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**TUESDAY, AUG. 2, 2011**

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

**Deicke Auditorium**  
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*From the President*

Hello Members and Friends,

I believe everyone enjoyed the presentation on mounting orchids. Its always a pleasure to have Tom and Sandy from Broward Orchid Supply to give us some creative new ideas to mount and grow your orchids. It was also a perfect time to stock up on repotting supplies, fungicides and insect control.

We had a great show table. Phil Miller brought in a huge and beautiful Grammatophyllum. Congrats to the winners of the show table contest and the Members Choice award, Helene Albee for her beautiful Dendrobium Lasianthera.

Congratulations to Pat Payette and Jake Rothstein to be the first to answer the online Trivia Question of the month.

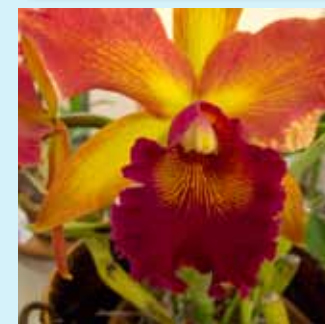
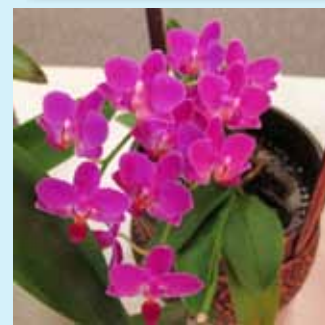
Our next meeting we will be having a workshop. We will be demonstrating repotting and answering any questions about the problems you may be having with your orchids. Just bring in one of your troubled orchids for a prescription and solution. With all the recent rain you need to know what to look for. See you there and as always bring a friend.

Sincerely,  
Rose Maytin

## **AUGUST 2nd MEETING**

**The Doctors will be in.**  
**Our August meeting will be an in House workshop.**  
**Gather those problem plants and bring them in for a**  
**diagnosis and treatment plan.**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JULY RIBBON WINNERS!



## GREEN RIBBON WINNERS

GRAM. Scriptum Citrinum Phil Miller

## BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

DEN.	Lasanthera	Helene Albee	Member's Choice	Plant Prize
CTSM.	Porteguse Star X Susan Fuchs	Mary Lee Tabeling		Plant Prize
ASCDA.	Macarena Iglesias	Jeff Tucker		Plant Prize
POT.	Susan Fender	Pat Payette		Plant Prize
CTNA.	Why Not	Jake Rothstein		Plant Prize
DPTS.	Tiny Fox	Pat Payette		
BRS.	Datacosa	Rose Martin		

## RED RIBBON WINNER

BLLRA.	Patricia Mc Cully	Karen Reynoldson
LC.	Loog Tone	Helene Albee
VASCO.	Prapawan	Linda Stewart

As a reminder, all plants brought in for the show table should be free of pests and diseases. 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.



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## JOHN'S TRIVIA CONTEST

Look on our Website to get the trivia question. A plant will be awarded to the first member that answers the question by e-mail to John Budree. [ramnjohn@yahoo.com](mailto:ramnjohn@yahoo.com)

## CURRENT EVENTS

### Orchid Basics for South Florida Growing At Flamingo Gardens

Saturday, August 6, 1pm-3pm by Tom Wells and Sandi Jones, Orchid Curators, Owners of Broward Orchid Supply. Newcomers will learn how to choose the correct orchids for their growing area, what orchids need to grow and bloom beautifully, and basic repotting and mounting. Orchid supplies and orchids available for sale after the class.



**BRING YOUR PLANTS IN FOR THE AUGUST SHOW TABLE**

**A prize plant will be given to the best plants!**

**Remember:  
All plants must be grown and bloomed by the member for at least 6 months**



## OUR JULY SPEAKERS Tom Wells & Sandi Jones from Broward Orchid Supply

Everyone really enjoyed the presentation by Sandi Jones and Tom Wells, co-owners of Broward Orchid Supply and Orchid Cu-

rators at the Bonnet House Museum & Garden in Ft. Lauderdale. Tom gave an informative demonstration on how to mount orchids on tree fern, cork bark, grapevine and cypress. The first plant Tom mounted was a dendrobium that had outgrown its original cork mount. Tom explained that cork never rots and therefore it is unnecessary to remove it from its mount. He simply attached the smaller cork firmly to a larger piece of cork after he disinfected the media. He used a screwdriver to make a hole in the cork for the attachments. Tom also mentioned that Liquid Nails can be used for attaching orchids to surfaces...and it comes in clear! Orchids do well mounted on cedar and cypress and oddly enough can grow mounted on a cinder block. To mount the second plant on tree fern, Tom put a piece of sturdy wire in a drill bit and just "screwed" the wire into the tree fern making a hanger. He attached the dendrobium securely. It is important that the roots don't wiggle and become bruised. He doesn't recommend using sphagnum moss between the plant and the mount since the moss can rot and cause problems. It is important for the roots to seek out water on the mount so they will attach. It isn't a problem to break a root in the process of mounting in the Spring or Summer since the plant is in vigorous growing conditions. But remember to remove all rotting material. A healthy root should have a white covering and a green growing tip. Old dead roots are keratinized and are shriveled, brown and usually hard. Spray everywhere you cut with rubbing alcohol to sterilize the wound and kill pests. Tom next demonstrated how he makes a hanger for a healthy orchid that is growing over the clay pot. He pushed a wire through the bottom hole of the pot and bent it 90 degrees. Then he bent it into a C shape around the outside bottom. The last step was making the wire at the top into a hook.

Tom urged us not to get behind in our fungus control. The rainy season has started and we need to stay ahead of the game. He uses Thiomyl systemic fungicide twice, 7 to 10 days apart to build up the fungicide in the plant. He then uses it once a month, (1 1/2 tsp per gal) thereafter, usually in combination with Dithane (at 1 1/2 Tbs. per gal.). Orthene can also be safely used in combination with these two. Always spray chemicals when the air is still and wear gloves, a hat, organic rated respirator and sunglasses. A fungus spot on your orchid will go all the way through the leaf to the back. Soft rot starts on the tip of a new growth and keeps going down the new leaf. Cut these off a little below the rot with a sterile blade.

Tom and Sandy can be reached at 954-925-2021 or [browardorchidsupply@comcast.net](mailto:browardorchidsupply@comcast.net).



Sandi Jones  
Tom Wells

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