



The Plantation Orchid Society

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Tuesday Feb. 7, 2017

Setup/Social 6:45 – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting starts promptly at
7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

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Happy Valentine's Day



From the President

Dear POS Members and Friends:

Thank you Sue Dohn and Tony Millet for a great start to the year. The workshop gave our members so many new ideas on repotting, removing kiki's from vandas, how to wire roots on orchids to secure them, how to purchase potting mediums and how to keep your orchid healthy. I know many of our members were out of town and missed the presentation. No worries. Go to our Plantation Orchid Society Facebook page and watch the presentation on live video.

Our February 7th speaker will be Mac Rivenbark from Mac's Orchids. Mac is our local grower with many years experience and many show awards. He will be speaking on Exotic Dendrobiums and will have plants for purchase.

What an exceptional beginning to the new year. I am proud to announce our First Place Blue Ribbon for the Society Floor Display at The Tamiami Orchid Festival. We also went on to win the First Place Blue Ribbon for Society Class Table Top Display titled "Starry Starry Night," Blue Ribbon Best Orange and Red Cattleya and Most Artistic show display overall at the Ft. Lauderdale's "Galaxy of Orchids." All this would not have been possible without our volunteers that worked so hard but a very special thanks goes out to Peg Geria our Artistic Designer and Phyllis Durst whom appropriated plants for both venues. They did an amazing job for the club.

Thank you and see you at the meeting.

Rose M. Maytin
President



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the Plantation
Orchid Society
on Facebook**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JANUARY RIBBON WINNERS!



YELLOW RIBBON
V. Aranda Prapin Spot
Ernest Rose



YELLOW/BLUE RIBBON
C. War Paint
Lynn Molitor



BLUE RIBBON
C. Dinard 'Blue Heaven'
Peggy Geria



BLUE RIBBON
Cpt. Sydney Smith 'Green
Monkey' AM/AOS
Tom & Barbara Van Strander



BLUE RIBBON
Catt. Lueddemaniana 'JimElmore' AMA/OS
x Catt. Lueddemaniana
'Arthur Chadwick' HC/AOS
PhyllisDurst



RED RIBBON
C. Mikki Nagata 'sunbulb'
Jeff Tucker



RED RIBBON
Trt. Ollie Palmer
Tom & Barbara Van Strander



RED RIBBON
Blc. Young Kong 'Sun No. 16'
Phyllis Durst

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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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WOW! THE POS KNOCKED IT OUT OF THIS WORLD AT THE FT. LAUDERDALE ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW WITH OUR EXHIBIT "STARRY STARRY NIGHT"!



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**CONGRATULATIONS
Karen Reynoldson
On Your Blue Ribbon!**

GREAT WORK TEAM!



Congratulations to the team who worked on the FLOS Show. Jeff Tucker, Rose Maytin, Elise Chapman, Karen Reynoldson, Phyllis Durst, Peg Geria, Bob Beckoff, Paul Gebrian, and Bev Warde.

These shows are so much fun to work on. You get to see all the exhibitors setting up and there is so much excitement. Another plus is that you get a chance to scope out the orchids before the general public! Next time volunteer!



February Program Presented by Mac Rivenbark from Mac's Orchids

Mac Rivenbark from Mac's Orchids will be presenting during our February meeting on Dendrobiums. Mac and his Filipina wife started an orchid business over 15 years ago after many fascinating trips to the Philippines. With extensive study Mac is becoming an expert in Philippine species and other Asian species and currently grows and blooms over 300 different types.

Mac has served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was the past president of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and enjoys giving lectures and educating others about or-

chids. Come see and hear this exciting and interesting lecture.

Mac's presentation will consist of a short introduction, followed by a digital slide show. The topic will be 'Growing Dendrobium'. At the end of the program culture tips and Q and A will also be included in this mini class.

His talks are always informative and entertaining and we are glad to welcome him back.

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FIRST PLACE BLUE RIBBON FOR THE SOCIETY FLOOR DISPLAY AT THE TAMiami INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL

Congratulations To Our Team Who Set Up The Pos Floor Display Exhibit

Peg Geria, Phyllis Durst, Gigi Louis, Jeff Tucker, Francisco Lambert, Paul Gebrian, Bob Beckoff and Rose Maytin.



POS 2017 CALENDAR

February 7

Mac Orchids
Topic Dendrobiums

March 7

Bill Thoms,
Topic
Bulbophylliums

April 4

Steve Arthur,
Topic - Species Or-
chids

May 2

Tony Millet
Topic
Hybridizing "How are
orchids born?"

June 6

Membership and Pot
Luck

July 4

No Meeting

August 1

Movie and popcorn
night TBD

September 5

Brian Monk
Topic
Warm Growing
Cymbidiums

October 3

POS Auction

November

TBA

December

Annual Holiday Party

HOSPITALITY

THANKS to all the members who brought
snacks the January meeting!

Marissa Gittelman - Cheese Tray, Sallie Sher-
wood - Pie Crust Stromboli, Angela Puca -
Chocolate Covered Mint Cookies, Elise Chap-
man - Biscotti, Candy, Egg Nog, Leslie Dengler
- Mushrooms, Orpha Hirst - Half and Half.

OUR JANUARY PROGRAM “Repotting Demo” was Presented by Sue Dohn & Tony Millet



Our January program was enthusiastically given by our own Sue Dohn and Tony Millet, curator of the Bonnet House. Sue began the program by showing us how to remove a vanda kiki from the mother plant which was a huge tessellata Mimi Palmer cross. Sue explained that there should be several good strong healthy roots on the kiki before removing it. She stressed that the tools used should be sterilized before cutting the plant. She prefers using fresh razor blades, which don't need to be sterilized. She does keep her cutting scissors in a jar of tsp which is a sterilizing medium. On areas of the plant that were cut, she uses a paint brush dipped in cinnamon to cover the wound. She doesn't water for a day, to let the cinnamon seal over. She attached the kiki to a wire that had a little loop crimped at the bottom to sit the kiki in. She used zip ties to firmly attach the plant to the wire. She then bent the top of the wire into a hook for hanging and labeled the plant. Always use a pencil to write on the plastic tags since the pencil won't fade. Vandas should be grown in bright light and watered every day.

Tony followed, by demonstrating how to plant an orchid with very little roots. Orchids do not like to move in their pot and therefore must be securely fastened. He used thin wire to wrap around the body of the plant and extended the wires downward through the holes in the pot. He made sure the plant would sit at the proper depth in the pot before filling the pot with his medium. He planted this particular plant at the lip. He measured the medium he uses by placing it in a pot the same size as the one that is being planted. His mix consisted of tree fern, sphagnum moss, aliflor and sponge rock. He buys the medium in the largest sizes and breaks it down to the size needed for the plant. Root size determines the size of the medium used. For large roots use large medium and for small roots use small medium. He puts the measured medium in a plastic zip lock bag and mixes it all in. He then adds a half a cup of water to the bag and microwaves it for 3 minutes to sterilize the medium and evenly hydrate the medium. Sometimes he uses onion bags secured with rubber bands over the top of the medium in the pot to keep the media from falling out.

Sue, then demonstrated repotting a phalaenopsis. She pulled the overgrown plant out of its pot removing all the old medium and trimmed all the bad rotted roots. She again stressed the importance of sterilizing the tools. She said not to worry about breaking the roots when putting in the new pot. She used a couple of Styrofoam peanuts in the bottom of the pot followed by some charcoal to sweeten the mix. For



the medium, she mixed Chilean sphagnum, (she prefers New Zealand sphagnum but it is expensive) sponge rock, charcoal and some very fine bark for the phalaenopsis, pushing the mix firmly down into the pot wedging it in very tightly. Sue likes to add the date a plant bloomed to the tag so she can anticipate when it will bloom again. She also mentioned that dendrobiums like grow tight in a very small pot.

Tony uses foil tape to mark the name of the plant. The foil will indent when you write on it. He demonstrated a real quick mounting using an oak branch and some rubber bands. In a couple of minutes he was done. He

talked about pathogens traveling through the tissues of the plants recommending his favorite sprays, Ortho Rose and Flower Insect & Disease Control, and Rose Pride Disease Control. Tony only sprays his orchids when he sees a problem.

All in all, it was a very informative and lively demonstration.

CURRENT EVENTS

American Orchid Society Judging Educational Presentation

February 25th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Visit www.wpbjudging.org for plant entry procedures and more information
West Palm Beach Judging Center at Flamingo Gardens

Contact Carol Holdren at (561) 212-4876 or email cjholdren@gmail.com for more information.

11th Annual International Orchid Festival Fairchild International Orchid Show,

March 10-11-12, 2017 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

One of the bigger shows on the beautiful grounds of the Fairchild Botanical Gardens. For three days, guests can immerse themselves in a tropical landscape brimming with orchids. Browse more than 10,000 orchid plants on sale from international vendors and learn how to care for them at the gardening workshops and lectures. Travel through the Rainforest to see where orchids originate from and how they grow. Enjoy delicious teas and savory snacks at the Orchid Tea Room, open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. For a truly spectacular sight, visit the Garden House and marvel at the orchid displays presented by the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and juried by the American Orchid Society. Children can learn about how vanilla is made from vanilla orchids at the fun and educational FOrKids section. The Garden House Lawn will be filled with food vendors and live music.

People & Places

Plantation Orchid Society readies for new year

BY JUNETTE REYES
Staff writer

With 2017 just around the corner, folks will soon be listing out their New Year's resolutions to welcome in a fresh and improved beginning.

The Plantation Orchid Society is planning to do just that with the hopes of inviting new members to join them and put their green thumbs to the test.

"You have to have a love of plants to start out with because some people could care less about gardening. They're more inside people. I'm more of an outside person," said Phyllis Durst, a member and trustee of the society. "I love being outside with the plants and just watching them grow."

Established in 1968, the society has been a beacon of orchid education for hobbyists and competitive growers alike given the plant's diversity.

"When people see them in grocery stores and stuff, they don't realize what it takes to grow them sometimes. I've learned a new respect on how to take care of them," said Rose Maytin, president of the Plantation Orchid Society.

The orchid, its scientific name being *orchidaceae*, is known to be a family of flowering plants with an increasing number of species. It is estimated that over



JUNETTE REYES/STAFF

The cattleya orchid is one of many species on display at the Plantation Orchid Society.

20,000 species have been identified.

"It's hard to pick up on everything, but when you find your niche, it's very gratifying to be able to grow and flower something," said Maytin.

The local orchid society operates under the American Orchid Society, the highest level at which competitive growers can have their orchids judged for prestigious awards. At the club level, the Plantation society holds its own competitions and participates in neighboring shows.

The society ultimately functions as a means to educate and inform people on how to grow and care for the plant.

"From people who have two plants and just want to know how to take care of them to people that have

AOS-awarded plants, it's something for everybody," said Maytin.

Their meetings, which take place on the first Tuesday of every month, serve to discuss different topics with guest speakers, ranging from the proper care and maintenance of the orchid to cross breeding.

While the meetings are free and open to the public, becoming a member of the society requires an annual fee of \$25. The society currently has about 100 members.

"I just would like to see us expand and have new members and just keep going from here," said Durst.

Those interested in joining can visit PlantationOrchidSociety.org for more information.

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Another nice article about the Plantation Orchid Society that appeared in the SunSentinel

We would like to thank Angela Puca for all her efforts in getting publicity for the Plantation Orchid Society. Growing the Society gives us the ability to do so much more.

Great job Angela!

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