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Setup/Social 6:45 – 7:00 p.m.
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7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

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From the President

Dear POS Members and friends,

It was a pleasure having the Orchid Doctor Alex Lamazares come speak to us. I think everyone enjoyed his dynamic presentation immensely. It was nice to see some new faces at the meeting. Remember get involved and bring a friend to the meeting. Guest are always welcome. Our next speaker is our very own Anthony Spatola who has been growing orchids for some time and has perfected the art of taking seedlings from flasks and growing them successfully. He will be doing a demonstration and answering questions.

Hope everyone is enjoying the orchid shows and displays. Our VP, Tony Blanc has been really busy putting up displays for some of the various shows such as Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton for AOS displaying and judging. Hope you all enjoyed the displays. Good job Tony. The show schedule may be winding down but the POS activities keeps going. We will be at Garden Fest again this year and will be selling plants as a fundraiser for the club. If you have plants of any kind that you would like to donate and/or would like to help out, please contact Rose or Phyllis.

Thanks and see you at the meeting.

Rose Maytin,
President



**Check out
the Plantation
Orchid Society
on Facebook**

HELP NEEDED!

Many Thanks to Tina Pena who has volunteered to take over the job of snack coordinator, Hospitality/Sunshine Trustee from Judy Revier beginning in March. Because there may be times when Tina cannot be at our meeting due to work, POS still needs a volunteer to assist Tina and fill in for her. Can You help? Please contact Rose at 954-401-3171.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY RIBBON WINNERS!



GREEN RIBBON
CAT. Trianae Kimberly Burzell' ACC/AOS
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
Vanda (insignis x tessellata)
x denisoniana
Lori Parrish



GREEN RIBBON
Beallara Marfitch
'Howard's Dream'
Mary Lee Tabeling



BLUE RIBBON
CAT. Bonanza Queen 'Panamint'
Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON
Paph. Pinocchio
Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON
Den. Roy Tokunaga (Atro-
violaceum 'Pigmy' x John-
soniae)
Joanne Buckley



BLUE RIBBON
Den. Roy Tokunaga x Den. Roy Tokunaga
'Spots' Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
Pot. Memoria Shirley Moore
'Newberry'
Karen Reynoldson



BLUE RIBBON
Phal. Joy Micholitz - Ludde P.
Lueddemaniana and
P. micholitzii
Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON
Dtps. Maki Valentine
Mary Lee Tabeling

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RED RIBBON
Fuch's Orange Nuggett 'Lea'
Tom Van Strander



RED RIBBON
Slc. Tutankamen 'Pop' x
Slc. Mae Hawkins 'Miya' x
Choc. Drop
Karen Reynoldson



RED RIBBON
Blc. Fuch's Orange Delight
Lori Parrish



RED RIBBON
Dtps. The Pride of Ben Yu
Mary Lee Tabeling



RED RIBBON
Phal. Bright Light
Houseplant Luz Fuerte
Dot Fischi



RED RIBBON
Onc. Crown Fox Sunset
'Starburst'
Phyllis Durst



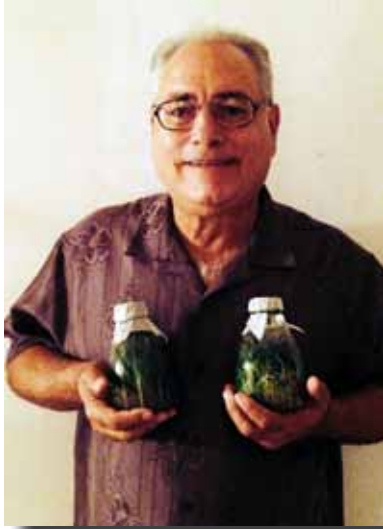
RED RIBBON
Onc. Jungle Monarch Tom
Van Stander



RED RIBBON
Rhy. Gigantea
'Red' x 'Spots'
Karen Reynoldson

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.





OUR MARCH SPEAKER Anthony Spatola

Tony is an orchid hobbyist and a member of POS, who fell in love with the orchid flower over 20 years ago. Tony learned the art of cultivating most orchids hybrids and species, orchid propagating. He never had training on orchid propagation. He did it the old fashion way; kill them and learn. Orchids can live without us. He changed his ways and became successful. He will speak on de-flasking young plants.



Our own POS VP, Tony Blanc, put up a beautiful display at the Boca Raton Orchid Show! Fantastic job, Tony!

**CHECK OUT THE NICE
ARTICLE ON THE POS
IN THE
PLANTATION TOWN
TIMES**

**Thank you to Angela
Puca for arranging this
for us**

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Plantation Orchid
Society is on Page 14**

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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Love was in the air with beautiful February orchids!



HOSPITALITY

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

Lori Parrish & Bob Bekoff - Rumcake, Water, Plates & Napkins, Daniel Saroza - Sugar Cookies, Elise Chapman - BTS Cake, Angela Puca - Grape Salad, Michele Boland - Sugar Cookies, Kathy - Snickerdoodles, Dottie Fischl - Ginger Snaps, Judy Revier - Cookies, Natalie Nowicki - Starbucks Coffee & Pastries, Karen Reynoldson - Cherry Cheesecake, Alma Woodrow - Sugar Cookies.

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 APRIL!

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



February Program Was Presented by Alex Lamazares from OrchidMania

by Mary Lee Tabelaing

Dressed in matching yellow scrubs, glasses and crocs, Alex Lamazares aka "The Orchid Doctor" began his presentation on a serious note. He explained that the purpose of OrchidMania is to provide services to children stricken with HIV and AIDS. Most of the children they work with, have been orphaned and are either in foster care or the care of relatives. OrchidMania offers services not provided by the government such as cab fare, bus tokens, social events and sadly, funeral expenses. OrchidMania is a totally volunteer organization with all monies going to the kids and funding the needs and activities of Project Cradle, an affiliated volunteer organization of the University Of Miami Miller School Of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics. Their big fund raiser is Orchids in the Park, held at Dante Fascell Park May 24 -25.

Alex opened his "doctor's bag", and began to pull out the tools of his trade. As he donned his matching yellow gloves, he emphasized the need to protect our skin from the chemicals and products we use to treat our orchids. Even cinnamon could cause an expensive trip to the dermatologist if you suddenly become allergic to it. He stressed proper lighting, water and air circulation as he declared that orchids don't die, people kill them.

The second tool he removed, was his matching yellow propane torch. Sterilizing your cutting tools with a propane torch, also makes the tool so hot that it seals the cut. Tools must be sterilized to prevent the transmission of disease. He also explained that the tools can be sterilized with equal parts TSP and water. Use 2 sets of tools. Use one and keep the other in the TSP solution. TSP can be purchased at Home Depot or a paint store.

Next he removed a toothbrush and a spray bottle containing isopropyl alcohol. Alex showed how to spray the plant, which kills all the bugs and won't hurt the orchid and use a toothbrush to remove the sheaths on the orchid.

For repotting, he buys staylight, rock, charcoal, and wood chips in bulk and mixes them together himself to save money. This way he can control the amount of each in his mix for different orchid species. Alex says hobbyists should plant in clay pots, claiming that the growers need use plastic to save money and weight. He does not use Styrofoam peanuts, because they are bad for the environment and hurt the birds. Instead, he uses sterilized broken clay pots in the bottom for drainage and weight. Glazed pots should be used for display only, since they do not breathe. Alex said repotting is like moving, you must get rid of everything you don't want. He uses a tickle tool (bent wire) to remove lava rock. He also cuts off the back end of his cats before planting. In demonstrating repotting, he held the cat in his fist and cut off all the roots below his fist. He showed us how to take off enough of the back of the cattaleya and place the back against the side of the pot leaving room for the plant to grow. Don't repot your orchids in a pot with over 1 inch of extra space. Don't over pot your plants since orchids generally like to be pot bound in order to bloom. He also demonstrated how to measure and make our own rhizome clips from 12 gauge drop ceiling wire (from Home Depot). He cut the wire to exactly the diameter of the pot and simply pushed it down over the roots. For plastic pots he just heats the end of the wire with his torch and pushes the hot end through the plastic. He said the use of systemic fungicide and insecticide is important but stressed the need to change it up and so the plants don't become resistant. Orchids like to get settled into an environment before they will bloom. Once a plant gets used to an area, leave it there to acclimate itself.

You can find out more about OrchidMania by visiting their website and orchidmania.org. OrchidMania South Florida, Inc. P.O. Box 430251 South Miami, FL 33243-0251 Voice Mail (305) 667-2992.

CURRENT EVENTS

Fairchild 12th Annual International Orchid Festival

March 7 - 9, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida
For more information call 305-667-1651 or visit their website.

Tropical Plant Affair

Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

and Sunday, March 16, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Pride Center, 2040 North Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors, FL
For more information call 954-257-2317 or visit their facebook page.

Gardenfest 2014

Saturday, March 22, 2014 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 23, 2014 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 and the Bromeliad Society of Broward County
present Gardenfest 2012 at Volunteer Park. Free Parking - Free Admission - Great Food.

Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Expo & Sale

April 19 & 20, 2014 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.

Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 27, 2014 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Orchids in the Park

May 24 - 25, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dante Fascell Park in South Miami 8600 SW 57th Ave (Red Road)

OrchidMania's 16th Annual Orchids in the Park fundraiser to benefit Project Cradle, a program at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Department of Pediatric Infectious Disease and Immunology, that provides assistance to children and young adults living with HIV/AIDS. You can make a tax deductible donation during your visit and enjoy all the beautiful plants, while helping a worthy cause.

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fare, tea with an
optional adult twist,
and our annual hat
competition!

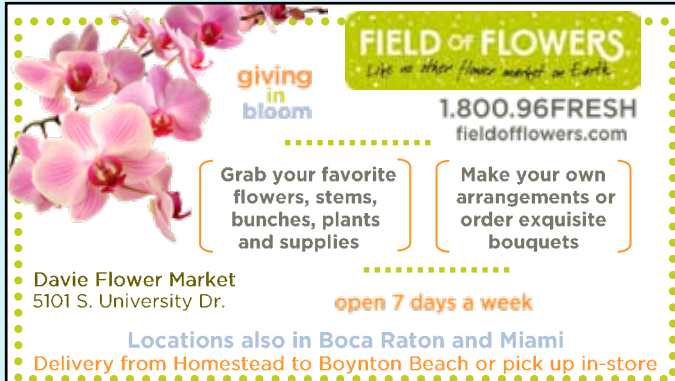
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