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**Wednesday December 13, 2017**

**Annual Holiday Party  
7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m**

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*From the President*

Dear POS Members and Friends:

Thank you to our November speaker Jose Exposito from Soroa Orchids for your very informative presentation. So much valuable information was gained whether you were a beginner or a seasoned hobbyist. We really appreciate the time and effort our speakers take to present us with the educational tools and tricks to make us all better growers.

Thank you to our display committee Peg Geria, Phyllis Durst, Elise Chapman, Karen Reynoldson and Jeff Tucker for constructing such a beautiful Orchid display at the Bonnet House. Many of the visitors commented on the beauty and size of the plants and the presentation. These public orchid displays really show the dedication and knowledge of the our POS members.

Our annual Holiday Party will be on December 13th at the Ft. Lauderdale Golf Course and Country Club. I look forward to enjoying an evening of fine dining, music and holiday festivities with our POS members and friends.

Tony Millet will be our January speaker. His presentations are a lot of workshop, a lot of information and a lot of fun. This is a great opportunity to ask questions on any problems you may be having with your plants.

Wishing everyone a healthy and Happy Holiday Season.

Rose M. Maytin  
President



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**Annual Holiday Party!**

Our Holiday party is this Wednesday, December 13th!



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER RIBBON WINNERS!

Photos by Peter Jeannopoulos



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Blc. (Jimmy Cook x Krull's  
Carolina Passion)  
Jeff Tucker



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Blc. American Freedom 'Crystelle'  
Jeff Tucker



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Paph. NOID  
Mireille & Peter Jeannopoulos



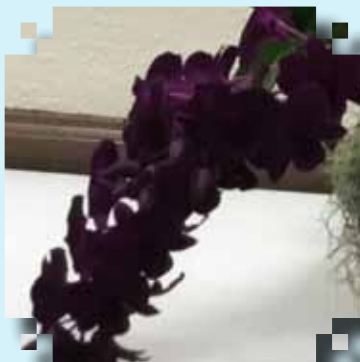
**BLUE RIBBON**  
Catt. NOID  
Tom & Barb Van Strander



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi'  
Elise Chapman



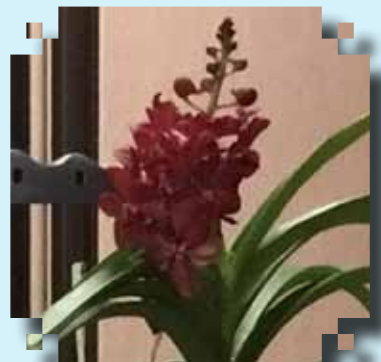
**BLUE RIBBON**  
Bulbo. corolliferum  
Paul & Francisco



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Dend. NOID  
Linda Dawkins



**BLUE RIBBON**  
B. grandiflora  
Marissa Gittelman



**BLUE RIBBON**  
Ascda. NOID  
Ernest Rose

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**RED RIBBON**  
Red Vanda NOID  
Elda Scott



**RED RIBBON**  
Blc. (Hunabu Esmerelda  
x Goldenzelle)  
Tom & Barb Van Strander



**RED RIBBON**  
Bc. Maikai 'Lea'  
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.



## Our POS December Display At The Bonnet House. Great Job!

???Thanks to all the members who worked so hard on our display at the Bonnet House this past weekend. Karen, Phyllis and Bev handled the setup for the display and Karen, Phyllis, Elise and Rose participated in the breakdown. Congratulations on a beautiful display!

## You Still Have A Chance to Help

We are going to need display, set up help and plants for these shows in Jan.

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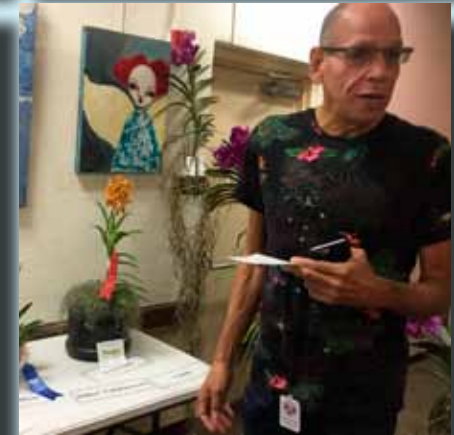
Set up the display on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2018.

### Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show at War Memorial Auditorium

Set up and display on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018.

Please Call Contact Phyllis Durst 954-584-4796 or Rose Maytin 954-401-3171 if you are able to help or you have blooming plants that we can put in the displays.

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Thanks to Peter Jeannopoulos for providing the photos for this newsletter



## **Our November Program “How to Grow Phalaenopsis” Was Presented by Jose Exposito of Soroa Orchids**

We were fortunate to have Jose Exposito from Soroa Orchids speak to us about orchid culture. If you have not had a chance to visit in nursery in Homestead, you owe yourself a visit. The grounds are just beautiful and the staff is very friendly and helpful.

Jose pointed out that many of us are trying to grow well orchids that naturally come from very different regions of the world and we are attempting to do this in one area under the same culture. Naturally, some plants will do well and others will die. The problem is that we need to adapt our culture to the needs of plants that come from the various regions (or, do as I do and grow plants that will do well in your particular environment!)

The biggest problem growing orchids is overwatering. The mortality rate increases in the summertime during our rainy season. Jose states that there are two types of waterers: the grower that religiously waters once per week and the forgetful waterer. I don't know about you but I have so many mounted orchids that I water almost daily so I have to be mindful about what medium I use for the plants in pots and baskets so that they aren't overwatered. The important thing is to water very well when you do water. Water until the roots change color. Many of us do not spray the roots long enough for the plants to absorb adequate water.

Listen to your plants! Most of the orchids that we grow are epiphytic and grow up high (air movement!). Learn to listen to your plants the same way that you listen to your pets. Plants have a language, learn it. Jose advises us to learn about how our orchids grow in their natural environment. This is what we should attempt to mimic. Mounting is great for epiphytic orchids. Mounted plants also do very well during our rainy season. I know that I have never had a problem with rot on any of my mounted plants.

I know that I have had a problem growing Phalaenopsis outdoors because it's impossible to keep water out of the crown when they are grown outdoors in pots or baskets. Jose advises that Phals should be mounted on plaques and grown sideways so that water can drain away from the crown – just as they grow on trees in nature.

Jose recommends not watering before fertilizing. The velamen has a limited ability to absorb water so if you water first, the plant often is unable to absorb anything additional and the fertilizer is wasted. Watering also further dilutes whatever fertilizer you are applying.

Time release fertilizer 14-4-14 in small bags are beneficial as the plant will receive nutrients each time we water. I buy large quantities of polyester organza bags on Ebay. They will last several seasons outdoors although I replace them each year. Empty tea bags are also available but I have found that they disintegrate within a few months.

### **Plant Health**

Jose gave us the following tips to maintain a clean growing area and healthy plants:

- To help control pests in your growing area it is important to keep the area very clean. Dispose of dead leaves and flowers.
- It is important to have good air circulation.
- Neosporin is beneficial for controlling bacteria. (I'm going to try this next time I have to make a cut!)
- Cooking oil at the rate of 1T per gallon of water with 1T of baking soda is a natural defense against scale (remember to only apply any type of oil in the evening, not in the heat of the day)
- Hydrogen peroxide and cinnamon should be kept on hand.
- Any product that is labelled for use on roses is generally safe for orchids.
- The best time to spray any chemicals is at dusk. Many chemicals are petroleum-based so there is a chance of burning the plants if they are sprayed early in the day because the weather heats up so quickly here.
- The best time to water is in the morning so that the plants will be dry by nightfall.

**Special Thanks to Peter Jeannopoulos for taking the photos at the November meeting and also Thanks to Gigi Louis for her synopsis of our November speaker's presentation.**

## **CURRENT EVENTS**

### **American Orchid Society Judging Educational Presentation**

**December 16th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Visit [www.wpbjudging.org](http://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](mailto:cjholdren@gmail.com) for more information.

### **2017 Tamiami International Orchid Festival**

**January 12, 2018 - January 14, 2018**

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Sunday 10am to 6pm

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Weekend Pass (only in advance): \$20

### **The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society proudly presents their annual Orchid Show for 2016 "A Galaxy of Orchids"**

**Friday, January 19, 2018: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, January 20, 2018: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 21, 2018: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

NE War Memorial Auditorium 80 NE 8 Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Parking is free • Admission is \$10.00 Presale (through January 19)

DAY OF SHOW: Tickets will be available at the door. Admission is \$15.00 per person at the door  
12 & under free w/adult

### **11th Annual International Orchid Festival Fairchild International Orchid Show,**

**March 9-10-11, 2018 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

One of the bigger shows on the beautiful grounds of the Fairchild Botanical Gardens.

For three days, guests can immerse themselves in a tropical landscape brimming with orchids. Browse more than 10,000 orchid plants on sale from international vendors and learn how to care for them at the gardening workshops and lectures. Travel through the Rainforest to see where orchids originate from and how they grow. Enjoy delicious teas and savory snacks at the Orchid Tea Room, open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. For a truly spectacular sight, visit the Garden House and marvel at the orchid displays presented by the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and juried by the American Orchid Society. Children can learn about how vanilla is made from vanilla orchids at the fun and educational OrKids section. The Garden House Lawn will be filled with food vendors and live music.

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