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Hello everyone!

We had a very successful auction in so many ways! We had wonderful member donations, which other members bid on enthusiastically. Gloria will give the financial details in the treasurer's report at the March meeting. A big thank you to all our members who donated plants and also those who helped with all the chores that made it a success.

Our meeting on March 9 will feature Hyla Levine of Green Barn Orchid Supplies. If there is something in particular you need, contact her in advance so she can bring it for you. It is always nice to have an expert like Hyla to recommend fertilizers, supplements, insecticides, fungicides and to give us tips for optimal growing.



We need someone to "hold the door" for our March 9th meeting. If you can do that, please contact me, Doris Happel at 561-434-3745. You will get a small orchid as a thank you.

Doris Happel

Hi There OSPB,

Didn't we have a great turn-out for our auction? Auctioneer Jacob did a great job of keeping it moving right along and we were finished and out of there in a reasonable amount of time. Thanks Jacob. Most of the plants were in bloom so there was no guessing as to what they would look like when they bloomed. The one's I was really interested in adding to my collection sold for big bucks, of course. I did win the bid on 2 or 3 and they are happily tucked in amongst all the others in the greenhouse. If you were the high bidder on any of the Blc. Guu Swan 'Ruby Lip' of Lc. Pure Soul's please repot them ASAP if you have not already done so. I purchased a couple of those and the mix has completely broken down and if not potted into fresh media soon, you will lose the plant.

And speaking of repotting... this is the time to be getting into high gear. The Cattleya's are putting forth nice, new, bright green root tips and if they are growing out of the pot or have been in that mix more than 2 to 3 years, they want some fresh, clean mix. How fortunate that we have **Hyla Levine** from the Green Barn Orchid Supply as our next speaker. She will have everything you need to get the job done and I'm pretty sure she will demonstrate how to do it as well. Bring a Friend.....!

MARCH BIRTHDAY BABIES will be supplying refreshments for the meeting. Happy Birthday to Mona Jordon and Mitch Nagrowski . Wow! We are very light on refreshments for March. If your birthday is in August or December, when we don't need refreshments, this would be a good time for you to bake a cake or grab something at the store to bring along to the meeting please....and Thank You!



It has been a very busy month. Cheryl and I participated in the Pine Jog Conservation Area's *Million Orchid Project 5- K Run*. We had a great time. Did we run? No, we walked very briskly. We finished the race and it was a fun time. The conservation area is 137 acres of natural pine forest with winding trails, tucked into the northeast corner of Jog Rd and Summit Blvd. It is truly a treasure. I lived in that area as a teen and that is how most of this area of Florida looked back then.

Afterward we visited the lab where they are producing Florida native orchid babies to be placed back in the trees. The young gentleman there was very gracious and happy to explain the process to us and answer our questions. The lab is very impressive. I think it's a wonderful project to get our children involved with and give them an interest in the great outdoors, orchids and nature.



The next weekend was the Boca Raton Orchid Society Show, although not as large as some of the others it always has such beautiful table-top displays. I enjoy going to this one as well as the monster shows. It is always nice to see our favorite vendors there too.



Welcome

We gained 2 new members this month. Please help me welcome **Dena Walls** and **Keith Allum** to our orchid family. We also had other new members join us recently and for some reason, we had a break-down in communication between membership and newsletter editor and I never received the new member information. I apologize to **Linda Schrader** and **Jeffrey Harris**. We look forward to getting to know all of you better and learning about your favorite orchids and orchid experiences. I hope you will enjoy being a member of OSPB as much as I do.



Upcoming Events

Martin County Orchid Society Show - March 3 - 5, 2017 Friday thru Sunday

Martin County Fairgrounds 2616 South Dixie Highway (A1A) Stuart, FL 34996
Commercial Vendors, Designated Parking, Handicapped Access

Port Saint Lucie Orchid Show "Orchids in Paradise"- March 18 - 19, 2017

Port Saint Lucie Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd., Port Saint Lucie, FL Judging is being held on March 18, 2017 at 9:00 am.



15th Annual Fairchild International Orchid Show - March 10 - 12, 2017 - Friday thru Sunday 10:30 am - 3:30 pm.

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

Attention:*** in a new policy American Orchid Society members will be admitted at half price during the Festival. Cost is \$12.50 for AOS members (A good time to join AOS)

Admission charge is \$25 pp for Adults; \$18 for Seniors 65+; \$12 for Children ages 6-17; free for Children 5 years and younger. Fairchild Members get in FREE
You can Convert Your Admission toward a **Fairchild Membership** at the show

The Saturday Workshop – March 11, 2017 at the Park Pointe Clubhouse off of Jog Rd. 10:00 am until Noon. I will be filling in for Charline Nakamura as she recovers from surgery. Bring your problem plants and I will try to diagnosis what ails it.

Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale. April 29 – 30, 2017. OSPB will have our booth set-up selling plants and promoting membership. We will be looking for volunteers to help. It's a good way to get to know your fellow members better. We always have a good time.

TOS Annual Bus Trip to Redland's International Orchid Festival – May 20, 2017. Reserve your seat on the bus ASAP. \$25. This one will fill up quickly. Contact Cheryl 561-329-4390 cheryl-akey@comcast.net or see her at our next meeting.



*Feb. 9, 2017
Auction Pic's
by Patt*



This month is over. It ended with some lovely rain showers. All my landscape plants were so happy to receive a good drink this morning. I hope to see everyone at the March 9th meeting. Bring a Friend!

Happy Growing,

Patt Lindsey

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