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TUESDAY, Apr. 3, 2012

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

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From the President

Dear POS Members:

Garden Fest was a HUGE success. We met so many wonderful and interesting people. Thanks Karen Spiotta and Phyllis Durst for the wonderful plant donations for sale. It really helped out our POS kitty. Thanks Phyllis, Elise and Gary Chapman, Sybil LeBlanc, Stacy Ann Russell, Cynthia Deming for manning the booth, recruiting new members and being so warm and friendly. Thanks John Budree for the show plant display. It attracted a lot of attention to our booth. Above all thanks to my husband, Orlando, for 48 hours of hard labor putting up tents, hauling chairs, coolers, heavy lifting and much, much more. All this would not have been possible without you.

Thanks to the Alex Lamazares the Orchid Doctor for showing us all how to re pot without setting ourselves on fire. Very useful advice and everyone had a great time. This month speakers will be our very local Dan and Margie Christensen from Dan and Margie's Orchids.

Our 44th Anniversary Dinner is coming up in June. We have a lot going on before the end of the year so please check out all the information in this newsletter.

See you at the meeting:

Rose M. Maytin

OUR CONDOLENCES

To Karen Reynoldson and Cynthia Deming who both suffered the loss of their fathers this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.

POS will be 50

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH RIBBON WINNERS!

Our March meeting was blessed with a stunning member table overflowing with great bloomers! Our apologies to the winners, however, since the editor was not able to obtain the list. We will document the March winners in our May Newsletter. This month we ask you to simply enjoy the photos.



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 APRIL SPEAKER Dan Christensen from Dan & Margie Orchids

Dan & Margie have been growing orchids first as hobbyists for over 30 years and as Commercial Growers for just over fourteen years. Dan & Margie's business name is Dan & Margie Orchids located in West Broward just 3 miles west of I-75, approximately 1 mile North of the intersection of Sheridan Street & 185th Way.

Dan and Margie Orchids have over 12,000 square feet of covered growing space. Currently there are five greenhouses.

Dan Christensen has been speaking on general orchid culture, Vanda culture and various subjects related to orchids for over 20 years. He uses the 'common sense' approach to growing. He has been guest lecturer at all local orchid societies and the American Orchid Society (AOS). Margie runs the day-to-day business and is an accomplished pottery artist. Together they run the business, participate in local shows from Tampa to South Miami.

Dan has been a member of the South Florida Orchid Society Board of Directors for over 10 years and has served as the president of SFOS for two consecutive terms. He has served as a board member of several local societies, Miramar, Gold Coast & South Florida serving in various capacities. He has also auctioneered at SFOS, North Dade, Gold Coast, Sunrise, Plantation, Coral Springs & Flamingo Orchid societies for several years.

Dan and Margie Orchids 18700 S. W. 69th St. Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33332
FAX/PHONE 954-252-8116 E-mail : damorchid@aol.com.

The nursery is currently open Tuesday thru Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

UPCOMING POS CALENDAR

EARLY RENEW/NEW MEMBER SIGN UP BEGINS IN NOW.

Renewal is for LAST YEAR MEMBERS ONLY

May: Early Renew/New member sign-up. Sign up for our Pot luck Dinner

June: 44th Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner and Member Only Picture Contest.

Member renewal and New Member Sign-up. You will get a plant when you sign up or renew.

Members only picture contest, Rules: MEMBERS ONLY: 2 8 X 10 pictures of a named orchid that you have grown. Each entry must have Orchid Name: Your name: printed on back of photo.

Winner will receive a prize.

July: Speaker to be announced

August: Speaker to be announced

Sept: Speaker to be announced

October: Auction

November: Ramble

December: Annual holiday party



THANKS TO OUR MARCH SPEAKER

Alex Lamazares

“The Orchid Doctor” from OrchidMania

Alex Lamazares aka “The Orchid Doctor” gave us another entertaining presentation. His tip are as follows:

Alex states that orchids will talk to you. Give them about 8 months to get acclimated to the area you put them in. Try to replicate the environment they came from.

He wears gloves to protect his hands from pesticides and other chemicals. Some people are allergic to what plants have been treated with. Even Cinnamon can cause allergies

Use more than one set of clippers. Alex torches his tools to sterilize them. Torches are available in the welding department of hardware stores.

Depending on the plant, lighting is important. Dendrobiums need bright light which means filtered light such as screen. Phals do well in the bathroom window. Plenty of humidity there.

Fertilizing will promote growth. If an orchid is not fertilized it will not grow or bloom. Fertilize weekly unless it is in bloom then you do not fertilize. It will shorten life of bloom. Do not fertilize when it is extremely cold. Fertilize weekly with 20 20 20 or other good for all purpose fertilizer.

Plants get used to what you do to them. Train them so that someone else can care for them when you go away.

Medium: Make your own: 1 bag wood chip, 1 bag charcoal, etc. Mix according to moisture. Less bark/ more charcoal for wet conditions vice versa for dryer conditions.

Commercial growers use sphagnum because it holds a lot of water. Do not grow in sphagnum. Growers use plastic pot you do not. No Styrofoam peanuts they are not good for the environment. Recycle cracked pots by putting broken pieces in bottom of new pots. Recycle.

He used ceiling clips for hanging and holding plants.

Alcohol solves immediate problems. Scrub with old tooth brush and spray with alcohol.

Physan solves most problems. Black spots do not go away. A reddish tone means too much sun.

Kiki Pro works great for new growth.

Be careful not to mount on treated wood. It will kill the plant.

Clay pots with holes are good for orchids. They are porous and breathe. No glazed pots. Use only for décor. Do not re pot when in bloom.

Re pot by breaking pot. Cut old roots. The white part that you see is the outer part of the root that stores water. The root is actually inside. Make a fist holding the root ball after trimming. Whatever hangs out cut. Put old roots to back of pot. Make your own rysome clips using wire, measure the inside of the pot, cut wire to inside measurement and place across through the plant holding it in. Mount plants to trees using nylons (women’s stockings) it will dissolve. Wire will cause wounds that introduce infection.

OrchidMania uses Physan and Zyban . Be careful with alcohol and fire. Voice Mail (305) 667-2992
Web site is <http://orchidmaniafl.org/morning>.

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HOSPITALITY

Thanks to everyone who brought food to the March meeting. Dave and Janet Jewell –Tuna cheese rolls, Stacy Ann Russell – Chicken pot pie/biscuits, Sybil LeBlanc - Cookies, Alona Woodrow-Cake, Rosemary Deming – Cookies, Elise Chapman- Goey Cake, Karen Reynoldson- Molasses Cookies, Judy Revier- Cookies/Soft drinks, Phyllis Durst - Cranberry and walnut cake Remember, we always love the treats you bring but:

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE SHEET SO WE CAN THANK YOU IN MAY.

Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Judy Revier.



POS GARDENFEST BOOTH

CURRENT EVENTS

Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Expo & Sale

April 7 and 8, 2012 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.

Spring Orchid Festival - St. Germain Orchids

April 13 thru 15, 2012 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Germain Orchids 18290 SW 254th Street Homestead, FL 33031 More Info: 786-412-0512 or visit their website

A spectacular festival of exotic orchids in a picturesque garden setting. Peruse the beautiful blooms while savoring a mouth watering barbecue, luscious desserts, beverages and entertainment. Receive free tips on orchid care. Orchid re potting services will be available. Free Admission.

Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 28, 2012 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 29, 2012 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

This annual plant sale features over 80 vendors with an amazing assortment of quality plants and goods. Palms, orchids, bamboo, begonias, bromeliads, fruit trees, and many other types of plants will be for sale. This is your opportunity to learn about the plants that grow well in South Florida and it's the best place to find something new for your garden. The American Hibiscus Society, Sunrise-Conrad Chapter & Greater Palm Beach Rose Society will be having their annual show & judging featuring many of the state's best blooms. Plants will be available at their booths. The Palm Beach County Woodturners will be selling a large selection of their beautiful woodturnings. Memberships will be available at the gates.

Admission: Members Free; Non-members \$10



Mark your May Calendar

Redland Orchid Festivals, Inc.
presents

**16th Annual
REDLAND INTERNATIONAL
ORCHID FESTIVAL**

**May 18-20, 2012
9:00AM - 5:00PM**

**Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187th Ave.
Homestead, Florida
America's Favorite
Orchid Festival!**

Admission - only \$10

**NEW! Weekend pass, only \$25
Admittance for all three days
Available at all park ticket
locations on Friday.**



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.