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Setup/Social 6:45 – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting starts promptly at
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From the President

Dear POS Members and Friends:

Thank you to our February speaker Mac Rivenbark from Mac's orchids for his wonderful presentation on Exotic Dendrobiums. Mac grows exceptional plants locally and has won many AOS awards. Our members left with some very useful information and some very nice plants. I hope to see them at the show tables in the near future.

We have a very special out of town speaker for March. Bill Thoms is a breeder and grower extraordinaire of Bulbophyllums. His presentation will cover how to grow and care for these fascinating and diverse genera. Be sure not to miss this special presentation.

Our Annual Pot Luck Membership Renewal and Photo Contest is coming up in June. You can register early as to secure your membership plant but don't keep Plantation Orchid Society a secret. Let your friends know about our club and encourage them to sign up as well. A member that refers a friend to sign up for an annual membership will receive \$5.00 worth of raffle tickets to use on our raffle table at any meeting. Also members, break out your camera and your best plants to enter into our photo contest in June. The winning photo will be featured on our auction poster and receive a special gift valued at \$50.00.

See you at the meeting.
Rose M. Maytin
President



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the Plantation
Orchid Society
on Facebook**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY RIBBON WINNERS!



GREEN RIBBON
Phal. Equestris
John Shetler



YELLOW/CULTURE AWARD RIBBON
Rlc. Chia Lin 'New City' AM/AOS
Jeff Tucker



GREEN SPECIES RIBBON
C. loddigesii
'Aranda' x 'A-doribil'
Tom and Barb Van Strander



GREEN SPECIES RIBBON
Den. nobile
Mireille Jeannopoulos



GREEN SPECIES & BLUE RIBBON
Ludisia discolor
Lynn Molitor



BLUE RIBBON
Phal. Kono King
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
Lc. Bonanza Queen 'Panamint' AM/AOS
Jeff Tucker

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BLUE RIBBON
Tolumnia Genting Orange
Karen Reynoldson



BLUE RIBBON
Ctt. Jamie Hollingsworth
'Sun Bulb' HCC/AOS
Peggy Geria



RED RIBBON
Epi. ciliare 'Soroa' HCC/AOS
Karen Reynoldson



RED RIBBON
Lc. Hsin Buu Lady 'YT' AM/AOS
Jeff Tucker



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.

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March Program “BULBOPHYLLUMS” will be Presented by Bill Thoms

Renowned orchid grower, world traveler and internationally recognized speaker Bill Thoms will be presenting a talk on Bulbophyllums (the largest genus in the orchid world!)

Be prepared to learn more about this fascinating group of plants than you ever dreamed! Bill Thoms and his wife, Doris Dukes, have been growing orchids around Central Florida for almost 40 years and have received almost every award granted by the AOS as well as more Awards for Culture than anyone else in the world, (93 in over 29 genera, including 42 in the bulbophyllum alliance (capped off with a 97 pt. Certificate of Cultural Excellence for Bulb. Sue Blackmore). Bill is the only person to receive an Award of Quality for a Bulbophyllum hybrid (named for Doris) as well as receiving the hybridizer's dream; an Award of Distinction for a new avenue of breeding (a Trias hybrid).

Many of his crosses are winning awards around the country. The AOS has just added a yearly award named for him for the best Bulbophyllum exhibited. His talks are spiced with funny stories and funny associations. Whether you grow thousands of orchids, only a few, or none at all, you will have a wonderfully entertaining time and be able to grow anything better. Many of the most important requirements for growing world class plants are made easy to understand and remember.

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn how to grow these fascinating plants and to hear one of the most knowledgeable, interesting and funny speakers in the orchid world. His new book, Bulbophyllums; the Incomplete Guide, From A to WHY? will be available for purchase and he will sign them for free.

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Enter Our JUNE MEMBERS ONLY PHOTO CONTEST

Rules:

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

**A prize will be awarded
to the winner!**

Our 2016 Photo Winner - Lynn Molitor

**Early
Membership
Renewal
Begins in
April**

**Everyone renewing by
June will receive a Plant
at the June meeting!**

POS 2017 CALENDAR

March 7
Bill Thoms, Bulbophyllums

April 4
Steve Arthur, Species Orchids

May 2
Brian Monk,
Warm Growing Cymbidiums.

June 6
Membership Renewal
Pot Luck

July 4
No Meeting

August 1
Movie and popcorn night TBD

September 5
Dr. Martin Motes

October 3
POS Auction

November
TBA

December
Annual Holiday Party

CURRENT EVENTS

**11th Annual International Orchid Festival
Fairchild International Orchid Show,**

March 10-11-12, 2017 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 FOrKids section. The Garden House Lawn will be filled with food vendors and live music.

Gardenfest

Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 19, 2017 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteer Park 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd. Plantation, FL 33232

More Info: 954-530-0076 or visit their website

The GFWC Plantation Woman's Club presents the Garden Fest at Volunteer Park.

Free Parking - Free Admission - Great Food.

**American Orchid Society Judging
Educational Presentation**

March, 25th 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Visit www.wpbjudging.org for plant entry procedures and more information

West Palm Beach Judging Center at Flamingo Gardens

Contact Carol Holdren at (561) 212-4876 or email cjholdren@gmail.com for more information.

OUR FEBRUARY PROGRAM on Dendrobiums Was Presented by Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids

by Gigi Lewis

Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids on Dendrobiums

Mark gave a wonderfully informative presentation on dendrobium culture and shared some wonderful photographs from his trip to the Philippines. Orchids are the most genetically diverse plants on the planet, growing everywhere except Antarctica! Dendrobiums grow most in mountainous regions. They are either epiphytes or lithophytes and many grow on limestone.

To be successful, he advises selecting varieties that grow at sea-level. In the Philippines, Dendrobiums can be grown in full sun because it is cloudy and rains every afternoon. The Philippines actually receive 48" of rain per month during the rainy season! Something to keep in mind when growing them here.

Recommended varieties for South Florida:

Dendrobium anosmum

A very showy, pendulous and deciduous plant, this species should be given ample water from late spring when new growths develop through October/November (I generally stop watering on Thanksgiving) when water should be withheld until the following spring. The cultivar 'A Touch of Class' from Carmela is highly recommended.

Dendrobium Nestor

A primary hybrid of anosmum and parishii, this should be grown in the same manner as anosmum. Withholding water will repay you with beautiful flowers in the spring!

Dendrobium aphyllum

A large-sized, pendulous, epiphytic and sometimes lithophytic species with deciduous leaves which most commonly blooms in the spring. Again, withhold water and fertilizer through the winter.

Dendrobium primilinum

Same culture as anosmum.

Dendrobium gratiosissimum

A beautiful pink and white flower with a yellow lip that is the color of the yolk of an egg. Another deciduous, pendant variety, this one should also be given a dry winter rest.

Dendrobium cretaceum

A wonderful, small-sized plant that takes up little space and rewards you with small, showy white flowers in the spring. This species flowers on the old growths. It may either be staked upright or allowed to cascade naturally. Easy to grow but, again, a dry winter rest is needed.

Dendrobium lituiflorum

This is a higher elevation variety that grows well here in South Florida. Give the same culture as anosmum.

Dendrobium goldschmidtianum

This is Mac's most awarded plant. It will bloom for three years on the leafless canes. Easy to grow, it can bloom throughout the year, although the main bloom season is winter. These plants can grow to 3 feet or more in height but may be staked and tied when not in bloom so as not to take up too much space. Plenty of light, water and fertilizer when in active growth (spring through fall). Withhold water in the winter unless the canes begin to look too shriveled (much like catesetums).



Dendrobium bullenianum

This species can bloom up to five times per year on leafless canes. The orange striped flower clusters are dense and appear all along the old dry canes. The leaves yellow and fall off in late summer just before blooming. Does not require a dry winter rest.

Dendrobium x usitae

This is a naturally occurring hybrid between *Dendrobium goldschmidtianum* and *bullenianum*. Same culture as *bullenianum*.

Dendrobium purpureum

Compact ball-shaped clusters of small flowers on leafless, or nearly leafless, canes. Canes generally flower for several years. Dry winter rest with copious watering during the growing season.

Dendrobium faciferum

Another tall – 3 feet or more – plant which blooms in the late spring with many small, orange flowers. This one requires somewhat of a dry winter rest but do not allow to dry out completely.

Also known as Den. aggravation! This species grows in the mountains of Thailand and should be kept extremely wet during the summer months. Keep dry and cool during the winter (I rest them from Thanksgiving through Valentine's Day). Mac advises that copious amounts of water and regular fertilization will make a difference with this species. Don't let them get too dried out during the summer.

Dendrobium speciosum

Not for the space-restricted, this species can become huge. Very easy to grow in South Florida, it should be basketed. Dry winter rest.

Dendrobium secundum

Also known as the toothbrush orchid, this species typically blooms in the late spring through summer on last season's mature bulbs. Dry winter rest.

Dendrobium White Grace 'Sato'

A secondary hybrid of Den. Fiftieth State x *speciosum*, this hybrid boasts sprays of pure white flowers. Very easy to grow, requiring no special care.

Dendrobium smilliae

Another species that can become quite large, this species boasts balls of densely packed small flowers which appear from near the apex of the leafless canes. Flowers are waxy/fleshy. A slight winter rest from water and fertilizer should be given.

Conclusion

Mac reminded us that *Dendrobiums* like to be very tightly potted and enjoy lots of air movement. Listen to your plants. If the new bulbs are not larger every year this would indicate that the plant isn't receiving what it needs and we need to figure out what we are doing wrong – great advice for all general!

Lastly, everyone has a micro climate in their yard. Find out what works for you with your care and your environment. Even your next door neighbor's micro climate is not the same as yours so what works well for one person does not necessarily work well for everyone.

HOSPITALITY

THANKS to all the members who brought snacks the February meeting!

Sallie Sherwood - Pepperoni Stromboli, Marie Tulloch - Rugula's, Terry Voynik - Chocolate Cake, Karen Reynoldson- Special K Bars & Candy, Lori Levi - Chocolate Chip Pumpkin Cake, Elise Chapman - Mac & Cheese, Michele Boland Cinnamon Cheese Bar, Suzie Bleus - Cranberry Chicken Salad & Bread, Mark & Martha Gregory - Beef & Mushroom Soup and Fried Eggplant, Alma Woodrow - Donut Holes.

More Great Publicity For The Plantation Orchid Society Appearing In "Our City Plantation"

We would like to thank Angela Puca again for her efforts in getting publicity for the Plantation Orchid Society. Growing the Society gives us the ability to do so much more.

Great job Angela!



PLANTATION ORCHID SOCIETY TAKES HOME BLUE RIBBONS

Members of the Plantation Orchid Society won several blue ribbons at recent orchid shows in South Florida. Here are some of the proud, hard working members of the group.



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