



The Plantation Orchid Society

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Tuesday April 4, 2017

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

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From the President

Dear POS Members and Friends:

What a wonderful and entertaining presentation by Bill Thoms on bulbophyllums. Thank you Bill for making the journey to Plantation with your copilot Foxy. It was extremely informative and educational.

Our April speaker Steve Arthur from South Carolina will be giving us an in depth presentation on species. This will be another must attend meeting for beginners and experts alike.

Early membership registration and renewal has begun. Please renew early by filling out a registration form with check or cash only please. June meeting is the Anniversary Membership renewal,

Photo Contest Pot Luck dinner and the last meeting to renew and receive your complementary renewal plant. Refer a friend to join and receive \$5.00 raffle ticket.

POS is in need of a Volunteer committee for Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner, Auction and Holiday party. Please contact Rose at 954 401 3171 for information.

See you at the meeting.
Rose M. Maytin
President



Check out
the Plantation
Orchid Society
on Facebook



Our 2016 Photo Winner
Lynn Molitor
Den. Little Green Apples

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!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH RIBBON WINNERS!



YELLOW/CULTURE AWARD RIBBON

V. lamellata
Bob Bekoff



BLUE RIBBON

C. Lisa Anne Thompson
Jeff Tucker



GREEN RIBBON

Den. anosmum
Paul & Francisco



BLUE RIBBON

Rlc. Pot. Heather's Gold
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON

Rhtcm. Ladda Gold
Marissa Gittelman



BLUE RIBBON

Phal. (Misty Green
x Paifangs E-Lin)
Jeff Tucker



YELLOW RIBBON

Den. Burana green
Rose Maytin



BLUE RIBBON

V. Pachara Delight
Earnest Rose

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BLUE RIBBON
Den. spectabilis
Rose Maytin



BLUE RIBBON
Phal. amabilis
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
Den. NOID
Mary Lee Tabeling



BLUE RIBBON
Tolu. Radiant Charm
x Elfin Star
Tom & Barbara Van Strander



BLUE RIBBON
V. Esompol-Rhygi-GoNteo-
Ernest Rose



RED RIBBON
C. Golden Fire
Tom & Barbara Van Strander

RED RIBBON
Aerdv. Memoria Lillian Arnold 'Pink'
Karen Reynoldson



RED RIBBON
V. Dr, Anek Red
Tom & Barbara Van Strander



RED RIBBON
Phal. Spring Mist
Phyllis Durst



RED RIBBON
Den. secundum
Rose Maytin

NOT SHOWN
BLUE RIBBON
epi. ciliare
Rose Maytin
RED RIBBON
Phal. SogoYukidian
Marissa Gittelman

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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April Program “SPECIES ORCHIDS” will be Presented by Steve Arthur

Steve Arthur is our speaker this month. The topic for his talk will be Species Orchids. Steve is a scientist who worked for the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta and with the Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs for thirteen years doing research on animal tissue culture. For eight years, he taught middle school science in a private Catholic school in Augusta. He has two grown daughters.

Steve began growing orchids over thirty years ago. His current greenhouse in Graniteville, SC, where he and his wife now live, covers about 5,000 square feet of growing area. He grows a “mish-mash”

of things but tends to focus on Cattleyas and has been making crosses for years. In his greenhouse lab, he also does contract work (such as sowing and harvesting seeds) for other nurseries. Steve is affiliated with Carter & Holmes, frequently selling plants for them at the big Florida shows, and is currently their Lab Manager.

He is also an accredited AOS Judge, and once a month, Steve drives to and from Graniteville to Greensboro to attend judging. If you visit Steve’s business, you enter his greenhouse via a large meeting room where his local orchid society meets and where he conducts classes on growing orchids. This meeting room is also home to sixteen birds— mostly Macaws but also Yellow Winged Parrots and Quaker Parrots. He purchased each of the birds while at orchid shows.

Steve Arthur Orchids, Graniteville, SC

HOSPITALITY

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

Pauline Kane - Crackers & Cheese,
Suzie Bleus - Cake, Karen Reynoldson- Fruit Cocktail Cake, Mirelle & Peter - Shrimp, Lorie Levy - Citris Spritzer & Cookies & Cream Brownies, Cindy Thompson - Ding-A-Lings, Elise Chapman - Cookies, Marissa Gittleman - Bundt Cake.

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 MAY.

Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of

POS 2017 CALENDAR

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

Sawgrass Nature Center & Wildlife Hospital Orchid, Native & Garden Art Festival

April 1 & 2, 2017 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
3000 Sportsplex Drive Coral Springs, FL 33065
For more information call: 954-752-WILD (9453) or visit their website.

Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Expo & Sale

April 15 & 16, 2017 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.

American Orchid Society Judging Educational Presentation

Judging is being held on April 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM.
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.

Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 29, 2017 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 30, 2017 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mounts Botanical Garden 559 N. Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL

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



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OUR MARCH PROGRAM on *Bulbophyllums* Was Presented by Bill Thoms

by Gigi Lewis

The highly entertaining Bill Thoms shared his wealth of cultural secrets with us tonight. Bill Thoms and his wife, Doris Dukes, have received more AOS cultural awards than any other grower in the world (83 in over 26 genera including 36 in the *Bulbophyllum* alliance!). 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.



Fertilization:

There is no food value in what your plants are potted in or mounted on – feed them! If you don't feed them, you are an "inchworm grower". Do your plants grow while the back bulbs die off? Feed your plants regularly and your plants will reward you.

Bill stresses the importance of watering your plants before you fertilize. Make sure you water all sides of your plants! If you start with your fertilizer mixture, most of it is hitting the ground and not benefiting your plants. Water first to prepare the roots to absorb your fertilizer. The added benefit is that you will use 50% less fertilizer! Once per month, it's a good idea to feed magnesium sulfate (Epsom salts) *by itself* at the rate of 1 teaspoon per gallon.

He spoke a little bit about Plant Potion #9 which is a chelating agent that helps bind the fertilizer to your plants' roots, increasing the effectiveness of your fertilizer. Several members purchased this item and will, no doubt, share their experiences with us down the road.

Light:

Use the hand test to easily measure light. The more defined your hand's shadow is, the higher the light. A very sharp shadow indicates Vanda light, more blurred shadow would indicate Cattleya light and a soft shadow is *Phalaenopsis* light.

Bulbophyllums (Bulb-Oh-Fillums)

Of course, Bill is best known for his work with *Bulbophyllums*, the largest genus in the largest plant family. The genus is known for the flowers' articulating lip and a single joint in the pseudobulb. There are 2,500 different types in the world.

Bulbophyllums grow in foggy regions and want more water, longer. Because their roots are fine, they absorb water more slowly so it needs to be available longer. He suggests using plastic pots and some kind of tray under the pots that will hold about 1/4" of water. Any type of shallow lid works well for this. The water will wick up to the plant. This will work well with other genera too – just make sure your saucer holds no more than a 1/4" of water.

Pay attention to your plants!

Bill stressed the importance of developing better observations skills. The best growers are better observers. Teach yourself to look for problems and catch small problems before they become major problems. Your plants will speak to you if you just listen! His suggestion is to toss some pennies up in the air and then attempt to find them all. This will help to develop your observation skills.

Pests:

Lastly, Bill stressed the importance of spraying for pests in the evening when it is cooler. He especially likes using neem oil (mixed with warm water and a squirt of regular green Palmolive) which should never be used in the heat of the day but is fine to use in the evening any time of year.

Another good product to keep in your growing area is Raid House & Garden spray. It works well for cockroaches and will not harm your plants.

Early Membership Renewal Begins in April

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



2017-2018

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP *Plantation Orchid Society*

Date: _____

_____ New Member: Renewal:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: (Please Print) _____

Are you presently an orchid grower? _____ If yes, please indicate your skill level:

Beginner Skilled Hobbyist Professional

Which areas are you interested in learning more about?

Orchid Culture Breeding Showing Collecting:

The PLANTATION ORCHID SOCIETY relies on our members to participate to make meetings run smoothly, relay information, assist in fund raising and participate in orchid events. Please check the areas in which you would be willing to serve:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual orchid auction | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday party | <input type="checkbox"/> Make phone calls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pick up plants/goods | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Snack Table |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send e-mails: | <input type="checkbox"/> Seek sponsors/advertisers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on POS board as officer or trustee | <input type="checkbox"/> Show table competition/events: set up clean up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop | |

The monthly POS newsletter is delivered via e-mail to all members. The newsletter is also available on the POS website: www.plantationorchidsociety.org. If you would prefer to have a copy of the newsletter mailed to you, there will be an annual printing and mailing fee of \$15 in addition to the annual membership fee. **Annual Membership Fee \$25 Fee For additional Family Member In Same Household \$15**

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