokens, social events and sadly, funeral expenses. OrchidMania is a totally volunteer organization with all the monies going to the kids and funding the needs and activities of Project Cradle, an affiliated volunteer organization of the University Of Miami Miller School Of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics. Their big fund raiser is Orchids in the Park, held at Dante Fascell Park May 28-29, 2016. They also raise money by Plant sitting and repotting. Please support this organization and the wonderful work they perform.

Alex has Orchid Doctor Videos on available on You Tube. Be sure and check them out. He stressed that orchids will get used to what you do to them. Give them about 8 months to get acclimated to the area you put them in. After trying to replicate the environment they came from, (watering, lighting and ventilation) put it down and leave it alone. Orchids like to get settled into an environment before they will bloom. Once a plant gets used to an area, leave it there to acclimate itself. Don't keep parading the poor plant all over the place.

Alex states that orchids will talk to you. Depending on the plant, lighting is important. Dendrobiums need bright light which means filtered light such as under a screen. Phals do well in the bathroom window because there is plenty of humidity there. Fertilizing will promote growth. If an orchid is not fertilized it will not grow or bloom. Fertilize weekly unless it is in bloom then do not fertilize because it will shorten life of bloom. Do not fertilize when it is extremely cold. Fertilize weekly with 20-20-20 or other good all purpose fertilizer. Epsom salt will darken the leaves on plants in bright light. Plants get used to what you do to them. Train them so that someone else can care for them when you go away. There are basic watering rules with orchids. Phals get watered twice a week while Vandas get watered every day because they have no ability to store water. Dendrobiums and Catteleyas have bulbs for water storage so once a week or 10 days is enough. If you over water the plant will break down and get mushy. The rotted bulbs will be like a sewer to the plant. The plant doesn't commit suicide you kill it

Alex opened his "doctor's bag", and began to pull out the tools of his trade. As he donned his matching yellow gloves, he emphasized the need to protect our skin from the chemicals and products we use to treat our orchids. Even cinnamon could cause an expensive trip to the dermatologist if you suddenly become allergic to it.

The second tool he removed, was his matching yellow propane torch. Sterilizing your cutting tools with a propane torch, also makes the tool so hot that it seals the cut. Tools must be sterilized to prevent the transmission of disease. He also explained that the tools can be sterilized with equal parts TSP and water. When using TSP you should use 2 sets of tools. Use one and keep the other in the TSP solution. TSP can be purchased at Home Depot or a paint store.

Next he removed a toothbrush and a spray bottle containing isopropyl alcohol. Alex showed how to spray the plant, which kills all the bugs and won't hurt the orchid and use a toothbrush to remove the sheaths on the orchid. (Be careful with the alcohol and your torch.)

For repotting, he buys staylight, rock, charcoal, and wood chips in bulk and mixes them together himself to save money. This way he can control the amount of each in his mix for different orchid species. Alex says hobbyists should plant in clay pots, claiming that the growers need use plastic to save money and weight. He does not use Styrofoam peanuts, because they are bad for the environment and hurt the birds. Instead, he uses sterilized broken clay pots in the bottom for drainage and weight. Glazed pots should be used for display only, since they do not breathe. Alex said repotting is like moving, you must get rid of everything you don't want. He uses a tickle tool (bent wire) to remove lava rock. He also cuts off the back end of his cats before planting. In demonstrating repotting, he held the cat in his fist and cut off all the roots below his fist.

ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

Our 18th annual fundraising event to benefit the children of Project Cradle,

a program at the University of Miami Leonard Miller School of Medicine

Department of Pediatric Infectious Disease and Immunology.

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Orchidmania Cont

He showed us how to take off enough of the back of the Cattleya and place the back against the side of the pot leaving room for the plant to grow. Don't repot your orchids in a pot with over 1 inch of extra space. Don't over pot your plants since orchids generally like to be pot bound in order to bloom. He also demonstrated how to measure and make our own rhizome clips from 12 guage drop ceiling wire (from Home Depot). He cut the wire to exactly the diameter of the pot and simply pushed it down over the roots. For plastic pots he just heats the end of the wire with his torch and pushes the hot end through the plastic.

Nature prefers orchids on trees. You can mount plants to trees using nylons

(women's stockings) the stocking will dissolve. Using wire will cause wounds that introduce infection. In liu of mounting on trees, Alex likes wooden baskets.

He said the use of systemic fungicide and insecticide is important but stressed the need to change it up and so the plants don't become resistant.

You can find out more about OrchidMania by visiting their website and orchidmania.org. OrchidMania South Florida, Inc. P.O. Box 430251 South Miami, FL 33243-0251 Voice Mail (305) 667-2992.plants.







HOSPITALITY

THANKS to all the members who brought snacks the meeting!

Sandra Sproul - Apple Pie, Judy Revier - Chocolate Chip Cookies, Sallie Sherwood - Parmesan Sour Cream Veggies, Leslie Dengler - Cookies, Fruit Mix, Expresso Beans, Karen Reynoldson - Apple Walnut Bars, Terry Voynik - Cocolate Cream Cake, Christine Williams - Hummus With Bagel Chips, Suzie Bleus - Lemon Cake, Mo Reily - Fruit Drinks, Michelle Boland - Soda, Jill Greenbaum - Fruit Bowl, Elise Chapman - Kolachy, Mini Pastries, Yolanda Rodriguez- Cookies

Remember, we love the treats you bring (which are not just limited to sweets) but: PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE SHEET SO WE CAN THANK YOU IN JUNE. Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Tina Pena.



POS 2016 CALENDAR

May 3

Carlos A. Cahiz OFE Orchid Supplies

June 7

Anniversary Pot Luck, Election, Membership Renewal and Photo Contest

July 5

To be Announced

August 2

Jim and Melana Davison

September 6

Mark Edlund - Orchid Acres Dendrobiums

October 4

Annual Auction

November 1

To be Announced

December

Annual Holiday party

PLACE AN AD

We are now accepting annual advertisement ads for POS web/newsletter/membership booklet for only \$60.00. All current ads need to be renewed June. If you would like to place an ad for your business and/or club please contact Angela Puca: 954-791-1874. All ads will be posted on the POS website, in the monthly newsletters and the POS membership booklets from August 2016 to August 2017.

CURRENT EVENTS

Broward County Plant Affair

Saturday May 7, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday May 8, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Plantation Heritage Park 1100 South Fig Tree Lane Plantation, FL More Info: 954-797-2722 or visit their website calendar (go to the event dates for information).

Redland International Orchid Festival

Friday thru Sunday, May 13 thru 15, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fruit and Spice Park 24801 SW 187th Ave Miami, FL

More Info: visit their website.

The Miramar Orchid Society has chartered a bus to the show. Please see separately attached info if you would like to join them.

ORCHIDMANIA ORCHIDS IN THE PARK

To benefit the children of project cradle Aids relief Saturday and Sunday, May 28th and 29th 2016 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dante Facell Park 8600 SW 57th Ave. South Miami, FL

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