



# FORT PIERCE ORCHID SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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July 2010

### President's Message

Hello Members,

Our presenter for the upcoming meeting on July 10th is Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids (Ritter Orchids was erroneously in last month's NL). He will be speaking to us about Philippine species and will also have lots of orchids for sale (Member sales table is **closed**). Hope you join us as Mac takes us on a journey through the Philippine's!

To my dismay, John and Sandy Woodman, Vice President and Treasurer respectively, have resigned their duties from the FPOS Board effective July 1. I have asked Ena Vilabrera to fill in as acting Vice President and Paul Morgan as acting Treasurer until the Board has approved these appointments at our next Board meeting (7/6). We thank both John & Sandy for their efforts for the past year and a half and hope we'll continue to see them at our meetings.

It is that time of year where we need three members to join forces for our Nominating Committee for next years' Board of Directors and presented at the September meeting. The positions open for nominations are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director (Pam Stephenson's term expires). I'd also like to add that the Newsletter Editor position is still open and would welcome one of our members to step up to this important task since my plate is quite full (President, Editor & Show Chair)! We will also be voting on the Bylaw revisions that were discussed at our last meeting.

Last month's meeting, What Do You Mean: It Won't Grow.. by Brian Monk, was a great teach and quite interesting. The lecture focused on the way orchids grow and flower, and why they do some of the things

they do. He also had some interesting orchids for sale!

On a final note, our annual orchid show is just around the corner! This event helps offset the cost of the show, Christmas party, speakers and picnic. **A Show meeting will be held at my house in Port St. Lucie on Sunday, July 11th at 2pm.** As we near our show date (October 16-17) we really need your help and support! Sponsors big and small are needed for orchid trophies, programs, etc. An unused gift card, such as the \$50 Macy's card donated by Ena Vilabrera, can also be used as a raffle prize. So, please ask your employers, doctor, friends to at least go in together as a trophy sponsor for \$30.

This is your Society and would like to see more people involved. See you Saturday and please remember to wear name tags and bring your show-n-tell orchids.

Happy Growing! Denise Thomas

"People may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel."  
- Carl W. Buechner

**Reminder:**  
**NEXT MEETING: Saturday**  
**JULY 10th @ 10AM**

**2010  
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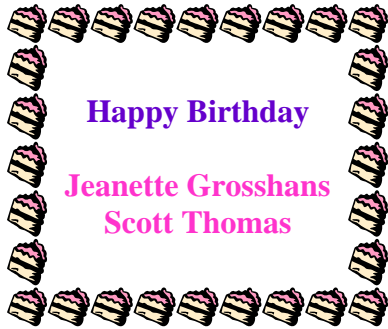
**Editor**

Denise Thomas  
(see above)

**Treasurer's report -**

**June 2010:**

Savings Account	\$2,866.93
General Account	\$1,402.45
Show Account	\$ 494.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,218.85</b>



**Secretary's Report - June 2010**

**Fort Pierce Orchid Society Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2010**

A meeting of the Fort Pierce Orchid Society was held June 12, 2010 at the Garden Club of Fort Pierce, 911 Parkway Drive.

President Denise Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

She introduced new people. The following announcements were made:

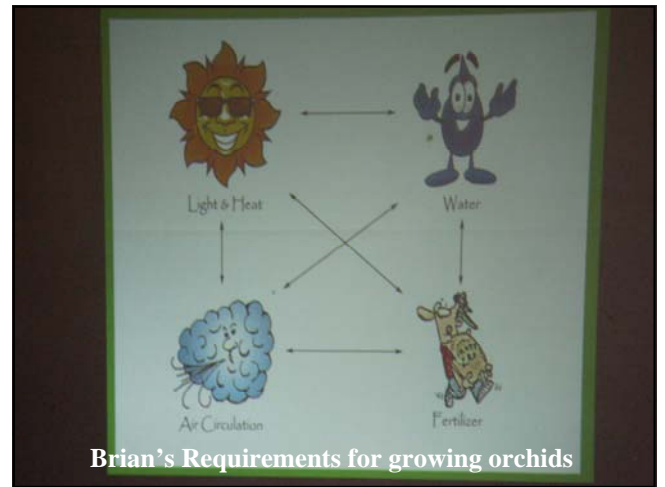
Judy Campbell will be selling many of her orchids. A map is available.

Proposed changes to the by-laws need to be reviewed and read.

Paul Morgan has proposed adopting orchids from Heathcote's collection.

Vice-President John Woodman introduced Brian Monk whose presentation was titled "What Do You Mean It Won't Grow?".

Following Show and Tell and the raffle, the meeting



## Why are my orchid's leaves wrinkled and leathery?



This orchid has lost its roots, probably due to overwatering, and cannot take up water.

Shriveled leaves indicate a lack of water to plant tissue. The next step is to determine why the plant is not getting sufficient water. First, look at the roots. If they appear a healthy white or green and are plump, and the medium is in good shape, suspect underwatering, especially if the roots are white and the pot is very light. If, on the other hand, the roots are in poor condition, suspect root loss. If the plant has no roots, it cannot take up any water, no matter how much you give it. In this case, the cause may be root loss owing to overwatering or medium deterioration, or a recently repotted and poorly established plant. The immediate solution is to raise humidity in the plants' vicinity to reduce stress on whatever roots there may be, and then deal with whether to repot or to simply wait until the plant establishes in the fresh medium.

## Where do I cut the flower spike when it is finished?



Phalaenopsis will often produce a secondary flush of flowers from a node on the inflorescence.

Of all of the more commonly available orchids, only *Phalaenopsis* (the moth orchid) will re-bloom from its old spike. *Phalaenopsis* will generally re-bloom given a little extra care. When the last flower fades, you can leave the spike (stem) on and it will still continue flowering but the stem gets very ungainly and the flowers get smaller. Some people believe it is best to cut off the stem entirely at the base where it comes out of the leaves, and it will bloom again in several months. You can also cut off the stem leaving two nodes (those little brown lines on the stem below where the flowers were) on the stem. One of these nodes will then initiate and generally produce flowers within eight to 12 weeks. Younger or weaker plants may not rebloom and some *Phalaenopsis* are genetically incapable of reblooming from the old spike. These are usually those that flower with branched spikes. It's always worth a try. Orchids, like animals, are susceptible to viruses, so whenever cutting an orchid plant always use a sterile tool to prevent the spread of virus. A straight edged razor blade is a good tool to use for cutting flower spikes.

## Why won't my orchid re-bloom?



Like all plants, orchids require sufficient light in order to produce flowers.

Insufficient light is the most common cause of failure to re-bloom your orchid. Leaf color indicates if the amount of light is adequate. The lush, rich, dark green of most houseplants is not desirable in orchid leaves. A grassy green color (light or medium green with yellowish tones) means the plant is receiving sufficient light to bloom.

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## ORCHID SHOWS/EVENTS:

### FORT PIERCE ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

*'FANTASIA'*

OCTOBER 16-17, 2010

RIVER WALK CENTER

(FT PIERCE COMMUNITY CTR)

10AM-4PM

BOTH DAYS

HAPPY SUMMER!

## *FPOS Meetings*

*Bring a Friend!*

***July 10 - Mac's Orchids***

***August 14 - Ken Russ***

***September 11 - Garden Club Members on  
Niches***

***October - Fort Pierce Orchid Show***

***November - Fall Auction***

***December - Christmas Party***

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Fort Pierce Orchid Society meets on the 2nd Saturday of  
every month at 10AM at the Fort Pierce Garden Club,  
911 Parkway Dr., Fort Pierce.