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

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From the President

Dear POS Members and friends:

A very special thank you to our member and speaker, Anthony Spiotta, who spoke on "FlaskTuesday." It was an intriguing hands on, flasking to compot, demonstration that gave an awareness of orchid growing from the origin. The babies are doing well in my back patio. I will keep you up to date with monthly baby pictures. Our April speaker is Carol Holdren, who is an AOS Judge. She will be speaking on what every hobbyist should have in their orchid collection.

It's that time of the year again for our elections. If you would like to run for a position on the board, please contact Lorna Diaz at email: lorna.realator@yahoo.com.

Early membership renewal will begin in April and May. The deadline to receive your membership plant will be in June. Our potluck, photo contest, elections and anniversary will take place in June so get your pictures ready for show.

Check out our website for registration, election, speaker and contest rules.

See you at the meeting

Rose M. Maytin
President



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

HELP STILL NEEDED!

Many Thanks to Tina Pena who has volunteered to take over the job of snack coordinator, Hospitality/Sunshine Trustee from Judy Revier beginning in March. Because there may be times when Tina cannot be at our meeting due to work, POS still needs a volunteer to assist Tina and fill in for her. Can You help? Please contact Rose at 954-401-3171.

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BLUE/GREEN RIBBON
C. Aloha Case
Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON
Phal. Amarilis
Phyllis Durst

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH RIBBON WINNERS!



BLUE RIBBON
Den. Fancy Angel "Lycee"
Rose Maytin



BLUE RIBBON
Den. White Grace
Lori Parish



BLUE RIBBON
Enc. Codigera purfumea
Lori Parish



BLUE RIBBON
Ascda. Macarena Iglesias
Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON
Species Ludisia Discolor
Bill David



BLUE RIBBON
Stenosarcos Vanguard
'Tropical Treasure'
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
Smbc. Dulatiaca
'Lava flow'
Lynn Molitor

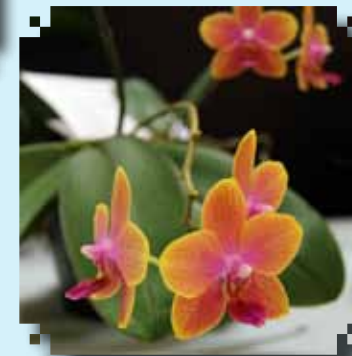


BLUE RIBBON
Phal. Manii BLACK
Joan Viggiani



BLUE RIBBON
Onc. Bllr Big Shot
'Hilo Sparkle'
Tracy Moulton

BLUE RIBBON
Phal. Brother Sara
'Gold'
Jeff Tucker



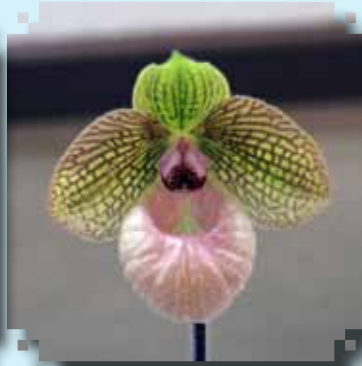
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BLUE RIBBON
Phal. Chain Xen Queen
Mary Lee Tabelaing



BLUE RIBBON
LC Melody Fair LC Stephen
Oliver Fouraker x
C. Horace
PhyllisDurst



BLUE RIBBON
Paph. Fanaticum
Maliopense x Armeniacum
Joan Viggiani



BLUE RIBBON
Paph. Unknown
Phyllis Durst



RED RIBBON
Dtps Lucy Margaret
'All Smiles'
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
Den. Farmeri
Lori Parish



BLUE RIBBON
Phal. Chain Xen Queen
Mary Lee Tabelaing



RED RIBBON
Cat. Iwan Apple Blossom
Golden Elf
Dot McCrain



RED RIBBON
Den. Hagoromo
Tracy Moulton



RED RIBBON
Den. Spring Dream
Helene Albee



RED RIBBON
Den. White Grace
Phyllis Durst

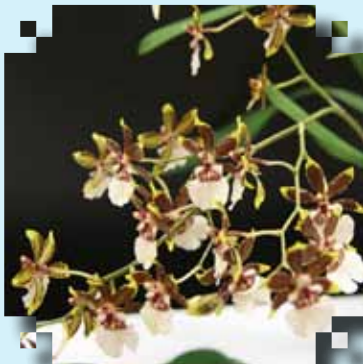


RED RIBBON
Phal Cap's Delight
Karen Reynoldson

**We Had so many beautiful orchids
in March that we couldn't even fit
them on 2 pages!**

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.

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RED RIBBON
Onc. Jungle Monarch
Lynn Molitor

With so many great show table orchids, Tony had a rough time narrowing down the winners!



YELLOW RIBBON
Onc. Jungle Monarch
Lynn Molitor



RED RIBBON
Vf. White Cream
Phyllis Durst



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THE POS BOARD?

Our elections are in June. If you would like to serve on the board Please contact Lorna Diaz at email: lorna.realator@yahoo.com.

HOSPITALITY

THANKS to the members who brought snacks the March meeting!

Elise Chapman - King Cake, Judy Revier, Natalie Nowicki - Starbucks Coffee & Pastries, Karen Reynoldson - Donuts, Alma Woodrow - Chocolate Cake, Christine Williams - Carrot Nutbread. Remember, we love the treats you bring (which are not just limited to sweets) but:

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE SHEET SO WE AN THANK YOU IN MAY!

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

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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FLORIDA NATIVE ORCHIDS

Rose discussed the great article in the Sun Sentinel about Fairchild Tropical Gardens efforts to reintroduce our native Florida orchids into our local communities.



OUR APRIL SPEAKER Carol Holdren Ten Orchids You Should Own 2014

Carol Holdren is a long time orchid lover with a history of willing participation in the affairs and activities of orchid societies.

She was Director of Personnel at an independent supermarket chain before moving from Indiana to Florida in 1984. She finished her BS in Business at Florida Atlantic University when she wasn't fishing or boating with her husband John

She bought a purple Vanda at a local botanical garden show and the seed was planted. That plant led to several others as well as membership and participation in the local orchid society. As her collection grew she and some of her orchid friends took a class in Orchidology at the University of Florida.

Carol also began attending the West Palm Beach Judging Center and became an accredited judge in 2003. She was Trustee of the American Orchid Society. She is presently Vice-Chair of the West Palm Beach Judging Center. Carol is also a director of the International Orchid Foundation.

A knowledgeable and astute judge of orchids, Carol will be speaking on "Ten Orchids You Should Own", a program that evolved from discussions with orchid professionals and hobbyists. There will be something for new growers as well as long time hobbyists so we hope to see you there.

2014 CALENDAR

April 8th Meeting = Carol Holden, an AOS judge will be the speaker. She will talk on the 10 orchids to have in your collection.

May 6th Meeting will be a workshop involving our members to acquaint or reacquaint the members of the various orchid varieties. We will have stations set up around the room allowing 10 minutes at each ringing a bell when time is up.

June 2nd Meeting is our annual anniversary, potluck party, photo contest and elections.

July 1st Meeting - to be announced

August 5th Meeting - to be announced

September 2nd Meeting - to be announced

October 7th Meeting - Annual Auction

Nov. 4th Meeting - Location to be announce

December Meeting - Annual Holiday Party



March Program was presented by Anthony Spatola

by Mary Lee Tabelaing

A very interesting program on defasking was presented by our own member Anthony Spatola. Anthony learned this skill from one of our past presidents and growers, Diane Davis. He claims this is one of the best ways to grow orchids, since in the flask they are germ free and pristine. As they grow, they will best adapt themselves to your own growing conditions. A flask containing 20 to 30 small plants can be purchased for around \$20. It's an economical way to obtain a lot of orchids. He purchases some of his flasks from Carmela Orchids. Anthony can bring these plants to blooming maturity in about 4 years.

He stressed keeping everything sterile as you defask. The flasks are placed in tepid water to soften the jelly like agar in the bottle. Wearing gloves on his hands, he breaks the glass and carefully remove the tiny plants. He then gently separates the plants and removes the jelly from the roots by washing them in a pan filled with a 1/4 solution of Captan fungicide and a pinch of fertilizer. He uses community trays for the tiny orchids, placing about 4-5 plants in each tray. The trays he uses are the disposable plastic Glad containers from the grocery. Damp Sphagnum moss which has previously been boiled is placed around the delicate roots in each tray. He stressed that the stems or bulbs should not be buried and care taken, not to bend or break the roots. Any plants that look dark or sick should not be used. The tray is placed inside a large (3 gal) zip lock bag which has had a little water spritzed into it for humidity. He then simply closes the bag and places it in a bright shady place for a couple of weeks. He checks his little terrarium to be sure that there are water droplets in the bag for humidity. If water needs to be added, it must be sprayed into the bag, not on the plants. After a couple of weeks, he opens the bag to allow air movement. Slowly he moves the bag to brighter light to acclimate them. At this stage they cannot handle direct sun. Light will harden the plants, and in about 20 weeks the plants are big enough to be replanted or mounted on wood or cork.



CURRENT EVENTS

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society 24th Annual Auction

Monday April 14th

Preview at 7:00 p.m. Auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

Taft St Baptist Church 7241 Taft Street, Hollywood, FL

Cash, Checks & credit cards accepted. www.flamingogardensorchidsociety.com

Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Expo & Sale

Volunteer for Friday, April 18 and setup Saturday, April 19.

April 19 & 20, 2014 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330

For more information call: 954-473-2955 or visit their website.

Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 27, 2014 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

More Info: 561-233-1757 or visit their website

Orchids in the Park

May 24 – 25, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dante Fascell Park in South Miami 8600 SW 57th Ave (Red Road)

OrchidMania's 16th Annual Orchids in the Park fundraiser to benefit Project Cradle, a program at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Department of Pediatric Infectious Disease and Immunology, that provides assistance to children and young adults living with HIV/AIDS. You can make a tax deductible donation during your visit and enjoy all the beautiful plants, while helping a worthy cause.

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AUCTION**

MONDAY, APRIL 14th

Preview 7:00 p.m.

Auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

Taft Street Baptist Church
7241 Taft Street, Hollywood, FL

Refreshments

Bring your Cash, Checks, & Credit Cards, all are gladly accepted

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