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Hello everyone!

I hope your orchids are thriving in this hot and rainy weather.

Our August 10 meeting will be our annual anniversary party with a luau theme. The Mounts auditorium will be unavailable to us while in August while they are replacing all the exterior doors so we are going to meet at Park Pointe Community Center not far away. The details will be elsewhere in this newsletter.

Mounts Botanical Garden will hold its Exotic Plant & Orchid Sale and Indoor Craft Fair September 16 and 17. Once again we welcome our members to sell their own plants at the OSPB booth. There will be more details of the sale later, but now is the time to start thinking about what you can sell.

Doris

Doris' Ctsm. pileatum



Hello OSPB,

Hot, hot, hot....Have you noticed? If you haven't.... where in the heck are you? The temperatures have been climbing daily, well up over 100 degrees in my greenhouse. Any work I plan to do has to be completed before 1pm when the temps. get absolutely unbearable in there. I keep the fans running 24/7 and it helps to wet down the floor and the benches. I keep plenty of water in my little refrigerator to keep myself hydrated too. I am not seeing any heat damage on my plants yet. They are pretty tough. Not so for me.



Tomas Bajza's program on mini-orchids was really quite interesting. Their blooms are so delicate and adorable. I resisted the urge to add any to my collection. I was just afraid I'd lose them if I put them into my greenhouse. I noticed several members who did purchase some of them though and we will be keeping watch for their return to the show and tell table in the future.

Tomas says mini's grow the same as big orchids but they do need more attention and you can grow 50 mini's in the same space as 2 of your Dendrobiums. You can grow your mini's indoors but they will need a temperature difference drop to 62 degrees to initiate blooms. Burr, keep that A.C. cranking on high!

You can grow several at once in a glass jar. Put gravel on the bottom and live moss over the top of the gravel. Don't put them directly on the moss, mount them on a wine cork or hang them from the side of the jar opening. He uses Kool Logs to grow the mini's that require cooler temperatures. Kool Logs are now made in the U.S. and will keep your plants 15 degrees cooler than outside temperatures. He also grows on challa wood, (the skeleton of the cactus), but thinks cork is best for mounting. You can also grow them outdoors on different hardwood mounts but only in bright light or shade. They don't like our Florida sunlight and there are some that will only bloom in the shade. If you have a plant that is looking sick and puny, place it in a plastic container that contains live moss and it will usually revive that plant.

Good luck to all of you who purchased one of these cuties. Please keep us informed as to how your mini is performing for you and when it blooms; we all want to see it at Show and Tell.

Member's Julia and Donna are getting a closer look. Katie too. Mary Jo is trying to select her new baby.



Congratulations! Presenting the 4 lucky winners of the special raffle we held honoring Frank Cianfrone.

Gloria Kennedy



John Goehring



Bill Madden



Mary Scheitler



I am so pleased to inform you all, that through your kindness and generosity we were able to send a check to the Holy Name Catholic Church Food Pantry in the amount of \$348.00 to help feed the homeless and less fortunate citizens of Palm Beach County. And special thanks to Tony Romani,

“The Vanda Man” of R&R Orchids, for donating 4 of his prize-winning, gorgeous, Vanda orchids for us to use for Frank’s special raffle. I know Frank is surely smiling down on all of us with pride and affection.



More pic's of July meeting.

We welcome new members Zuly Matos and Beba Moore, also not pictured Barbara Levy. *Special thanks to Tomas and Yair for a very entertaining evening.*



ARE YOU READY TO PARTY? Happy Birthday OSPB !



August 10th we will be celebrating our 67 year anniversary with a fun-filled evening of merriment, fellowship and lots of good food.

The party will start at 6:00pm at the Park Pointe Clubhouse. The clubhouse is located a short distance south of 10th Ave. on the west side of Jog Rd.

Enter the community and drive only a short distance and you will arrive at the clubhouse on the right.



1. The club will supply the chicken and the beverages. I will supply the anniversary cake for desert. We ask you to bring an appetizer, side-dish, or salad, or if you have a favorite desert recipe you want us to try, we'll be very happy to test it for you.
2. We will have a Silent Auction. Bring a plant (any kind) or something garden related to donate to the auction. This always offsets the cost of the chicken. There will be a \$5. charge if you do not bring a plant. I've included a bid sheet for you to fill out and bring with the plant or plants you plan to donate.



3. We will also play the exciting, ever-popular game of Orchid Bingo. The prizes will all be orchids.
 4. This is always our annual food drive for the homeless too. As we are celebrating and overeating, it's a good time to remember the less fortunate. Please share some canned goods, or other non-perishable food items or hygiene products that we can donate to a local food pantry.
 5. Invite your spouse, partner, significant-other, family member or friends. Come and celebrate 67 years of orchid growing and orchid comraderie with your fellow members. Contact Shannon to sign-up, or if you plan to bring a guest, so we will have enough food for everyone; 443-802-4779 or email: shannon.skoullkas@yahoo.com Put on your best Hawaiian flowered shirts and dresses and let's have some fun!
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The Saturday morning workshops are over until next Spring but the last one of the season was all about mounting orchids on different kinds of mounts. We had several participants who all took home a bare-root, Cattleya to practice mounting. Charline and I showed different types of orchids on different types of mounts. It is not necessary to buy expensive wooden mounts. You can find some nice mounting material in roadside trash piles. Oak, silver buttonwood, tabebuia, mango, citrus and bamboo all work well. I have mounted some on old cypress boards from an old privacy fence. Recently I've started to place them on cedar shake-shingles and they are doing very well. It's quick and easy and best of all, there are no pots to wash and sterilize, and potting mix is getting so darn expensive and potting is so time consuming. Give it a try. It's easy.





Pic's by Marie



mounted on cork



tree fern



oak

This orchid is pretty, little, C. Crystelle Smith. There were 2 of these on the raffle table at the last meeting. Neither one had a name tag. To the two people who won these plants, please make a tag for them so they will not be poor, little orphans.



As Doris mentioned in her comments; the plant sale will be Sept. 16 &17 and we will need volunteers. Please consider working a 2 hour shift with us. New members.... it's a good way to get to know your fellow members and help out our society. Members if you wish to sell some of your plants; clean them up and make sure they are pest-free. The club will collect 20% from your earnings and you are required to work a 2 hour shift.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Luau. Don't miss it.

Stay Dry & Happy Growing,

Patt Lindsey



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