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March 16, 2020 -Cancelled due to coronavirus
April 20, 2020 - Speak Mac, Mac's Orchids
May 18, 2020 Installation Dinner & Orchid Bingo

Coral Springs Orchid Society is closely monitoring the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) at a global & local level for all. The safety of our members is our top priority.

We are following the guidelines of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and state and local authorities. We will keep you informed of any changes during this time should they arise. Mac has rescheduled for April but we will monitor this situation & keep you informed. If anyone needs anything please let Ken, Sue or Debbie know. We are your orchid family! Please stay well & we will get through this!

OUR APRIL 20th, SPEAKER WILL BE MAC from Mac's Orchids (we will keep you informed as we get closer to the date)



Our Speaker for our April 20th Meeting will be Mac from Mac's Orchids and his wife, Helen. Most of you know Mac & Helen from all the orchid shows & I am sure many of you have some of his orchids. They started an orchid business over 10 years ago after many fascinating trips to the Philippines. With extensive study Mac is became an expert in Philippine species and currently grows and blooms over 300 different types of orchid species from the Philippines.

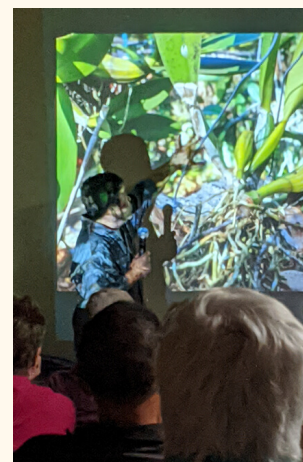


**IT'S A
GOOD DAY
TO HAVE A
GREAT
DAY!**

We had a fantastic turn out for our February Meeting with our speaker Omar Gonzalez

Our February Speaker was Omar Gonzalez. Many of you know Omar from the many orchid shows he attends as well as his selling orchids including the miniatures! A chemist by trade and botanist at heart, he has found orchid growing a rewarding and enjoyable hobby. Another aspect he enjoys is problem solving orchids.

His slideshow & topics covered orchid dividing, finding the best conditions for orchid growing, pests, diseases including questions & answers. Thank you Omar for a very informative evening!





MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL *Annual Dues*

If you have not renewed your membership by March 1st, you will be removed from email notifications, newsletters, etc. until you have done so. So don't miss out - renew today! CLICK ON THE MEMBERSHIP TAB TO RENEW

For your convenience you can renew your membership on our website;

www.coralspringsorchidsociety.org

Single renewal is \$25 and family (2 members at same address) is \$40

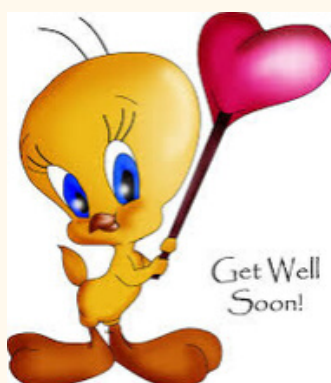
or bring to the meeting or mail to:

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Your yearly Membership dues includes the following: Monthly Meetings with Educational Speakers, Monthly Newsletter, Member only Rambles outside of the monthly meetings, Bus Rambles, Monthly Raffles, Annual Vendor Auction, Members Monthly Orchid Judging Awards and an Annual Holiday Party!



Special prayers & get wishes go out to our long time member Chris Binder who is recovering from some medical issues.

Also prayers continue for our member Arleen Gross who is still recovering at home but doing much better. We hope she will be able to return to our next meeting.

CSOS & SEVERAL VENDORS HELP OUR MEMBER JENNIFER PAGNANT & HER 6TH GRADE CLASS MOUNT ORCHIDS IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE STONEMAN DOUGLAS VICTIMS FEB 14TH.

Our member Jennifer Pagnant, 6th Grade Language Art Teacher at Tequesta Trace Middle School approached our society to possibly assist her & her students with their service project for Feb 14th, remembrance day for the Stoneman Douglas victims. They mounted 17 orchids around campus in remembrance of the 17 victims of the MSD tragedy. Her class will continue to take data & monitor the orchids for the remainder of this year. The orchids and supplies were generously donated by The Coral Springs Orchid Society, Orchid Vendors & members. She also had one of her students family member, a botanist, who assisted the students with mounting the orchids & lecturing about orchid culture in South Florida to the students. Thank you donors: Carmela Orchids, Odom Orchids, Springwater Orchids, Skyhawk Orchids, EFG Orchids, Krull-Smith Orchids, Sarah Smith, Sue Wuest, Cheryl Magro, Debbie Malloy, Larry Autrey & Ted Rich. What a great way to introduce this generation to the orchid world!





Refreshment Table

Bernie Dusch & Nancy Celetti are doing a great job with refreshments. However to make it more enjoyable we encourage members to bring any items such as cookies/brownies/soda/chips/dip or any baked goods. Don't forget to sign the sheet at the refreshment table when you drop off your donation!

***Note:** refreshment table will be open to all "after" the speaker but before the members plant judging.

New!!! If you bring in a refreshment item that evening, you will receive a raffle ticket for an exclusive drawing for an orchid or orchid item of that night. Only those bringing in a food item are eligible to win this special drawing.

A special thank you to member Barbara Isan (below) who baked a delicious dish to share with everyone on our refreshment table!!!

Thank you to Marlene Dawdy, Barabara Isan, Ana Brana, Bob Malloy, Nancy Celetti & Monica Eastep for adding to our refreshment table!



Sunshine Chairperson

please let **Sue Wuest** know of anyone who is ill or in the hospital so she can get a card right out to them. write2wuest@aol.com or Debbie Malloy 954-648-3664 cell/text



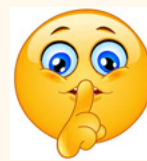
ANNOUNCING OUR NEW MONTHLY SILENT AUCTION!

Each month we will have 1 or 2 silent auction items you can bid on. They will be either orchids or orchid items. There will be a bid sheet by the item with an opening bid. Check often throughout the evening to see if you are the top bidder. At the end of the night after the auction is closed, see Bob (treasurer) to pay for your win. All proceeds go to the CSOS.

SIGN IN PLEASE!



We now have a member/guest "sign in" table located straight ahead as you walk in! Guests will be given a name tag to wear so everyone can welcome them. New Members/Renewals will be at the table to the right just as you walk in the door. Debbie will be ready to assist you.



Please be courteous & turn your cell phone off before the meeting starts. Thank you.



DID YOU KNOW??

YOU CAN EARN A FREE RAFFLE TICKET BY:

- 1) wearing your name badge at each meeting
- 2) donating a refreshment item
- 3) bringing a friend



**Welcome to our New 2020 Member
Gloria Armstrong**



ATTENTION; ADVERTISERS & SPONSORS! It's time to renew your business cards for the 2020 year. **ONLY \$25 FOR ONE YEAR!** If you have not renewed by March 1st your business card has been removed until your renewal is received.

NEW business card sponsors will be month/year to month/year from when the business card is submitted.

FOR EVERYONE'S CONVENIENCE YOU CAN NOW RENEW OR PAY ON OUR WEBSITE!

note: for "new" business sponsors email your business card jpeg to:

Debbie: yorkierambo@bellsouth.net

Your sponsorship will make it possible for us to expand our programming with more orchid related speakers as well as organize additional educational activities for the Society & the orchid community at large.

Displaying your business card on our website offers you the following:

- 1) One year advertising on our website*
- 2) One year appearing in our "monthly" newsletter to all our members for the year 2020*
- 3) If you have a website, it will allow a viewer to click on your business card on our website & be directed right to your website!*
- 4) You are welcome to provide business cards and/or promotional materials to display on our information table at each monthly meeting. We always encourage our members to support our sponsors!*

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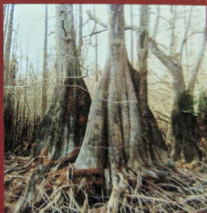
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OUR "MEMBER" SHOW & TELL

Every month our members are encouraged to bring in their latest growing achievements for judging & possible ribbon awards! Make sure you fill out an exhibit form for your plant. It must be completed in full & printed so it can be read easily. All information must be completed in full for judging consideration!

Make sure:

1. Print the full name of the orchid & your full name
2. The orchid must be entered in the correct category
3. You must have owned the orchid 6 months
4. Display your orchid in an attractive container
5. **Make sure your orchid is free of pests & disease

****Note on Culture Awards:** This award is a reflection on the outstanding cultural practices of the grower! An eligible plant is one that stands out as grown to its fullest potential, in robust health, displaying an unusually high number of blooms. Cultural merit is not necessarily related to size; it is related to quality. This award is not necessarily given out each month.

FEBRUARY BLUE RIBBON WINNERS!



Ludisia Discolor
Dorothy & Ted Rich



Bulbophyllum Thai Spider
Dorothy & Ted Rich



Diamond Girl
Roderick Lewis



Jami Hollingsworth
Maija Nemati

This beauty was ready for our March judging but never made it due to the cancellation. However we would like to give it a shout out here.



Cattleya Skinner
Dorothy & Ted Rich



Due to concern over coronavirus, the below shows listed have been cancelled.



**Orchid & Plant Festival, Saturday & Sunday, April 4th & 5th, 2020, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, Sawgrass Nature Center Wildlife Hospital, 3000 Sportsplex Dr, Coral Springs, FL 33065
CANCELLED - rescheduled for Sept 26th & 27th.**

13th Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival Saturday & Sunday, April 4 & 5, 2020 from 9 am – 4 pm. Bonnet House, 900 North Birch Road Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304, Admission \$12, free parking. CANCELLED

Orchid and Bromeliad Show and Sale, April 11 & 12, 2020, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie FL, CANCELLED

Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale, May 16th & 17th, 2020, 9 am to 4 pm & 9 am to 3 pm, 559 West Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL RESCHEDULED FROM APRIL BUT WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED

Broward County Plant Affair, May 2, 2020 9 am. to 5 pm & May 3, 2020, 9 am to 4 pm, Plantation Heritage Park, 1100 South Fig Tree Lane, Plantation, FL TO BE ANNOUNCED

Redland International Orchid Show, May 15th - 19th, 2020, 9am-5pm, Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave, Homestead, FL 33031 CANCELLED



Don't forget our donation box by the information table to help our local animal shelters. We take items such as dog/cat food/cat litter/ leashes/collars/ towels/blankets/etc. Remember..don't shop - adopt!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE OFTEN!

Be sure to stop by our website & check it out! We think you will find it very informative. Be sure to check out the growing tip tab & be sure to click on each of the flowers. Love the butterflies??? click on them too!

Check our ramble videos - orchid videos - calendar of events & more! Don't forget the sponsor page! If you click on the business card, it takes you to that business's website. Its a great way to advertise your business for only \$25 for the year!

www.coralspringsorchidsociety.org / check us out on Facebook & Youtube too!





**CORAL SPRINGS ORCHID SOCIETY WAS PROUD TO SUPPORT
OUR MEMEBER MONICA EASTEP TO FIND A CURE FOR MS**



Help support our member Monica Eastep support her cause! See below.

Note - The All That Jazz Cafe is where we had our Holiday Party!

Since I was formally diagnosed in 2004, with your help, we have raised nearly \$60,000 to help so many living with this crazy disease. While I am blessed and strong, I will do whatever I can and I hope you will help! Please help us make 2020 a breakthrough year by joining me and my team any way you can! Please consider walking with us if you are local (such a fun morning and two dates to choose from), becoming a Family or Business Sponsor, (wherever your business may be) or making a pledge. No pledge is too small and will make an impact!-Together I know we will find a cure!

Thank you to our members who turned out to help support Monica & her fundraiser for MS on February 27th. It was so much fun with great food and music! What a wonderful turnout for a great cause AND it was Monica's birthday too!! All that Jazz in Sunrise gave back 20% of the total bill to be donated to benefit the South Florida Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society! They are the best!

<http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/EasteamImagine> Walk MS Eastep's Team Imagine on FB!



We want to hear from you! This is "your" society so your suggestions are always welcome. Let us know if you would like to hear a lecture on a certain orchid, topic or speaker. If you are interested in hosting a ramble at your home. **We are always looking for volunteers!**

Contact Debbie - yorkierambo@bellsouth.net



MOTES ORCHIDS

MARCH ORCHID GROWING

Vanda Motes Adorbs_ many in spike now. February has been both warmer and wetter than usual. Several cold fronts lingered and produce extra moisture but not overly cold temperatures for more than a few nights. While relative humidity has been higher than usual, the higher temperatures have created nonetheless greater than usual drying potential which is highly favorable to our plants. This high drying of the air has also produced wide swings of day to night temperature. These conditions have stimulated our vandas to greater growth and blooming and dendrobiums and other sympodial orchids have also been stimulated to break into growth earlier than they typically do. All of this growth should be fed. This year it is not too early to apply time release fertilizer now. All time release fertilizers are not equal: Nutri-coat which is marketed under the brand name Dynamite has a superior polymer coating which has proved more reliable under the higher temperatures of South Florida. Lowe's sells a six-month, low phosphorus, formula that approximates the Michigan State recommended ratio of nutrients. Its superior qualities make it worth the effort to obtain it. Low phosphorus liquid fertilizer can also be now be regularly applied as well.

As sympodial orchids are getting an early start on the growing season, we need to get an early start on repotting them if need be. Our plants are not alone in getting an early start: snails are waking early from their winter rest in the warm wet world. Those tender new growths on our orchids are a delightful breakfast for these pests. A single snail once destroyed 50 young, emerging flower spikes on a bench of dendrobiums at Motes Orchids. Remember, always apply snail bait lightly, one pellet per 3 to four square feet but apply it often every 2 weeks for 3 applications. That should achieve control until the summer rains allow our neighbors to share their far-ranging snails with us.

As temperatures rise into the 80's the ever-present threat of Thrips emerges. Scout for them early morning or use a yellow sticky trap to detect them. The first sign of damage is usually to the new tips of roots where pitted marks show up at the point where the green is maturing into white. Soap applied liberally, coating the entire plant at the rate of 2 oz per gal of water works well. Insecticidal soap is best but as orchids are waxy plants, dishwashing liquid rarely does harm. Be sure that plants are watered thoroughly the day before applying soap. Other control measures for Thrips are presented in Fla. Orchid Growing and Fla Vanda Growing.

High temperatures and low humidity mean our vandas will need water every day. They will also enjoy fertilizer which should be substituted for water at every 6th watering. Potted plants in terra cotta will also dry faster than one might expect. They too need water and fertilizer to sustain the best new growth. Our orchids are enjoying this weather and we are reminded why we live in Florida

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P.S. You can get our incredible miniature vandas like the Vanda Motes Adorbs for 30% off with the code MARCH MINI this week. Chances are you will get a Motes Adorbs in spike if you order now

TASKS FOR MARCH Watch out for mites. Spray for thrips. Repot genera emerging from dormancy: catasetums, calanthes, and soft cane dendrobiums. Continue general re-potting of cattleyas, oncidiums, hard-cane dendrobiums, etc. Make top cutting of teretes, semi-teretes, and reed stem epidendrums. Move landscape plants gradually to brighter light. Apply time-release fertilizer.