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President's message:

Hi everyone,

I am feeling quite out of touch having been out of town for 3 1/2 weeks prior to and after Hurricane Irma, home for less than two weeks and then on vacation for two weeks and just returned a few days ago. I hope everyone is doing well after the storm. Our house is fine, we lost a few trees, but amazingly, all the orchids that were attached to trees are doing just great. Below is a photo of the orchid I got at one of the Saturday workshops when we all got to repot, or mount in my case, the collection of donated orchids that Charline acquired. The poor thing got a little beat up in the hurricane and was not yet well attached to the tree, but has two nice flowers and I am sure by this time next year it will have its roots bonded to the tree.

I hope to see many of you at the Mounts plant sale November 4 and 5 and hope lots of you will be selling plants at our booth. I also look forward to seeing you at the November meeting on November 9.

Doris Happel





Hey Everybody, Trick or Treat!

There are pumpkin's everywhere you look and pumpkin flavored food and drinks of all kinds to tempt your taste buds. The temperatures have dropped just a little bit and our orchids have noticed the change in the weather. This cool drop in temperature is enough to initiate bloom spikes on our Phaleanopsis. Our soft-cane Dendrobiums will begin dropping their leaves, along with the Cataseatum family of plants. Don't throw them away. They are not dying. They are just going into their winter rest period. Stop watering them until next year when they wake up from their winter snooze. The Vanda's and Cattleya's are starting to put on their spectacular show of blooms that will last from now until the heat of summer sets in next year. Fall is a very special time of the year with cooler temperatures and orchid shows galore. Let's get out there and enjoy them both.



Our October meeting got off to a slow start while our speaker Craig Morrell, was stuck in traffic trying to get there. When he finally made his appearance, I'm sure no one was disappointed with his very informative; common sense approach to his way of growing orchids. He doesn't claim to be an expert at growing orchids but after 30+ years of killing plants, he has learned something valuable from each experience.

He brought some of his storm-damaged plants so we could visualize and distinguish the difference between fungus and sunburn and how to treat each condition. He doesn't immediately cut off a sunburned leaf. He will allow it to rest 5 or 6 months. The soft, mushy, black rot that attacks the leaves and pseudo bulbs is an incredibly fast killer. It must be cut off to stop it and save the plant. The fungicides he recommends; Banrot, Subdue, Alliete. Do you have what Craig calls "the pyramid of death"? That is when you hang a diseased plant over the top of other plants. Each time it is watered and drips down on the plants below, it is spreading the disease to all those underneath it. (*I can testify to being guilty of that and yes, it's true.*) Ants can carry fungus, disease and other pests from plant to plant. Dose each pot with a few granules of ant bait once a month to keep them under control.

When you have a plant with "a bad case of the dwindles" Craig says remove all the media, place it in a clay pot, water it once a week with a solution of the hormone, Superthrive; 10 drops to a gallon. Use fungicide or insecticide as necessary and just leave them alone for 6 months or a year. He has revived many a sick plant with this procedure.

Here are some of his other tips:

- Sterilize clay pots in the microwave for 10 minutes; Aliflor, Hydrotone can also be sterilized the same way.
- Bake lava rock in the oven; 400 degrees for ½ hour to sterilize.
- Use Publix Dish Soap as a spreader-sticker and pesticide; 1-2 tsp. per gallon of water. You must use it more often but it is environmentally friendly. It is usually located on the top shelf.

- Conserve pesticide is pricey but very effective at killing scale, mealybugs and aphids.
- Orthene Fire Ant Killer is cheaper than Orthene WP. It gets the job done and is good for your plants. It contains phosphorus and is found at the big box stores. It kills thrips and does not destroy the blooms. 1 tsp. to a gal. of water.
- Use a high phosphorus fertilizer for producing roots. The middle number is the phosphorus. Tomato fertilizer 4-18-38, or 6-15-20. Find them on Amazon/hydroponic.
- The exhaust from generators will blast the buds on your orchids. *(Let's hope we don't need to run our generators again for a long, long time.)*

I always enjoy Craig's programs. He keeps it interesting with his humor and wit. He is probably still cleaning up at The Kampong after the hurricane uprooted 262 trees there. We wish him well with that monumental clean-up and restoration project.



*Pictures
by
John
Goehring*

The Mounts Fall Sale, now renamed Plant-a-Palooza, is next weekend, Nov. 4 & 5. If you would like to sell some of your plants, please make sure they are clean and pest free. Contact Shannon for all the details 443-802-4779 shannon.skoulikas@yahoo.com You must volunteer 2 hours of your time if you are selling plants. We could also use your help if you are not selling any plants. Call Shannon for a time slot. She will have to give that information to Mounts so you can get in free; otherwise it will cost you \$10 unless you are a member of Mounts. If you do not volunteer your time but are going to attend the sale, please stop by our booth and say hello. Check out the plants we will have to offer. You might find that perfect plant you are looking for right there in our own sales booth.



Our November 9th meeting will feature the orchid doctor, Alex Lamanazares, as our speaker. You will enjoy his humorous approach to orchid growing as he explains the culture techniques that work best for his way of growing. Alex is the president of *OrchidMania of South Florida*, a charitable, non-profit, 501-(C)-(3) corporation that provides for the needs of children who are born with HIV/AIDS; through no fault of their own. He is also an interpreter in the Federal court system when he is not acting as The Orchid Doctor.



*A child comes into the world totally helpless. Nothing could be sadder than for these children to be born with AIDS and fighting for their lives. Every year in the last weekend of May, an all-volunteer charitable organization *OrchidMania* sells orchids and other plants at Dante Fascell Park, South Miami to benefit the children born with AIDS. This is part of Project Cradle, a program at the UM School of Medicine, Dept. of Pediatric Infectious Disease and Immunology.

The event will help raise funds for the pediatric AIDS program at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, which helps children in the community with HIV/AIDS. In previous years, the sale has raised between \$10,000 and \$16,000, which has been donated to the AIDS program. The program provides services that the government doesn't provide for, such as transportation to be treated at the clinic. The program also provides vouchers for children to eat while they are at the clinic.

The effort was organized by Alex Lamazares and run exclusively by volunteers. On every Sunday for a full year before the sale, volunteers take care of donated orchids. This entails trimming dead roots and stems, repotting and fertilizing them in the greenhouse, so they will look their best for the sale. The group has been conducting the orchid sales since 1998.

Others help out with the setting-up and sales of orchids. Perhaps most enjoyable is matching up the right person with the right plant or plants.

"The support that these children need is entirely dependent on the success of the event. The more people we get to come out, the more money we'll be able to raise and the more children we'll be able to provide services for," Alex Lamazares said in an interview with the Miami Herald.
**(copied from the internet)*

Alex is passionate about the work being done by his organization and works tirelessly to ensure that these kids are given every chance for a happier lifestyle. Don't miss this meeting.... Bring a friend!

Refreshments will be provided by our November, birthday babies. Christine Aylward, Julie King, Tina Mazzella, Donna Tobey, Marilyn Watson and anyone else who would like to contribute. Jo Ella Manalan will be holding the building open for us. Thank you everyone.

I delivered 2 boxes of food and hygiene products to Holy Name Church for their food pantry in memory of our late members Frank and Marty Cianfrone. To all who contributed, Thank You.



**ORCHID SOCIETY OF THE PALM BEACHES
CHRISTMAS DINNER
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017**

The Board is pleased to announce our Christmas Dinner will be at the
Atlantis Country Club
190 Atlantis Boulevard
Atlantis, FL 33462

We will meet at 6:00, starting with a cash bar, followed by dinner at 6:30. **The cost is \$35.00, or if you want a larger cut of Prime Rib, it's \$38.00.** Choose your entree from one of the following:

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef
Or Larger Cut of Prime Rib
Broiled Mahi Mahi with Tartar Sauce
Breast of Chicken Picatta
(Medallions of chicken w/lemon butter wine sauce & capers)

If you would like to attend the dinner, a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the November meeting, or call Mary at 561-491-8033 or email her at scheitlerm@bellsouth.net to register and give her your entrée choice. The deadline for signing up and paying is Thursday, December 7. Make your check out to OSPB and either give it to her at the meeting, or mail it with your dinner choice to: Mary Scheitler, 81 Cedar Circle, Boynton Beach, FL 33436.

Spouses and friends are invited to join us. An orchid, compliments of the Society, will be given to each person attending. We hope you will join us...it will be a fun evening with games and prizes.

Our party is in the Main Dining Room with the entrance in the back and parking is there as well. Directions are below for those who need them.

Directions from the North, taking I-95: You will exit at 6th Avenue South (exit 63), in Lake Worth. Keep right to take the ramp toward Palm Beach State College (west), merge onto 6th Avenue South. Turn left onto SR-807 S / South Congress Avenue. Turn right onto JFK Drive. Take the first right after the guard house onto Atlantis Blvd. 190 is on the right.

Directions from the South, taking I-95: Exit Lantana Road (exit 61) going west. Make a right onto Congress Ave. Turn left onto JFK Drive. Take the first right after the guard house onto Atlantis Blvd. and 190 is on the right.

That about covers it for October. I hope you will all come to the plant sale, and the meeting. I'll see you there. Bring a friend!

Happy Halloween,



Patt Lindsey

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We will still accept nominations from the floor, if there are none,
we will vote on this slate at the meeting.

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