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Setup/Social 6:45 – 7:00 p.m.
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From the President

Dear POS Members and Friends:

Thank you Angie Villanueva and Luis Del Pino of Rio Orchids for such an informative presentation. You educated our members on how long and how much work it takes to get orchids marketed from seed to sell. Our members came away with a new found appreciation for the hard work the growers put into their plants. We look forward to hearing your daughter speak at our club when she is old enough. You both are truly incredible. We look forward to watching your family grow as well as your seedlings.

Our February speaker is Brian Monk of Blu Llama Orchid and experienced hybridizer, photographer and AOS student judge. Brian has a true passion for orchids. We are all looking forward to his presentation on Miltonias.

Thank you Fransisco, Paul, Ernest, Phyllis, Elise, Karen and Bev for setting up the display at the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society show. Thank you to our members who loaned their beautiful plants for everyone to enjoy at the show.

Hope everyone is enjoying the shows this fall. Don't forget to check out our events calendar for the show dates and locations.

See you at the meeting.

Rose M. Maytin
President



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the Plantation
Orchid Society
on Facebook**

What's Your Favorite Valentine Orchid?



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JANUARY RIBBON WINNERS!



YELLOW RIBBON
Rlc. Pink Empress 'Lakeview'
Jeff Tucker



GREEN RIBBON
Den. ThongChai Gold
Elise Chapman



YELLOW RIBBON
Bulb. arfakianum var. alba
Gigi Louis



BLUE RIBBON
Sc. Wendy's Valentine x
Chocolate Drop
Tom & Barbara VanStrander



BLUE RIBBON
Ang. Superbum
Bob Bekoff



BLUE RIBBON
Den. Blue Fox Tail
Suzie Bleus



BLUE RIBBON
Cat. Mikki Nagat 'Sunbulb'
Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON
Den. Thongchai Gold
Karen Reynoldson

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RED RIBBON
Den. *finestere* x *polysema*
Gigi Louis



RED RIBBON
MCIRA Yellow Star'
Golden Gambol'
Tom & Barbara Van Strander



RED RIBBON
Den. Rene Marquez
Suzie Bleus



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.

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The Plantation Orchid Society had a beautiful Display at the Ft Lauderdale Orchid Show on January 15-17. Thanks to Francisco, Paul, Ernest, Phyllis, Elise, Karen and Bev for setting up the display. Also congratulations to Gigi Louis. Gigi was awarded a Blue Ribbon for her Blc. Hawaiian Wizard



OUR FEBRUARY SPEAKER Brian Monk of Blu Llama Orchids “Miltonias”

Brian Monk was born in Milton, Florida in 1969. Shortly after his birth, Brian's family moved to Charleston, West Virginia where he spent the next 18 years. As a young man, Brian's intense passion for nature led to his profession and his many hobbies including bird-watching, orchid growing and natural history.

In 1992, Brian received his B.S., cum laude, from Hampden Sydney College in Virginia followed by a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Virginia Tech in 1997. In 2005, while working as a Veterinarian in Orlando, Florida, Brian met the love of his life, Mary-Margaret, in Ft. Lauderdale.

Mary-Margaret Monk grew up in Virginia Beach, Virginia and later moved to Fort Lauderdale Florida. Mary-Margaret received a B.A., summa cum laude, from Florida Atlantic University followed by a Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University School of Law. Mary-Margaret is a civil litigation attorney and mediator. Her hobbies include her husband, Brian, photography, their cats and her many aquariums.

Because of their passion for all things orchid, Brian and Mary-Margaret formed Blu Llama Orchids, Inc. They were married on April Fool's Day in 2006 and reside in Ft. Lauderdale with their five cats and their ever expanding orchid collection.

Brian started growing and hybridizing orchids in his backyard, but this has expanded to 4000 square feet of greenhouse space. He will grow anything green, but focuses on his hybridizing projects, which include the development of multi-floral white and pink Paphiopedilums, warmth-tolerant red Oncidiinae, and a standard pink Cattleya with an all-white lip.

Accompanied by his wife and inspired by his orchids, Brian continues to pursue and perfect his orchid culture and photographic skills. Brian's photography has won awards online, in the 2007 Miami International Orchid Show, and at the 2008 World Orchid Conference, and will be exhibited in Florida and California in 2009. Brian is currently a student judge with the American Orchid Society.



January Program Was Presented by Angie Villanueva & Luis Del Pino of Rio Orchids

Accompanied by their beautiful little baby daughter, Angie and Luis gave an informative presentation on their commercial propagation and flasking operation at Rio Orchids. Angie and Luis recently purchased Ruben Sauleda's nursery, Ruben in Orchids. They specialize in orchid flasking and crossing their own hybrids, which they sell to growers all over the world.

Their wonderful slide presentation, which got off to a slow start due to a unruly projector, focused on Orchid Propagation methods. Angie took us through orchid pollination, seed capsules and included all the steps of flasking and seedlings. They even brought several flasks of seedlings for us to try and grow! We were instructed to clean the baby orchid by gently swishing in water to remove all the agar solution. Then we were told to spray it with a solution of an algaeicide like Phytan and lay it on a bed of Hydroton and charcoal. For those of you who received a seedling, be sure to tag it with the name: Blc. Rubens Verde x Enc. Alata. Good growing!



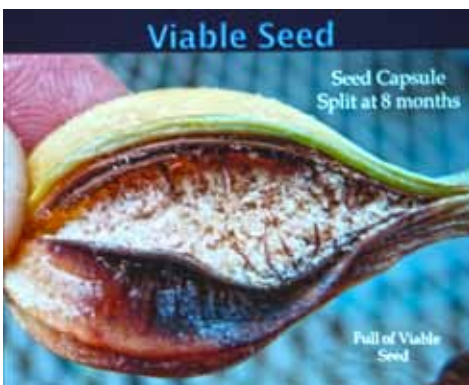
It takes 14 months to two years for seedlings to be large enough to come out of their flasks and 4 to 6 years from flask to blooming size.



Tom Van Strander with Luis Del Pino

At Rio, they They also maintain a supply of species both native and from all over the world they have one of the largest varieties of orchids for sale here in Florida plus They are all grown locally to thrive in our South Florida environment.

Rio Orchids is located at 22585 SW 187th Avenue Miami, FL. 33170 June 1st to September 1st by appointment only. The rest of the year from Tuesday through Saturday 9am to 5 pm web: www.rioorchids.com or for appointment Phone: 305-247-4144



HOSPITALITY

THANKS to all the members who brought snacks the meeting!

Karen Reynoldson - Chocolate Bundt Cake, Leslie Dangler and Sallie Sherwood - Blackbean and Corn Wonton Chips and Cheese and Crackers, Terry Voynik - Cheese and Crackers, Elise Chapman - Peanuts.

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



Our March 1st meeting will feature Bill Peters of Whimsy Orchids. He will be doing a hands on demo - Cats.

On April 5th "The Orchid Doctor" Alex Lamazares from Orchidmania will be at our meeting to answer all your questions.



CURRENT EVENTS

Boca Raton Orchid Society Show and Sale

Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14, 2016 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Department of Safe Schools Institute
1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Admission \$5.00. For more info, www.brosonline.org

American Orchid Society Judging Educational Presentation at Flamingo Gardens

February 27, Judging from 2-4 p.m.

Visit www.wpbjudging.org for plant entry procedures and more information
West Palm Beach Judging Center at Flamingo Gardens

Contact Carol Holdren at (561) 212-4876 or email cjholdren@gmail.com for more information.

Fairchild 14th Annual International Orchid Festival

March 11 thru 13, 2016 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

10901 Old Cutler Rd. Coral Gables, FL 33156

Choose from over 10,000 orchid plants from more than 50 vendors. Explore the wonder of orchids during one of our many garden workshops and walking tours. Marvel at rare orchid species in the American Orchid Society juried show, presented by the Orchid Society of Coral Gables.

For more information visit their website: <http://www.fairchildgarden.org/events-community-outreach/orchid-festival>.

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