



# The Plantation Orchid Society

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**Tuesday Apr. 2, 2013**

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

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*From the President*

Dear POS Members and friends,

Thank you Mark Edlund for your wonderful presentation on Dendrobium growing and repotting demonstration. Lots of questions were answered. April 2nd is our last meeting at Deicke auditorium before we move to Volunteer Park.

Our April speaker is Bill Peters of Wimsy Orchids. Bill grows a wide variety of orchids and is the go to guy if you are having problems with your Tolumnia's.

Plantation Orchid Society's Anniversary and Renewal Pot Luck dinner will be held at Volunteer Park on June 4th, 2013. All members must renew at this time. If you cannot attend or would like to register early for membership through June 2014, please fill out a Registration Form with your check or cash renewal fee and bring it to the meeting to reserve your renewal plant for June.

Since now is a great time for repotting and separating plants, why not put a plant or 2 aside for our October auction. It's never too early to start. Remember this is our main fundraiser for the year and pays for our venue, speakers and many other expenses. This year our annual Auction will be held at Volunteer Park October 1st, 2013.

Sincerely,

Rose Maytin,  
President



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

**IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

**This April 2nd meeting will  
be our last at  
Deicke Auditorium until  
renovations are completed.  
Our May meeting will take  
place at Volunteer Park!**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH RIBBON WINNERS!

Kudos to our members for another riot of color on our packed show table and apologies to those whose orchids are pictured but not credited. Several registrations were not collected.



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Lc. Hsin Buu Lady 'YT'  
Jeff Tucker



**GREEN RIBBON**  
Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'  
Phyllis Durst



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Phal. Sogo Rose  
Jeff Tucker



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Ascda. Macarena Iglesias  
Jeff Tucker



**GREEN RIBBON**  
Phal. Dragon's Gold '24k'



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Tolumnia Jairak Firm  
Carole Schwimmer



**BLUE RIBBON**  
First Bloom  
Paph. Philippinense  
Karen Reynoldson



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Paph. St. Swithin 'Top Flight'  
Joan Viggiani



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Paph. Delenatii  
Tony Blanc

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**BLUE RIBBON**  
Den. Spectable  
Rose Maytin



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Den. Agegatum  
Bob Bekoff



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Lc. Patricia Fire Dance  
Helene Albee



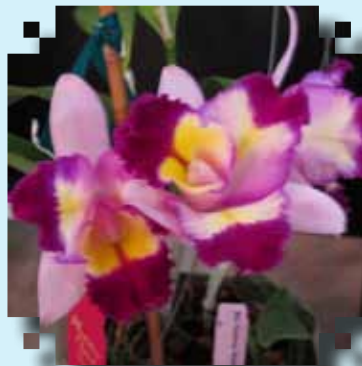
**RED RIBBON**  
V. Fuchs Rosy Charm  
Tony Blanc



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Phal. Stuartiana



**RED RIBBON**  
Den. Love Memory Fizz  
Rose Maytin



**RED RIBBON**  
Blc. Tsung Beauty  
Tracy Moulton



**RED RIBBON**  
Phal. Fantacum



**RED RIBBON**  
Phal. Baldain's Kaleidoscope  
Tracy Moulton

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.

## **MARCH MADNESS**

**The March meeting was well attended with an excellent presentation by Mark Edlund as well as beautiful show and raffle tables.**





## **OUR APRIL SPEAKER Bill Peters of Whimsy Orchids**

Bill Peters of Whimsy Orchids will speak on growing Cattleyas. Bill is a well known and respected orchid grower & AOS judge who worked for the world famous Jones and Scully orchid nursery, Orchidglade.

Bill Peters started Whimsy Orchids after Hurricane Andrew in the Redland area of Homestead. He has a degree in horticulture from the University of Florida and has been growing commercially for forty years. He was head grower at Jones & Scully for 10 years and orchid manager at Carter & Holmes for six years. Bill specializes in Cattleyas and will talk about growing cattleyas in South Florida. Whimsy Orchids is located at 18755 S.W. 248th Street - Homestead, FL. 33031  
Tel. 305-242-1333 - E-mail: whimsy@bellsouth.net.

## **POS CALENDAR 2013**

- Apr. 2, 2013 - Bill Peters of Whimsy Orchids at Deicke Auditorium
- May 7, 2013 - Volunteer Park
- June 4, 2013 - Registration/Renewal Pot Luck Anniversary Dinner at Volunteer Park
- July 2, 2013 - To Be Announced at Volunteer Park
- August 6, 2013 - To Be Announced at Volunteer Park
- September 3, 2013 - To Be Announced at Volunteer Park
- October 1, 2013 - POS annual Auction at Volunteer Park
- November 5, 2013 - To Be Announced at Volunteer Park
- December, 2013 - Holiday Party



## **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.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Thanks to everyone who brought food to the March meeting.

Alma Woodrow - Butter Cake, Angela Pucca - Chocolate dipped strawberries, Elise Chapman - popcorn and Pirolulines, Judy Bontrager - Banana Bread, David Jewel - Tuna/Cheese Rolls, Cindy Demming - Pepperoni roasted pepper snacks, Ester Reales - Guava Pastries, Karen Reynoldson - Banana Bread, Jill Greenbaum - Lemon Cake, Rose Maytin -Green Eggs and Ham.  
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.



## March Program Presented by Mark Edlund from Orchid Acres

Thanks to our excellent March speaker, Mark Edlund from Orchid Acres. Mark, a horticulture graduate of the University of Florida, explained that although he has had over 20 years of experience with orchids, he has still made plenty of mistakes. His greenhouse in Wellington has 15,000 square feet of orchids. His specialty is in Vandas, but his March discussion was on Phalaenopsis, Oligophyllum and Pierardii Dendrobiums with his main focus on the Phalaenopsis type.

Mark explained that the Phalaenopsis Dendrobiums are warm growing, preferring bright light and able to tolerate heat. He uses 50% shade cloth for his Dendrobiums. They can take light from 8-9000 foot candles. This type does not like cold temperatures. Below 55 degrees they will lose some leaves and below 50 will have major leaf drop within 2 weeks. Even though Mark doesn't use epon salts, he said it can be used to give plants an energy boost and prevent the red/purple color on leaves in the winter. He said that this color will go away in the summer.

When potting Phalaenopsis Dendrobiums, you can be creative using anything from baskets, to shallow azalea pots to hooks. They require lots of good drainage. Potting material can be charcoal, Aliflor or coconut husk, with Mark's preference being fine grade charcoal because it doesn't rot. He waters about once every 5 days for a larger pot and once every 4 days for a smaller pot and suggests you err on the dry side.

Pests can be a problem. Mark likes to use an expensive systemic insecticide, called Merit, to control thrips. It also works well on white fly and other pests. This product should be used very sparingly and won't hurt blooms. Mark stated that March is a good time of year to spray but emphasized that we should never spray pesticide in the middle of the day. You can obtain Merit at OFE or Broward Orchid Supply. A good passive safe pest control are sticky colored cards which can be purchased from Gemplers catalogue. (<http://www.gemplers.com/product/RSTRIP/Olson-Yellow-Sticky-Traps-3x5-Pkg-of-25>) Black spots on buds can be caused by floral fly. Squirrels, roaches and snails are known to eat new growth. Snails are attracted to beer and can be controlled by making the beer accessible to them in a pie plate.

Bacterial rot is one of the worst problem with most orchids. Fungicides that Mark prefers are Captan, Dithane, Clearys and Subdue. Sooty mold is frequently found on the canes of Dendrobiums. This is caused by sticky stuff on the leaves and can be controlled with a toothbrush and some rubbing alcohol. He runs fans at night to prevent black spots on his flowers.

Mark likes to use a fertilizer like Peter's 20/20/20 every 2 weeks at the rate of 1-T per gallon. He waters the day before he fertilizes. For a blossom booster he recommends a 10/30/20 fertilizer. Dendrobiums can bloom on old canes, so these should not be cut off. Another great product is Maripro, which is an organic booster made from seaweed. Mark uses it with his fertilizer. When pests are a problem, he also puts Merit in the fertilizer mix, but he never uses fungicide in combination with his fertilizer.

Dendrobiums can put out multiple kikis. These can just be pulled off the canes and potted once they have enough roots. He demonstrated this using a Emma White Dendrobium which can top out at about 4 feet in height with bloom spikes measuring 18 to 24 inches.

Orchid Acres is located at 4159 120th Ave S, Wellington, Florida. He can be reached at 561-795-9190.

## **CURRENT EVENTS**

### **Spring in the Garden presented by the Ft. Lauderdale Women's Club**

Saturday, April 6, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 7, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Stranahan Park - 20 East Broward Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
For more information call: 954-298-5607 or visit their website.

### **Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale**

Saturday, April 27, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 28, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

More Info: 561-233-1757 or visit their website

Admission: Members Free; Non-members \$10.

### **Broward County Plant Affair**

Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Plantation Heritage Park - 1100 South Fig Tree Lane, Plantation, FL

More Info: 954-797-2722 or visit their website calendar (go to the event dates for information).

### **Redland International Orchid Festival**

Friday thru Sunday, May 17 thru 19, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fruit and Spice Park - 24801 SW 187th Ave, Miami, FL

More Info: visit their website.