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Hello OSPB,

Doris is on Vacation. (Lucky girl)

I don't have much news to report since we didn't have a meeting this month. I was told I could skip the newsletter this month but there are still some things I need to tell you about. First of all, the Mounts sale, Shady Affair/Everything Orchids (or whatever its new name may be) we will not be participating this year. It was postponed twice and now the new dates are Oct. 7 & 8. Your Board voted to skip it since it is so close to the Fall Sale which is much better attended and perhaps people will be more inclined to buy orchids after they have cleaned up their landscapes and repaired their growing areas.... and rested.

We really dodged the bullet again with Irma when she shifted to the west. My heart goes out to all of those in the Keys and Naples, Ft. Meyers and everyone else on the west coast and elsewhere who were not as fortunate as we were. Myself, I was terrified. There are no other words to express the anxiety I was feeling. You want to leave, but stay because you want to protect what is so important in your life, when really life itself should be the most important thing to protect. I do believe I'll be in the Georgia mountains with my sister if, or when the next beast comes a-calling. I'm just not as brave as I once was.

Our next meeting Oct. 12th will feature Craig Morrell OF Kampong Gardens, Coral Gables, FL. The Kampong is the former estate of Dr. David Fairchild, the famed botanical explorer who traveled throughout Southeast Asia and other tropical regions collecting exotic plants he introduced to the U.S. Craig plans to discuss garden pests and diseases. He is very knowledgeable and also very witty. His programs are always well attended and enjoyable. Bring a Friend!



Doris Happel is our only birthday girl for Oct. I suggest since we didn't have a Sept. meeting, all of you with birthday's last month can help fill in this month with refreshments. Keith Allum, John Goehring, Dorothy Moore and Charline Nakamura.

Linda Greco has volunteered to hold the room open for us. Thank you everyone!

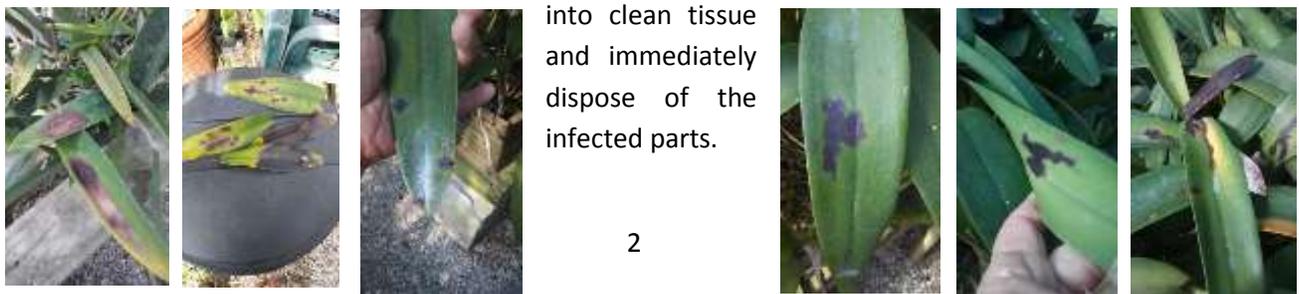
I thought I'd share with you some of the things I have noticed since Irma passed by. Almost all of my plants came into the house, garage, shed or my husband's man-cave to weather the storm. So some were in the house from Thursday until Monday or Tuesday of the following week. I had sprayed them with fungicide a few days prior to moving them indoors. They do not like being crowded in the dark with slim to no air movement. This first picture shows only one area in my living room before the storm. The second picture shows the gaping 50+ foot hole in the roof of my greenhouse. This called for some serious consolidating. As you can see by #4, they are packed in there pretty tight. I had 3 rows of benches, now I have 4.



The first thing I discovered was an invasion of thrips had blown in and was dining on my cattleya buds. When the blooms open they are seriously marred. I find these sticky traps are good to monitor the amount of thrips in the greenhouse. They only get rid of a few of them but they let you know when they are here so you can take action. Orthene Wettable Powder is the best cure but Bayer Rose & Flower is quick and easy. It's available at Lowes, Home Depot and Walmart and is only \$4.97. When you spot them just spritz them once or twice. I got the sticky traps at Green Barn, \$6.50 for 3.



#1. This is sunburn. It is unsightly but it's not that serious. You can cut it off if it really bothers you. #2. This next picture is serious stuff. If it's oozing when you touch it, cut it off with a sterile blade and seal the wound with fungicide or cinnamon. #3. These small knicks, left unattended can quickly turn into a serious problem. This black rot is Pythium fungus and it can kill a plant very quickly if it gets into the pseudobulbs. Single edge razor blades are the best surgical tool to remove these diseased leaves. Cut



into clean tissue and immediately dispose of the infected parts.

It is best to isolate the infected plant. Air movement is critical to keeping these dreaded fungi off of your plants. I was without power for a week and even though they were in the house during the storm and I had treated them with fungicide prior to it, I still have this problem. I have sprayed them 2 more times with fungicide and can only keep a keen watch and hope for the best.

I hope you all came through the storm with minimal damage to your plants and property. Think about the ones you want to sell at the Fall Sale to make room for the new ones you will be buying at the up-coming shows.



Upcoming Shows and Sales

Delray Beach Orchid Society Show "Orchids on the Square" is being held October 27 - 29, at the Old School Square Fieldhouse, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL. Judging is being held on October 27, at 8:00 AM.

East Everglades Orchid Society Show & Sale, October 27 - 29, R.F. Orchids, 28100 SW 182 Ave, Homestead, FL

Mounds Botanical Garden Plant-a-Paloosa Fall Sale, November 4 – 5, Admission is FREE for members of Mounds and children 12 and under; \$10 for non-members; also free for OSPB members who work a 2 hour shift at our booth. Join the fun.



Please, for the next meeting, try to remember to bring a non-perishable food product, canned goods or hygiene products for the food pantry donation.

Well that just about covers the news for now. I look forward to seeing some of you at R&R Orchids Open House tomorrow. To the rest of you, I'll see you at the meeting Oct. 12th at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend.

Happy Growing,

Patt Lindsey



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