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#### Tuesday June 3, 2014

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

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#### **Happy Anniversary POS!**

From the President

Dear POS Members and friends:

Judy and Ken Russ, thank you for your wonderful slide show presentation. It was a great example for us as backyard growers. June 3rd is our anniversary consisting of pot luck, a photo contest and an election. Bring your favorite main course, appetizer or salad dish. Last years anniversary party was amazing so come hungry. It's also the members photo contest. You must be a member to win so don't forget to have your membership form in by June 3rd. Print out the membership form and have it filled out with your check or exact cash to receive your membership plant. We will have POS shirts for sale so be sure to order your size before the July meeting so that I can pre-order them.

We are now accepting ads for the 2014-2015 web page, membership booklets and our monthly newsletter for \$60.00 annually. So promote your business with POS.

There will be no plant or raffle table June meeting.

Rose M. Maytin President



Check out the Plantation Orchid Society on Facebook



Our 2013 Photo Winner Karen Reynoldson

## Enter Our JUNE MEMBERS ONLY PHOTO CONTEST

#### Rules:

- Contest is for members only.
- Submit up to two 8"x10" photos of a named orchid that you have grown.
- Each entry <u>must</u> have the Orchid Name
- Your name must be printed on back of photo.

A prize will be awarded to the winner!

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MAY RIBBON WINNERS!



<u>BLUE RIBBON</u> renanthera 'Red Dragon' Karen Renoldson



BLUE RIBBON V. Pachara Delight 'Isabella' Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON RIc.. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora' Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON Broughtonia sanguinea var. aurea Lynn Molitor



<u>YELLOW RIBBON</u> Grammatophylum Elegantis W. Bill David



BLUE RIBBON Maxillaria Karen Renoldson



BLUE RIBBON Paph. lowii Tony Blanc



BLUE RIBBON Dtps. Fusheng's Glad Lip Joanne Buckley



BLUE RIBBON
Ascda. Motes Burning
Sand
Mary Lee Tabeling



BLUE/GREEN RIBBON Lc. Mini Song 'La Priemera Morada' SW/JGP Helene Albee

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.



BLUE RIBBON Den. Lasianthera HeleneAlbee



BLUE RIBBON Bulb Falcatum



**BLUE RIBBON** 



BLUE RIBBON Onc No Name Rose Maytin



BLUE RIBBON Enc. No Name Rose Maytin



RED RIBBON LC. 'Blue Hawaii' Joanne Buckley



RED RIBBON Iwan Apple Blossom Joanne Buckleyl



RED RIBBON Lc. Featherrae Phyllis Durst



RED RIBBON Onc. Ester Oka 'Lakeview' Lynn Molitor



RED RIBBON Pot. Burana Beauty Judy Malloy



RED RIBBON Stlma. Kelly Lea Lynn Molitor



RED RIBBON D. antennatum Rose Maytin



RED RIBBON

V. Madame Rattana x Rasri
Joanne Buckley



RED RIBBON
Lc. Memoria Robert Strait
'Island Delight'
Jeff Tucker

**NOT PICTURED** 

BLUE RIBBON Trgl. amesiana Rose Maytin

RED RIBBON maxcillaria

#### **Get Ready for Our June Potluck Anniversary Dinner!**

#### THE EAT IS ON!

Don't forget to bring your dish for our June potluck dinner!
(A member favorite)

If you didn't already sign up, just bring a main dish, appetizer or side dish. Dessert and drinks are on the Plantation Orchid Society!

#### HOSPITALITY

THANKS to the members who brought snacks the May meeting! Unfortunately we cannot thank you by name this month.

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 JUNE! Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Tina Pena.

#### **JUNE IS TIME TO RENEW!**

Print and fill out the attached membership renewal form and bring it, along with your check made out to the Plantation Orchid Society or exact cash to the June meeting.

When you renew your membership in June (only), you will receive a free orchid!

#### **ADVERTISING!!**

We are now accepting annual advertisement ads for POS web/newsletter/membership booklet for only \$60.00. All current ads need to be renewed June. If you would like to place an ad for your business and/or club please contact Angela Puca 954-791-1874. All ads will be posted on the POS website, in the monthly newsletters and the POS membership booklets from June 2014 to May 2015.



#### POS Shirts

PRICE \$16.00 Elise Chapman will be taking orders at the June meeting for delivery in July.

#### **2014 CALENDAR**

**June 3rd Meeting** Our annual anniversary, potluck party, photo contest and elections.

July 1st Meeting - Broward Orchid Supply

August 5th Meeting - Movie

September 2nd Meeting - Workshop

October 7th Meeting - Annual Auction

Nov. 2nd, 3:00 p.m. - Sunday Orchids with Lori

**December Meeting** - Annual Holiday Party

January 6 - To be announced























# The May Program "Backyard Growing" was presented by Ken and Judy Russ

A very refreshing program on backyard growing was presented by Ken and Judy Russ. Growing orchids for about 17 years, they now have about 600 orchids, and have received 30 AOS awards. They have specialized in specimen plants which Ken buys and Judy keeps alive. Ken explained that a specimen plant is a single plant of unusual size and number of flowers. The American Orchid Society awards a specimen plant a CCM. A CCE is awarded when a plant has a total of 100 points.

In order to grow a specimen plant you must find the right spot for air movement and light for the right plant. A good water and fertilizer schedule is essential. Knowing the growth habit of the plant helps since some orchids don't make good specimens.

Ken and Judy fertilize weekly at a rate of 2 Tsp.per gal., with a rather expensive product called Harp-N-Tek 18-18-18. They purchase it from Odem's in Ft. Pierce. Any other balanced fertilizer will also work. Twice a month they add Maxicrop (seaweed extract) to the fertilizer at a rate of 2 TBS per gal. Every 4th week they substitute a bloom booster for the fertilizer. Epson salts is dissolved in warm water at a rate of 2 TBS per gal. and is used 4 times a year on their orchids.

Plants should be pushing roots before repotting. Soaking the plant will help remove the pot and do less damage to new growth and roots. NEVER OVERPOT. Always clean the plant when repotting, by removing all biodegradable media, dead roots and dried sheaths from bulbs. When potting, Ken fills the bottom third of the pot with Styrofoam peanuts. They plant a lot of their orchids in Hydraton since it doesn't break down like bark. Hydraton allows them to move plants to a larger pot without disturbing the roots.



Tools of the trade

Used Hydraton can also be recleaned with a 10% clorox solution. When dividing orchids, Ken uses a serrated knife to cut through and then seals the cuts using a paste of Elmer's glue and cinnamon. They advise to flush out your orchid pots periodically to remove the salts, and fertilizer deposits.

Paphs need to be repotted once a year after washing all old media off the roots. They use 1/3 Hydraton, 1/3 sphagnum moss, and 1/3 coconut chips on their Paphs.

Since orchid pots are becoming harder to find in certain sizes Ken creates his own from azalea pots by using a masonry saw to cut slits in the sides of the pots and a masonry bit to enlarge the holes.

When showing orchids, make sure they are clean and free of pests. Stake the inflorescences and cut off dead or damaged leaves. Ken and Judy use lemon juice on cotton balls to clean. Never use leaf shine as it closes the pores of the leaves. Be sure to include the name tag which is the plant's birth certificate

#### **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.



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