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Setup/Social 6:45 – 7:00 p.m.
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*Happy
Valentine's Day*



From the President

Dear POS Members and friends,

We want to thank our January speaker Tom Kuligowski for shedding "light" on the obscure subject; the importance lighting has on our orchids and how to measure it. Both novice and experts alike were enlightened.

Our February speaker is Anthony Millet, the Orchid breeder at the Bonnet house. We always appreciate the quality of speakers that we have access to.

I hope everyone was able to make it to the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society show. Thanks to our show committee who took the time to put together such a beautiful tabletop display last weekend. We are very proud of the great job done by Karen Reynoldson, Phyllis Durst, Elise Chapman, Tony & Marianna Spatola, Tony Blanc and Mary Lee Tabelaing in setting up the beautiful society display for our club. Thanks to their efforts, we were able to take a Third Place Ribbon for a society display in the competition. Thanks also to the members who lent us their beautiful orchids.

Congratulations to Lori Parish, for the 2 Blue Ribbons awarded to her orchids at the Ft. Lauderdale Show. Additional congratulations to Sue Dohn for her Blue Ribbon and her Red Ribbon. A special congratulations to Tony Blanc for his work on Red Hawk Nursery's large display which won a Blue Ribbon for the Most Artistic Display.

Remember involvement and participation are what make the Plantation Orchid Society so special. Don't be shy... join in and get to know your fellow members.

See you at the meeting.

Rose Maytin,
President



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the Plantation
Orchid Society
on Facebook**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JANUARY RIBBON WINNERS!

WOW! wonderful array of orchids grown by our talented members.



BLUE RIBBON
Blc. Sanyung Ruby x
Blc. Sunset Bay
Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON
Blc. Booth Lee 'Venice'
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
Cat. NOID
Lenide Pierre Antione



BLUE RIBBON
Den. Tropic Blue
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
Cat. 'Rose Quinn'
Bev Warde



BLUE RIBBON
Cat. Warpaint
Lynn Molitor



BLUE RIBBON
Onc. Dancing Lady
Helene Albee



BLUE RIBBON
V. Margaret Mabbs
'Pink Cloud'
V. Merv. L. Velthuis x V. Saladeng
Mary Lee Tabeling



BLUE RIBBON
Paph. spicerianum
Sue Dohn 1st bloom

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BLUE RIBBON
Rlc. Mikki Nagata
'Sunbulb'
Jeff Tucker



GREEN RIBBON
Onc. 'Twinkle'
Sue Dohn



RED RIBBON
BLc. Burdekin Wonder
'Lakeland' Am/Aos
Joanne Buckley



RED RIBBON
Cat. NOID
Tom Van Strander



RED RIBBON
Cat. NOID
Tom Van Strander



RED RIBBON
Den. Thongchai Gold
Karen Reynoldson



RED RIBBON
Eplc Volcano Trick
'Paradise'
Tom Van Strander



RED RIBBON
Lc. Persepolis
'Splendor' 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.

HOSPITALITY

THANKS to the members who brought snacks to the meeting!

Elise Chapman - Sausage Cheese Biscuits, Karen Reynoldson - Hummus and Chips, Sandy Sproul - Lemon Pound Cake, Gigi Louis - Macaroons, Jdeane Louis - Cheese and Crackers, Terry Volnik - Ruggler, Dave & Janet Jewell - Chips and Dip, Suzie Bleus - Taffy, Stacy Russell - Panettone Bread Pudding, Jill Greenbaum - Brownies, Elenor Schlau Buttercake and Cherries.

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



OUR FEBRUARY SPEAKER Tony Millet “The Benefits of Hybridizing”

Our speaker for February is Tony Millet, the resident expert in hybridizing at the Bonnet House. Tony is a Orchid grower, hybridizer, speaker, who does his own flasking, replating, mericlone and other in-vitro work. He has been growing orchids for 30 years and hybridizing for 20 years. He really enjoys making hybrids using hard to find, rare or different color forms of species.

Tony recently moved to Florida from New York where he was growing and breeding plants that were cool to intermediate, dendrobium, masdevallia, some cool growing encyclias and sophronitis.

Presently Tony has been breeding intermediate to warm cattleya alliance hybrids, while using color forms than other than the typical lavenders and purples He has twice been awarded AM/AOS on 2 species and to date about

30 RHS registered hybrids. Tony is a volunteer hybridizer and seedling grower at the Bonnet House in Fort Lauderdale Florida. He is the past president and editor of the Suffolk Orchid Society of Long Island NY.

Tony will be speaking on the benefits of hybridizing and growing from seed. He will be giving us some of his tips and growing advice. There will be some show and tell involving plant pollinia, plants in pod, protocorm formation in flask and early potting out of flask to near blooming size plants. Join us for this informative meeting and Let's have some fun. Tony can be reached at TELE: 954 531-2079 or e-mail axxmillet@gmail.com

POS 2015 CALENDAR

February 3

Tony Millet
Benefits of Hybridizing

March 3

Carol De Biase
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

**Orchid
SHOW & SALE**

February 14-15
10am-5pm

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Many Thanks to Karen Reynoldson, Phyllis Durst, Elise Chapman, Mary Lee Tabelaing, Anthony & Marianna Spatola, Tony Blanc and Rose Maytin for their hard work in setting up and taking down the display. Thanks to all the members who donated plants. It's a lot of work but well worth it.



Congratulations to two of our POS members,

who won ribbons for their plants at the Fort Lauderdale show. Lori Parish won a Blue Ribbon for her *Angraecum Cornell var. superbum*. Lori also won a Blue Ribbon and an AOS Award of Merit with a score of 83 for her *Ctt. Siamese Doll*. Sue Dohn won a Blue Ribbon for her *C. trianae*. Sue also won a Red Ribbon for her *Onc. Twinkle*

Congratulations to POS Board Member

, Tony Blanc, for his work on Red Hawk Nursery's large display which won a Blue Ribbon for most artistic display at the Fort Lauderdale show.



January Program Was Presented by Tom Kuligowski

Our January speaker was Tom Kuligowski who has been growing orchids for a little over twenty years. Like so many hobbyists, he started with one plant. Six months later, he had 83 growing on a third story balcony in a condominium. Over the last thirteen years, he has concentrated on the Angraecoid genera.

We are all aware of the variables when it comes to orchid culture. Water, how much? Medium, what size and type? Fertilizers, fungicides, insecticides and yes LIGHT. Being a professional photographer made Tom start thinking about how he could explain and demonstrate to the average person on how to evaluate LIGHT. Light has everything to do with how well our orchids will grow and bloom. Tom explained that orchid light falls into three categories Vandaceous, Cattleya, and Phalaenopsis light. Understanding it, working with it and taking advantage of it as a photographer isn't really any different than as an orchid grower. Light can be your best friend or your worst enemy. The position of the sun and it's shadows are constantly changing with the seasons.

Dec. 21st the sun is at a 40 degree angle, on Sept 21 and Mar. 21st the sun is at a 64 degree angle, while on June 21st the sun is almost directly overhead.

Grab a cup of coffee and walk around your garden. The shadows will tell you what kind of light you have. Hold your hand 12 inches above a white piece of paper. A hard line and a clear dark shadow, is Vandaceous lighting or lighting greater than 5000 foot candles. Cattleya light fades the shadow and no clear line along the shadow edge exists, Cattleya light is 2000 foot candles or brighter. Little or no shadow appears on the white paper in Phalaenopsis light, 475 foot candles.

How can we control the variable of light? First look to mother nature. In nature you have actual light, which is light from a direct source such as sunlight or artificial light. Spackled light is light that is interrupted before reaching plants such as from moving palm fronds or tree branches. Shaded light is residual light in a covered area which exists due to surroundings.

Lattice gives about 32% light. Some Cattleya, and Brassavola can tolerate 30% shade cloth and most tolerate the mid range weave density. Shade cloth is an excellent tool for controlling light in our grow houses. Tom recommends using aluminet shade cloth. The high-tech cloth reflects light during the summer keeping plants cooler and absorbs light during winter keeping plants warmer. Consider 70% and up to 50% layered over 50% as appropriate cover for Phalaenopsis, Liparis, Bulbophyllums, Angrecums and Aerangis. Vandas and Dendrobiums prefer 5000 up to 8000 foot candles, so a low weave count of 30% is recommended. As we near the winter solstice, take a moment to: read the shadows amongst your orchid collections, and informally or formally measure the light intensity. Observe the sunlight throughout the year and change lighting to meet our orchids needs. Planning for how the light changes in your collect during the year can mean the difference between raising robust orchids and orchids that just barely get by. Light means everything.

Tom's blog on Angraecums is <http://angraecums.blogspot.com>



CURRENT EVENTS

Mounts Botanical Garden Party & Spice Orchid Extravaganza and Herbal Sensation

February 7, 2015 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. & February 8, 2015 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

531 North Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Admission: Members \$5; Non-members \$10 (561) 233-1757

Boca Raton Orchid Society Show

Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15, 2015 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Department of Safe Schools Institute

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Admission \$5.00. For more info, www.brosonline.org

Flamingo Gardens Garden Festival & Bonsai Show

February 22 & 23, 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.

West Palm Beach Judging Center of AOS meets at Flamingo Gardens

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

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.

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

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