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

*From the President*

Dear POS Members and Friends:

Thank you to our May speaker Carlos Cahiz from OFE Orchid Supply for coming and giving some helpful tips on pest, diseases and remedies. He gave our members a lot of one on one consultations to make their plants blue ribbon winners. May is a great time to stock up on supplies to prepare for the rainy season that bring pest and diseases.

June is our Anniversary Pot Luck Photo Contest Registration and Election. June is also our renewal deadline for all members. Fill out the membership application with your check or cash payment and bring with you to the meeting to receive your membership plants. Brush out your favorite main course, appetizer or salad recipes and come hungry for the pot luck extravaganza. You must be a member to enter the photo contest and have a high resolution photo so that we may feature it on the Auction poster. If you are interested in running for a position on our board you still have time to throw in your hat.

Charles Sultzer was kind enough to donate Linda Sultzer's plants to the Plantation Orchid Society. Therefore, we will be auctioning Linda's and other plants at the June Pot luck dinner. If you would like to donate a plant to the Auction in Linda's name just bring it in to the June 7th Pot Luck Dinner Auction. We will accept check and cash payment at no fee. Credit purchases will require an added service fee of 3%.

See you at the meeting,

Rose M. Maytin  
President



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the Plantation  
Orchid Society  
on Facebook**



**AT THE JUNE ANNIVERSARY WE WILL BE  
AUCTIONING OFF THE ORCHID COLLECTION  
OF LINDA SULTZER.**

Bring your check or cash and Give one of Linda's  
plants a good home.

Thank you, Theresa Gerardi, of Global Response  
Corporation, for their special monetary donation

In Memory of Linda.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MAY RIBBON WINNERS!



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
Blc. Cornerstone 4th of July  
Peg Geria



**YELLOW/BLUE RIBBON**  
Dtps. KV Charmer '802'  
Phyllis Durst



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
maxillaria tenuifolia  
Karen Reynoldson



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
Den. Crysotoxum  
Rose Maytin



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
Paph. NOID  
Peter Jeannopoulos



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
Phal. Sunset Cloud  
Phyllis Durst



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
Rlc. Little Mike X American  
Velvet X Royal Reason  
Peg Geria



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
Phal. Memory  
Sue Dohn



**YELLOW RIBBON**  
V. Kultura Goldb2N X  
Kultura Gold 4N  
Sue Dohn

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**BLUE RIBBON**  
V. Motes Burning Sands  
'Mary Motes'  
Sue Dohn



**BLUE RIBBON**  
P. Guadalupe Pineda  
Gigi Louis



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Phal. Ken Avant "Kroll  
Smith Jeff Tucker



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Ascd. Miniatum  
Bob Beckoff



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Brassia Caudata x Brachiata  
W. Bill David



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Enc. Alanta x Enc. Tampensis  
Phyllis Durst



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Stella Mitzara 'Kelly Lea'  
Peg Geria



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Bulb. Fascinator V. Hampeliana  
Gigi Louis



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Blc. Memoria Robert Strait  
'Island Delight'  
Jeff Tucker

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**BLUE RIBBON**  
maxillaria tenuifolia  
Lenide Pierre-Antoine



**RED RIBBON**  
Ctyh. Siam Jade 'AVO'  
Karen Reynoldson



**BLUE RIBBON**  
maxillaria tenuifolia  
Dot Mc Crain



**RED RIBBON**  
Ctna Why Not 'Orchidglade'  
Tom & Barbara Van Strander



**RED RIBBON**  
Bc. Frill Seeker  
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.





## THE EAT IS ON!

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

If you didn't already sign up, just bring a main dish, appetizer or side dish.  
Please write your Name and contents of your dish on the post-it pad provided.

Dessert and drinks are on the Plantation Orchid Society!

## June is Membership Renewal

Cost for renewal is \$25.

Additional family members are \$15.

Just print out the separately attached registration form, fill it out and bring it to the meeting on Tues.

Everyone renewing by June will receive a Plant at the June meeting!



Our 2015 Photo Winner - Jill Greenbaum

## Enter Our JUNE MEMBERS ONLY PHOTO CONTEST

### Rules:

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

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

# The Plantation Orchid Society

## There is Still Time to Join us on the Board

Would you like to serve on the Plantation Orchid Society Board? Our elections are Tues. June 7. You can still nominate yourself to be on the board or let us know if you want to serve on one of our committees. Please contact Phyllis Durst at e-mail - jdurst1@comcast.net or Angela Puca at e-mail angela.puca@outlook.com phone (965) 791-1874.



## PLACE AN AD

We are now accepting annual advertisement ads for POS web/ newsletter/membership booklet for only \$60.00. All current ads need to be renewed June. If you would like to place an ad for your business and/or club please contact Angela Puca: 954-791-1874. All ads will be posted on the POS website, in the monthly newsletters and the POS membership booklets from August 2016 to August 2017.

## HOSPITALITY

### THANKS

to all the members who brought snacks the meeting!

Sallie Sherwood - Sweet/Sour Meatballs, Leslie Dangler - Fried Mushrooms, Michele Boland - Chocolate Chip Cookies, Suzie Bleus - Strawberry Streusel Cake, Mirielle Jeannopolos - Meatballs, Gigi Louis - Hummus and Carrots, Elise Chapman - Fudge sticks, Orpha Hirst - 1/2 1/2 and cheese crackers, Karen Reynoldson - Cherry dump cake,

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 JULY.

Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Barbara Van Strander.

## POS 2016 CALENDAR

### June 7

Anniversary Pot Luck, Election, Membership Renewal and Photo Contest

### July 5

To be Announced

### August 2

Jim and Melana Davison

### September 6

Mark Edlund - Orchid Acres - Dendrobiums

### October 4

Annual Auction

### November 1

To be Announced

### December

Annual Holiday party

**THE POS IS STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN PRODUCE OUR NEWSLETTER EACH MONTH**  
Please contact Mary Lee at 954-473-0456



## Our April Program Was Presented by Carlos Cahiz from OFE Orchid Supply

by Gigi Louis and Karen Reynoldson

Our May speaker was Carlos Cahiz of OFE Orchid Supply. Carlos gave a wonderfully informative presentation on orchid culture at our last meeting on May 3rd. He first reminded us to “keep it simple”! If something is working for you, don’t worry about what other growers are doing. Remember that everyone’s growing conditions are different and growers will tell you how to

grow a particular plant based on his/her conditions. Take advice from others and adjust it to your conditions and growing habits. Always remember, Enjoy! We’re doing this to have fun.

Carlos said there are 3 basic variables to consider when growing orchids.

1. Type of orchid
2. Where you grow it---in what and location
3. Type of grower you are

Carlos tends to grow “dry.” He compensates for dryness by the right medium. Some of the best advice he gave is to utilize various types of growing medium to adjust for your own watering habits. His favorite medium combination is hydroton mixed with charcoal, which “sweetens” the mix. Most of us grow outdoors in South Florida and tend to plan for the rainy season utilizing fast draining medium, which can be problematic during the dry season, if you are unable to water frequently. Carlos suggested putting a small amount of sphagnum off to the side in your pot or basket to provide a little extra moisture for your plants during the dry season. A good medium for Catt., grown outside, is charcoal and hydroton. Chunk hardwood charcoal (not BBQ charcoal) under sphagnum is good for oncidiums. Perlite doesn’t hold water and promotes draining. Vermiculite holds water. Sphagnum is favored by commercial growers because they can control the water and temperature. Most of us don’t have that ability. Orchiata is a new bark from New Zealand. It is very hard and dense, so it lasts longer, up to 4 - 6 years. Cork is very popular for mounting because it doesn’t break down. Mounting requires more frequent watering. Carlos likes to pot in net pots because they dry out quicker. He said that every grower tells you something different so you should just try to be flexible and adapt the methods to your conditions.

Carlos suggests fertilizing at least once per month with one tablespoon per gallon of a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20) or 15-5-15 Cal Mag (from Southern Ag). Note that the 15-5-15 Cal Mag is best stored in a cool and dry place to prevent it from getting soupy. If it does become soupy, it is still usable so don’t throw it out. Water soluble fertilizer is the best way to fertilize, but time release is second best. Nutracote or Dynamite (red can) time release pellets are great and will not burn your roots. There is a new time release fertilizer with a 16-5-11 formula which lasts for 9 months which he also recommends. When buying fertilizer, pay attention to the numbers: the first number N indicates Nitrogen (which stimulates leaves and growth), the second is P, Phosphorus (which promotes flowers) and the last, K, Potassium (which promotes root growth). If you are growing in bark, you will need a fertilizer with more nitrogen so look for something with a higher first number. Don’t use nitrogen which is based on urea since orchids can’t absorb that. The source needs to be ammonia or nitrates. A balanced fertilizer is good, but it’s better to add magnesium sulfate (Epsom salts) at the rate of 1 Tablespoon per gallon and 3-5 drops of Superthrive with your fertilizer. Plants need magnesium for photosynthesis.

During periods of slow growth, Carlos recommends slowing down with an organic fertilizer to give the plant a rest. Wait for new growth and roots before repotting and resuming a stronger fertilizing regimen. Carlos recommends using supplements such as Maxicrop Seaweed fertilizer, Superthrive and Norman’s Mega-thrive. They help wake up the plant’s metabolism and may help a sick plant. To recover damaged plants, he uses a tablespoon of Potassium Nitrate (10-0-44) with 1 tablespoon of Magnesium Sulfate (Epsom Salts) per gallon of water. For new plants, or when repotting, soak in a solution of LIFE, Megathrive, Hygrozime or Superthrive to promote strong roots. Maxicrop, Liquid Kelp, Liquid Fish or Floralicious are also excellent organic fertilizers. You will see an immediate result using Maxicrop! Remember that the best time to repot is when you see new root growth. This is especially critical for those gorgeous bifoliate Cattleyas which will, if you are lucky, take a very long time to recover from an untimely repot. If you are unlucky, the plant will just give up and die so keep an eye out for those new roots.

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Carlos Cahiz Cont.

Now on to our least favorite part of growing our beautiful orchids: pests and diseases! Fungus, a common problem here, is quite often started when insects feed on the plants sugars and their chewing causes holes which are susceptible to fungus. So you have to be proactive for the insects. Carlos recommends spraying once per month with Dithane, Thiomyd and SA-20 (which is the same as Consan, Physan and pool algicide). SA-20 is particularly useful during the rainy season because it can be sprayed onto wet plants. It cleans off the sugars so insects aren't attracted and it's a bactericide and fungicide.

As for insecticides, Carlos likes Permetrol as it's a good broad spectrum insect killer and is longer lasting and kills the insects that hatch, too. Thrips are a big problem and by the time you see the damage, it's too late. Good old Orthene is systemic and works the best on thrips. The 97% concentration is the one that's needed--not the kind sold in the box stores. To allow systemic chemicals to build up in the plants, spray once per week for three weeks anytime you begin using something new. This will give your plants the maximum benefit however, it's a good idea to try a new chemical out on one or two plants before treating your entire collection. Keep pets away for 24 - 48 hours. If you prefer, you can use organic pesticides, as cinnamon, alcohol and Safer soap. These are safe but they don't last very long. You will need to spray more often as they are only effective for 24-48 hours. Carlos stressed that when we use chemicals we need to protect ourselves with hats, gloves, long sleeves, long pants and respirators. Also, spray early in the morning when there's no wind and shower off and wash your clothing when finished. Also please be mindful of your pets and neighbors when spraying.

Lastly, his best advice was to relax and have fun with your orchids! Even the best growers kill orchids so don't be embarrassed if this happens to you.

To Contact OFE Orchid Supply - Call 305-253-7080 or check their website: [www.ofe-intl.com](http://www.ofe-intl.com)

## THANKS FOR THE HELP

A special Thank You  
to the following members who assisted  
with the newsletter this month.

Thanks to Peter Jeannopoulos and Rose Maytin for taking photos at the May Meeting and Gigi Louis and Karen Reynoldson for their synopsis of Carlos Cahiz's presentation.

*We Send Our  
Get Well Wishes*

To Anna Epstein  
and our condolences also to her  
on the death of her father  
Mr. Fred Strudwick

## CURRENT EVENTS

### AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY JUDGING

West Palm Beach Judging Center

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monthly orchid judging takes place at Flamingo Gardens the fourth Saturday of each month.

This month, the date is June 25, from 2-4 p.m.

The public is invited to observe the judging process. The West Palm Beach Judging Center of the American Orchid Society encourages everyone to bring orchids in for judging. It's a great way to learn about orchids, and most monthly meetings also include educational presentations.

Visit [www.wpbjudging.org](http://www.wpbjudging.org) for plant entry procedures and more information.

American Orchid Society and Flamingo Gardens Members are admitted free; complimentary participation for non-members with paid admission to Flamingo Gardens.



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