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## Tuesday September 3, 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 Diane Davis one of our very own past president and lifetime members for her hands on demonstration on repotting Phalaenopsis. Our members always like to get a hands on question and answer session. For more information go to our website [plantationorchidsociety.org](http://plantationorchidsociety.org) and hit the Orchid University tab. You will find a lot of useful information.

Our September speakers are Jesse and Dee Vance of Nature's Relics. They will be talking to us about one of Florida's great natural treasures, Old growth Cypress and how to utilize it in our orchid collections

Our focus is the Annual Auction on October 1, 2013 which will be held at Plantation Volunteer Park. I would like to reinforce to POS members to get the word out. If you, your friends or neighbors would like to donate quality auction plants or plants for sale of any kind please let us know in advance. Just a phone call so that we can make space and arrangements for them. Many beautiful plant donations were brought to the auction last year, but due to the fast pace of the auction I was unable to acknowledge them.

Thank you again. Let's all work together to make this the best auction ever.

Rose Maytin,  
President



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the Plantation  
Orchid Society  
on Facebook**



## THE POS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**Our October Auction will be here next month. Here's how you can help!**

- 1. Place posters around town.**
- 2. Invite your friends to the Auction.**
- 3. Volunteer to help at the Auction.**
- 4. Divide and share some of your plants.**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AUGUST RIBBON WINNERS!

Our members brought us a beautiful table of eye candy at our August meeting. The flowers were spectacular!



**BLUE RIBBON**  
DEN Copper Queen x  
Takomi Kadana 'Napporn'  
Mary Lee Tabeling



**GREEN RIBBON**  
POT Susan Fender 'Cinnamon Stick'  
Jeff Tucker



**BLUE RIBBON**  
LC Logo Tone  
'African Beauty'  
Helene Albee



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Nodosa Silma Kelly 'Lea'  
Phyllis Durst



**BLUE RIBBON**  
BLC. Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelite'  
Carole Schwimmer



**BLUE RIBBON**  
DEN Lasabthera  
Helene Albee



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Olmec 'Kano' HCC/AOS  
Phyllis Durst



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Ascda. Macarena Iglesias  
Jeff Tucker



**RED RIBBON**  
Oncidium Shari Baby  
Lynn Molitor

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**RED RIBBON**  
Cat. Dark Waters  
Bill David



**RED RIBBON**  
Cat. Porcia Cannizaro Cnta  
Why Not Comet  
Tom Van Strander



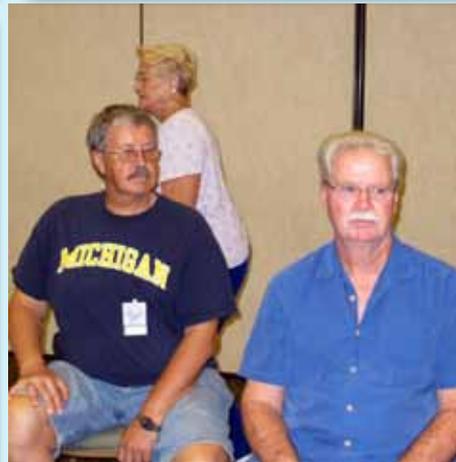
**RED RIBBON**  
Vanda UFO  
David and Janet Jewell

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.

**HAPPY  
RAFFLE  
TABLE  
WINNERS!**



# AWESOME AUGUST



## HOSPITALITY

SPECIAL THANKS to the beautiful lady that helps Judy Revier set up and take down the Hospitality table. It is a lot of work and we thank you Alma Woodrow! Thanks to all the wonderful members who brought food to our August meeting. Unfortunately we can't thank you by name because the sign up sheet has gone missing. Please keep in mind that in October, we hope to have a good crowd in attendance for our Auction and will need some extra people to bring treats for the Hospitality table!

Remember, we always love the treats you bring but:  
**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE SHEET SO WE CAN THANK YOU IN OCTOBER!**  
Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Judy Revier.



## September Program Presented by **Jesse & Dee Vance** of **Nature's Relics**

This month we are happy to welcome Jesse and Dee Vance of Nature's Relics to speak to us about one of Florida's great natural treasures. Have you ever wondered how good it would be to have a beautiful center piece or an orchid mounted on a wonderful piece of wood. We have all seen those displays of orchids on pieces of tree limbs and trunks that seem as if they were designed to be together. Most of us have wondered how and where do we get these pieces to use in our own collections. Well this month we are lucky enough to get those answers. Jesse and Dee Vance

will present their story of a rare commodity that few know very much about. Four years ago they discovered this rare resource, Old Growth Cypress Wood. What was once a virgin cypress stand, now provides a prime area for reclaiming this centuries old wood. The wood is cleaned, prepared, and made user friendly for mounting plants, landscaping, and for interior/exterior decorating. This beautiful wood is often presented at orchid and botanical garden shows, along with being displayed at restaurants, furniture stores, and is used extensively by many interior and floral designers. Jesse and Dee will give us a brief history of their swamp adventures and the history behind old growth cypress. They will also illustrate the many uses and benefits of America's own exotic wood.

[www.naturesrelics.com](http://www.naturesrelics.com) For pricing, appointment, and viewing hours call: 954-829-1656 or 954-962-9589.

## POS CALENDAR 2013

Sept. 3, 2013 - Jesse & Dee Vance  
of Nature's Relics at Volunteer Park

October 1, 2013 - POS Annual  
Auction at Volunteer Park

November 5, 2013 - To Be An-  
nounced **NOTE! Back at Deicke  
Auditorium**

December, 2013 - Holiday Party



## Say Hello to our New Member

We were happy to welcome  
new member, Howie Green-  
baum at the August meeting.

## Attention Members! September Meeting at Volunteer Park

Deicke Auditorium is currently under renovation. Our Sept. and Oct. 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. We should be back at Deicke in Nov.



## 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.

# Plantation Orchid Society Annual Auction October 1, 2013



**Open to the Public**  
**Doors Open at 7:00 PM**  
**Cash, Checks and Credit Cards Accepted**

Volunteer Park  
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## THANKS TO OUR AUGUST SPEAKER Diane Davis



Diane Davis began her presentation with a little Plantation Orchid Society history. When Diane joined the POS, back in 1974, we had 200 members and there was a waiting list to join. At that time, POS was one of a very few orchid societies. She was president of the POS from 1987-1988. Diane became interested in Phalaenopsis orchids, and she eventually began the process of hybridization. Diane would accomplish this by taking the pollen from the Anther Cap, (or yellow balls which hold the pollen), with a toothpick and put it on the flower of a different plant. The flower would then become a seed pod which Diane would harvest at 120 days. She would then ship the seed pod overnight to a lab in California where the tiny seeds would be grown on agar in a flask. The lab would keep the flask, which by now is really crowded with seedlings, for about a year and return it to Diane. She would then replant and grow the seedlings into mature plants and register them with a name. The name of a plant is very important, because without the name, a plant cannot be entered into a show and judged.

Diane's accomplishments include over 70 AM awards. She explained that in the American Orchid Society, an AM award stands for an Award of Merit and is given when a plant receives between 80 and 89 points. HCC means Highly Commended Certificate and is awarded for 70-79 points. FCC means First Class Certificate, and is given to plants awarded over 90 points. Diane no longer grows commercially, but she currently is Chairman of the judging center in Miami and judges at shows.

To prepare a plant for judging, Diane recommends that it be cleaned up with a paper towel and a little dish washing detergent. Make sure that it doesn't have any bugs on it! The flowers on a well staked Phal., should arch gracefully. Put a stake straight into the pot and tie the flower spike to it at the first node and at one other place. She suggested that once the Phal. starts to spike that it should not be moved or you might mess up the direction of the flowers.

Diane grows her Phals. under cover and pots them in sphagnum moss. New Zealand moss is the best because it is longer and stronger and doesn't break down easily. She stressed that moss can contain Sporotrichosis which can enter the body through a cut or other opening. As a precaution, you should wear gloves when working with moss to avoid a fungal infection of the nails. Phals. grown outside do best planted in bark and grown tilted so that water runs off the leaves.

Diane keeps her cutting tools sterilized in a highly

saturated mixture of TSP (the TSP should be added to water to the point that it is not be able to dissolve further). She rotates between 3 tools so that the blades are in TSP for at least 7 minutes. She cautions to make sure you are using "real" TSP. Right now Ace Hardware carries it, as well as a lot of paint stores. Home Depot may no longer carry the real stuff.

When repotting, soak the pot to ease removal of the root ball and make it more pliable. Wash off the roots and removing any dead or sickly roots, while trying to save the healthy ones. Diane uses plastic pots for smaller plants, but prefers clay pots for larger ones. Clay does dry faster and may need more water. When she pots, she dampens her moss before molding it around the roots and puts foam peanuts or corks in the bottom for drainage. She cuts the bloom spikes back to an inch after blooming to encourage vigorous growth and a better spike next spring. Always label the plant after potting, so you are able to show it. When a Phal. grows a kiki, leave it on the plant until it has at least 3 roots, then you can put it in a small pot. Sometimes she likes to leave 2 plants growing together as a specimen plant.

Southern Agriculture makes a good fertilizer. 20 (Nitrogen for growth)/20 (Phosphate for blooms and roots)/20 (Potassium for roots). Diane uses Dynagrow 7/9/5 in the summer and switches to a bloom booster 10/30/20 throughout the winter. The bloom booster will have a higher middle number or higher Phosphate content. She fertilizes every time she waters which is about once a week at the rate of 1 tsp. per gal. It is important for Phalaenopsis flowers to dry by nightfall or a fungal infection, Botrytis, will make black spots on the flowers. Flowers with black spots should be removed or the remaining flowers will become infected. Good air circulation can help prevent Botrytis.

Physan cannot be sprayed on flowers because it ruins the blooms. Orthene is a good systemic insecticide. It comes as a wettable powder but it is a little smelly. Cinnamon is a good bactericide and can be used after cutting a plant and for black rot. Cut off the blackened area and use hydrogen peroxide on it over night. The next morning use cinnamon. Straight rubbing alcohol in a spray bottle can be used on mealy bugs and scale.

Diane is a wellspring of knowledge and we were so grateful to have her come home to us with her invaluable advice. Thank You Diane!



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