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Holiday Party 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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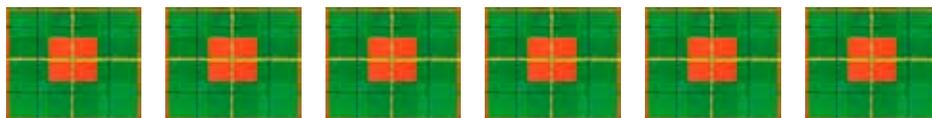
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DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY TOMORROW!



From the President

Dear POS Members and friends,

Thank you Mac Rivenbark for such a beautiful and educational presentation and slide show. Your plants are beautiful and the experience you shared with our club was very rewarding. We look forward to seeing you and Helen at all the upcoming shows.

We will be entering a plant display at Bonnet House in December and the Ft. Lauderdale 2014 show "Exotic Orchids" in January. Please sign up to set up or break down at one or both of these events. It really is a great experience. See contact information in the newsletter.

Our Holiday party will be at the Ft. Lauderdale Golf Course and Country Club on Wednesday, December 4th, 2013. There are some seats still available. Please contact Phyllis.

There will be no meeting in December. POS next regular meeting will be scheduled for January 7th 2014 at Deicke Auditorium.

Wishing all our POS members, friends, families, our armed forces and their families a Blessed Holiday Season.

Rose Maytin,
President



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on Facebook**

NEEDED!

We need someone to take over Hospitality for Judy Revier. Judy is stepping down as Hospitality/Sunshine Trustee and we need someone to set up the coffee, snacks and other items on the snack table for the meetings. Please contact Rose at 954-401-3171. Thank you Judy for all your help over the years!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER RIBBON WINNERS!



BLUE RIBBON
Den. Brown Lupan Antelope
Phyllis Durst



GREEN RIBBON
Blc. King of Taiwan
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
Phal. Joshua Owens
Ginsberg
Joan Viggiani



YELLOW RIBBON
Epi. rigidum
Bob Beckoff



BLUE RIBBON
Eplc. Volcano Trick "Paradise"
Tom Van Strander



BLUE RIBBON
Den. Andree Millar
Lynn Molitor



RED RIBBON
C. deckerii "tipo"
Joan Viggiani



BLUE RIBBON
Mttsa. Sheilob
Lynn Molitor



RED RIBBON
Bc. Maikai "Mayumi"
Karen Reynoldson

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RED RIBBON
Blc. Kuwale Gem
Phyllis Durst



RED RIBBON
White Grace
Bob Beckoff



BLUE RIBBON
YELLOW RIBBON
Thrixspermum Elongatum
Joan Viggiani



RED RIBBON
Blc. Golden Tang
Karen Spiotta



YELLOW RIBBON
Den. Emma White
Karen Reynoldson

Photos courtesy of Rose Maytin

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.



Thanks to Mac Rivenbark from Mac's Orchids

by Karen Reynoldson

Our November speaker, Mac Rivenbark, gave us his new presentation on backyard orchid growing in Florida which highlighted plants that are easy to grow here. Mac explained that he's been in the business for 12 years but has only been growing orchids for about 14 years. He considers himself a hobbyist since he grows his orchids simply in a pool enclosure (without a pool and no waterproof cover). He loves to collect found objects and throw-aways from the big box stores to structure his growing areas.

Mac's slide presentation showed a definite slant towards

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Mac Rivenbark Continued

orchids from the Philippines as his wife is from there and he has traveled and photographed many orchids that are native there and grow abundantly in the wild.

Some of the orchids that he recommends for Florida are:

Cymbidiums: (but not the tall ones that are sold at Home Depot and Costco---they like the cooler weather of northern California.)

Vanilla: they're great to attach to trees but need a lot of bright light to flower.

Macekara: they like bright light and can grow in almost full sun.

Vandas: they like lots of water and you can staple them onto a tree or an old telephone pole—the roots must be stable to grow.

Aerides: “Children of the air”---easy and fragrant.

Ascacendas: flowers often, usually orange.

Big Vandas: need high humidity and water, doesn't take cold well. Coerulea can take cooler weather. Look for the blues—they're more tolerant to our colder and drier conditions.

Vandaenopsis: needs high magnesium fertilizer.

Trichoglottis: likes the wind, makes it flower.

Vanda lamellata: blooms 3 times a year—likes neglect.

Dendrobiums: they grow on the bottom of limbs in nature—limb protects the new growth. Den. Minosum is good.

Paphiopedilums: they want to always be wet, never dry out! Over-pot in plastic pot in moisture holding material. They like good air movement and can take lots of light but not as much as a cattleya.

Oncidiums: do well attached to trees or in a bare basket with no medium—they like sun and can take draught. Speculatum is especially good to slap on a tree.

Schomburgkia: they can take our cold and they thrive on neglect. They can take full sun 4 – 5 hours a day.

Grammatophyllum: do great here ---they're big and they like lots of nitrogen---30-10-10 fertilizer and feed them a lot.

Phaius: Home Depot sells good ones. He recommends Grapette.

Phalaenopsis: these are great in trees—just make sure to mount sideways or downward as they are very susceptible to crown rot if growing upright. Their upward growing roots do photosynthesis and the roots growing down are looking for water. Phal. Schilleriana is especially good here---some bloom nearly year long. Don't cut off the spikes when they're on trees as they may rebloom or cut right below the last flower.

Phalaenopsis equestris: don't mount with a big clump of sphagnum moss—the moss turns bad and is actually poisonous to the plant.

Cattleya: these are great in trees. Stay away from the yellows---darker colors or white are better. If the mount feels floppy it won't flower again quickly. You may get burn on plants when you tie them on trees because they've been grown in a nursery but they will be okay. In general, if you find a spot where a plant thrives—leave it there!

Plant Culture Mac stressed that fertilizing your plants is so important. The reason that plants do so well on trees is that they receive a lot of natural fertilizer from the trees. He recommends starting with a scant amount—half or less of what's recommended. (If you haven't fertilized for a long time use only 1/8 teaspoon per gallon) Plants can withstand cold and draught better when they're fertilized regularly. Mac likes Southern Ag fertilizer. He recommended feeding Phals. Epsom salts in September at 1 table-spoon per gallon.

Pests and fungus control Mac said that plants grown on trees receive a natural fungicide from the tree.

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Air movement from the wind or fans helps keep away pests, fungus and high heat. Keeping your growing area clean is so important. He likes Orthene for controlling pests but care is required. He recommends alcohol for killing scale. Tony also added that "3-in-1" Spray is safe to use on orchids growing inside the home.

You can reach Mac's Orchids at 1400 S. W. 32nd Court Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315. Tel: 954-410-8580
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For pricing, appointment, and viewing hours call: 954-829-1656 or 954-962-9589.

It's Show Time

We Need Volunteers and Plants!

POS will be putting up a display at the Bonnet House.

Volunteers and plants are needed for set up and take down.

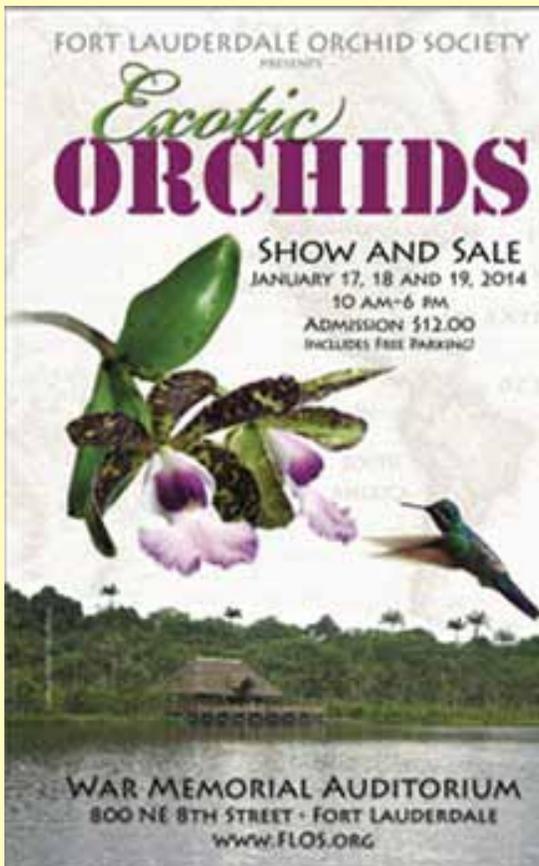
NO Experience necessary.

Set up is Friday December 6th and take down is Sunday December 8th.

Please let me know if you can set up and/or take down so I can arrange entrance.

You can check out this event at:

<http://www.browardorchidsupply.com/Events.html>



The Pos will also be putting up a plant display at the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show.

Set up for this is Wednesday January 15, 2014
at War Memorial Auditorium.

Again No experience necessary.

Breakdown is January 19th, 2014, 6 p.m.

Check out this event at:

<http://www.flos.org/wp/society-activities/exotic-orchids-2014-fort-lauderdale-orchid-society-show>

**Please contact Rose to help
with either of these events!**

943-401-3171

HOSPITALITY

SPECIAL THANKS to all the members who brought treats to our Nov. meeting. Unfortunately the sign-up sheet was not collected for the newsletter, so we can't thank you by name.

We need someone to take over the job of setting up the drinks and food at our meetings.

We Thank Judy Revier for the wonderful job she has done for us.

Orchid Collection For Sale

Well maintained by private collector.

Catts, paphs, Stanhopeas, unusual crosses, species, hybrids and many other genera inc. specimen plants.

Also for sale: pots, supplies, decorative pottery benches and more.

**By appt. only. Contact Shari Weidenbaum.
C: 561-371-9453 in Boca area.**

CURRENT EVENTS

Bonnet House Museum & Garden Annual Orchid, Garden & Gourmet Food Festival

Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8, 2013 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens will have Orchids, Exotics, Gourmet Food Trucks, Libations, Gardening Lectures, Cooking Demos, Kid's Corner, Orchid Displays and Silent Auction, Live Music, Farmer's Market and Much More!!

Plenty of Free Parking and Free Plant Carry-out

\$10.00 Members - \$12.00 Non-members, Children 12 & Under are Free

Tickets available at the door

House will be open for tours at an additional cost

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is located at 900 N. Birch Road just south of Sunrise Blvd. between A1A and the Intracoastal on Fort Lauderdale beach. For event information please visit their website or call (954) 563-5393 or (954)925-2021.

Exotic Orchids – 2014 Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society show

Come and enjoy beautiful exhibits, and displays, competitions, raffles, artwork, plant and supply vendors. American Orchid Society accredited judges will award prizes for best displays and best plants.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 17- 19, 2014: 10 AM – 6 PM each day

NE War Memorial Auditorium 800 NE 8 Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Pre-Sale Tickets \$8 will be for sale online through Monday, January 13, 2014.

Admission is \$10 per person with coupon. Print and save! Click on website for coupon.

Tickets will be available at the door. Admission is \$12 per person at the door.

Parking is now FREE!

Website: <http://www.flos.org/wp/society-activities/exotic-orchids-2014-fort-lauderdale-orchid-society-show>

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