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Hello Everyone,

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as President of OSPB for the last two years. I am so proud of our group for its accomplishments. Our members are always there as volunteers to run plant sales, provide refreshments, hold the door, donate auction plants, etc. Our board and committee chairs work hard guide our club through each year's challenges. Special thanks to:

- Linda Greco for serving as Vice President and getting great speakers
- Gloria Kennedy, our amazing treasurer
- Marie Reddy, our amazing secretary, who keeps track of our sometimes rowdy board meetings and manages to produce the minutes
- Trustees Alan Lasch, Marge Wentz, and JoElla Manalan, who always have good ideas and contributions.
- Shannon Skoulikas who excels at both Refreshments Chair and Plant Sales Chair
- Linda Fay, retiring membership chair
- Patt Lindsey for doing the newsletter and providing her wisdom and experience for the board's decisions
- Mary Scheitler who has produced the tri-fold pamphlet and the very difficult membership booklet and will continue to do so for one more year.
- Charlene Nakamura, who does not have a specific title, but orders plants for our sales and holiday party, and contributes wisdom and advice in many aspects of the boards deliberations.
- All of you who volunteer for the many jobs that make our club successful.
- Our new officers for picking up responsibilities for 2018: Wayne Green, President; Omar Gonzalez, Vice President; Alan Lasch, Membership; John Goehring, Trustee.

Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season,
Doris Happel

Hello OSPB Members and Friends,

It is hard to believe another year has flown by. It seems like such a short time ago that I was saying the same thing about 2016. We've had a very busy and productive year. We gained several new members and I'm looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you in the new year.

Our holiday party was a huge success. The Palm Room at the Atlantis Country Club was beautifully decorated by their staff. The servers were very efficient and friendly, I was completely satisfied with my dinner. I have not heard of any complaints. Everyone in attendance took home a beautiful, blooming Cattleya as their gift. In my opinion, the plants were extra special this year.



Gift Plants..... (Friendly Reminder: They will all need repotting this Spring).





Holiday Party Pictures

by

John Goehring



Introducing the 2018 OSPB Board



Patt Lindsey, Newsletter; John Goehring, Trustee; Marge Wentz, Trustee; Gloria Kennedy, Treasurer, Marie Reddy, Secretary; Doris Happel, Immediate Past President; JoElla Manaln, Trustee; Alan Lasch, Membership; Omar Gonzales, Vice President; Wayne Green, President, not pictured Shannon Skoulikas, Hospitality & Plant Sales Chair.



A great time was had by all. I'm sorry if you missed it. Mark your calendar right now for the 2nd Thursday night in December 2018. Save the date. It will be here in no time at all.

January 11 will be our first meeting of the year and we have a special treat for you. Philip Hamilton will be our speaker and I am very excited because he will be speaking about Broughtonia's, and they have always been a challenge for me. This could be the program that ignites the spark and puts me on the right growing course.

Phillip Hamilton of Bredren Orchids Apopka, FL

Biography

Phillip was born and raised in Jamaica where he inherited his dad's passion for orchids. He grew up working in his parents' orchid nursery, Hamlyn Orchids. Although his dad's true orchid passion was with the Jamaican native Broughtonia's and their hybrids, Phillip's passion leaned heavily toward Phalaenopsis, which he has been growing and breeding since the age of eight.

He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and is an American Orchid Society (AOS) Accredited Judge. He is currently one of the seminar coordinators for the Florida North Central Judging Center of the AOS.

Professionally, Phillip has worked for two major orchid production nurseries in Central Florida as a grower and grower/manager. In 2013 he formed his own business, Bredren Orchids, to facilitate the small-scale sale of some of the more unique Phalaenopsis and Broughtonia species and hybrids he grows and/or breeds. He now manages Bredren Orchids full-time, with the generous help of his wife, Liz. They are currently working on developing this business into more than just the mail-order only entity it now is.

Phillip will be giving a presentation on "How to Grow Broughtonia's in Florida." He will be bringing a variety of plants for sale, including: novelty Phalaenopsis hybrids and a variety of Broughtonia/Cattleya related species and hybrids.

If your birthday is in January, we are counting on you to bring refreshments.

*Happy
Birthday!*

Sadie Bicknell, Gen Bobrowski, Alan Lasch, Elaine McKelvey, Diane Patrick, Cynthia Wroblowsky and anyone else celebrating in January.

Gloria Kennedy has volunteered to hold the door open for us. Thank you everyone!

This will be a great program. Bring a friend.

January 13 – The bus trip sponsored by TOS to the Tamiami International Orchid Show. The bus will leave the Mounts parking lot at 8:00 am. The cost is \$25 and it includes admission to the show and the gratuity for the driver. There is always a special raffle on the bus and Cheryl always shops for the most beautiful plants to provide for the raffle. There are food vendors on site or you can bring your lunch. Come join us for a fun-filled day of orchid shopping. It is an indoor event so rain or shine; you'll be cool and comfortable. We expect to return at 5:00 pm but that all depends on the traffic. Contact Cheryl ASAP to reserve your seat - 561-329-4390, cheryl-akey@comcast.net





It's time to pay your dues for 2018, if you have not already done so. If you already have paid them, we thank you. Single membership is \$30. Family Membership is \$35. Please see our new Membership Chairman, Alan Lasch at the next meeting or mail them to OSPB, P.O. Box 211463, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33421.

Are you noticing yellow leaves on your orchids? Or experiencing some leaf drop? The cold snap we had a couple weeks ago is probably the reason why. I didn't cover my plants or bring any of them in and they are showing their displeasure now. They will be ok. On the Catt's, it's the old leaves that are yellowing and they will be dropping off. The hard-cane Dendrobiums are really unhappy. They didn't like it one bit, but they will come back when it warms up again. The Cataseatums and soft-cane Dendrobiums are supposed to drop their leaves anyway so don't worry about them. They like the cold weather. Vandas will start to drop their lower leaves. They definitely did not like the cold temperatures. Are you noticing the bloom spikes on your Phals? The cool temps signal them that it's time to start producing blooms. If temperatures get any lower than they did this time, I'll have to provide some sort of cold protection. We still have two more months, or more, of possibly freezing temperatures to get through. I am hoping for the best.

January 19 – 21 Don't miss the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society - Diamond Anniversary, 60th Orchid Jubilee. This is always a great show. Carmela Orchids, H&R Orchids, and some of the other Hawaiian vendors, as well as all our Florida vendors will be there. If you can't attend the Tamiami Show; be sure to attend the Lauderdale show. It is time for 'Orchid Show Overload'. I'll see you there!



Please join with me in wishing our lifetime member Milton Carpenter; a very Happy Birthday. Milton was born on Christmas day. He and his wife Nancy have been members of OSPB almost from the start. Over the years they have both served on the Board; Nancy as secretary and Milton was our president. He is also past-president of the American Orchid Society. He is an orchid grower and hybridizer extraordinaire; specializing in warmth-tolerant cymbidiums, miltonias and the oncidinae family. Happy Birthday Milton. We hope your day is perfect in every way.



I'm looking forward to the New Year and all the exciting activities we will all share at OSPB. I know our new Board members will have some fresh ideas. Our annual auction will be February 8th. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It is a great opportunity to add some new additions to your collection. You will all want to be there and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

Happy Holidays to you all. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year! I'll see you January 11th at the next meeting. Bring a friend.

Happy Growing,
Patt Lindsey

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