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Dear Members & Friends

Our Christmas Party is just a few days away. We are all looking forward to seeing one another in festive garb, the church decorated, the selection of dishes, and we can't forget the plants we will receive marking our participation in PAOS this year. The most important thing, however, is that this event marks our last meeting in 2009.

Next time we see each other, we will be gearing up for the International Tamiami Orchid Festival! We want 2010 to be the year we make it to First Place. Are you ready to pull up your sleeves and put your plants on display? The festival will be held January 30 and 31st.

December temperatures can be hard on our plants and they require special care: water them as a protection from the cold wind, give them some needed bloom boosters, repot only if necessary, etc. We need plants that are full and strong for the show, so provide them with extra potassium and magnesium, water them well early in the day but do not over water, protect them from the cold. Another concern resulting from November's unusual weather is a proliferation of thrips and mites. Dr. Motes recommends a mix of 3 tbsps of cooking oil per gallon of water applied with a pump sprayer; follow that with a dishwashing soap mix (4 tbsps/gl of water) in 7 to 10 days.

In the meantime, we would like to welcome a new member into our fold: Rochelle Glick, 6954 SW 128 Place, Miami, FL 33183, phone: 305-387-7310 email: regstar@yahoo.com. Please update your directories. And if you have not yet contacted Georgia and Catherine regarding your attendance, there is still time to do so. Please give them a call. See you at the Party! 



Refreshments for November

Our November Refreshment Team -Shirley Berckmans, Nancy Edwards, Joan Gerber, Mirta Heine- man, Joan Manley and Katria Whitfield- did a superb job and we are all anticipating January's team performance. These are our first volunteers for 2010: **Audrey and Bob Hartwell, Mirta R. Heine- man, John Johnston, Eulália Meneses, Erna Maxwell and Pat Chen Yin.** 

December at PAOS

Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, December 15, 2009; **7:00 PM**

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

Mirta's Class

Will not be held this time

December's Speaker

December is here and this is the month when we are the stars of the meeting. Regardless of our religions, we congregate in peace, harmony and love sharing common memories of meetings past and a strong desire to be together again next year.

PAOS is one of the many special families we forge throughout our lives: a family of friends with a common interest. We all look forward to seeing your smiling faces in January!

Happy Holidays! 

Last Month's Presentation

Mike was here!

We all had a great time during our last meeting with the relaxed and friendly atmosphere created by Mike Coronado from R.F. Orchids. He had so much to share that I believe we could have continued the meeting for another two hours without lacking subject matter.

Trying to put "Mike" on paper is a challenge I do not feel up to, so I am just going to summarize a few points of this presentation.

At this time of the year we should all be thinking of the orchids we want for the February's orchid show, Valentine's Day etc. Most of our plants are going into "hibernation" and this is the time to apply bloom booster to ensure prompt delivery of nice flower spikes in two months. Just remember not to fertilize dry roots: mist them, don't soak, before applying the bloom booster, and don't forget to use 1/2 the manufacturer's recommended dose.

Another part of ensuring beautiful blooms is proper watering, light and pest control. Thrips are one of our worst enemies, but some savvy may help keep them at bay:

1. Coat paper plates with Vaseline and hang them around your planting area and flying pests will be attracted to and caught in it;
2. spray rubbing alcohol on three subsequent days to prevent hatchlings from becoming adults (the rubbing alcohol does not penetrate the egg shell);
3. Orthine ® diluted at 1 tsp/gl – follow manufacturer's application instruction;

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4. Sevin works better when you add detergent to your solution – it sticks to the surface of the blooms. Make sure to spray on the **closed** blooms so any residue is kept outside the face of the flower.

Mike has recommendations for polishing your leaves, and your choice shall be based on whether the plants will be shown inside or outside. For inside displays, oil based plant shiners such as Procon® are very good. Make sure to mist plants before applying product since the oil will create a film that prevent the plants from breathing. For your outside displays just use beer: plants can still breath, it does not burn the plants and it is easier to engage the help of friends if you have a large collection. Lemon juice will work well for both inside and outside displays.

When it is time to stake those plants, make sure to have your arsenal of tools ready: florists tape in different colors to match your plant's stem color, soldering iron (it is highly malleable), metal stakes, metal cutting pliers, scissors, ah, the plants!!!

Florists tape can be used as is or you can make your own "florist-tape wire" – Mike created it when he could not find the right product to tie his plants with. Just twirl the florist tape between your thumb and forefinger, unless you need great length of the stuff, than Mike uses a drill. The florist tape wire can be used to ties stems and spikes to stakes. Florist tape is also used to cover the stakes and soldering iron so they disappear in your arrangement.



PAOS 2008 display - Placed 2nd

Follow nature: the inflorescence is already going a certain direction, just support it. Do not stake while buds are totally closed, wait until they show signs of opening so you stake only once. Make sure your buds face the light so they are encouraged to open as wide as possible. If you are using hanging baskets, the best way to ensure they do not rotate around is to place the s-hooks through the wires (rather than use the basket's own hook), and hang them using the s-hook.

Very practical and easy to follow advise that we can all use. And you can start now during our Christmas Party displays competition. See you on the 15th! **PAOS**

From the Board

Summary of November Meeting Minutes

Board of directors meeting, December 2, 2009

In attendance:

Shirley Berkman (host)	Michelle Brios
Ghislaine Green	Bob and Audrey Hartwell
Giovanna Lester	Catherine Pendlebury
Georgia Ruiz	Sue Samuels
Carlos Segrera	Carmen Segrera

Absent: Joanne Brown

The meeting was convened at 9:00pm.

Carlos Segrera, our immediate past president, presented the Treasurer's Report in Joanne Brown's stead.

Starting balance:	3,100.18
Income:	310.00
Expenses:	450.00
Balance:	2,960.18 – checking account
Other income:	7,990.52 – money market and CD
Balance forward:	10,950.70

It was decided that the CD will be renewed for 6 months rather than for a longer period of time since current rates are low and expected to change within that time frame.

One hundred and nine plants have been requested for the Christmas Party. Possible sources and pick-up volunteers were discussed and organized.

Georgia requested assistance with a phone tree to confirm attendance, contributions and volunteers for set-up/clean-up. The following people will participate in the phone tree: Audrey, Michelle, Catherine, Shirley, Carmen, and Georgia, and report back to Georgia.

Next year the Tamiami International Orchid Show will be held on Jan 30-31st. PAOS has won 2nd place two years in a row. We will remind our members to lend their blooming plants for our display. This year we would like to win first place. Reminders will be made at the party, in the newsletter and a reminder e-mail shall be sent before the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. Our next Board meeting will be in January, location to be announced timely.

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

October Ribbon Award Winners

Special Award

Bc. maikai mayumi CCM/AOS
Brassavola nodosa

Bob Hartwell
Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez

First Place

Blc. Hauserman Jade 'Addison'
Ionopsis utricularioides
Den. Andree Millar
Lc. Dona Josefa
Onc. Stipitatum
Pot. Miya's Radiance x
Blc. Onconee Mendenhall
C. Sophia Martin x C.
Thospol 'Tricum Prom'
Lc. Hula Plare x Bl. Morning
Glory
Lc. Lauren Oka 'Kristi'

Bob Hartwell
Bill Haward
Mirta Heineman
Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
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Eleanor Sanfilippo

Gail Webber

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Second Place

C. Deckerei
Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite
'Ursula' AM/AOS
Blc. Reuben's verde
Blc. Malworth x Pot. Wattana
Gold 'Orange Nugget'
Bulb. gamblei
Gongora tricolor

Ned Feenane

Mirta Heineman
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AOS CORNER

Happy Holidays from the American Orchid Society!

We really appreciate the support we have been receiving from our AOS Affiliated Societies! Thank you so much. We appreciate our orchid friends all year, but especially at these tough times – both societies and individuals continue to be generous in their support of the American Orchid Society – if you would like to make a donation, either as a gift or in honor of someone, you can mail it to American Orchid Society %Susan Wayman 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33446 or call 561-404-2031. You'll receive a thank you letter for your tax records and your donation will be listed, however you please, in the magazine.

AND, please consider an AOS gift membership for an orchid lover – they will love getting the wonderful Orchids magazine each month. To give a membership contact Terri Rivera, Dir. of Membership trivera@aos.org



If you ask, Terri will put a gift postcard into the new member packet that is sent out with the new membership. Membership starts at \$65 for one year mailed in the US. Check out the AOS web site www.aos.org for details on other memberships or an application.

I support the American Orchid Society with my donations and there are a few other orchid related non-profits that I am personally interested in supporting:

The Orchid Conservation Coalition – they raise money and awareness for orchid conservation. <http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/>

Orchid Mania - they support HIV/AIDs related education and care giving efforts. <http://www.orchids.org/>

Orchid Mania Florida – they raise money for pediatric patients with HIV/AIDs. <http://www.orchidmania.org/>

And AOS is on Facebook now – check it out. We would love to have you join our Facebook page – it's free! Sign on and let us know you joined.

Have a great holiday season!

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AOS Affiliated Society Committee

AOS Trustee  PAOS PAOS

Orchids Around South Florida

This is a very busy time for all of us. And for those who are still thinking about what gift to give to friends and family members, don't forget that beautiful, live plants are the best gift because they keep giving year round. Take your pick from the vendors below:

George Carr - New website now also offers prices: <http://mysite.verizon.net/resxuh3/> and if you want to learn more about the subtribe Catasetinae, visit George's blog: <http://www.catasetinae5.blogspot.com/>

CS Orchids - Carlos and Carmen have made it easy for us by offering arrangements and baskets all in one place. Visit their website to see a selection of products and services: www.csorchids.com, and don't forget to call for information: 305-260-0559 or 305-282-5588.

Pine Ridge Orchids - Terry and Barbara decided not to hold a holiday sale, instead Pine Ridge will be open 6 days offering wholesale prices. Visit their website <http://www.PineRidgeOrchids.com> and call for directions and hours of operation: (305) 247-4839 & (305) 247-3086



Motes Orchids - Located at 25000 SW 162 Ave in the Redlands, Motes has beautiful plants for sale too. Give them a call to get directions and hours of operation.

Baldan Orchids - Located at 20075 Southwest 180th Avenue, Miami, FL 33187-3410, (305) 232-8694, call for directions and hours of operation.

Carib Plants - Located at 26505 S.W. 203rd Avenue, Homestead, FL 3303, Robert and Diana recommend you call to confirm their hours of operation and get directions.

Soroa Orchids - Located right on Krome Avenue, they ask you to please call 305-247-2566 or visit their website for more information: www.soroa.com

