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Meeting 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

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From the President

Dear POS Members:

Thank you Tom and Sandy, from Broward Orchid Supply, for giving us tips on preparing our orchids for the rainy season and re-potting.

This month, on August 7th, we have Jason Griffin from Indian River Orchids, traveling from Vero Beach to talk to us. Besides his own vast collection, Jason and Wendy purchased the renowned Stewart's Orchids and acquired numerous awarded original Cattleya species/hybrids, many of which only exist in private collections. Jason has provided a list for purchase. Please contact him promptly if you are interested in purchasing some of these very special species. The list is saved as a .pdf file and attached to this e-mail for your convenience.

Remember that our Auction/Fund-raiser is coming up in October. We are asking all our members to look over your collection and donate a couple of extra plants or divisions for our auction. ALL proceeds are to pay for our club functions. Also attached to this e-mail is another file called "Auction flyer.pdf." PLEASE print up copies of the flyer and be sure to leave a flyer for the Plantation Orchid Society Auction EVERYWHERE YOU GO. We really must have a big turnout for this to be successful. Everyone, meaning our members and our members friends and family, needs to help us get the word out to the community. We will definitely be needing some volunteers to make this happen.

Sincerely,
Rose Maytin,
President



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the Plantation
Orchid Society
on Facebook**





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JULY RIBBON WINNERS!

GREEN

Joanne Buckley with her first ribbon winning show plant!

Blc. Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelight'

BLUE Carole Schwimmer

Blc. Lime Cooler 'Krull Smith' HCC/AOS



BLUE Phyllis Durst

Blc. Willette Wong 'The Best' AM/AOS



GREEN Karen Reynoldson

Blc. Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelight'

Blue	Blc, Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua'	Jeff Tucker
Blue	Blc. Willette Wong 'The Best' AM/AOS	Phyllis Durst
Blue	Blc. Lime Cooler 'Krull Smith' HCC/AOS	Carole Schwimmer
Blue	Vanda Roberts Delight	Tony Blanc
Blue	Leptotes Bicolor- (Species)	Linda Stewart
Blue	Rhynocentrum Ladda Gold	Jeff Tucker
Green	Blc. Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelight'	Karen Reynoldson
Green	Blc. Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelight'	Joanne Buckley
Red	Epi. Oerstedii	Phyllis Durst
Red	Epi. Oerstedii	Bill David
Red	C. Schroderae alba	Bill David
Red	Ascofinetia (Neo. Falcata x Asconcentrum miniatum)	Linda Stewart
Red	Blc. Apache Sunrise 'Jason'	Tony Blanc
Hon. men.	Blc. Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelight'	Phyllis Durst
Hon. men.	Blc. Golden Glory	Phyllis Durst
Hon. men.	Blc. Yellow Bird	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 SPEAKER THIS MONTH IS JASON GRIFFIN OF INDIAN RIVER ORCHIDS



Jason and his wife Wendy began growing orchids as a hobby many years ago, but quickly discovered the orchid's capacity to completely conquer one's life. It got to the point, as he says, "when you are looking at hundreds of plants that need re-potting, it begins to be more than just a hobby." Their obsession led to the purchase of an old greenhouse and relocation to Vero Beach, Florida where as he declares, "It took us exactly one year to fill 4,250 sq. ft. of greenhouse." Like most of us, they soon began selling plants to support their orchid habit. Starting with a small cardboard sign and opening their greenhouse on weekends, this soon evolved to Wendy manning their greenhouse operations full time. Their success snowballed when they were invited to their first show in 2004. This was not just any show, but The Miami International Orchid Show. Wendy exclaims, "...WOW... Was that ever great!"

As a grower in Florida the conditions are excellent for the vital ingredients for growing healthy and award winning plants, namely, lots of light and long days in summer and mild temperatures in winter. However, Florida comes with its own horrible risks, and in 2004 Hurricane Frances destroyed both their home and their greenhouse. Driven by determination and a love of orchids, Jason and Wendy rebuilt their greenhouse from the ground up with the technical support of Jadeloon. They erected 3 Jadeloon Classic greenhouses 24' W x 144' L with Rollup sidewalls, Roof Vents and an interior Jadershade system. This is an almost perfect setup in which to grow their selections of Vandas, Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, and Phalaenopsis. This was completed just in time for the Hurricane season of 2005 and their new greenhouse was soon put to the test by Hurricane Wilma. The weather station recorded winds up to 120 mph for over 4 hours and Jason and Wendy spent that time in the greenhouse during the storm. They were amazed "we did not even loose any plastic"-Jason Griffin. In 2006, they established their own lab for seed and tissue culture propagation, which allows Indian River to be at the front line of hybridizing.

In 2007 they purchased Stewart's Orchids from Mississippi. Stewart's was a renowned nursery with numerous awarded original Cattleya species, many of which only exist in private collections. Jason was able to get the cream of the crop in his purchase and today boasts of an outstanding collection of highly reputed Cattleyas. He is always sought after in local shows for divisions of these orchids.

Indian River is a regular exhibitor and vendor at South Florida Orchid shows and Jason will often spend a lot of time discussing orchids and their requirements with the public.

Jason will be discussing Cattleyas and Schomburkias and mounting orchids in the natural way.

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A FEW JULY HIGHLIGHTS



HOSPITALITY

Thanks to everyone who brought food to the July meeting. Salsa/chips - Dave Jewell, Chicken salad and buns - Jill Greenbaum, Soft drinks and candy - Judy Revier, Hummus and dip - Elise Chapman. Remember, we always love the treats you bring but:

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE SHEET SO WE CAN THANK YOU IN SEPTEMBER.
Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Judy Revier.

The Plantation Orchid Society



THE POS NEEDS YOUR EXTRA PLANTS!

Now is the time for all good members to get those gardening gloves out, clean out your leftover pots and divide your plants! We must raise funds to pay for our wonderful speakers, meeting room rentals, along with non-profit and bank fees and other miscellaneous. The club needs your extra plants to auction at the October meeting. Please help us out and share!



UPCOMING POS CALENDAR

- August: Jason Griffin of Indian River Orchids
- September: Speaker to be announced
- October: Plantation Orchid Society Annual Auction
- November: Ramble
- December: Annual holiday party

BRING IN A RECIPE FOR THE POS COOKBOOK

Everyone really enjoyed the great dishes that were brought to the anniversary dinner. So many requests were made for the recipes that we have decided to try and make a cookbook. We are asking you to bring your recipe for the dish you brought to the meeting and we will try to assemble a POS cookbook for us all to enjoy.

(You can also e-mail the recipe to posorchids@gmail.com)



POS WILL BE FIFTY!

The 50th Anniversary of the Plantation Orchid Society is in 2018. Rose is in the process of preparing memorabilia for POS in the way of photos, banners, awards. Etc. If you know anyone that knows someone that has anything to contribute please call Rose at 954-401-3171 or e-mail posorchids@gmail.com



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.



Volunteers are needed to help with the October Auction. Please contact Rose if you are willing to help us out!



PLANTATION ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012

**PREVIEW STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.
AUCTION STARTS PROMPTLY AT 7:15 P.M.
Cash, Checks & Credit Cards Accepted**

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**UP FOR AUCTION WILL BE MANY BEAUTIFUL ORCHIDS FROM BOTH LOCAL AND HAWAIIAN GROWERS
PLEASE BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

OUR JULY SPEAKERS Tom Wells & Sandi Jones from Broward Orchid Supply



Our speaker, Tom Wells of Broward Orchid Supply, recently spoke to us about general orchid care and re-potting. He stressed the importance of keeping growing areas and pots clean. Remove all debris and dead leaves as they are the most common places to harbor insects and snails. Tom suggested using Sluggo, a



snail bait that's safe for pets, especially now during the rainy season when snails abound. One or two pellets in the pot is enough as it attracts snails. Thrips are thriving right now, too. They like to come out at night and look for the softest tips. Look for dark rings on your Vanda roots---that means thrips. Orthene is the best chemical to control thrips. Scale are going crazy now in the heat and humid conditions and are often hidden so they do their damage before you see it. They need to be sprayed 3 weeks in a row. Spider mites are active and produce a silvery texture to the leaves. They are best controlled with Permathal and Meritt.

The rainy season forces us to be on the look out for soft rot, especially on the new growths. One must be vigilant to inspect their plants often as it spreads quickly and then cut off the diseased parts and treat the cut with hydrogen peroxide. Soft rot is best controlled with Dithane at 1 _ table-spoons per gallon.

Tom said that consistent feeding with the proper fertilizer really pays off with better blooms. When watering, be sure to water until the roots turn green---that means they're absorbing the water.

Tom stressed that having proper air movement for our plants is critical at this time of year both to prevent insect infestation and to help prevent fungus. This achieved by spacing and fans. It's best to start treating with fungicide before the rainy season starts. Tom recommends using a combination of Thiamyl (systemic) and Dithane (contact) which can be mixed together to best control this. Orthene is also compatible with these so all three can be mixed together. Tom warned us to use extreme caution, ie: mask, protective clothing and rubber gloves, when handling and spraying these toxic chemicals.

Tom's re-potting tips included making sure that you re-pot during the spring or summer so that the plant is in active growth and can recover. He recommends having a division contain at least 5 pseudobulbs to help ensure that the new plant is viable. Don't re-pot while a plant is in bloom—it will shock the plant. Make sure you remove the old sheaths as they are a favorite hiding place for insects. He recommends spraying the whole plant with alcohol to seal any injuries and treat with cinnamon on the big cuts. Never "overpot" a plant as it may not be able to dry out enough between waterings. Tom can be reached at 954-925-2021 or browardorchidsupply@comcast.net.



Sandi Jones
Tom Wells

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