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Dear POS Members and Friends:

Happy New Year. We were ready to commence in person meeting but decided that Zoom meetings would be preferable. As with all adversity there is the advantage that we can bring in speakers from far away and learn. So our February 1st Zoom meeting is Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley orchids in California "Becoming an 80%Orchid Grower".

Looking forward to seeing everyone, and sharing ideas hopefully April will be an in person meeting to learn and grow.

Our previous location at Deicke is unavailable. A special thank you to Rev. Massey at the Presbyterian Church 901 NW 70th Avenue, Plantation Florida 33317 for letting us use their location.

In person meetings will be on Facebook live so that those unable to attend can watch from the comfort of their own home.

Welcome additions to our board Cindy Thompson, VP and program director who has done a stellar job replacing Phyllis Durst our long time/lifetime member. Mireille Jeannopoulos, treasurer that took over for Beverly Warde is a welcome addition to our team. Thank you Phyllis and Beverly. You have given so much to the board. We will miss you. Thank you to our board members for your continued support and dedication. There are some positions to be filled on our board. Hope to see you all very soon.

Rose M. Maytin

President

## **Plantation Orchid Society Elections**

This is the year that our board is up for elections. We will be holding the elections in June so please consider volunteering for a board position. We have several positions to fill and we need other volunteers too. Specifically, we need the following:

- **President**
- **Trustee in charge of publicity**
- **Various people for these regular meeting activities:**
  - Meeting set up,
  - Raffle table,
  - Show table,
  - Clean up
  - Special events

**We need YOU** to help keep our club going and to flourish. It's very fun and satisfying to be a part of this group and to help determine our programs and activities.



# Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids

## “BECOMING AN 80% ORCHID GROWER”

We are excited to have **Fred Clarke** as our speaker on Zoom. Fred is the Founder of Sunset Valley Orchids . Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 32 of those years. Fred has over 35 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry. Fred is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Australian Dendrobiums and Paphiopedilum hybrids plus some others he is working on. Fred’s



pioneering work in Cattleya inter-generic hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, recently the grex, “Fredclarkara After Dark”, which produced “the blackest orchid ever witnessed”. This grex has received eight FCC’s and over 41 awards worldwide. Fred is an internationally acclaimed speaker and travels extensively within U.S.A., Canada, South America, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa.

He is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South region. His orchids have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society. Fred Clarke / Sunset Valley Orchids - Vista, CA.

**This will be presented by Zoom on February 1, 2022. Details and link will be emailed to all members separately.**



## **January**

Ira Cor

Gigi Grant

Howie Greenbaum

Dale Reynoldson

## **February**

Tina Cor

Don Fields

Gail Johnson

Jackie Lessa

## **March**

Rose Maytin

Bev Warde

Pauline Lewis

Holly Roundtree

Anne Marie Miles

Christine Wehby

Cynthia Rostock

Mary Pavlinek



Hello members of Plantation Orchid Society! It's been a while since we've had an in-person meeting so we thought it might be fun to do something new, but orchid related... without leaving home. We've put together a few links to YouTube orchid videos... a great way to learn more about orchids! You can do this on your smartphone, tablet or computer.

**Miss Orchid Girl**- from repotting, to new blooms, experiments with different media... watering, fertilizing, etc.

Miss Orchid Girl videos <https://www.youtube.com/c/MissOrchidGirl/videos>

Miss Orchid Girl playlists (lists specific plants/subjects) <https://www.youtube.com/c/MissOrchidGirl/playlists>

**Rick L. Orchids** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY\\_TGXULB-XfO6g\\_IAKI3lw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY_TGXULB-XfO6g_IAKI3lw/videos)

Rick really knows orchid nutrition, and orchids in general-from feed to repotting, light and temperature, etc.

**Rogers Orchids**- In addition to his regular videos, he does a Sunday chat video each week and on the 8<sup>th</sup> of every month he does a "What's in Bloom" video. He's very knowledgeable and frequently talks about everything from orchid culture, pests, and everything in between.

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