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Hello everyone –

We had a great meeting in May with an informative and entertaining program from Larry Cox on multi-floral paphiopedilums. His paphs were beautiful, and many of our members and guests bought them to try their hand at a new genus. Attendees also bought plants left over from the plant sale at bargain prices.

Our meeting on June 8 will feature John Romano, who is an expert on growing those beautiful nobile dendrobiums. Don't miss it!

See you there.

Doris



<- Paph. Greyi

Hello OSPB,

Here comes Summer! Or has it already been here for a month?

All I can say about our last meeting is Wow, so much information! **Larry Cox** did an outstanding job with his presentation of Multi-Floral Paphieopedliums. I don't have many of these in my collection because I had some bad luck with some of the earliest ones I purchased. I didn't understand their cultural requirements and they didn't understand my ignorance and we parted ways, rather quickly, I might add. It really makes me sad to kill a plant. That and the fact that they were quite spendy; more than I usually pay for an orchid, made me think twice before I reinvested in any more. I've had some success with the smaller Paphs. and I've listened to more Paph presentations and I take notes to go back over and review occasionally. I've had success with **Paph. Susan Booth** --> that I purchased from Larry a few years ago. It has re-bloomed for me for the last 3 years so I took the plunge and bought three more of Larry's plants at the meeting and was gifted another one from Wayne Green. Larry's plants were very reasonably priced, exceptionally healthy and also just recently repotted so I don't have to worry about that for another year. I can see how someone can become totally hooked on multi-floral's. They are truly elegant.



Larry bought his first Paph in 1949; Paph. Maudi Manificum, and he still has a piece of it growing today. Some of the specie he talked about were: Paph. lowii-a very easy grower, Paph. pilippinese – it likes bright light so grow it with your Cattleyas. Paph. prastans – it wants good drainage in a small pot. Grow it in bright light too. Paph. stonei – He has his potted in ½ lava rock and ½ sphagnum moss and it's growing in lots of bright light. Paph. rothchildianum – King of All Paph's; it is a shy bloomer, hard to grow and needs cold temperatures to bloom. At the end of January move it to bright light. Paph, sanderianum – the hardest to grow. It is truly elegant with its long petals cascading down and they will continue to grow longer until they touch something. They like even moisture all the time; not soggy and wet. Never move a plant that is in spike. He fertilizes every 2 weeks with 1/3 to ¼ tsp. per gallon of water; less in winter, and always provide good air-movement. Repotting every year is essential and most plants need 2 growths to bloom. They don't seem to mind when they are repotted but Spring and Fall are the best time. Wash the roots off with the hose and remember that they like to be pot-bound so don't over pot. Use wet potting media and don't water for 5 days after repotting. Place them in a shady area. The first time you water them use fungicide; Banrot 1 Tbls. to a gallon of water. Physan or SA-20 is also good.



← *Paph. Transdoll*

Larry's Paph. Potting Mix

- 3 parts medium fir bark
- 1 part seedling fir bark
- ½ part small charcoal
- ½ part sponge rock



Paph. philippinense ->

Our June meeting features John Romano and he will be teaching us everything we need to know about growing Nobile Dendrobiums. I have several in my collection now but I haven't mastered the art of blooming them yet. I am eagerly looking forward to his presentation. John is a hobby grower but he has received many AOS awards for his beautifully grown plants. You will enjoy his program. Bring a friend.



Happy Birthday to our Birthday Babies for June: Sue Coscia, Julie Norquest, Mary Scheitler and Marge Wentz. You will be supplying refreshments. If your birthday is in August or December and you have not brought refreshments yet this year, this would be a good month to do so.

Shannon is in charge of Holding the Room Open for us. Thank you Everyone!

The Redlands International Orchid Show and Sale is nothing but a memory now, but oh, what fun we had. It is where to go to see Who's Who in the orchid world. There are so many plants to choose from; it is mind boggling. We came away with our new additions and are already planning what to look for next year. Or saying, "Darn....Why didn't I buy that one". Tony from R&R Orchids always had a crowd around his tent. His orchids are magnificent. Their colors are so vibrant and the blooms so huge, and the plants so healthy. Nobody grows them better than Tony. He picked up a couple of new AOS awards too. Congratulations Vanda Man!

You can maybe find a nice orchid at Home Depot or Lowes, but if you want a quality plant buy from our local growers. There used to be several in our area but one by one, most of them have gone out of business or moved away. Please support our local growers before they all disappear. Take the time to visit some of them. Laurel Orchids is in Jupiter Farms and Odum's Orchids, where you can find gorgeous Cattleya's is only an hour away in Ft Pierce. Of course, Tony is right here in Loxahatchee. Go see him.



Pic's from the May meeting.



You should be finishing up your orchid repotting very soon now. If you are still not sure of how to go about it check out Charline's Saturday morning, hands-on workshop, the 2nd Saturday of the month at Park Pointe clubhouse. Marie Reddy has written a very good article about the last workshop, but for the life of me, I can't get it to transfer to this newsletter. I am sending it as a separate attachment. I am working fast and furious to get my repotting done. I'll be happy to give anyone a lesson if they want to come to my greenhouse. Send me an email pottedorchid@aol.com or call or text me. 561-358-0348.

I hope to see everyone at our June 8th meeting. Remember June starts on a Thursday this year so the meeting is earlier than usual. Don't miss it! If you show up a week later, you'll be attending the Bromeliad meeting. Bring a Friend!

Happy Growing,

Patt Lindsey



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