



# *The Plantation Orchid Society*

An affiliate of the American Orchid Society

*March 6th, 2018*

**Tuesday March 6, 2018**

**Setup/Social 6:45 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting starts promptly at**

**7:15 – 9:00 p.m.**

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## *From the President*

Dear POS Members and Friends:

Thank you to our very own local grower Dan Christensen from Dan and Margie's orchids on his presentation on how to grow and groom Vanda's. From the reaction of our audience it seemed that they learned a lot since Vanda's are a cultivators mystery.

Our March 6<sup>th</sup> speaker is Tomas Bajza who has been making the circuit speaking on Mini's. Speakers that speak on Mini's are few and far between. We are very fortunate to have him.

Thank you to Peg Geria for taking on the task of newsletter editor. Everyone is looking forward to working with you.

Congratulations to Francisco Lambert and Paul Gerbrian on their AOS award from the Ft. Lauderdale show.

This June is POS election year, Photo contest, pot luck, membership registration and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please volunteer and participate. Our club is only as good as our active members.

See you at the next meeting

Rose Maytin  
President



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

**Please welcome our newest members**

**Maureen Knupp  
Susan Meyer  
Karen Zann**

**... and our guests on 2/6/18**

**Anne Marie Miles  
Sophie Thomann**

## Congratulations to our January ribbon winners



**Blue Ribbon**

C. Okinawan Rock x E. Lorraine Smith

**Tom & Barb Van Strander**



**Blue Ribbon**

Den. Yong Kok Wah

**Karen Reynoldson**



**Blue Ribbon**

Den. Achilles

**Mireille Jeannopoulos**



**Blue Ribbon**

Paph. Mercatellii

**Marissa Gittelman**



**Blue Ribbon**

Ludisia discolor

**Anne Miles**



**Blue Ribbon**

V. (Kultana Gold Spot x Judy Astbury)

**Tom & Barb Van Strander**



**Blue Ribbon**

E. SunCoast Sunflares 'Paradise'

**Peggy Geria**

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.



**Red Ribbon**  
Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence'  
**Joanne Buckley**



**Red Ribbon**  
E. cordigera  
**Tom & Barb Van Strander**



**Cultural Award**  
Cattleya 'Aloha'  
**Lenide Pierre Antoine**

**OUR HAPPY RAFFLE WINNERS**



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## OUR MARCH 2018 SPEAKER

### TOMAS BAJZA PRESENTS MINIATURE ORCHIDS

Tomas is a dedicated orchid lover and addict specializing in miniatures.

Originally from the Czech Republic, he settled in Miami 15 years ago while in his teens. He began his collection with two Phalaenopsis and one Cymbidium plant from the local grocery store. Having neither the knowledge nor ability to research their care, he struggled to keep them alive. His mother managed to keep the Cymbidium alive through neglect and sheer luck which inspired him to try again once he settled in Miami.

Nine years ago he began growing orchids seriously, growing everything from Phalaenopsis to Cattleya's, quickly realizing that he was running out of space. Three years ago he discovered micro and miniature orchids and was able to collect hundreds of tiny species. Most of his collection is located on his apartment balcony in North Miami exposed to outdoor conditions year round.

Over the years he has become friends with many international orchid growers and nursery owners. Tomas has chosen over the last few years to purchase his plants from importers by preordering at orchid shows or having them delivered directly to his home. Although importing orchids can be risky he has enjoyed learning from his mistakes and has been rewarded with a gorgeous and unusual collection.

## HOSPITALITY

Elise Chapman-Cranberry Cake, Orpha Hirst-Half & Half creamer, Dip and Crackers, Angela Puca-Mandarin Orange Cake, Leslie Dengler-Cookies and Brownies, Terry Voynick-Angel Food Cake, Elda Scott- Cookies, Sally Sherwood-Meatballs and Shrimp, Michele Boland-Sodas, Lori Levy-Coconut Almonds, Suzie Bleus-Sandwich Ring, Lorraine Bertone-Cheese Platter.

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 CAN THANK YOU. IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Clemence Lorquet.

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## MORE HAPPY RAFFLE WINNERS



## POS 2018 CALENDAR

April 3rd: Gail Miller-Miller's Way orchids

May: TBA

June 5th: 50th Anniversary Potluck

## NOTEWORTHY

Would you like to serve on the Plantation Orchid Society Board or committee? Our elections are in June. Please nominate yourself or a friend to be on the board or serve on one of our committees. No experience necessary.

June is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Pot Luck, Photo Contest, and Elections. Get your recipe cards out and your camera. For members only: Two entries in 8 X10 per person of named orchids.



**Our February speaker was Dan Christensen from Dan and Margie Orchids who spoke on his specialty, vandas.**

**By Karen Reynoldson**

Dan explained that there are three types of Vanda's: strap-leaved, semi-terete and terete. The first type has broader, flat leaves, while terete types have round, pencil shaped leaves. Terete types need full sun and are best grown in a very high light area. In our climate we can grow any type of Vanda outside with partial shade for strap-leaved types and semi-teretes. Light is a crucial factor in blooming most Vanda's. As far as temperature goes, Dan said that Vanda's can withstand most of our cold spells for a short time as long as it's not windy. He said that he puts a plastic barrier on the north and west sides of his greenhouses when cold fronts come and recommends the same for us.

Vanda's should be watered well every other day according to Dan. He recommends just hanging them bare in plastic Vanda baskets, wooden baskets or on an S hook so the roots can dry out quickly after watering.

Dan showed us, with a few gasps from the audience, that we can trim off some of the long Vanda roots which are not necessary. Leaving a root system about 18 inches long is adequate. He also showed us how we can improve the looks of any "palm tree" Vanda's that have lost a lot of their bottom leaves. Just make sure that you leave 3 good roots and then trim off the rest. Always seal the cut off end of the stem with either cinnamon, Neosporin, or a fungicide paste like MD45. If the brown covering on the stem is removed, it may encourage keikis to grow. He said that the cut off bottom stock of the roots may even grow new leaves on the top if you keep it well watered.

Dan recommends fertilizing with a balanced fertilizer such as 20-20-20 on a regular basis and then apply a bloom booster (high phosphorus fertilizer) such as 10-30-20 every 4 months to promote flowering.

# SHOWS

## **11th Annual International Orchid Festival**

### **Fairchild International Orchid Show**

**March 9-10-11, 2018** 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 Or Kids section. The Garden House Lawn will be filled with food vendors and live music.

## **Garden Fest Plant Extravaganza at Volunteer Park**

12050 W Sunrise Blvd, Plantation, FL 33323

March 17th 9:00-5:00 March 18th 9:00-4:00

## **Orchid Mania**

March 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>

Jack Stroup Civic Center, Sebring Fl.

## **Flamingo Gardens Orchid-and Bromeliad Expo and Sale**

March 31<sup>st</sup>, thru April 1st 2018-9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **Sunrise Nature Center & Wildlife Hospital Orchid, Native & Garden Art Festival**

April 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8th 2018 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant**

April 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **Redland International Orchid Festival**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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