



# FORT PIERCE ORCHID SOCIETY Newsletter

April 2010

## President's Message:

Whew, we made it through the toughest winter on record in Florida!

Our traveling show team did an awesome, awesome job setting up the very huge Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show this year! Thanks to Jane Appel, Judy Campbell, Ralph Zeblin, Claudette Nancoo, Darlene & Larry Kuhns, Jeanette Grosshans and all others that I have failed to mention.

Vero Orchid Society Show setup is April 23rd at Under the Oaks and the theme is 'In The Oaks'. Jane Appel (772.467.1196) and Jeanette Grosshans (772.464.4059) are the co-chairs and need your blooming orchids all cleaned up and ready for judging. Please contact either of them if you are able to set up/take down or have orchids for our tabletop display.

May 23rd is our annual society picnic, to be held at Jane Appel and Dave Foster's house. We had a really awesome time last year a beautiful day and wonderful, relaxing setting on the St. Lucie River! The Society will supply chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and of course all

the paper products. Please bring a covered dish to accompany these delicious offerings. I haven't asked them yet, but Scott and Jake Thomas (my husband and son) hopefully will do the cooking again! There will be a silent auction, so please bring any garden-related items to sell. Don't forget to bring your own chairs as well. Any other details that I haven't mentioned will be in next month's newsletter! Hope you'll be able to make it.

**Meeting/AUCTION  
Sat. 4/10 @ 10AM!**

Our annual show is not that far away.... Since Bob Conte has resigned as Show Chairman, I am going to need everyone's help and cooperation as I somehow muddle through this huge task (a co-chair would be nice HINT HINT). We need to start getting busy and I will announce a time and location for our next Show meeting at this Saturday's meeting! We hope to make this an awesome, well-attended show, so plan on coming to the Show meeting!

This Saturday, April 10th is our semi-annual Spring auction. Bring those unwanted orchids (how can anyone not want their orchids?) all cleaned and ready to be sold. Tell everyone...this is such a great way to get great orchids at great prices! Hope to see you there! -- Denise Thomas



*Congratulations to the following society members on their ribbons from the Port St. Lucie Annual Show:*

- Jane Appel: 1 blue, 1 red, 1 white
- Judy Campbell: 3 blue, 2 red, 1 white
- Jeanette Grosshans: 1 blue, 1 yellow, 2 white
- Paul Morgan: 1 blue, 1 yellow
- Claudette Nancoo: 1 red
- Dianne Osborne: 3 blue, 6 red, 3 yellow, 1 white
- Denise Thomas: 1 red
- Ralph Zeblin: 1 blue

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(see above)

**Treasurer's report -**

**March 2010:**

Savings Account	\$2,866.19
General Account	\$1,723.19
Show Account	\$ 437.80
Total	\$5,027.18

**2010 Dues:**

**\$10 individual  
\$15 joint**  
Please submit your  
payment ASAP to  
Sandy Woodman

**Secretary's Report - March 2010**

President Denise Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

She introduced new members Shellee Kandall and Andy Cammarata.

The following announcements were made:

Dues are due by March 31, 2010.

A new co-chair is needed for the Show Committee since Bob Conte has resigned from that position.

The Port St. Lucie Orchid Society show is through Sunday at the PSL Community Center.

Ena Villabrera has the Society's library available and Jane Appel can demonstrate Orchid Wiz to interested people at the break.

The FPOS spring auction is next month.

Set-up for the Vero Beach Orchid Society show is 4/23 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Vero Beach Orchid Society auction will be 3/18 at the Vero Garden Club.

The Society picnic will be held in May.

Vice-President John Woodman discussed our proposed tour in June. Tentative plans include visiting Tom Ritter Orchids, Krull-Smith Orchids and Lew Gardens the second Saturday in June. Midnight Sun Tours would charge \$1150 for the trip to Orlando for 14 hours. An additional fee of \$50 or more would be paid to the driver. 46 people are needed to go.

Dr. Dennis Whigham, Senior Scientist and Deputy Director of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, presented a program on the Secret and Not So Secret Life of Orchids. He declined compensation for his talk.

After the break, a drawing was held for the Chairman's Trophy from the Martin County Orchid Society show. Larry Kuhns won the trophy.

After Show and Tell and the raffle, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

**WELCOME to our  
Newest Members:**

Shellee Kandall &  
Andy Cammarata, Ft Pierce, FL

(returning FPOS members!)

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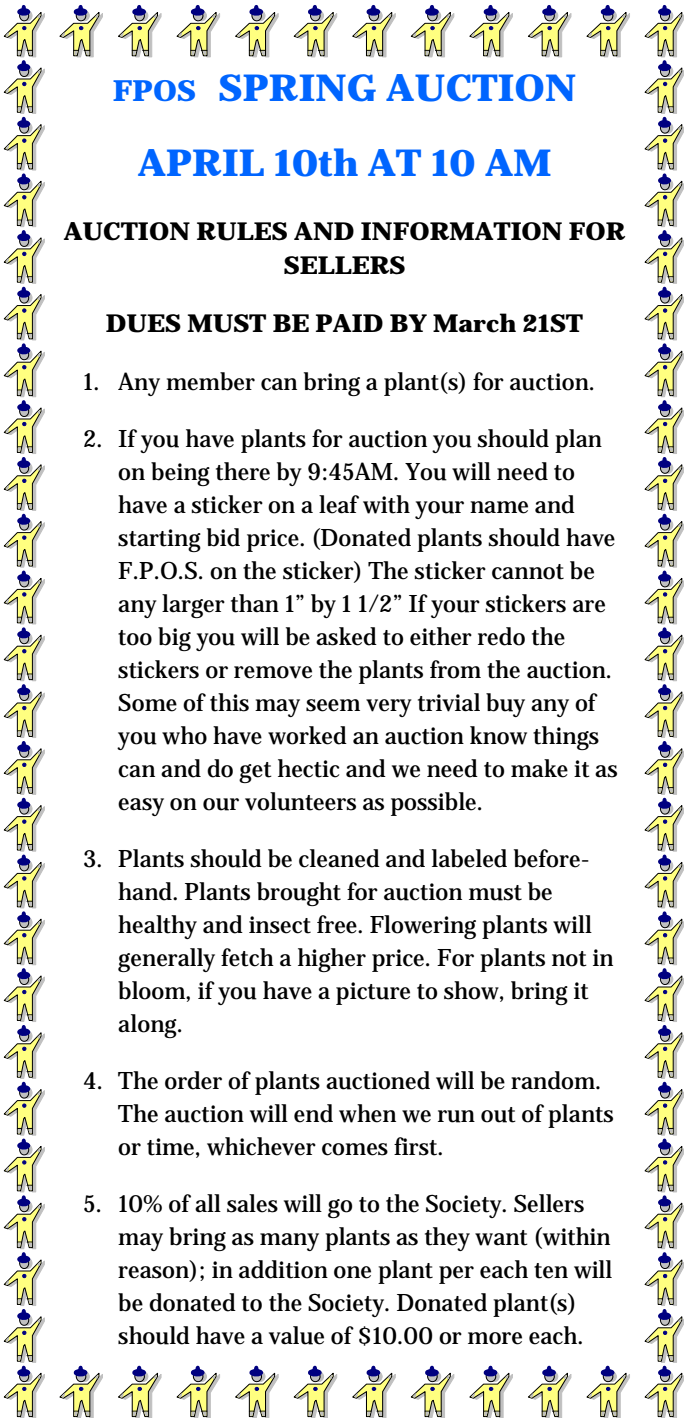
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with 1 week advance notice.



# FPOS SPRING AUCTION

## APRIL 10th AT 10 AM

### AUCTION RULES AND INFORMATION FOR SELLERS

#### DUES MUST BE PAID BY March 21ST

1. Any member can bring a plant(s) for auction.
2. If you have plants for auction you should plan on being there by 9:45AM. You will need to have a sticker on a leaf with your name and starting bid price. (Donated plants should have F.P.O.S. on the sticker) The sticker cannot be any larger than 1" by 1 1/2" If your stickers are too big you will be asked to either redo the stickers or remove the plants from the auction. Some of this may seem very trivial but any of you who have worked an auction know things can and do get hectic and we need to make it as easy on our volunteers as possible.
3. Plants should be cleaned and labeled beforehand. Plants brought for auction must be healthy and insect free. Flowering plants will generally fetch a higher price. For plants not in bloom, if you have a picture to show, bring it along.
4. The order of plants auctioned will be random. The auction will end when we run out of plants or time, whichever comes first.
5. 10% of all sales will go to the Society. Sellers may bring as many plants as they want (within reason); in addition one plant per each ten will be donated to the Society. Donated plant(s) should have a value of \$10.00 or more each.

### Progress of the Season: April

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As we pull out of the coldest winter in 70 years, exceptional coolness persists. Dendrobium species, catasetums and other seasonally dormant sympodial orchids are slow to break into growth this year. Be extra careful not to overwater them particularly as the super size fronts that have given us so much cool air have also arrived with extra abundant water. Be on the look out for crown rot in vandas, as well as bacterial leaf spotting, which is best treated with a direct application of a slurry of equal parts mancozeb (Manzate or Dithane) and cupric hydroxide (Kocide). If plants are still showing any reddening of foliage, another application or two of Epsom salts (1Tbs. per gal) is indicated. The wide swing of day to night temperature with highs finally climbing into the eighties will be stimulating vigorous root growth. This is one of the few moments when high phosphorus fertilizers prove beneficial. One or two applications of "Bloom Booster" formula can promote strong root growth.

Coming out of a March that seemed like February, we might well be entering an April that will be March-like. Water exceptionally heavily when water is called for and take advantage of the high drying potential by maximizing air circulation. The rainy season may well arrive while our sympodial plants are in an unusually early stage of growth. Be sure that newly emerging growths have plenty of light and air. Amidst all these cautions, don't forget to enjoy the wonderful weather that surrounds us. - Martin Motes

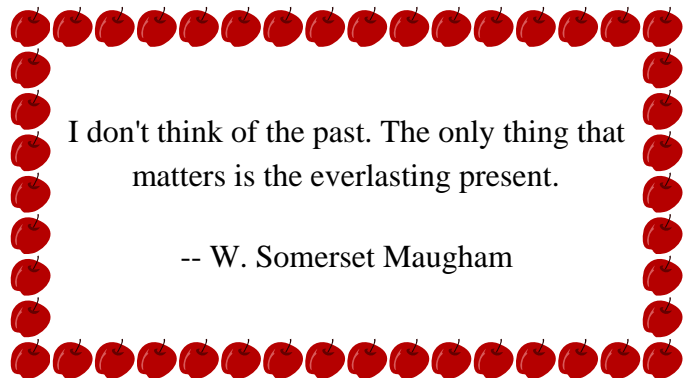
#### Tasks for April

- Full speed ahead with re-potting
- Water heavily and well
- Don't forget to fertilize
- Spray for mites and thrips

### See You In the Redlands

*We have been invited by the Vero Beach Orchid Society to join their bus down to the 2010 Redland International Orchid Festival on Saturday May 15th. The cost is \$23 pp. Call Paul Price at 772-562-2280 by April 23rd if you are interested.*

*A few seats are still available.*



I don't think of the past. The only thing that matters is the everlasting present.

-- W. Somerset Maugham



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## **ORCHID EVENTS**

### **APRIL 2010**

10: Fort Pierce Orchid Society Semi-Annual Orchid Auction, 10AM

24-25 - \*The Orchid Society of Highlands County Show, Bert Harris Jr. Agricultural Center, Sebring, FL.

24-25 - Vero Beach Orchid Society Show, Riverside Park, 3001 Riverside Park Dr., Vero Beach, FL. Douglas Mew, (772) 778-6625; [insteadof@bellsouth.net](mailto:insteadof@bellsouth.net).

### **May 2010**

14-16 - Redlands International Orchid Show & Sale, Homestead, FL

**23 Fort Pierce Orchid Society Picnic, Jane Appel & David Foster's home on the St. Lucie River!**

## **FPOS Meetings** *Bring A Friend*

### **10AM: NEW LOCATION:**

***Garden Club of Fort Pierce  
911 Parkway Drive, Ft. Pierce***

***April: SPRING AUCTION***

***May: Picnic BY THE RIVER***

***June: TBD (possible road trip)***

***July: TBD***

Fort Pierce Orchid Society meets *monthly* at 10AM on the **2nd Saturday** at the Ft Pierce Garden Club, 911 Parkway Drive, Fort Pierce.