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**November 2017**

Hello everyone!



We had another successful plant sale at Mounts garden. Our members had beautiful plants to sell and buyers snapped them up. For those who have not yet participated in selling, start planning now. The next sale is the last weekend in April. Maybe you can divide some big plants. If late April is not their blooming season, have a color photo available to show buyers.

Our Holiday Party is December 14 at the Atlantis Country Club. I look forward to seeing you there. Everyone will go home with a nice blooming orchid and more.

Doris

Greetings My Friends,

What a wonderful time of the year. The temperature is a wee bit cooler, the humidity is not as terribly oppressive as it was all summer and the orchids are blooming profusely. Show season is underway and that means some of us will be traveling near and far in search of those elusive orchids that we just can't live without. The World Orchid Conference has just wrapped up in Ecuador and I'm sorry to say; I couldn't travel that far to attend. But just as soon as my husband wins the Lotto; I'll be attending that one too.

Did you enjoy our November speaker's presentation? Even though he arrived with a splitting headache and all stressed out from the 3.5 hour drive in heavy traffic, I think he settled into his program and did remarkably well. I think he was overwhelmed by our generosity; not only from that of OSPB but from you, the members. He has been totally dedicated to helping children stricken with HIV/AIDS for 20 years and he does all of this work tirelessly, while still working a full time job. That is why we, the Board, selected *OrchidMania* as the recipient of our charitable donation for 2017. We donated \$500. to help him provide the necessary supplies and services to help his kids. Thank you all for caring and helping.



Alex's first bit of orchid repotting advice; as he slipped into his matching color coordinated, yellow gloves.

- Wear gloves. There are all kinds of chemicals and other bad stuff on those orchids, protect yourself.....and your manicure.
- What he says is not carved in stone. Crazy people will tell you crazy stuff.
- The most important things to remember are: water, ventilation, and light are all necessary to have healthy, blooming plants.
- Don't keep moving them around--- you will only get dizzy plants. Give them time to get acclimated.
- Mixes vary by drainage. Buy different mixes for different types. Big pseudobulbs need fast drainage. Phals need to stay more moist. If you are growing outside, don't use sphagnum moss. It stays too wet, will decompose quickly and will rot the roots.
- Do this because you love it. Don't make it become a burden.
- Styrofoam peanuts are bad for the environment. They kill birds and never decompose. Use rocks, shards of broken pots, etc.
- Tickle tool. He makes a tool to remove all the media from around the roots using 12 gauge, ceiling-hanging wire available at Lowes or Home Depot. Buy it in a roll or a bundle of straight 6 ft. pieces.
- Close the restaurant... Use alcohol and an old toothbrush to remove the sheaths where scale and other critters can hide.
- Next wrap your hand around the roots and anything below your hand you can cut off with a clean, sterilized, cutting tool.

- Use a torch or TSP to sterilize tools. Use equal parts of TSP and water. I keep it in a coffee container with a lid. I use hot water, it dissolves quicker. You can store your tools right in the solution. They will not rust.
- When dividing use 4 to 6 pseudobulbs and pack it very tightly around the roots and into the pot. If the pot is too big the plant will not bloom until it grows tight in the pot.
- Cut a piece of wire the diameter of the pot and wedge it down in the pot to secure the plant. You should be able to pick the pot up by the plant and not pull the plant out of the pot.
- For mounting he uses wide strips of panty hose that he buys from the Dollar Store. Don't use wire it will cut into the plant as it grows opening wounds for all kinds of ailments to enter. It also cuts into the tree.
- He uses cinnamon or Lysol disinfectant to combat fungus.
- Talk to your plants. They will not talk back to you. If they do....change your meds.
- He uses Orthene WP as his pesticide to control thrips or other pests. Protect yourself. Don't use it in your house; your neighbors will think you killed your spouse. It has a very strong, foul smelling odor but it is effective against pests.
- Fertilize regularly, they like to eat just as you do. Don't fertilize when it's cold or when in bloom. The fertilizer could mar the blossom. Don't mix fertilizer and pesticide or fungicide.
- He uses mayonnaise for shinning the leaves. I use lemon juice. It works well too.
- We have 4 seasons here in South Florida. Rainy, Mosquito, Hurricane and Winter.
- And last but not least. Leave them alone! Stop doting on them. They are tougher than you think. If it dies....go buy another one.



*Wayne's B. nodosa*

*Diane Patrick's Bc. Makai*



The Planta-a-Palooza sale was great fun. We have regular customers now who come check us out first thing. We talked to a lot of people. Think about selling some of your excess plants or divisions at the Spring sale in April. You will make some money to reinvest in new orchids and OSPB will make a percentage from each plant sold, and the society makes money too. Don't think because you don't know a lot about orchids; you can't volunteer. You will learn just by being there and listening to the advice we give our customers....and you will get to know us better. Thank you everyone who did volunteer; the set-up crew, the super-sales people and the knock-down crew, and the members who stopped by to talk or buy something. You are all terrific.



*Pictures by John Goehring*

The holiday party is the next big thing on our agenda; December 14 at 6pm. I hope you are all planning to attend. It is always the highlight of the year. We will be dining in the Palm Room at the Atlantis Country Club. We will also be installing the new officers for 2018. There will be games and a raffle and lots of fun and good fellowship. Everyone in attendance will receive a gift orchid. If you have not signed up yet; what are you waiting for? Contact Mary Scheitler right now before the deadline Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and make your reservation. 561-491-8033 [scheitlerm@bellsouth.net](mailto:scheitlerm@bellsouth.net)

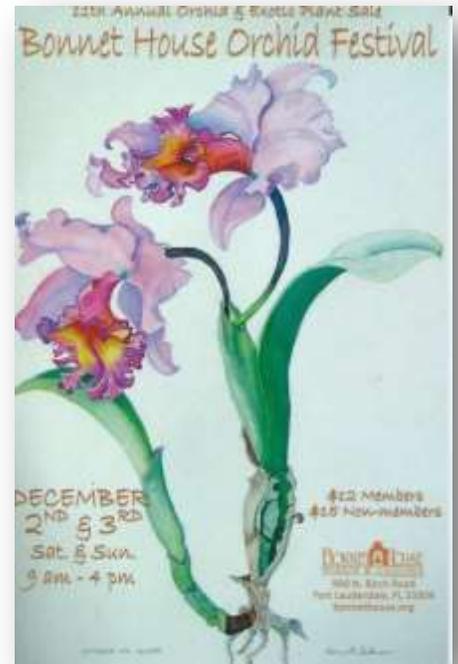
The next, up-coming show will be at The Bonnett House, 900 N. Birch Rd., Fort Lauderdale. In addition to orchids there will be Exotics, Fruit Trees, Butterfly Garden Plants, Food Vendors, Beer, Wind & Bloody Mary's, Orchid Care Lectures, Orchid Displays,. Orchid Supplies, Garden Art, and Much More! The Bonnett House Park is located in a beautiful, natural setting; the way Florida used to look 100 years ago. It is tucked in among the sky-high, condominiums in Ft. Lauderdale just

off Sunrise Rd., very near the ocean. You might need your GPS to locate it but it is a very nice show and well worth the effort.

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**It's that time of year. You dues are due for 2018. Please fill out the attached membership form and send it along with your check for \$30 (single) or \$35 (family) payable to OSPB to:**  
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**A note from our secretary, Marie Reddy:**

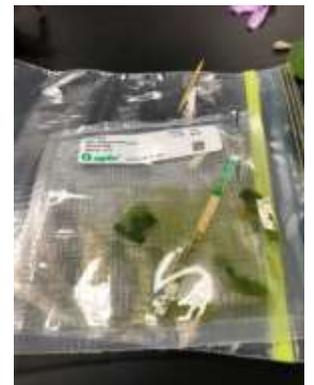
On Tuesday, November 14, Charline Nakamura was a guest lecturer at the Horticulture class of Dr. George Rogers at the Palm Beach State College's Palm Beach Gardens Campus. Charline was allowed the entire 90 minute class to give a lecture on orchids.



She covered a few of the genera of orchids--vandas, cattleya's, dens, and others. Showing large and small examples of each to show the diversity of orchids. The entire class practiced pollination on a variety of cattleya blooms that she had picked from her collection. Each student had hands on experience in finding the pollen in the column (the fused male and female parts of the orchid). This is characteristic of all orchids! The lecture included pointing out the way orchids modify themselves to achieve pollination



The grand finale of the class was virus testing. Charline brought in one of her favorite plants that she believed MAY have been virused. Each student was provided a testing kit and there were four different plants tested. Only one was positive for virus. Dr. Rogers had indicated that his class had never been able to do a virus test and perhaps they might try to do it again. The students really acted positively to the whole process. Guests at the lecture included individuals from the Mounts Botanical Garden and two other faculty members from Palm Beach State. Marie Reddy assisted at the lecture.





Thank you Charline, for a job well done; for promoting our society and helping to educate the public on all the many wonders of these incredible plants. I'm sure the participants thoroughly enjoyed your presentation.



*Pictures by Marie Reddy*

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Once again we have been invited to join with the Tropical Orchid Society members on their bus trip to attend **The Tamiami International Orchid Festival**; "The largest winter orchid event in the United States", so says the Boston Globe. The bus will leave the Mounts parking lot at 8am on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$25 and that includes admission to the show, and driver gratuity. There will be a spectacular raffle on the return trip and it is always a really fun event. The bus will return at approximately 5pm depending on traffic. Contact Cheryl at 561-329-4390 [cheryl-akey@comcast.net](mailto:cheryl-akey@comcast.net)

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Get well wishes go out to Martha Lawson as she recovers from a broken hip. We miss you Martha. Follow the doctor's orders and come back to us ASAP.

Condolences to our member Fran Dresher whose husband passed away recently. We are so sorry for your loss and hope you will find comfort knowing we are all thinking of you at this difficult time. God Bless you.

That about covers the news for November. I hope you will all enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving. Make your plans to attend the Christmas Party. Don't miss out and.... Bring a friend.

I'll see you soon, until then.....



Happy Growing,

*Patt Lindsey*



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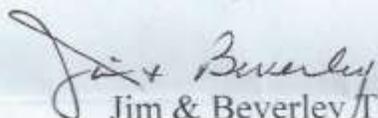
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To: The Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches  
Attn: Gloria Kennedy  
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October 26, 2017

Dear Ms Kennedy,  
Please accept our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the recent non perishable donations to our Food Pantry. It warms all of our hearts to know it was done in Marty & Frank Cianfrone's memory. They were all distributed on the Thursday following your delivery in October. Your kindness & generosity is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Jim & Beverley Tuscano  
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