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From the President

Dear POS Members and Friends:

Thank you Brian Monk of Blue Llama for coming to speak on miltonias. Our members received some important information of which orchids to purchase at the show and how to get those hard to bloom cool weather miltonias to flower.

Looking forward to our March speaker Bill Peters of Whimsy Orchids. He will be doing a hands on demonstration on cattleyas and answering any questions you may have.

Again our plant show table was absolutely beautiful. Keep bringing your beautiful blooms but remember that the show table is for plants that you as a hobbyist have bloomed. Remember to fill out your plant forms properly and do some research to ensure that the plant matches the tag.

See you at the meeting,

Rose M. Maytin
President



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



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY RIBBON WINNERS!



BLUE RIBBON
Sansal Blue
'Acker's Pride'
Elise Chapman



BLUE RIBBON
Rhyncostylis Gigantea
(Spots)
Paul & Francisco Lambert



BLUE RIBBON
Phal. lueddemaniana
'Krulls' Red Devil"
Gig Louis



BLUE RIBBON
Onc. Midas Willow Pond
Lynn Molitor



BLUE RIBBON
Rlc. Bonanza Queen
'Paniment'
Jeff Tucker



BLUE RIBBON
C. Pereivaliana
Peggy Geria



BLUE RIBBON
Slc. Love Castle Kurena
Peggy Geria



BLUE RIBBON
Onc. Golden Shower
Rose Maytin



BLUE RIBBON
D. Spectabile
Rose Maytin

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BLUE RIBBON

Clowesia Rebecca Nothereri
Paul & Francisco Lambert



RED RIBBON

Rhyncostylis Gigantea (Red)
Paul & Francisco Lambert



BLUE RIBBON

Den. NOID
Rose Maytin



RED RIBBON

V. Pachara Delight 'Isabella'
Jeff Tucker



RED RIBBON

Onc. Pacific Sunrise
Phyllis Durst



RED RIBBON

Ic. Hawaiian Wizard
Gigi Louis



RED RIBBON

Alca Pacific Nora 'Hilo Stars'
Ernest Rose



RED RIBBON

Bc. Green Emerald
Phyllis Durst

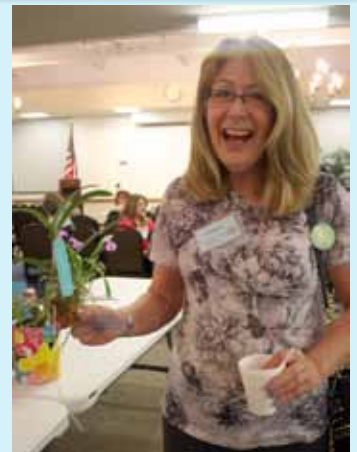


RED RIBBON

Pot. Jim Krull 'Hanabu'
Peg Geria

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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OUR MARCH SPEAKER Bill Peters of Whimsy Orchids “Hands on Demo”

Bill Peters has been commercially involved in the orchid growing business for 44 years. After earning a degree in horticulture at the University of Florida he worked as grower for Jones and Scully in Miami, and later as manager of Carter and Homes in South Carolina. Returning to Jones and Scully in the 80's, he was orchid manger until Hurricane Andrew. In 1994, he started

Whimsy Orchids in the Redland farming region near Homestead, specializing in collector Cattleyas. He was an organizer of the Redland Professional Orchid Growers and is instrumental in putting on the Redland Orchid Festival.

Whimsy Orchids is located at 18755 S.W. 248th Street - Homestead, FL. 33031

Tel. 305-242-1333 - E-mail: whimsy@bellsouth.net

POS 2016 CALENDAR

March 6

Bill Peters -Whimsey Orchids
Hands on Demo

April 5

Alex Lamazares
from Orchidmania

May 3

To be Announced

June 7

Anniversary Party

July 5

To be Announced

August 2

To be Announced

September 6

Mark Edlund - Orchid Acres
Dendrobiums

October 4

Annual Auction

November 1

To be Announced

December

Holiday party

A Special Thank You!

The POS would like to thank
Lynn Molitor and Helen Albee
For taking the newsletter photos
at the February meeting.

Also thank you to
Peter Jeanopolous
for volunteering to take photos.
Your help is greatly appreciated!

HOSPITALITY

THANKS to all the members who brought snacks the meeting!

Elise Chapman - Oreos, Dot McCrain - Cookies, Leslie Dengler - Lemon Torte, Sallie Sherwood - Cream Cheese and Avocado Spread, Chocolate Espresso bean, Alma Woodrow - Donut Holes, Judy Revier, Peggy Geria - Tea Sandwiches, Gigi Louis - Girl Scout 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 “Miltonias Some Like It Hot!” Was Presented by Brian Monk of Blu Llama Orchids

Our speaker in February was Brian Monk of Blu Llama Orchids In Ft. Lauderdale. He spoke to us about Miltonias. Found in South America, Brazil, Panama, Columbia and Ecuador, Miltonias will grow in the heat, but they do like a heat differential. The cooler temperature in the evening and warm during the day makes for better flower pigment. These plants are easy to grow, and will produce large plants with huge numbers of flowers in only a few seasons. They are the definition of a beginner plant – one which is forgiving of most mistakes and extremes, and bounces back easily from all but the very worst transgressions. However, Miltonias do have a certain set of conditions under which they perform optimally, and if they were said to be picky, it would be these things which they prefer:

Watering habits depends on the pot and medium

They like a morning shower. Miltonias prefer to be watered early in the day.

They don't like wet feet. Miltonias prefer to be dry by nightfall.

They are sunbathers. Miltonias prefer light in the Cattleya to Vanda range.

These things are also important:

They can be rambling space-hogs. Miltonias have long intermodal distances and they grow FAST. Well-grown plants will double the number of new leads every year.

Yellow leaves are not a sign of an unhealthy plant. However, they are the sign of a Magnesium insufficiency. High light levels destroy chlorophyll, and plants need Magnesium to make more. Brian also applies Epsom salt at a rate of 1 tsp per gallon two times annually, in January and June to improve color and to help protect plants against cold. He uses Calcium to prevent leaf tip burn. Spots on leaves can be controlled by applying a fungicide approx. 3 times a year. Accordion leaves can be prevented by regular watering and care. Once this happens to the leaves it cannot be rectified.

Given these ideas, he generally like to grow Miltonias in one of three ways:

When potted, Brian uses shallow clay pots like azalea pots, and even then only use about half the depth of the pot. Miltonia roots are fine and short, and don't require a deep substrate. Fine roots need to be secure because breakage of new roots sets the plant back. Planting this way also gives more room for the plant to grow into, and I will often times use a 10 inch pot to give the plants another 1-2 growing seasons undisturbed. He uses a media of at least half inorganic/half organic; specifically he uses LECA and New Zealand bark. He uses a “medium” grade. Brian grows Brazilian Miltonias best in tree fern baskets. He finds that they do not break down quickly and therefore repotting is reduced to 2-3 yrs. He mounts his Miltonias exclusively on tree fern slabs or poles. He prefer slabs, and after he secures the plant he simply lays the slab flat. Tree fern is wonderful stuff, it wets easily and drains well, and Miltonias seem to like it above all other substrates.

Brian is an accomplished photographer and you can view his work on his website. blullamaorchids@aol.com Blu Llama Orchids 3052 S. Oakland Forest Drive #2104 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 954-802-6710.



**Our April 5th Meeting
will feature
“The Orchid Doctor”
Alex Lamazares
from Orchidmania**

FOR SALE

**Pat Payette is selling orchid
shelving and other orchid items
call 954-472-8861.**

CURRENT EVENTS

Boca Raton Orchid Society Show and Sale

February 13-14, 2016 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Featuring Orchid Displays & Sales, Educational Lectures, Repotting Service and AOS Judging
Advance Tickets \$3.00 at Green Barn Orchid supply
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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. Visit the Orchid Tea Room for an energizing spot of tea and dessert. Enjoy wonderful food and entertainment. For more information visit their website: <http://www.fairchildgarden.org/events-community-outreach/orchid-festival>.

Sunrise Orchid Society Annual Auction

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 - 6:45pm - 9:30pm

Sunrise Senior Center

10650 West Oakland Park Boulevard • Sunrise, Florida 33351

www.sunrisefl.gov/2seniorc.html

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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