

PAOS July 09 Newsletter

Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, July 21 2009 at 7:30PM
Where: Christ The King Lutheran Church
11295 SW 57th Avenue (Red Road)
Orchid 101 with Mirta starts at 7 PM

Dear Members and Friends,

Summer is definitely here and we can tell by the mosquitoes, the heat, the rain and the beautiful orchids gracing our gardens. We will be together again on Tuesday with a month full of stories to share and news to catch up on.

Mr. George Carr, our June speaker, was very grateful and wants to make his contact information available should anyone still have questions: George F. Carr, Jr. – 1321 Oak Valley Dr. – Sefner, FL 33584. Phone: 813-653-3794, e-mail: cynoches@verizon.net.

We also would like to welcome three new members into our fold: Rolando Armentero, Mildred Rodriguez and Kamai Tyler.

Calendar

Our speaker this month will be our own **Carlos Segrera** from [C.S.Orchids, Inc.](#) and our immediate past president. Come ready for a class on **Orchid Repotting** that will cover media, types of pots and techniques, as well as how to mount your orchids. Get your questions ready, pencils sharpened and those notepads on your lap so you can take good notes. And don't forget to ask questions!

As usual, Mirta's class will start half an hour before our meeting, at 7 PM. We are grateful to Mirta's generosity and willingness to share her experience with our membership. Consider it our warm-up section: get your juices flowing before the speaker of the evening arrives.

Other Events: Please check the page [South Florida Orchid Scene](#) above for July events in our community.

Refreshments for July

This month we will be implementing the decision made during our last Board meeting. Members of our Refreshments Team will have a chance to earn a new orchid as they help liven our meeting with beverages and snacks. The volunteers will receive a special raffle ticket for a special plant at the end of the meeting that will be raffled only among them. It is a great chance to win a beauty!

So don't miss your chance of increasing your odds for taking an orchid home: Volunteer!

This month lucky Refreshments Team Members are: Jennifer Brown, Javier Morejon, Sharon Pross, Alessandra & Miguel Reinseld, Jorge & Ivis Rodriguez, Sherrin Smith.

Orchid Care Calendar

June's rains were more than expected. That usually translates into harder to control disease outbreaks in your orchid collections. Best be aware and increase air circulation: good time for pruning excess plant growth around your orchids. They will also appreciate the increase in light.

This is also a good time for fertilizing during the dry spells. Dr. Motes recommends weekly applications of 20-20-20 or 18-18-18 at 2 tbs/gl concentration. Don't forget also to alternate this mix with potassium nitrate and Epsom salts. For more detailed information, sign up for their monthly newsletter at vandas@mindspring.com.

June Ribbon Awards

We apologize for the lack of pictures, and would like to invite volunteers photographers again this month. Jean will not be available for our next meeting either and we will all be very grateful to those who take on this challenge.

Congratulations to our ribbon winners for the month of June:

First Place	Owner
Ascocentrum ampullaceum alba	Mirta Heineman
Clc. Keowee 'Mendenhall'	Mirta Heineman
Rhyn. Coelestis	Mirta Heineman
Lc. Hausermann's Sultan HCC/AOS	Elizabeth Pettit
Enc. Tampensis	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Blc. Everything Nice Showtime AM/AOS	Carmen Segrera
C. Summer x aclandiae 'Carmela'	Carmen Segrera
Enc. Tampensis 'Mendenhall'	Carmen Segrera
Lc. Luke Ton 'Yellow'	Carmen Segrera
Neofinetia falcata	Carmen Segrera
Blc. Hawaiian Passion 'Carmela'	Renate Van Kempema
Second Place	Owner
Enc. Gailnakayaki x Enc. Orchid Jungle Mendenhall	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Laelia tenebrosa	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Rhyn. Retusa 'alba'	Carmen Segrera

Our next meeting is scheduled for **August 18**, same place and time. And don't forget to arrive early for Mirta's class.