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**Acknowledgements and Thanks**

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## *From the President*

We hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health, staying safe, and enjoying your orchids.

Though there is some 'reopening' in South Florida, Plantation is not opening Deike auditorium and other similar facilities in the city. There is no indication when they may open. Consequently, the POS Board is carefully planning the rest of the year, keeping in mind health guidelines and safety protocols. Our goal is to keep in touch with the membership through our love of orchids. The monthly newsletter will be restyled to provide more orchid information and a means for you to share your orchids.

June is membership renewal month. Given the uncertainties of this year, the renewal fee for current members will be waived this year.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help with content for the newsletter. This would be an opportunity for you to learn more about orchids and pass that information on to the membership.

Please see the Announcements section for more details on membership renewal and volunteering.

Stay Safe !!

Rose Maytin,

President



# *Announcements and Notes*

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**J**une is our traditional membership renewal month. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we were unable to have our annual membership pot luck. We missed seeing all of you and enjoying orchid conversations. For the 2020-2021 membership year, the renewal fee is canceled for current members.

**Yes. You read that correctly. Your MEMBERSHIP FEE for the coming year is FREE.** We ask that you simply email our Membership VP, Donna McWilliams, that you would like to renew and provide her with any changes in your phone, address, etc. If you have any membership questions, please contact Donna. [donnamcw2@aol.com](mailto:donnamcw2@aol.com) 954-683-6381

## **BLOOMERS PICTURES**

Though we can't see you, we know you have some beautiful bloomers out there. So we would like you to share them with the membership. Sandy, our news editor, will have a section of the newsletter each month devoted to POS blooming orchids. If you would like to share, please send 1 or 2 pictures to [slangbar@bellsouth.net](mailto:slangbar@bellsouth.net), use **Orchid** as the subject of the email message.

We are really looking forward to seeing your best!



## **HELP !!!**

Though we are not holding meetings for awhile, the POS Board is working behind the scenes to keep in touch with you and to provide support and information regarding orchids that we would normally share at meetings. To accomplish that goal the next newsletter will have a different format. We really need the help of 1 or 2 members to be responsible for a section on Tips for growing orchids. These can be tips from our experienced members, tips from various sources, or small published articles that we can put in our newsletter. This section can have co-authors who work together. So... grab a buddy and volunteer. Please contact Bev Warde 954-336-3854. [bevwarde@yahoo.com](mailto:bevwarde@yahoo.com).

# Fun Orchid Facts and Trivia Questions

Karen Reynoldson

**T**he bond between orchids and certain species of insects is tight and highly specialized. Petals have similar shape and color like female insects to attract males and ensure pollination. *Ophrys apifera*, better known as the Bee Orchid, lures bees with its enticing smell and bee like appearance. When a male bee approaches the flower to mate, it becomes covered in pollen and is sent off to pollinate the next orchid it visits. [from Flowerweb]



Charles Darwin is renowned for his theory of evolution. He also determined that orchids must be pollinated by whatever was available in the native fauna. Thus he predicted a moth in Madagascar must exist that was capable of reaching 10 to 11 inches inside a particular orchid to reach the nectar and perform pollination. Was such a moth ever discovered? [from Fun Trivia]

Orchids are hypoallergenic! Do you have allergies? Well, you have found your flower in orchids because they are great for people with allergies! Orchid pollen is not airborne, rather, it is stored in a waxy substance, called a pollen packet. This packet will stick to the pollinator that will then deliver the packet to another orchid. What this means to you and me is that orchids are easy to live with. Orchids make a thoughtful gift for anyone. [from Orchidbliss]

Trivia question from last month: How many documented orchid species exist throughout the world? There are over 30,000 orchid species and 110,000 and counting hybrids. Orchids are the largest family of flowering plants in the world. Orchids comprise approximately what percentage of all flowering plants?

- a. 3 percent
- b. 8 percent
- c. 14 percent
- d. 27 percent

***Look for the answers next month...***

# *Orchid Notes*

## **TASKS FOR JULY**

- Dry plants hard once or twice.
- Apply liquid fertilizer instead of water during dry patches.
- Watch for thrips when rain has been sparse for several days.
- Finish top cutting and planting of vandaceous genera.

Join the **Motes Orchids community** on [Facebook!](#)

# *Bloomers !*



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*Happy  
Birthday*



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