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Hello Everyone –

I am writing this as we are preparing for the Mounts plant sale the last weekend in April. We have a nice selection of plants we purchased from Hawaii and are hoping for a lot of contributions of our members. A big thank you to Charline for ordering the plants from Hawaii, and Shannon for coordinating the whole thing, and the set-up crew of Jacob, Tipr and Alan. And of course I appreciate the participation of all our members who are working a shift and/or contributing their own plants to sell.



Our sympathies to Linda Greco, whose mom, Dot Reip, died recently. Dot was a long-time member of OSPB but had been unable to attend meetings because of failing health.

Our speaker for May 11 is Larry Cox who will talk about Multi-Floral Paphiopedilums. I hope to learn a lot as I don't have any paphs in my collection - yet!

I hope to see you all at the meeting.

Doris

Hello OSPB,

I was absent from the last meeting so I don't have any notes about the meeting to share with you, but I have seen Tony Millett's presentation a few times and I know he is entertaining as well as informative; so I hope you enjoyed it.

I took some time to visit my family in the Georgia mountains and it was truly wonderful . It has been many years since I have seen the Spring flowers in bloom and the timing of my visit was almost perfect. The cherry blossoms and daffodils were done but there were still some tulips and lilacs in bloom. The violets, azaleas, rhododendrons, iris, pansies, lily of the valley, dogwood and many other beautiful varieties were putting on a show. We climbed to the top of a mountain and hiked through the woods to see a breath-taking waterfall. There were wildflowers everywhere including Jack-in-the-Pulpits; which I haven't seen since I was a kid in PA. On my return, I took a side trip and spent 2 days playing with my great- grandbabies. I am so blessed!

←--*This iris is as lovely as an orchid but the bloom does will not last nearly as long.*



MAY SPEAKER: LARRY COX ** Larry is a hobbyist with a green thumb when it comes to Papheopedilums and other hard to grow in Florida orchids. After college, in the late 1960's, Larry Cox moved to Miami-Dade County from his native North Carolina to begin a teaching career. A few years later he discovered orchids. His first orchid was a Cattleya, his second a Paphiopedilum, Paph. Maudiae 'Magnificum.' The Cattleya is long gone and forgotten; he still has a piece of the Paph. Like so many orchid growers, Larry was drawn to every new orchid genus he encountered. For a while Dendrobiums were orchids of choice, then more Cattleyas, then Ascocendas and Vandas. In 1989 he moved from his South Miami residence to a more spacious property in the Redland where he built his dream greenhouse of 3,000 square feet. Like any orchid grower, he has experienced his share of failures, as well as Hurricane Andrew that destroyed his greenhouse and left him to grow his collection under salvaged ragged shade cloth stretched between the trunks of broken pine trees. Five years ago, Larry retired from thirty-seven rewarding years as a teacher, the last fifteen teaching Advanced Placement English at Miami Palmetto Senior High School. Retirement is the best time of his life because it allows him to concentrate on those things that he once knew only as pastimes, but now realizes were the peace and fulfillment he needed to carry out his career duties successfully. Today, he reads all the books he never got around to, travels as much



as he wants to, spends relaxing time every few months in the North Carolina Mountains, maintains his tropical garden in the Redlands, and, of course, grows Paphs. He has experimented with other orchid genera and is now finding success with Lycastes and Phragmipediums. He has even rediscovered the wonder of Cattleya species. He is one of the foremost hobby growers in the area, and is a world of orchid knowledge!
*** (This material is from the East Everglades Orchid Society on the world-wide-web)*

Happy Birthday to our May babies. Linda Fay, Linda Greco and Tipr Kennedy. You will be in charge of supplying refreshments for the meeting. Since we are a little light on birthdays in May, if you were born in August or December, please consider bringing something along for the refreshment table.



Our Hold-the-Room-Open-Person is Linda Fay. Thank you everyone!



Frank Klimkowski



Claudia Lee & former member **Frances Drescher**



We are very happy to welcome you to our OSPB family. I hope you will enjoy all the benefits of your membership.



Show and Tell from the April Meeting



Den. lindleyi



Den. nobile 'Pink Panther



Onc. sphacelatum



Den. bullenianum



This is member Wayne Green with his monster plant of *Maxillaria tenifolia* growing in a 5 gallon bucket. Wayne likes to feed his plants on a regular basis and has many others growing to oversized proportions like this. *Maxillaria tenifolia* is very easy to grow and it is the orchid with the coconut fragrance. When they are in bloom it always reminds me of days at the beach smelling Coppertone suntan lotion. We will have many of these at our sales booth at the Plant a Plooza Plant Sale at Mounts Botanical Garden tomorrow and Sunday. Stop by early to get yours as I am sure they will sell out quickly.

Our long-time member Dot Reip passed away recently. Dot held many positions on the Board of Trustee's over the years. For the four years while I was president of OSPB she was one of my biggest cheerleaders. I am saddened by her passing and I offer all of our condolences to her family; especially to her daughter Linda Greco our vice president. Rest in Peace Dot. I'm sure God has given you a special job working in His beautiful garden.



I will see you at the next meeting. Bring a friend!

Happy Repotting,

Patt Lindsey



Dorothy "Dot" REIP (1920 - 2017)

REIP, Dorothy "Dot"

Dorothy "Dot" Reip passed away April 17, 2017 in West Palm Beach. The youngest of seven, she was born in Powhatan, WV to Sevena Mills and Lawrence Gobroski on January 17, 1920.

World War II brought Dot and her husband David to West Palm Beach in 1943. She worked at Morrison Field (PBI Airport) while Dave was overseas in the Air Force. Later they chose to stay and make a home in Florida. They began a family and started a boating business (D&D Marine Supply) after a detour for the Korean War. Dot was a Charter member of St. Juliana Church. She served as a board member of St. Juliana and Cardinal Newman Home and School Associations, the Holy Family Circle and St. Juliana Council of Catholic Women. Dot was also a member and secretary of the West Palm Beach Garden Club (Amaryllis Circle), Coterie of the Palm Beaches, and The Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches. Dot had a creative soul which was seen through her talent for fashion design and sewing skills. She produced many one of a kind garments now lost to memories. And there was never a school event or sport that she did not attend and cheer for. Dorothy loved her Church, her birds, her orchids, and her friends and family. She had a sympathetic ear, a kind compassionate heart, and gave good advice if asked for. She is greatly missed. Dorothy is predeceased by her husband Dave. But she is survived by her daughter Linda Greco of West Palm Beach, her son and daughter-in-law David and Christine Reip of Tequesta, her grandchildren: Colby Greco of Boston, MA; Joshua (Michelle) Greco of Newton, MA; Christina Reip of Seattle, WA; and Lillian Reip of Miami. Dot's extended family includes many wonderful nieces and nephews, and friends and neighbors (past and present). Thanks go to her devoted caregiver Maria, and the caring people at Lourdes-Noreen McKeen.... And of course, Terrell.

The family will receive friends at Quattlebaum Funeral Home, 6411 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach on Sunday, April 30, 2017 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, May 1 at St. Juliana Catholic Church, 4500 South Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach at 11:00AM. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please visit a local nursing home, say Hello, listen carefully and maybe make a new friend.



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Happy Mother's Day!



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