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## Tuesday August 6, 2013

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, Ernie Barham, for your wonderful presentation on growing paphiopedilums in South Florida and showing us the differences and similarities that occur when crossed. I don't know anyone who isn't intrigued by the unusual nature of Paphs..

It was a wonderful surprise to have AOS judges Carol Holdren, Jackie Wood and Judy Bailey from the Palm Beach Judging Center attending our meeting. Jackie Wood and Judy Bailey awarded the plant tablet. They meticulously inspected every plant and gave such wonderful advice to our members. Thank you.

Our August speaker is our very own Diane Davis, POS past president, lifetime member, judge, AOS chairman and grower. She is an experienced phalaenopsis grower/hybridizer and has won many awards specializing in phalaenopsis.

Our next big event is the October 1st Auction at Volunteer Park. This is our fund raiser that provides all the funds that carry us through the year. Please sign up to attend and/or volunteer. Lots of help is needed to make this a successful event. There will be flyers at the meeting so that you can let your friends, family and everyone you know to attend. If you have plants to donate, please let us know in advance.

Membership books will be available at the meeting. One per household.

Rose Maytin,  
President



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## THE POS NEEDS YOUR EXTRA PLANTS!

**Our October Auction will be here in a heartbeat. It's definitely time for all good members to get those gardening gloves out, clean out your left-over pots and divide your plants! We must raise funds to pay for our wonderful speakers and meeting room rentals, along with non-profit and bank fees and other miscellaneous. The club needs your extra plants to auction at the October meeting. PLEASE HELP US OUT AND SHARE!**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JULY RIBBON WINNERS!

A special thank you to the judges from the American Orchid Society, Carol Holdren, Jackie Wood and Judy Bailey, who attended our meeting. Jackie and Judy did the plant table judging for us! They are from the West Palm Beach Judging Center, which meets for judging on the 4th Saturday of the month at Flamingo Gardens. Visitors are welcome.



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Vascostylis Vanita Blue  
Jeff Tucker



**BLUE RIBBON**  
V. Margaret Mabbs, 'Pink Cloud'  
Mary Lee Tabelaing



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Mitssa Shelob  
Lynn Molitor



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Cat. Jeremiah Coleman 'Blue Mood' x Cat. Gaskelliana, 'Azure Star'  
Joan Viggiani



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Brassia Eternal Wind  
Mary Lee Tabelaing



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Paph. Niveum  
Carole Schwimmer



**RED RIBBON**  
Vascostylis Pine Rivers 'Fuchsia'  
Jeff Tucker



**RED RIBBON**  
Den. Thongchai Gold 'Luxana'  
Phyllis Durst



**RED RIBBON**  
Ascda. Motes Burning Sand  
Mary Lee Tabelaing

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**RED RIBBON**  
Pot. Cloud's Creek  
'Heavenly Scent'  
Mary Lee Tabeing



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
Cat. Dowiana Aurea  
Phyllis Durst



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
Nodosa Martiana x  
Ctna. Why Not 'Red Gold'  
Phyllis Durst



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
Cat. Dowiana Aurea  
Phyllis Durst



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
Phalaenopsis White"UFO"  
Mary Lee Tabeing

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.

## POS CALENDAR 2013

- August 6, 2013 - Diane Davis presentation on Phalaenopsis at Volunteer Park
- Sept. 3, 2013 - To Be Announced at Volunteer Park
- October 1, 2013 - POS Annual Auction at Volunteer Park
- November 5, 2013 - To Be Announced at Volunteer Park
- December, 2013 - Holiday Party



## 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, membership booklets, newsletters. 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](mailto:posorchids@gmail.com).



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## JUBILANT JULY

A wonderful presentation by Ernie Barham on Paphiopedilums, a great raffle table and good snacks followed by judging of our plants by real AOS Judges!

WOW! You should have been here!



## HOSPITALITY

Thanks to everyone who brought food to our July meeting. Judy Bontrager - Lemon Zest Bars, Alma Woodrow - Cake, Christine Williams - Carmella of New York, Custard Filled Cupcakes.

Remember, we always love the treats you bring but:

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE SHEET SO WE CAN THANK YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**

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



## August Program Presented by Diane Davis

We are so pleased and excited to have Diane Davis as our speaker for August.

Diane is an expert on the care and cultivation of Phalaenopsis and is going to share her knowledge and experience with us. Since all of us have phalaenopsis in our collections, this presentation is a must for those who want to grow wonderful and healthy orchids.

Diane Davis has been growing orchids since 1974 when she joined the Plantation Orchid Society.

She was President for the 1987-1988 term and is one of our life time members. Diane owned and operated The Orchid Plantation, a commercial nursery here in Plantation. She was a prolific hybridizer, particularly of pink Phalaenopsis and received over 70 American Orchid Society quality awards. Most of the awards were for her hybrids, some of which are shown here.

For the past 30 years she has been an AOS judge with the Florida-Caribbean Judging Center in Miami. She was also Chairman of that center twice for a total period of 7 years.



Phal. Brother Tai 'Plantation' AM points-83  
4/6/1995



Phal. Brother Torro 'Plantation'  
HCC points-77 4/9/2001



Phal. Chicago Connection 'Plan-  
tation AM points-81 3/25/1995.



Phal. Plantation Beau 'Debbi' HCC points-77

### Attention Members! August Meeting at Volunteer Park

Deicke Auditorium is currently under renovation. The rest of our regular meetings this year will be held at the Volunteer Park Community Center, located at 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd., West of Hiatus Rd. in Plantation at Sunrise Blvd. and 118th Avenue, until construction is completed.



### Animal Rescue

Phyllis Durst is still collecting old towels and blankets and washable throw rugs 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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# Plantation Orchid Society Annual Auction October 1, 2013

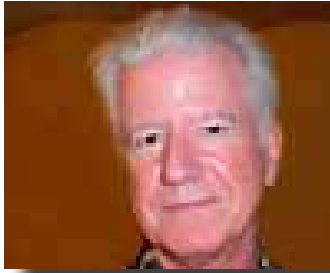


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## THANKS TO OUR JULY SPEAKER Ernie Barham



Ernie Barham gave us a great presentation on the beautiful multifloral Paphiopedilums at our July meeting. Ernie explained, that when he and his partner, Larry Cox began growing orchids, they grew mostly Vandas and Ascocendas, but eventually became bored with “familiar” orchids and disposed of most of their entire collection. For the past 10 years, they have been specializing and experimenting with multi-floral Paphiopedilums. Not generally seen in South Florida until recently, Paphs or Lady Slipper Orchids were mostly grown in cooler climates due to “the myth that Paphs will not grow and bloom successfully under such warm temperatures.” Ernie, however, thought there were varieties that would be well suited to the S. Florida climate and began a journey to over 70 American Orchid Society awarded plants as well as many trophies and awards from local societies and shows.

Multi-floral means that there are multiple blooms on 1 stem. Most Paphs in S. Florida grow well in the same conditions as Phalaenopsis. They should be kept evenly moist, allowing for slight drying of the roots. More light and higher temperatures mean they need more water. Too little water is always better than too much. When these plants are watered they should be really drenched well. Air movement, or light breeze, is also necessary for healthy growth and prevention of disease and pests. They should also be protected from harsh winds. Some multi-florals require several mature growths to bloom and often bloom in the second year after being stimulated by strong light and cooler temps which initiate the flower spikes. Temperatures in the 40’s are good to force blooms. When temps fall into the 30’s, however, Ernie turns the sprinklers on low, creating a fog in the greenhouse to protect the plants.

It’s important to re-pot Paphs every year, before the mix breaks down. When the media deteriorates, the roots will die. He uses pots with ample drainage and prefers plastic pots because they hold moisture better and more uniformly than clay pots. The pot **MUST** be sized to the root mass not to the size of the plant. He cautions that the main cause of Paph. death is over-potting. He uses ample drainage material in the bottom of the pots. Ernie likes to make his own potting mix in a big tray the night before he is going to re-pot. He wets the mix and leaves it sit

overnight. For pots larger than 3 inches, he uses 3 parts medium fir bark, 1 part seedling fir bark, 1 part medium charcoal, and 1 part sponge rock. For pots 3 inches or smaller he uses 4 parts seedling fir bark, 1 part small charcoal, and 1 part Perlite. Ernie fertilizes regularly during active growth at 1/4 the recommend strength every two weeks. Any fertilizer will suffice, but remember the mantra, weakly, weakly, weekly.

One of his favorite Paphs for S. Florida is called Paph. Saint Swithin. The parents of this plant are (*Paph. philippinense x Paph. rothschildianum*). St. Swithin is a particularly good Paph. It grows like a weed and blooms 1 time a year for 6-8 weeks. The blooms on this plant reach 8-9 inches across. It likes growing in light conditions similar to growing Phalaenopsis.

A favorite mottled leaved Paph. is called Mount Toro. It’s parents are (*Paph. philippinense and Paph. stonei*). Like most mottled leaved plants, Mount Toro is mainly a 75% shade plant preferring light in the 2-3000 ft. candle range.

Some easy to grow Paphs are: Paph. Mercatellei Electra - parents (*Paph. lowii and Paph. stonei*), Paph. Transval - parents (*Paph. rothschildianum and Paph. chamberlainiana*) Paph. Toni Semple - parents (*Paph. haynaldianum and Paph. lowii*), Paph. Nike Surprise with 5 blooms on one stem - parents (*Paph. parishii and Paph. toni semple*)

Some other favorite Paphs include: Paph. William Amble Nike - parents (*Paph. rothschildianum and Paph. wilhelminae*), Paph. Lady Isabel - parents (*Paph. rothschildianum and Paph. stonei*), Paph. Angel Hair - parents (*Paph. st. swithin and Paph. sanderianum*), Paph. Screaming Eagle - parents (*Paph. sanderianum and Paph. lowii*), Paph. Paul Parks ‘Electra’ - parents (*Paph. sanderianum x Paph. adductum*)

Paphiopedilum Kolosand is a primary cross of (*sanderianum and kolopakingii*). Remarkable 12” tall flowers that look like they have been lacquered.



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