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From the President

Dear POS Members and friends:

Thank you to Mark Margolis for his lively presentation on the Cattasetum group of orchids. We all had a lot of laughs as we learned about this often overlooked genus.

For our September meeting Tony Blanc has put together 3 workshops. Jeff Tucker will be demonstrating potting, Tony Blanc and Karen Reynolson will be demonstrating semi-hydroponic potting and Richard Konefal will be showing how to mount orchids.

As we approach October our focus is the Annual POS Orchid Auction which will be held Tuesday, October 7th 2014 here at Deicke Auditorium. I would like to reinforce to POS members to get the word out. This is our main fundraiser that covers all the costs for the year. Lots of help is needed to make this a successful event. There will be flyers available so please post one at work, your church, or where ever you can. There are many ways for you to help the Auction.

Post a flyer

Invite everyone you know to the auction

Separate some of your favorite plants to donate to the Auction.

Volunteer to:

Pick up plants for auction.

Setup and break down at Deicke the day of the auction.

Bring plenty of goodies and beverages for our guests.

Help us decorate.

Members are what make the Plantation Orchid Society so special. Consider helping out to make this year the most amazing year ever.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Rose M. Maytin
President



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

*We Send Our Condolences
to Diane Davis on the death of her
husband George.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AUGUST RIBBON WINNERS!



BLUE RIBBON
Species cochleatum
lamcifoium
Rose Maytin



BLUE RIBBON
Den. denisforum x
Den. griffitnium
Elise Chapman



BLUE RIBBON
Ctsm. Portagee Star x
Susan Fuchs
Mary Lee Tabeling



BLUE RIBBON
B. Nodosa Adoraril
Phyllis Durst



BLUE RIBBON
Miltassia 'Shelob'
Lynn Molitor



BLUE RIBBON
Alcrd. Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold'
Tracy Moulton

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BLUE RIBBON
Bc. Waiane Leopard
Rose Maytin



BLUE RIBBON
C. Hawaiian Wedding Song
Suzie Bleus



RED RIBBON
Onc. Psych Mariposa
'GreenValley'
Gigi Louis



BLUE RIBBON
Onc. Psychopsis Papilio v. Alba



BLUE RIBBON
Cls. Russelliana
Ctsm. Breckenridges NY x Janets HC
Rose Maytin



BLUE RIBBON
Phal. Guadalup Camboinensis
'Nashville' x bellina 'Orchid
Classic' AM/AOS
Gigi Louis



BLUE RIBBON
Lc. Loog Tone
'African Beauty' HCC/AOS
Helene Albee



RED RIBBON
Brassia Sunrise Glow
Lynn Molitor

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.

HOSPITALITY

THANKS to the members who brought snacks the August meeting! I am sorry that are unable to Thank you by name this month.

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 OCTOBER.

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

New Membership Books are here!

Don't forget to pickup your 2014-15 member booklet at the meeting. Members that received one last year will get the current information to insert into their folder. New members will receive a complete folder.

HELLO my name is

New, updated name tags are available to fit in your old name badge. Don't forget to wear your name badge and pick up your new name tag!

2014 CALENDAR

September 2nd Meeting
Workshop

October 7th Meeting
Annual Auction

SUNDAY Nov. 2nd,
SPECIAL MEETING 3:00 p.m.
Sunday Orchids with Lori Parish

December Meeting
Annual Holiday Party

January 6
To be announced



THE POS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our October Auction will be here next month. Here's how you can help!

- 1. Place posters around town.**
- 2. Invite your friends to the Auction.**
- 3. Volunteer to help at the Auction.**
- 4. Divide and share some of your favorite plants.**
- 5. Pick up plants for the Auction.**
- 6. Help setup and break down at Deicke the day of the Auction.**
- 7. Bring plenty of goodies and beverages for our guests.**



September Workshop

We will be having a three different demonstrations taking place during the September meeting. At the workshop we will have:

Jeff Tucker demonstrating potting Cattleyas in Baskets and Potting in General

Tony Blanc and **Karen Reynoldson** will demonstrate Semi-Hydroponic Potting

Richard Konefal will demonstrate his driftwood and mounting. Richard is a retired cabinetmaker and has has a large collection of unique driftwood collected from all over Florida





The August Program on the Catasetum Group was presented by Mark Margolis

Mark Margolis is a non commercial hobby grower of orchids, whose specialty is in the Catasetum group. With more than 600 catasetum in his collection, he has received over 50 AOS awards for his plants. Mark refers to Catasetum as the Rodney Dangerfield of orchids because, for several reasons, "they get no respect". Catasetum orchids aren't very popular because, when the catasetum loses its leaves and goes into dormancy during the winter, it is a downright ugly plant. Most people feel the need to water them in dormancy and that's what usually kills them. The flower

doesn't last very long, and sometimes fades within a few days. Even experienced growers think they are hard to grow. Mark believes that in a lot of ways catasetums are the best orchids because cold weather won't kill them. The dormant bulbs are able to tolerate temps into the 30's. Many of the Catasetums and their hybrids will bloom more than once a season. They can be grown in full sun and love being attached to trees. The male plants are more attractive than the female plants and most of them have a beautiful aroma in bloom. Mark especially likes the fact that this orchid takes care of itself for 4-5 months. Mark also gets a kick out of the catasetum's ability to make a woman scream. Because they are dimorphic and have separate male and female flowers, they avoid self pollination with a trigger mechanism to project the pollen. When a blossom is touched, it suddenly fires off, and thus, can make a woman scream.



Mark explained the life cycle of a catasetum. In Feb. to Apr. the plant is initiating new growth and water should be withheld. From Apr. to Aug. the plant is growing rapidly and should be watered and fertilized profusely. Aug. to Oct. it is in its final growth and the media should be kept moist. In Oct. to Dec. the plant is dropping its leaves and water should be severely reduced. From late Oct. to Feb. when the leaves have dropped don't water!

Mark grow his catasetum in clay or plastic pots. He puts sphagnum and a few Styrofoam peanuts in the bottom of the pot and uses a timed release fertilizer in the media. The top half is material that will drain well such as Rock, charcoal, Aliflor bark and bits of sphagnum. These plants like a tight pot. Don't cut what looks like the old roots. Mark keeps his plants moist during its growing season. He doesn't let the media become dry. They love the rain. Because they grow so much in a short time fertilizing on a regular basis is important. Mark uses a balanced fertilizer 2-3 times a week and prefers a Calcium - Magnesium type of fertilizer. He even uses a weak fertilizer in his misting system.

Catasetum are light friendly plants and the type of light they get used to in their initial spring growth is the light they will be adapted to. Mark grows in 50% shade screen and likes to push them with light. He has seen naive catasetum growing at the tops of palm trees in full sun. High light equals female flowers and low light equals male flowers. Mark believes that the kind of flower is a function of the strength of the plant.

Pest control is important with catasetums. Snails seem to love to eat the leaves and flowers. They will return to the place they damaged and can be caught and smashed at night. Spider mites can also decimate your plants especially if they become dry. Look for them on the underside of your leaves. Mark uses Avid in 4 treatments 6-7 days apart at a rate of 1/8 teaspoon in a gallon of water. Mealybugs can infect your plants and retard the growth. They are farmed and carried by ants so, to get rid of the mealybugs, you must get rid of the ants. Fungus can rot the crown of the plant especially when the plant is beginning its growth in the spring. When the plant is small the water just sits in the crown. A mature plant develops channels for the water to run off.

Catasetums can be purchased at Sunset Valley Orchids - Fred Clark, Pine Ridge Orchids - Terry Glancy, Jumbo Orchids and Bela Vista Orchids. To learn more about Catasetums check out <http://www.orchidworks.com/> by Greg Allikas.

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