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Dear Members & Friends

November is here! The last month of the hurricane season has brought us a nice change in weather: less rain, colder air, more wind. Some of our plants are starting to slow down their growth, others are dropping leaves. Just as they adapt to the change in weather, we have to adapt our care routine.

We have been very lucky this hurricane season. Normally, those of us who keep potted plants outside have to move them inside due to too much rain or high winds more than once in the summer. This year things were calm and there was no need to do that. However, as fall progresses and winter approaches, we need to keep watch for falling temperatures coupled with windy conditions that may require that plants be protected or brought inside. As well explained by Dr. Motes in his latest newsletter, it is not so much the cold temperature that poses a threat to our plants' health, but the air movement that promotes loss of heat from plant tissue.



“Winterizing” should be an active word in your orchid vocabulary this season. That includes: reducing fertilization, protecting plants from wind, move plants around to increase light exposure since our days are shorter.

Earlier this year we distributed the dendrobiums to the membership and those who paid \$5 could participate in our competition. Phase I of Judging will take place now at our November meeting, and the winner will take 1/3 of the pot. Phase II is schedule for January, 2010. Don't forget to bring your dendrobiums for the judging this Tuesday.

November is also time for us to start planning our Christmas Party. We all have been affected by the current economic conditions, but it is through flexibility and adaptation that we will succeed. Our party is on and, as usual, we count on your active participation.

Enjoy this month's PAOS News. 

November Ribbon Winners

The list of winners is on page 6. However the pictures gracing this issue are form my private collection. And since Jean will be away for this month's meeting, we are actively looking for volunteer photographers. Come try your hand and we promise to publish only your best shots! 

Refreshments for November

Our thanks to last month's Refreshments Team. We heard no complaints and our program continues this month. The following members volunteered to provide the refreshments this month: **Shirley Berckmans, Nancy Edwards, Joan Gerber, Mirta Heineman, Joan Manley and Katria Whitfield.** Please thank them for their services to the group. 

November at PAOS

Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, November 17, 2009; 7:30 PM

Where: Christ The King Lutheran Church
11295 SW 57th Avenue (Red Road)

Mirta's Class

When: 7 - 7:30 PM

Paphiopedilums -continued - These beauties are still in bloom, you can learn how to care for them.

November's Speaker

This month's presenter is very well known in South Florida's orchid community, Michael A. Coronado, Vice President, R. F. Orchids, Inc. He will be talking with us about staking, growing orchids at R.F., and other subjects of interest to the amateur orchid grower in all of us.

You may have already heard of R.F. Orchids' "Orchid Camp," a series of educational Florida – a brain child of Mike's who lists favorite activities.

Mike's experience in the orchid growing greenhouses, repotting, staking, fertilizing, other facets of the business. That back-greenhouse worker Mike made it to vice He is also an American Orchid Society Pro-

Mike has traveled extensively around the chid hybridizing, including the nursery's eral months at the R. F. Orchids' growing propagation and production of orchids

So, don't forget to bring cameras, note-to be very enlightening. 



Last Month's Presentation

Georgia Ruiz and Shirley Berckmans were kind enough to take notes for us of our speaker's presentation.

Adrian Hunsberger of the UF/Miami-Dade Extension Department talked about the pests in our gardens and how to deal with them. First we have to be aware that our gardens house much more than what we planted. We have good parasites, bad parasites as well as fungi, viruses and bacteria lurking around our beautiful plants. And we strive to handle them in a way that does not endanger our plants or ourselves. Chemicals should be our last resort, but to get to that point we need to be persistent and patient with our garden care. You may already use some of

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the techniques Adrian shared with us: isolate the plants, wash with soap and water, oil spray, rubbing alcohol.

And in our 3-letter acronym society, even gardening could not be kept safe from them. A good way to keep a handle on our pest population and its effect is to practice IPM (insect pest management): sanitation, beneficial insects, plant flowers for nectar which will attract birds and insects to get rid of pests. Adrian also demonstrated how to make sticky traps with yellow or blue paper plates which can be coated with Tangletrap™ (can be bought online). Traps will also work in pantry. In case you are interested, Shirley ordered an extra container that is available for sale.

The table below is provided as a summary of Adrian's recommendations:

<i>PEST</i>	<i>CARE</i>
thrips	use sticky traps, Safer's soap and horticultural oil weekly for at least 3 weeks.
Scales (armored or soft)	Wash (hose spray); water, soap and oil spray. Isolate plants. Frequent treatment. Persistence. Do not use homemade remedies. Use rubbing alcohol with swabs. Repot and remove. Use natural enemies. Insecticides: labelEd for orchids (Orthene, Sevin), pyrethrine, bifenthrine, imidacloprid. Do not use insecticide as a preventive.
mites (2 common ones - spotted spider mite and Phalaenopsis mite).	You can use predatory mites (order online), rubbing alcohol on a swab, oil and soap sprays and Linnamite.
snails	Coper wiring around the legs of benches, slices of apple to attract them away from the plants, snail baits.

PAOS



Editor's Note: We have been informed that many members are not getting their newsletter. We at PAOS see the newsletter as an important benefit to our members and we want all to receive and share the newsletter with their friends. Currently we have two versions of the newsletter: an electronic version with all the beautiful pictures and a printed version without the pictures due to cost which is sent to 18 members. Sue Samuels and Shirley Berckmans have provided the names of those members who are not receiving their newsletter and corrected addresses in our directory to ensure the situation is corrected. We also ask those who are supposed to receive the electronic version to please include the following email address in their contacts list so our newsletter is not bounced to the spam folder: giolester@gmail.com. Thank you for your understanding, support and interest. 



From the Board

Summary of November Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on November 4, at the home of Ghislaine Greene. In attendance were: Michelle Briois, Joanne Brown, Shirley Berckmans, Ghislaine Green (host), Giovanna Lester (left early), Catharine Pendlebury, Georgia Ruiz, Sue Samuels, Carlos Segrera and Carmen Segrera.

The meeting was called to order at 8:21 PM.

The first matter discussed was the negative reaction from members to the suggestion that the Perfect Attendance Award be reduced from two plants to one. The Board has reconsidered its position and Perfect Attendance awardees will receive two plants each. The system for selection will be the same as used last year, in which members with perfect attendance will retrieve two tickets, one for each plant. The short fall in revenue will be covered instead by an increase of \$5 in membership dues starting next January, 2010.

Joanne Brown presented the Treasurer's Report:

Starting balance:	\$ 3,348.89
Income:	\$ 194.00
Expenses:	\$ 442.71
Balance:	\$ 3,100.18 – checking account
Other income:	\$ 7,990.52 – money market and
Balance forward:	\$ 11,090.70



The board is concerned about availability of funds for the 2009 Christmas party. The average expenses involved in putting the Christmas party together is \$3,300, funds not available in our checking account. It was resolved that funds will be taken from the Money Market account to complement the available funds in the checking account. Also, the CD is scheduled to mature on 12/21 and that will allow us to replenish part of the capital used. The rest will be provided by next year's membership dues.

The different committees for organizing the party were formed: Food & Beverages (Carmen), Decorations and Supplies (Catherine, Georgia and Gio), Set Up/Take Down (Carlos, who is also in charge of plants). Sue Samuels is donating 3 lbs of coffee. Joanne will ask members to confirm their attendance and donations during our November meeting.

Carlos informed the board that he has already contact Pepsico with regard to the RPOG meeting in 2010. He has not been able to secure the reimbursement check from Coke yet, but negotiations are still open. He also informed the board that the RPOG organizers have requested his assistance and that will prevent him from working with the beverages trailer this year. The board has already started working on securing extra help.

Shirley shared with Gio a list of members who have not been receiving their newsletter. Gio is to contact them to confirm addresses and email addresses so the current list can be updated.

The meeting was adjourned. Submitted for approval by Giovanna Lester, Secretary. 

October Ribbon Award Winners

First Place

Ionopsis utricularioides	Michelle Briois
Ctna. Why Not	Bill Harward
Blc. Gregaffis Blue Joe	Mirta Heineman
Onc. Mendenhall Papa's Dream x Onc. Papillon Giant	Brenda Martinez
Blc. Volcano Blue x Volcano Queen	Haydee Navas
Brassavola cucullata	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Bc. Pastoral x Pastoral Innocence	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Brassavola Nodosa	Renate Van Kempema



Erna and Shirley work the Judging Table

Second Place

Asc. Robert Mezey	Ned Feenane
Paph. Pinocchio 'Yellow Cloud' x Paph. Bellatum	Javier Morejon
Cattleya Portia Gloriosa	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Laeliocattleya Longriver Golden Star	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Laeliocattleya Nippon 'Livinza' SM/JOGA	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Neolehmannia (EA) Porpay	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Cycnoches galeritum	Renate Van Kempema



Jean Wilson at work at PAOS

Third Place

Onc. Sharry Baby Sweet	Mirta Heineman
Bl. Sunny Delight	Javier Morejon

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South Florida Orchid Calendar

November 20-22 Fairchild Tropical Garden Ramble The world's greatest botanical jumblesale now includes several prominent South Florida orchid growers. More info will follow Contact:Ann Schmidt, Director of Special Events, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156 305-663-8044 (direct line) aschmidt@fairchildgarden.org
www.fairchildgarden.org.

November 28 12:30 Pm. American Orchid Society Judging Fairchild Tropical Gardens 10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables Come and see the beautiful flowers and learn more about orchids!



AOS CORNER

The **American Orchid Society** has Members Meetings twice a year, once in the spring and then in the fall. These events are open to any orchid lover to attend. Think about going to the next one which is in Oklahoma City from April 28 – May 2, 2010. You can obtain information under “Events” at the AOS web site or at <http://www.2010aosshow.oosorchids.org/> At each of these meetings the AOS has been hosting Town Hall meetings where they have been answering questions from membership in a public setting. Let me share a couple of the questions and answers from the recent California town hall meeting.

Q. How is the AOS doing financially?

Answer: The organization is struggling and has cut its expenses in every instance that it can. The staff has been dramatically cut back. Also several fundraising campaigns have been initiated including the Garden Committee's “Save the Garden” campaign and the Development Committee has asked for donations from Trustees, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. Also the Development Committee, along with the Affiliated Society Committee, has asked for financial assistance from Affiliated Orchid Societies. If we all pull together we can make it through this difficult financial time.

Q. Have we absolutely concluded we can't unload the headquarters?

Answer: If AOS can attract enough people to the facility we are better off having it open. It provides positive cash flow. It also provides the means for AOS members to have reciprocal membership to over 200 other gardens around the world. The headquarters was paid for by donations from several generous AOS supporters.

If you have a burning question for the AOS leadership, come to a Town Hall meeting—you're sure to get your answers there! Or you can email me and I will get an answer to you:

affiliated_societies@aos.org

Sincerely,

Carol HoldrenAOS
Affiliated Society Committee



'ONE STOP' HOLIDAY SHOP!

Come to the American Orchid Society and shop for the orchid lover on your holiday list! Two glorious weekends featuring gorgeous orchids, creative artists, orchid supply vendors, and classes provide orchid shoppers a fabulous shopping experience!

Special Event Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, December 5 – 6, 2009

Orchids!	Holiday Arrangements! Beautiful potted orchids!
Orchid Art!	Greg Allikas, www.orchidworks.com Greg will be on hand to with signed prints and photography! Dominique Rice, devotes herself to painting, sculpture and photography and her magnificent collection of prized orchids!
Supplies!	Green Barn Orchid Supply, www.greenbarnorchid.com
Classes!	Saturday, 10:00 – 12:00 'The Wonderful World of Encyclias' \$25 AOS members, \$35 nonmembers Saturday, 1:00 – 3:00 'Holiday Decorating with Orchids' \$5 AOS members, \$10 nonmembers Sunday, 1:00 – 4:00 'ABC Orchid Care' Free Class Class reservations: Susan Wayman at swayman@aos.org

Saturday & Sunday, December 19 – 20, 2009

Orchids!	R.F. Orchids, www.rforchids.com World class orchids and arrangements for sale and Bob Fuchs will be on hand to sign his book <i>Robert's Road</i>
Orchid Art!	Dawn Vertrees, www.dawnvertrees.com Amazing custom sculpted orchid & botanic inspired jewelry!
Supplies!	Broward Orchid Supply, www.browardorchidsupply.com
Orchid Judging!	Observe AOS Judging with the WPB Judging Center! 2:00 p.m.
Free Classes!	Saturday, 10:00 – 12:00 'Basic Orchid Care' Tom Wells Sunday, 10:00 – 12:00 'Orchid Repotting' Tom Wells Sunday, 1:00 – 4:00 'Orchid Doctor' Bring your 'sick' orchid! Class reservations: Susan Wayman at swayman@aos.org

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