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TUESDAY, Apr. 5, 2011

Setup/Social 6:45 – 7:15 p.m.
Meeting 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

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From the President

Hello Members and Friends,

I hope you all are planning on attending our annual auction and bringing some friends with you. I would also like to remind everyone that Sandy and Tom from Broward Orchid Supply are kind enough to come to the auction and let us use their credit card machine so we will be accepting checks. If you need any potting supplies please call Sandy and Tom and place your order and they will bring your supplies to the auction. I would also like to announce the proposed slate of officers for the board of directors that we will be voting for in June. They are as follows: President - Rose Maytin, First Vice President - John Budree, Second Vice President - Ester Reales, Treasure - Pat Payette, Secretary - Karen Reynoldson, and the trustees are Cynthia Demming, Judy Revier, Tony Snow and Elise Chapman. We have planned two contests for our anniversary meeting in June. The first is a photography contest. If you would like to participate, start taking your orchid photos now. At the meeting in June, you can enter up to 2 pictures which must be sized to 8" x 10". The second contest is a growing contest. Anyone that wants to participate will receive a seedling. Every member in the contest will receive the same orchid and the name will be revealed when we declare a winner. The first member to bloom the seedling will be the winner. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the auction.

Sincerely,

Pat Payette

APRIL AUCTION! DIVIDE & DONATE!

Our Annual Auction is Tuesday, April 5th.
Please contact a board member if you have a plant to donate!



PLANTATION ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION

APRIL 5, 2011

**PREVIEW STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.
AUCTION STARTS PROMPTLY AT 7:15 P.M.
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OR PHYLLIS 954 584 4796**

**UP FOR AUCTION WILL BE MANY BEAUTIFUL ORCHIDS
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PLEASE BRING YOUR FRIENDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH RIBBON WINNERS!



GREEN RIBBON WINNERS

Ludisia
(Gur.) C.

Discolor
Skinnierii

Tony Blanc
Phyllis Durst

BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

Lc.
(Tol.)Onc.
Phal.
C.
Paph.
Lc.
Vasoc.
Den.

Carolyn Red
Red Berry
Sogo Grape
Skinnierii
Satchel's Ghost
Bonanza Queen
Pine Rivers
Yellow Song

Bill W. David
Linda Stewart
Phyllis Durst
Tony Blanc
Helene Albee
Jeff Tucker
Jeff Tucker
Rose Martin

RED RIBBON WINNER

Den.
Paph.
Onc.
Phal.
Blc.
Lc.

Upinring Red
(Supersuk X Raisin Pie)
Sepal Red
Sogo Pearl
Zulu
Prism Platter

Joseph R. Mihalic
Tony Blanc
Jordan Reales
Phyllis Durst
Phyllis Durst
Jan & Allan Mink

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.

MARCH IN PICTURES



Cyndy and Rosemary Demming



Jorge & Theresa Lang



Sarita Jennings



Jordan Reales with his red ribbon



Jan Minks, Tony Blanc & Michala, a guest



Jennifer Prusinowski



Carole Schwimmer admires the beautiful show table



Jeff Tucker checks out Tony Blanc's Ludisia Discolor



Carole Schwimmer, Elaine Yost, Gail Johnson

OUR MARCH SPEAKER

Peter Kouchalakos

Native of Coral Gables, Florida

Past President of the Pan Am Orchid Society

Past President and life member of Bromeliad Society of South Florida

Certified Horticultural Professional by Fla. Nursery Growers Assoc.

Owner with wife Clara of PCK Orchids and Exotic Plants



We really enjoyed hearing from Peter and seeing the beautiful plants that he brought. He had some great ideas for “landscaping” our orchids. Peter stressed that the most important factor in landscaping orchids is the lighting conditions that the orchids will be placed. To place orchids in the landscape, you need to know which direction your orchids are facing. The Eastern facing is the gentlest on your orchids followed by a Northern exposure. A Southern exposure is somewhat harsher with the Western exposure being the harshest. Peter suggested that orchid landscaping be approached fiscally, or in quarters. The goal is to have something blooming, or coming into bloom each quarter of the year.



Plants should be married properly. He suggested merchandising our orchids and grouping them with other plants like bromeliads and ferns. He also mentioned that we shouldn't mix high and low light plants together. In addition, we should consider placing night or day fragrant orchids where we can really enjoy the scent. He said that mahogany, oak, avocado, and citrus are great trees for attaching orchids. Peter attaches orchids to everything from palms to bougainvilleas. In order to attach plants to trees, Peter uses Black 14” cable ties that he buys from Auto Zone. On larger trees, he strings them together to reach around the branches. By the time the cable tie rots, the orchid is firmly attached to the tree. The east side of a tree is the best side to mount an orchid. All over the world, orchids are growing happily on trees. He suggests that we not cover the roots when we naturalize the orchids. Because most of us tend to forget to fertilize, he uses “meatballs” or little bags made out of black screen that he fills with Dynamite or Nutricote timed released fertilizer and hangs these above orchids in trees. This works great for vandas. There are many terrestrial orchids that can be planted in the ground. A great example is the beautiful large Ludisia Discolor orchid that Tony Blanc brought to the March meeting. Epidendrum orchids can also be grown in the landscape. They throw their runners laterally. He has even seen semi Terete vandas grown in Miami as a hedge.

Pests in your orchids are anything that can interfere with the growth of the plant. Bugs seem to be more of a problem in potted orchids than landscaped ones. Peter uses isopropyl alcohol on his Vanda spikes to kill bugs. For snails he uses Deadline or just picks them off and drops them into a chlorine mixture. Be careful with Deadline, as it can kill dogs and attract kids to it's bright blue color. He also recommends diatomaceous earth for snails.

Peter can be reached at PCK Orchids and Exotic Plants 920 Messina Ave Coral Gables, FL 305-461-2367.

CURRENT EVENTS

The Orchid Doctor is In at the AOS

Having problems growing your orchids? Bring the invalid plant to the AOS Visitor's Center and talk with the "Orchid Doctor". Experts are on hand Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Saturdays, 1 – 4 pm and Sundays 1 – 4 pm. Telephone: 561-404-2000 E-mail : TheAOS@aos.org

Spring Orchid Festival - St. Germain Orchids

April 8 thru 10, 2011 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A spectacular festival of exotic orchids in a picturesque garden setting. Peruse the beautiful blooms while savoring a mouth watering barbeque, luscious desserts, beverages and entertainment. Receive free tips on orchid care. Orchid repotting services will be available. Free Admission. 18290 SW 254th Street Homestead, FL 33031
More Info: 786-412-0512 or visit their website

Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 16 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 17 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
This annual plant sale features over 80 vendors with an amazing assortment of quality plants and goods. Palms, orchids, bamboo, begonias, bromeliads, fruit trees, and many other types of plants will be for sale. This is your opportunity to learn about the plants that grow well in South Florida and it's the best place to find something new for your garden. Admission: Members Free; Non-members \$10
559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL More Info: 561-233-1757 or visit their website

Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Expo & Sale

April 23 and 24, 2011 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 3750 South Flamingo Road Davie, FL 33330
For more information call: 954-473-2955 or visit their website.

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to Elise Chapman - Turtle Cake, Pat Payette - Fruit Salad, Stacy Russell - Cherry Pie, Ester Reales - Cups And Doughnuts, Cyndy Deming - Sugar Cookies Rosemary Deming - Cookies,

and Linda Stewart - Mini Cakes, for bringing your delicious goodies to the March meeting. Remember, we always love the treats you bring but,

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



Animal Rescue

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.

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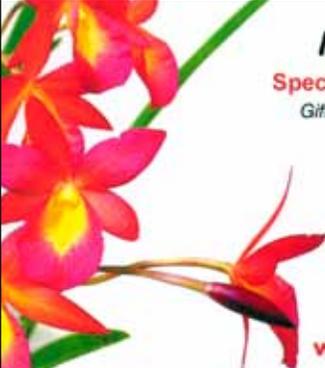


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