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Dear POS Members and Friends:

Sun, Sun, Sun, we all understand how important the sun is for growing plants especially flowering orchids and this seemed to be the theme both of our most recent speakers focused on. In order to get your plants to bloom give them the most sun they can tolerate without over exposing them. Easier said than done sometimes.

Ideally I like to add new plants to my shade house very early in the year when the sun is furthest away from us. This gives the orchid the chance to acclimate to the sun's exposure as it rises slowly and higher in the sky, always watching to see how the plants adapt. I try to do this with the more expensive plants I purchase. I have the bug though and like most of us, am adding to the collection throughout the rest of the year as well.

I've been asked about a Cigar orchid and its care recently and was unable to answer any questions about them, but it peaked my curiosity. I learned that it's very rare and only survives in the southern most point of the Florida peninsula as well as Central America. If you have experience with this protected plant I would like to learn more.

Remembering Phyllis Durst and the service and enthusiasm she shared with our Club serves as example to members that your involvement is always appreciated.

Remember to share your growing prowess by displaying your orchids on the show table.

Corky

Phyllis Durst: In Memoriam



Phyllis Durst, a member of the Plantation Orchid Society for 25+ years, passed away on August 1. She was an active member of the POS Board for the last 15 years and grew the most beautiful orchids. You will remember her at meetings introducing speakers, running orchids to lucky members who had won a raffle, or just mingling with the members at the show table discussing her favorite topic...orchids. But perhaps you did not know that behind the scenes she was such a vital force in bringing to you the many wonderful programs POS has offered the membership. Ever mindful of the budget, Phyllis used her broad knowledge of orchids and her amazing ability to enthusiastically bargain with everyone to obtain a wide array of beautiful orchids for the auctions and for our June membership plants. Year after year she worked with the Fort Lauderdale Country Club to provide our popular Holiday party. And those were only the “side jobs” she did in addition to researching and scheduling a wide variety of speakers for our monthly meetings. She will be sorely missed.

So, when you look at one of your orchids that you won in the raffle, or it was a membership plant you received at a June Anniversary meeting, or you bought at our auction, think of Phyllis.

Phyllis Durst: Friends and Family



September 6th Guest Speaker:

Tony Millet

Topic: Large Cattleya Alliance

By Cindy Thompson V.P. Programs



On Tuesday evening September 6th at 7 P.M., our guest speaker **Tony Millet**, who is an associate AOS student judge. Tony's presentation will be on Large Cattleya Alliance, with he breeds and grows unusual hybrid Cattleyas. Many of Tony's hybrids have been AOS awarded and he has received over 16 AOS

awards! His present growing goal is to impart warm tolerance to some of the cooler growing colorful hadro laelias. Tony's mom started his growing career at a very young age in Brooklyn NYC, growing everything from seed. Tony also had a mentor who started teaching him about orchids when he was about 9 years old. During his orchid growing career, he has delved into cool, intermediate and warm growing types of orchids. Having the experience of growing in underground cold frames to an above ground greenhouse did set the tone for his new semi-retirement lathe house growing outdoors, Florida style. The early childhood experience of growing from seed also set the tone for his own orchid hybridizing program, which he has been doing for more than 25 years. Tony also performs all hybridizing and flasking activities that we will have him back next year to talk about.

****Tony will have nice selection of orchids for sale****

*****Tony will also supply a large selection of Raffle Table Orchids*****

You won't want to miss Tony's presentation on Cattleya's

Hurricane Orchid Prep

By Cindy Thompson V.P. Programs

We live in South Florida and hurricanes are part of our lives whether we like it or not. What do we do with our orchid collection when a hurricane threatens South Florida, do we bring some inside our garage or house? Do we put them on the patio or on the ground? Many of us have an extensive collection of orchids, and as we get older the more challenging the task of a hurricane is.

Sandi Block-Brezner and Gloria Messler of the Flamingo Orchid Society have a good solution. They wrap their orchid benches in orange construction netting from Home Depot or Lowes. If you measure each section of your growing areas, cut it to fit, and color coded the shade house and pergola poles with a spot of colored paint to match the orange sections with the same colored spot, you can also write on the netting. You will need to tie down the netting using 6" ball - bungee cords (Amazon) to affix the netting (you can use other bungees or even zip ties). You can do this ahead of time and store it in the garage, so when needed you are ready to support your orchids. Most people will bring their prize or favorite orchids inside or a covered patio area. Bright burning sun is typical in the wake of a hurricane and shade will be invaluable. Remember, wind velocity increases as height increases. If you don't use the advice above, get your orchids as close to the ground as possible but off the ground as flooding may saturate them with fungus and bacteria. Usually it is not wise to attempt to cover them with a tarp or shade cloth that is not tied down securely, as the whipping of the cloth by the wind likely will cause more harm than the wind itself.

Dr. Motes advice: When a hurricane is looming, you should run all the orchids as dry as possible to reduce the threat of fungus and bacteria. But just before the storm strikes you should saturate the orchids to the max. First because we want the orchids to be as heavy as possible to help prevent them from being blown away. Second, because you never know if water source is still good; electricity for the pump may be off for days or even weeks. Thoroughly watered plants will be much happier should this occur. Even if you are able to bring some or all of your collection inside, water them thoroughly with two to three applications spaced a few minutes apart. They will be perfectly happy for a day or two without water, and you will have enough mess to deal with without watering orchids in the house.

We hope that there will not be any hurricanes this year, but if there is you will be ready.

Good Luck!

FYI Chlorine in Water !!

By Karen Reynoldson, POS Secretary

For Your Information

The City of Plantation has stated that they will be temporarily switching to free chlorination in its drinking water system beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022 and ending at 8 a.m. on Monday, September 26, 2022. It is a regularly scheduled preventive maintenance for water systems using combined chlorination (chloramines) for disinfection. Some might notice a slight change in the taste or smell of their tap water. The water will remain safe. If you are concerned for using it on your orchids here is a simple approach from Andy Collins, an experienced grower. "Chlorine is a poison and can burn your plants if too strong. Hope for rain, water as little as possible when heavy smell. If it's mild to little smell then it's ok to water. Just check the smell." Some people like to collect rain water for watering when this occurs. **Happy Growing !**



Previous meeting ...



John Romano

Previous meeting ...



Previous meeting ...



News and Notes: Directions to our meeting

We're so excited to finally be back to meeting in person! Our meeting place will be at the **Plantation Presbyterian Church** which is located at 901 NW 70th Avenue. Coming from Broward Blvd. go north on NW 70th Avenue till you cross the stop light at Plantation Road (NW 8th Street). Continue about one half block and the church is the first driveway on the left hand side--directly across from the Peter's Elementary School. Coming from University turn east at the NW 5th Street light (by the church with the fountain). Proceed to the light at NW 70th Avenue and turn left. It's the first driveway about one half block up on the left.

There is plenty of lighted parking in the church lot. Go to the rear of the church area past the lighted patio area. The fellowship hall is the long building in the rear.





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Membership Form

New Member (date): _____ Renewal 2022-2023:

Annual Membership is from 1 June to 31 May the next year. Individual membership is \$25, for an additional family member in the same household the fee is \$15.

Return this form with check or cash to the Membership Chair at a meeting or mail to:
Donna McWilliams, 5931 SW 8th Street, Plantation, FL 33317

Please print legibly

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail address (to receive Newsletters): _____

Contact Phone # _____ Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

May we publish your name, address, phone # and email in our society directory? Yes ___ NO ___

About You

Please indicate your orchid skill level. Beginner ___ Skilled Hobbyist ___ Professional ___

Which areas are you interested in obtaining more information?

Orchid care ___ Propagating ___ Showing ___ Managing your collection ___

About the Society

Plantation Orchid Society relies on member participation to facilitate our meetings, events and society management. Please indicate the areas in which you would be willing to participate.

Meeting	Events	Administration
Raffle Table set up	Anniversary Party-June	Make phone calls
Silent Auction table	POS Auction	Send emails
Hospitality Table	Holiday Party – Dec.	Recruiting advertisers/sponsors
Greeter	Orchid Shows	Maintain POS Website
Show Table		Serve on Board of Directors
Take Photos for Newsletter		
Membership		
Other		



August

Fred Espendez
Orpha Hirst
Debbie Magenheimer
Susan Meyer

September

Joann Buckley
Marie Tullock
Terry Voynik
Mike Warde

October

Peter Jeannopoulos
Dullie Boxx