



# The Plantation Orchid Society

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**Tuesday June 4, 2013**

Setup/Social 6:45 – 7:00 p.m.  
Presentation starts promptly at  
7:15 – 9:00 p.m.  
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## Happy Anniversary POS!

*From the President*

Dear POS Members and friends,

Thank you Craig Morell, for sharing your wonder and entertaining knowledge with our POS members and guests. Everyone had a great time, had lots of laughs and ran home to try out those secret tips to help us grow better plants.

June is our 45th Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner and registration. If you did not sign up to bring a dish, please bring a main dish, appetizer or side dish. Cake and drinks will be provided. Memberships are now due. Everyone must renew to receive a registration plant and enter the photo contest. Please make checks out to Plantation Orchid Society, or bring exact cash with your registration form and encourage a friend to join with you.

If you would like to participate in our 3rd Annual Photo Contest, you must become a member, or renew your membership on or before the judging date. Entries must be a named orchid you have grown, printed to 8 X 10 in size. You may submit up to two entries. Your name and the orchid name must be printed on the back.

Do you have a Business you would like to promote? Place an ad with POS! A business card ad will be featured in the POS monthly newsletter, on our web page: <http://www.plantationorchidsociety.org> and in our membership booklets for 2013-2014, all this for only \$60.00. To place an ad contact Angela Puca at (954)791-1874.

Looking ahead: we will be having our Annual Auction fundraiser at Volunteer Park on October 1, 2013. Start spreading the word to ALL your friends and family and encourage them to attend and bring their friends. Look over your plant collection and select plants to donate to our auction. All monies raised by the club are used for the club to keep these great activities going.

A special and warm "Thank you" to our board members, news and web editors for doing such a wonderful job throughout the year. None of this would be possible without you. June closes out our year and begins anew. I look forward to working with all of you next year and many years to come.

See you at the meeting  
Sincerely,

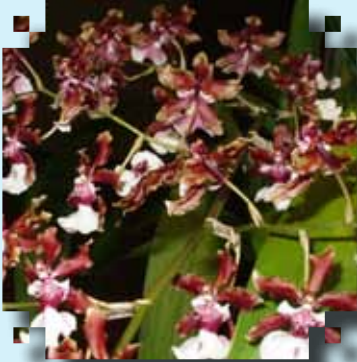
Rose Maytin,  
President



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

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL RIBBON WINNERS!

April showers didn't stop these gorgeous flowers. We are always glad to see the beautiful plants our members grow. Thanks to everyone who brought in their orchids for us to admire.



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Onc. Heavenscent  
'Sweet Baby'  
Tracy Mouton



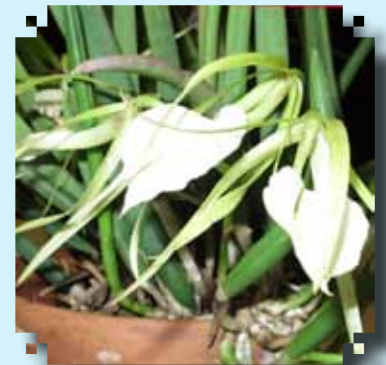
**GREEN RIBBON**  
C. Bactia x C. Nodosa  
Mary Lee Tabeling



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Rlc. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora'  
Jeff Tucker



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Enc. Cordigera  
Jeff Tucker



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Brassavola Nodosa Species  
Rose Maytin



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Bulb. Falcatum  
Rose Maytin

**GREEN RIBBON**  
Mtdm. Bartley Schwartz 'Highland'  
Karen Reynoldson



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Enc. Hereford Jewel  
(Enc. Cordigera x Enc. Bractescens)  
Phyllis Durst



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Bc. Thortonii  
Phyllis Durst



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## BLUE RIBBON

Pacific Shockwave Tuesday x Pacific Contrast 'Peach Dazzler'  
Rose Maytin



## BLUE RIBBON

Den. Gatton Sun Ray  
Helene Albee



## BLUE RIBBON

Dtps. Chan Xen Queen  
Mary Lee Tabeling



## RED RIBBON

Enc. Beliznesis  
Karen Spiotta



## BLUE RIBBON

Blc. Lime Cooler 'Krull Smith'  
Phyllis Durst



## RED RIBBON

Slc. Jewel Box  
'Schheherazade'  
Rose Maytin



## RED RIBBON

Den. Kultan Blue  
Lynn & Douglas Molitor

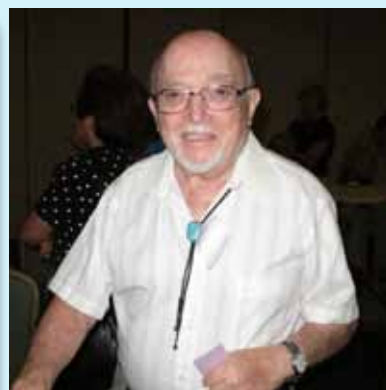


## RED RIBBON

Onc. Sphacelatum  
Phyllis Durst

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.

# MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



**Get Ready for Our June Potluck Anniversary Dinner!**



## THE EAT IS ON!

Don't forget to bring your dish for our June potluck dinner! (a member favorite)

Bring your special main dish, appetizer or side dish.  
Dessert and drinks are on the Plantation Orchid Society

## More May Winners



## Enter Our JUNE MEMBERS ONLY PHOTO CONTEST



Our 2012 Photo Winner  
Linda Stewart

### Rules:

1. Contest is for members only.
2. Submit two 8"x 10" photos of a named orchid that you have grown.
3. Each entry must have Orchid Name.
4. Your name must be printed on back of photo.

**A prize will be awarded to the winner!**

## HOSPITALITY

Thanks to everyone who brought food to the May meeting.

Alma Woodrow - Brownies,  
Elise Chapman - Lemon Cake,  
Judy Bontrager - Waffle Cookies, Karen  
Reynoldson - Cheese Snacks,  
Tracy Moulton - Guacamole & Tortilla  
Chips,  
Cynthia Allen - Turkey Vegetable  
Sandwiches  
Remember, we always love the treats  
you bring but:

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN  
THE SHEET SO WE CAN THANK YOU  
IN July!**

Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Judy Revier.

## May Program Presented by Craig Morell

*“Old Ways to Do Modern Things and  
Modern Ways to Do Old Things: Merging  
Modern and Classic Orchid Tactics”*

Craig Morell challenged all we thought we knew about growing orchids at our May meeting. Orchids are just plants! Who knew? They can't read the culture books, and have hardly evolved at all since the turn of the 19th century. Orchids aren't even aware of all the new fertilizers and potting mediums! They might even thrive on stuff people used to grow them in one hundred years ago! You can even use fertilizer from Home Depot and they won't mind!

Craig was great. He assured us that plants just want to be healthy. Most of us are so anxious for our orchids to flower that we forget that we must first make them grow well. Most orchids would much rather grow attached to tress as nature intended, but you can't drag your tree to the orchid society for judging. He brought some of his plants to show how he challenges the norm. One of his Vandas was happily growing in a pot on a mixture of fir bark and charcoal. Another Cattleya was thriving attached to a wooden basket with absolutely no growing medium.

Craig waters his Cats only once a week...I might repeat that, once a week! He emphasized that these are succulents and need a dry period. Another of his orchids, A Cattleya Skinneri was growing happily in a wire basket, again with no medium whatsoever.

He advises that if the roots of your orchids are rotting, get rid of the medium. If the plant is small enough, trim off the bad roots and just place the plant in a clay pot, (bare root) until you see healthy roots start to form.

He likes to plant in grey Staylite rock which can be bought in bulk for about 30 cents a pound. Craig prefers mediums that don't break down and mentioned that in the early 1900's the Brits planted their orchids in broken bricks. When repotting, He prefers to use two labels to identify his plants. The first he places inside the pot away from the sunlight and the second on the outside.

When choosing fertilizer for orchids it is important to look at the numbers. Nitrogen (N)/ Phosphorus (P) / Potassium (K). Nitrogen makes plants grow taller and greener. Phosphorus helps roots to grow and aids bloom development. Potassium helps protect the plant against



diseases and aids in drought protection and cold tolerance.

A good fertilizer is Milorganite which is a slow-release formula providing nitrogen and other nutrients over an 8-10 week period for even growth. This is especially good for Spathoglottis or ground orchids. He encourages the use of an old favorite, bone meal, which is a good source of calcium. He also likes Dynamite (in the red container) which can be put in the planting hole for the roots to

grab on to. It can also be put on top of the medium to trickle in.

He cautioned against using Osmocote which could burn the plant.

Another cheap old standby since the days of the Egyptians for fungus mildew and some insects is Flowtox garden sulfur. Use at 1 to 3 Tablespoons per gal. (Smells like fireworks). It's also great on mangos, avocados and lichees for about 20 cents per pound at an agricultural supply store.

Plain old rubbing alcohol will kill white fly and mealy bugs along with thrips. It can be sprayed on plants, flowers and buds, but would need to be applied every 5-6 days and can also be applied to herbs and vegetables.

One of Craig's favorite spreader stickers is Publix's White dish washing soap. 1 Tablespoon per Gal. added to fertilizer will not only help get the fertilizer to the roots better, but it inhibits insects, flushes ants out of pots and smells really nice. Just don't forget to add the soap last, or you'll just have bubbles.

He cautioned us to be careful at orchid shows with the foreign vendors. Their plants are beautiful, but are raised in a controlled environment and may not be able to be acclimated to our climate and growing conditions.

Craig also advised that plant people love to help other plant people, so if you are new or need advice please just ask someone!

Craig's contact info is:

craigmorell@att.net or by phone at 305-710-3364.



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## JUNE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

**Print and fill out the attached membership renewal form and bring it, along with your check to the June meeting.**

**When you renew your membership you will receive a free orchid!**

**Attention Members! June Meeting at Volunteer Park**

Deicke Auditorium is currently under renovation. The rest of our regular meetings this year will be held at the Volunteer Park Community Center, located at 12050 W Sunrise Blvd., West of Hiatus Rd. in Plantation at Sunrise Blvd. and 118th Avenue, until construction is completed.

## ADVERTISING!!

Place your business or personal ad in our newsletter and on our web page. Cost for your ad is \$60 and it will run from June to May 2014.

## POS CALENDAR 2013

June 4, 2013 - Registration/Renewal Pot Luck Anniversary Dinner at Volunteer Park  
July 2, 2013 - To Be Announced at Volunteer Park  
August 6, 2013 - To Be Announced at Volunteer Park  
Sept. 3, 2013 - To Be Announced at Volunteer Park  
October 1, 2013 - POS annual Auction at Volunteer Park  
November 5, 2013 - To Be Announced at Volunteer Park  
December, 2013 - Holiday Party



## Animal Rescue

Phyllis Durst is still collecting old towels and blankets and washable throw

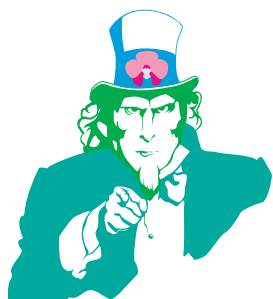
rugs for animals in rescue shelters. If you have any towels or blankets that you would like to get rid of, please bring them to our meeting Tues. and give them to Phyllis.

## POS WILL BE FIFTY!



The 50th Anniversary of the Plantation Orchid Society is in 2018. Rose is in the process of preparing memorabilia for POS in the way of photos, banners, awards, membership booklets, newsletters. Etc. If you know anyone that knows someone that has anything to contribute please call Rose at 954-401-3171 or e-mail [posorchids@gmail.com](mailto:posorchids@gmail.com).

## THE POS NEEDS YOUR EXTRA PLANTS!



**Our October Auction will be here before you know it. Now is a great time for all good members to get those gardening gloves out, clean out your leftover pots and divide your plants! We must raise funds to pay for our wonderful speakers, meeting room rentals, along with non-profit and bank fees and other miscellaneous. The club needs your extra plants to auction at the October meeting. Please help us out and share!**