



The Plantation Orchid Society

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**Setup/Social 6:45 – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting starts promptly at
7:15 – 9:00 p.m.**

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From the President

Dear POS members and friends:

Thank you to our January speaker Tony Millet. He had a wonderful presentation on flasking. As usual his presentation and demonstration was entertaining and educational. His assistant, Karen Reynoldson made it all that much better. It was very nice of him to also review the procedures for the care and maintenance during cold weather and answer all our questions.

Our February speaker will be Dan Christensen from Dan and Margie's orchids. He will be speaking on the proper care and maintenance of vandas.

POS is off to a great start with Peg Geria our display chair person presenting our display again at the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show 60th Annual Orchid Jubilee. She earned us many awards and accolades at last year's show such as 1st Place Society Tabletop display, Best in Show and our members received some plant ribbons as well. Be sure to come see our display.

Thank you and see you at the show and the meeting. Don't forget to always bring a friend.

Rose Maytin
President



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the Plantation
Orchid Society
on Facebook**

Newsletter Editor Needed

Hello Members,

I have been doing the Newsletter for the POS since 2008 and I need to pass that torch to a new editor. I want to thank Gigi Louis for the great job she does on chronicling the speaker presentations, Peter Jeannopoulos for taking photos when I wasn't able and Jeff Tucker for submitting the ribbon winners. I understand that the Board is making arrangements for a new newsletter template to be created in Microsoft Publisher. To whomever takes up the job, please know that I am here to help you or advise you whenever I am in town. I have copies of all the old newsletters and they are very useful for assessing what needs to be included month by month. The board is currently making arrangements for all of the content, photos and articles to be contributed to a new editor by a committee.

This will be my final official newsletter.
Mary Lee Tabelaing

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JANUARY RIBBON WINNERS!



BLUE RIBBON
Ren. Kalsom
'Red Dragon'
Lynn Molitor



CULTURE RIBBON
B. Jimminey Cricket 'GeeWhite' HCC/AOS
Marissa Gittelman



BLUE RIBBON
Cptra. Sydney Smith
'Green Monkey'
Mary Lee Tabeling



BLUE RIBBON
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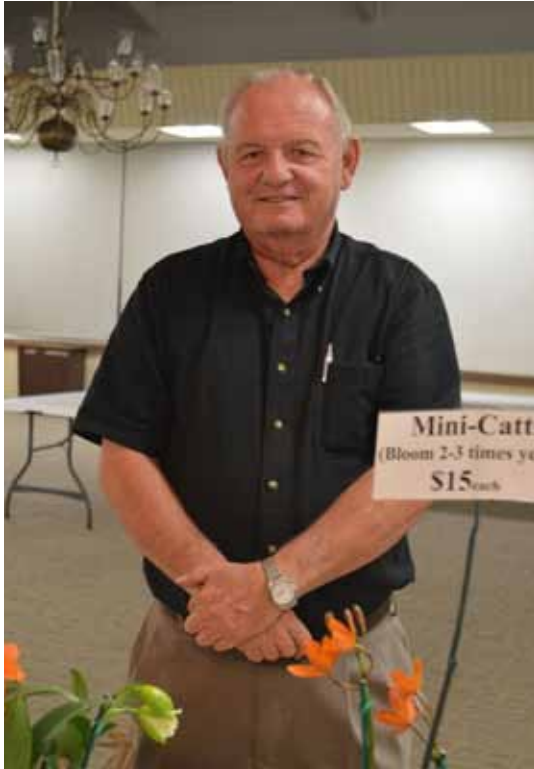


RED RIBBON
Rlc. George King 'Serendipity' AM/AOS
Peg Geria

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.



More Beauties



OUR JANUARY SPEAKER Dan Christensen from Dan & Margie Orchids Vandaceous Orchids

Dan & Margie have been growing orchids first as hobbyists for over 30 years and as Commercial Growers for just over fourteen years. Dan & Margie's business name is Dan & Margie Orchids located in West Broward just 3 miles west of I-75, approximately ¼ mile North of the intersection of Sheridan Street & 185th Way.

Dan and Margie Orchids have over 12,000 square feet of covered growing space. Currently there are 5 greenhouses. The nursery specializes in growing Vanda/Ascda. Crosses, Cattleya hybrids, warm growing Oncidium, Dendrobium, and some species. Dan & Margie Orchids is a family owned business and cater to the small grower, but is capable of handling wholesale inquiries. The nursery sells orchids, some supplies and will assist any orchid grower with information and re-potting instruc-

tion. The nursery is currently open Tuesday thru Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Dan & Margie Orchids can be reached by phone, fax, or e-mail. (damorchid.com)

Dan Christensen has been speaking on general orchid culture, Vanda culture and various subjects related to orchids for over 20 years. He uses the 'common sense' approach to growing. He has been guest lecturer at all local orchid societies and the American Orchid Society (AOS).

Margie runs the day-to-day business and is an accomplished pottery artist. Together they run the business, participate in local shows from Tampa to South Miami.

Dan is a member of the South Florida Orchid Society Board of Directors for over 10 years and has served as the president of SFOS for two consecutive terms. He has served as a board member of several local societies, Miramar, Gold Coast & South Florida serving in various capacities. He has also auctioneered at SFOS, North Dade, Gold Coast, Sunrise, Plantation, Coral Springs & Flamingo Orchid societies for several years.

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HOSPITALITY

THANKS to all the members who brought snacks the meeting!

Peter & Mireille Jeannopoulos - Pepsi, Grapes, Coke - Orpha Hirst - Cream,
Lorraine Bertone - Lettuce Wraps, Cookies, Elise Chapman - Popcorn,
Sallie Sherwood - Pulled Pork Wonton Cups, Karen Reynoldson - Popcorn.

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 MAY.
Coffee and soda will be provided by the Society courtesy of Clemence Lorquet.

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Welcome new member Sandy Lambert



POS 2018 CALENDAR

February 6

Dan and Margie
Vanda Culture

March 6

To be Announced

April 3

To be Announced

May 1

To be Announced
Membership and Pot Luck

July 3

To be Announced

August 7

To be Announced

September 4

To be Announced

October 2

POS Auction

November 6

To be Announced

December

Holiday Party

**ATTENTION POS!
WE NEED MEMBERS TO FILL
THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS**

**Historian
Newsletter Editor
Photographer
and
People to serve on the
Holiday Party Committee**



January Program Was Presented by Tony Millet

“Hybridizing, sowing orchid seed and growing out seedlings”

by Gigi Louis

Tony Millet, well-known orchid hybridizer and grower entertained and fascinated us with his talk on hybridizing orchids. Tony has been doing his own hybridizing for over 20 years and enjoys making hybrids using hard to find, rare or unusual color forms of species. Tony has more than 30 RHS registered hybrids and is an AOS Student Judge. Tony began his talk giving us tips on dealing with the cold weather, brrrr. If we are experiencing 40°F and the weather is dry, the plants will be okay but beware if there will be rain. Low temperatures and wet weather spell trouble for our plants. We also need to be concerned if we will have three consecutive days of cold, windy and rainy weather. Five to seven consecutive days of cold weather is an orchid emergency! Remember, that species and certain genera like Vandas, Dendrobiums, Grammatophyllums and Bulbophyllums tend to be more cold-sensitive than most Cattleya hybrids.

Bring inside or otherwise protect the following:

- Budded plants
- Valuable plants
- Seedlings
- Vandas
- Phalaenopsis
- Cattleya violacea & primary crosses
- Cattleya nobilior
- Cattleya walkeriana
- Grammatophyllums

Next, Tony explained that flasking can be done very simply at home using common household items and no special equipment. The nutrient solution, or agar, may be made using household items or purchased commercially. Making your own hybrids allows you to grow new crosses versus buying the same crosses as everyone else.

Tony then demonstrated how to pop off an orchid's anther cap, remove the pollinia with a toothpick and pollinate the desired pod parent. After pollination, the flower itself will wilt and dry and the seed capsule begins to form. Once the pod is mature, it is time to flask!

Tony explained how we can use a clear plastic bin to create our own sterile flasking box. Holes are cut in the front of the box and rubber gloves are attached so that the inside of the box remains sterile. Before beginning, the box is sprayed with a bleach solution. A sterile nutrient solution in a sterile flask or jar (may be either glass or plastic) provides support for the growing seedlings. Next, the pod is opened and the seeds scraped out and put into the flask. The seedlings will begin to grow and will need to be repeatedly moved into new flasks – or replated – to replenish the nutrients and prevent the seedlings from becoming overcrowded. After one to two years, the seedlings will be large enough to survive outside the flask.

Once the seedlings are removed from the flask, they are washed and potted into community pots. Tony selects the healthiest of the seedlings and discards the rest. After anywhere from two to five years, the plants will be large enough to flower.


While this process certainly seems easy enough, I think we can all appreciate the amount of time and labor that goes into growing the beautiful blooming plants we see available for sale!

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SB: I-95 Exit Yamato Rd., West to Military Tr. turn Left
NB: I-95 Exit Palmetto Park Rd.,
West to Military Tr. turn Right
Turnpike: Exit Glades Rd., East to Jog Rd. turn Right
on Ponceas, turn left on Military Tr. to show site.
Show signs will provide additional directions.

**** Note ****
New Exit for I-95 at Spanish River Blvd. may be finished.
Take Spanish River Blvd. Exit, turn West to show site.

Advance Ticket Sales \$3.00
Available at:
Green Barn Orchid Supplies
5185 Conklin Dr., Delray Beach

The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society proudly presents their 60th Annual Orchid Show for 2018 "Orchid Jubilee"

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.

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

American Orchid Society Judging Educational Presentation

January 20th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Visit www.wpbjudging.org for plant entry procedures and more information

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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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