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Setup/Social 6:45 – 7:00 p.m.
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From the President

Dear POS Members and friends,

I think everyone enjoyed Anthony Millet's intimate and engaging presentation. There was a lot of new, useful and practical information for both our novice and expert growers alike. Thank you for coming Tony and we look forward to seeing you at the at the Bonnet house show in December.

We welcome Carol De Biase the Orchid curator at Vizcaya garden. She will be speaking on oncidiums and answering any questions you may have on any genera.

Thank you Maureen Reilly and Barbara Van Strander for helping Tina Pena out with the snack table. All snacks are provided by our members. So bring in your favorite dish or beverage and don't forget to sign the hospitality sheet provided at the table.

See you at the meeting,

Rose Maytin,
President



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

**Just a thought to make things easier on our
Hospitality team...
Please wait until all the food is set out and the
hospitality persons have given the "go ahead".**

**TUESDAY MAR 3rd IS STACEY RUSSEL'S
86th BIRTHDAY!**

Did you know, in the 80's, Stacey was on the
POS Board? She was in charge of Hospitality!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY STACEY!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY RIBBON WINNERS!

We were treated to a spectacular array of blooming babies in February!



BLUE RIBBON
Blc. Green Emerald
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
C. Andean Mist
Gigi Louis



BLUE RIBBON
Blc. Momilani Rainbow
'Buttercup'
Karen Reynoldson



BLUE RIBBON
Bulb Phal
Rose Maytin



BLUE RIBBON
Den. Spring Dream
Helene Albee



BLUE RIBBON
Epi Ciliare 'Soroa' HCC/AOS
Karen Reynoldson



BLUE RIBBON
Onc. Pacific Sunrise
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
V. Coerulea
Tom & Barbara Van Strander



RED RIBBON
BC Mai Kai 'Lee' x
C. Skinneri 'Carpinteria' FCC/AOS

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YELLOW RIBBON
C. leuddemaniani
Gigi Louis



YELLOW RIBBON
Cat. C. H. Warpaint
Phyllis Durst



RED RIBBON
Blc. Golden Fire
Tom & Barbara Van Strander



RED RIBBON
Pot. Paradise Beauty
'GoldenAngel'
Karen Reynoldson



RED RIBBON
Blc. Fuch's Orange
Nuggett 'Lea'
Tom & Barbara Van Strander



RED RIBBON
Den. Nobile 'Sweet Candy'
Tracy Moulton



RED RIBBON
C. Ann Komine
'Breathless' AM/AOS
Phyllis Durst

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.

OUR MARCH SPEAKER

Carol De Biase

“Oncidiums”

Carol De Biase is the Curator of Orchids at Vizcaya Museum & Gardens in Miami, Florida for the last 14 ½ years. Carol has been growing orchids for over 40 years starting out in Tulsa, Oklahoma where her husband John was practicing medicine. Carol has been an American Orchid Society Judge for the last thirty odd years traveling extensively to the Peru, Borneo, South Africa, Malaysia, Columbia, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and the Caribbean, as well as all over the United States. Carol has served on many Committees of the American Orchid Society. Carol is also a member of many orchid societies and had been the Editor of the South Florida Orchid Society “The Orchidist” Magazine/Newsletter for twelve years. When Carol is not growing or judging orchids, she is heavily involved in volunteering especially with Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and has been a member of this organization for the past 21 years. Carol is the recipient of many AOS awards and enjoys growing and showing her many species and hybrids. Carol’s talk will be on oncidiums.

POS 2015 CALENDAR

March 3

Carol De Biase - Oncidiums
Curator of Orchids at Vizcaya

April 7

Guillermo Salazar
Wonderful Tropical Miniature
Orchids (For the mini lovers)

May 5

Workshop

June 2

Anniversary Pot Luck

July 7

To be Announced

August 4

To be Announced

September 1

Jim Watts
Leafless orchids

October 6

Auction

November 3

To be Announced

December

Holiday party



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HOSPITALITY

THANKS to the members who brought snacks to the February meeting!

Karen Reynoldson - Coconut Cake, Maureen Reily - Cookies, Michele Boland - Brownies, Christine Williamss - Hummus and Chips, Alma Woodrow - Rum Cake, Tracy Molton - Pigs in a Blanket, Stacy Russell - French Apple Tart with Cherries

Remember, we always love the treats you bring but:

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

Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Tina Pena.



February Program “The Benefits of Hybridizing” Was Presented by Tony Millet

Our February speaker Tony Millet presented an animated discussion of hybridizing. Tony received his love of plants from his mother in her garden. Tony describes himself as a gardener first. As a gardener, he always planted seeds from the vegetables and flowers that he grew.

When he started growing orchids, he joined a number of societies. As his interest grew, he couldn't find the plants that he wanted to buy. Most of the growers all had the same plants. Since an orchid is a plant like any other he decided to try growing orchids from seed.

Every plant puts out fruit when it is pollinated. If you shake an orchid flower over a white sheet of paper, yellow pollen will fall out. If you put pollen from one orchid onto another a fruit will form. (Make sure the orchids used for breeding are virus free.) The fruit will ripen from the bottom up. When the pod turns yellow midway then it is ready to pick. Inside will be a whole lot of seeds. The

tiny seeds must be kept moist and sown on a sterile media in a sterile glass jar. This process is a lot like canning. Agar is a gelatin media that is commonly used inside the jar on which the seeds are placed. The gelatin mix is combined with nutrients such as banana and pineapple or coconut water. The boiling agar solution is put in the sterile glass jar. Tony uses cheap apple juice jars for his flasks. Next, he wipes an upside down plastic bin with clorox and places atop a sterile clorox wiped table. The bin has two holes cut in the side for his gloved hands. In this sterile environment, he shakes some seeds on top of the enriched agar and then closes the jar. Tony leaves the seed to sprout on the gelatin in the jar which can be put in light shade outdoors in a similar location to the parent plant. After some time, a bunch of little plants will start filling up the jar.

When they are large enough to handle the babies can be removed from the jar by putting water in the jar to loosen the plants. Tony has kept some flasks for up to a year. He carefully separates the healthy babies from the not so healthy and puts them in clean damp moss. If you were here for Anthony Spatola's presentation on deflasking, you know what to do next! These babies need to acclimate to the environment of the parent plant. Once acclimated, if the parent plant needs

sun, then the babies need up to 2 hours of sun. When the plants are large enough and strong enough, he plants in a combination of alifloror, sponge rock, tree fern coconut husk and charcoal topped with sphagnum. Babies are vulnerable to disease and insects and need consistency to survive. Tony can be reached at TELE: 954 531-2079 or e-mail axxmillet@gmail.com



Note: An interesting website with more detail can be found by googling “How to grow orchids from seeds – kitchen style”

CURRENT EVENTS

Fairchild 13th Annual International Orchid Festival

March 13 thru 15, 2015 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
10901 Old Cutler Rd. Coral Gables, FL 33156

Choose from over 10,000 orchid plants from more than 50 vendors. Explore the wonder of orchids during one of our many garden workshops and walking tours. Marvel at rare orchid species in the American Orchid Society juried show, presented by the Orchid Society of Coral Gables. Visit the Orchid Tea Room for an energizing spot of tea and dessert. Enjoy wonderful food and entertainment.

For more information call 305-667-1651 or visit their website.

West Palm Beach Judging Center of AOS meets at Flamingo Gardens

March 28th 1 to 4:00 pm. (and Every 4th Saturday of each month) We are an affiliated society of AOS.

Garden Expo

Saturday, March 28, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The GFWC Plantation Woman's Club presents the Garden Expo at Volunteer Park.

Free Parking - Free Admission - Great Food.

Volunteer Park, 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd., Plantation, FL 33232

More Info: 954-530-0076 or visit their website

Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Expo & Sale

April 4 & 5, 2015 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL 33330 · (954) 473-2955

Mounts Botanical Garden Hands-On Repot Class

Sunday, April 19, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Mounts Botanical Garden 559 N. Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL
More Info: 561-233-1757 or visit their website

Animal Rescue

Special Thanks to Christine Williams for her donation to the 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.



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