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TUESDAY, June 5, 2012

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

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From the President

Dear POS Members:

Our 44th Anniversary Pot Luck and Registration is on June 5th, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. June closes out our year and begins a new year for POS. We will be electing our board members for the upcoming year. Thank you Lorna Diaz for stepping up to help out on our board with different events and activities. We still have many positions available and are in need of a few volunteers. If you would like to run for a board position please contact me before the June meeting.

Memberships are due in June. If you are renewing, review your personal information for accuracy at the desk and have your check made out to Plantation Orchid Society or exact cash for \$15.00. New members fill out a registration form and pay \$18.00. If you would like to register before the meeting or are unable to attend but would like to receive your registration plant and enter the contest, you can mail the check to 4320 West Broward Blvd., Suite 6, Plantation, FL 33317 and have a friend pick up your plant and post your photo entry at the meeting .

If you would like to participate in our 2nd annual photo contests you must become a member or renew your membership on or before the judging date. Entries must be a named orchid 8 X 10 in size. You may submit up to two entries.

Sign up will be posted for our seedling growing contest. ONE plant per single registration or ONE plant per couple registration .

If you did not sign up to bring a dish for the Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner, please bring a main dish or side dish. Cake and drinks will be provided.

Just a reminder we will not be having a show table at this meeting

It has been a pleasure serving you. Please thank your board members and news editor for doing such a wonderful job. They have done so much with very little.

Rose Maytin,
President

**Don't forget to bring your
dish for our potluck dinner!**



**Check out
the Plantation
Orchid Society
on Facebook**

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR MAY
RIBBON WINNERS!



BLUE RIBBON
Bc. Thortenii
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
Phal. Dragon's Gold '24K'
Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON
V. Vasco Pine Rivers
'Fuscia Delight'
Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON
Paph. Pinocchio
Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON
Enc. Bractenscens S. Belize
Linda Stewart



BLUE RIBBON
Brs. New Start 'Galaxy'
Rose Maytin



RED RIBBON
Arachnis Flos Aeris
Rose Maytin



RED RIBBON
Phal. Sogo Pearl
Phyllis Durst



RED RIBBON
Onc. Sphacelatum
Phyllis Durst



Enc. Nursery Ryme x Randii
Rose Maytin



Phal. Alba x Alba
Stacy Anne Russel

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.

V. Pachora Delight
'Isabelle'
Jeff Tucker



**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/Events - Lorna Diaz

Trustee/Hospitality - Judy Revier

Web/Historian - Cynthia Deming

Trustee/Public relations - Angela Puca



**POS
WILL BE
FIFTY!**

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



**THE POS NEEDS YOUR
PLANTS!**

**Now is the time for all good members
to get those gardening gloves out,
clean out your leftover pots and
and divide your plants!**

**The club needs your extra plants
to auction at the October meeting.
Please help us out and share!**

**MORE
SHOW
TABLE
ENTRIES**



Manachica Freckles
Rose Maytin



Onc. Dancing Ladies
Karen Spiotta



Enc. Belizewsis
Karen Spiotta

UPCOMING POS CALENDAR

- 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 re-potting as well as disease identification and solutions. Order your supplies 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

Enter Our JUNE MEMBERS ONLY PHOTO CONTEST



Our 2011 Photo Winner
Karen Reynoldson

Rules:

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

**A prize will be awarded
to the winner!**



Jan Mink and Phyllis Durst admire some of the beautiful plants that Gail Miller brought to the May meeting.



HOSPITALITY

Thanks to everyone who brought food to the May meeting.

Mary Lee Tabeling - Oatmeal Cookies, Elise Chapman - Mini Pastries, Alma Woodrow - Rum Cake, David Jewell - Tiramisu Cake, Michelle Boland - Cookies, Clarence Lorquet - Nuts, Linda Stewart - Cheese & Crackers, Stacy Russel - Tiramisu Cake.

Remember, we always love the treats you bring but:

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE SHEET SO WE CAN THANK YOU IN JULY.

Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Judy Revier.



Gail with some of the beautiful plants she brought.

faster and are disease resistant, you must fertilize every time you water! However, she said that when using a slow release fertilizer, like Osmocote the shelf life is only about 3-6 months. To check for freshness, put 1 tsp. in a shot glass and see how long it takes to pop. Also, use it sparingly so the roots don't burn. Use an amount about the size of a quarter in an 8" pot.



Gail judged our show table

Before Gail re-pots an orchid, she hydrates her potting mixture in a bucket of water that has been treated with fungicide and fertilizer. Prevention is one thing that Gail emphasized. She likes to keep things simple and prefers a product called Triathlon which has insecticide, fungicide, and a bactericide. Why spray twice when you can spray once? One of the great tips she gave us concerned potting and dividing Cattleyas. First, make sure you have at least 4-5 bulbs per division, then simply cut through the rhizome. Make a fungicide paste and put it in the cut and mark the cut with nail polish. Leave the orchid in its original pot for 3 months while it grows new roots, then just remove and re pot the 2 independent plants. This will allow both pieces to thrive and bloom. If you have a Vanda or Asc. that won't bloom, shock it into bloom by hanging it upside down for exactly 1 month. (Be sure and mark your calendar and don't go beyond a month or you will kill it.) Also many Vandas end up like palm trees with no leaves on the bottom. Gently peel back some of the dead leaves to expose the "eyes" which should sprout roots. When you have at least 3 or 4 good roots up higher on the stem, cut below the roots and re-pot the now shorter Vanda. The bottom rooted stem may send out a kiki, so don't throw it away. Gail mentioned that she has become allergic and hesitates to use strong chemicals. She likes to use a mix of 3 parts water to 1 part isopropyl alcohol for thrips. She sprays this on the plants, (even when in bud) to kill bugs. This should be repeated at least 3 times every 5-7 days to kill the hatching eggs. Another product that Gail uses to ward off animals that like to eat orchids is called "Hot Pepper Wax". She said it is available at Home Depot, but be sure to use rubber gloves, because if it touches your skin you will feel the burn! Animals seem to be able to smell it and know to keep away. Gail brought some beautiful Phals. to our meeting. She said she prefers to pot them in either New Zealand sphagnum moss (which holds onto water and shouldn't be used for Phals outside in Florida) or a coconut coir and bark mixture. She grows her Phals under cover to prevent spotting and therefore has control of the amount of water. Gail can be reached at her nursery by appointment: Miller's Way Orchids - 6740 SW 169th Ave. SW Ranches, FL 33331 Home - 954-680-8713 Mobile - 954-629-8353.

THANKS TO OUR MAY SPEAKER Gail Miller from Miller's Way Orchids

We were excited to have Gail Miller, from Millers Way Orchids, give the presentation for our May meeting. Gail was a past president of the Plantation Orchid Society. The POS was the first orchid society that Gail joined when she became interested in orchids 25 years ago. She's been hooked ever since. She stressed that if you learn just one thing at every meeting, you are ahead of the game. She began her presentation by explaining that proper light and water are 99.9% of orchid care. If you want healthy orchids with more flowers that grow



SOME LUCKY RAFFLE WINNERS AT THE MAY MEETING!



Jill Greenbaum pulls her own raffle number!



You go Jill!



Raffle Winners - Tina & Ira Cor



David and Janet Jewel



Admiring the Raffle Table



Elaine Yost wins a beauty!



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.



Welcome back to Stacey Russell



Another lucky winner.