



APRIL 2022



MANATEE
ORCHID
SOCIETY



April Meeting - We wish you a Happy Easter and Spring Season!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 12th and we'll meet at the Manatee Garden Club as we have in the past. For those who have recently joined us or are guests, the Garden Club is located at 3120 First Avenue West in Bradenton. You can find a map on our [website](#).

We'll have "**Culture Club**" at 6:30 PM led by **Roy Krueger**. We'll then have a short business meeting and snacks followed by a **program by Bill Miller**. His presentation is "Common orchid pests and diseases." He'll discuss how to get rid of those pesky varmints in your orchid areas - thrips, aphids, scale, etc. This should be a good and informative discussion.

We'll have snacks supplied by **Sharon Kinkaid, Marci Duncan and Lisa Flanagan**. Thank you!



Our installation of new officers will take place in June. We'll discuss where we'll do this at the April meeting. In the past we've had our installation at a restaurant and lately have had it at the MRGC Clubhouse at our regular meeting with

special hors oeuvres and punch. We'll take a vote to see what we'll do - it takes some work and cooperation to have it at the Clubhouse, so think about it.

Dues - Our dues are payable from June 1st to May 31st the following year. We're trying to get everyone caught up. Some of you have paid your dues within the past year and we'll pro-rate them accordingly.

For those who paid in the following months:

- July/August/September, you'll owe \$18.75
- October/November/December, you'll owe \$12.50
- January/February/, you'll owe \$6.25
- March/April, you're paid to June 1, 2023.



You likely have a record of when you last paid dues, but I'll also send out the month you paid when I send out this newsletter.



Treasurer's Report APRIL 2022

Beginning Balance:	\$5,776.46		
Expenses: March		Income:	
FI Annual Report	61.25	Dues	50.00
Go Daddy	179.88 (Website)	Raffle	100.00
Raffle Plants	38.48		
Rent	60.00	Ending Balance 4/1/2022	\$5,586.85

If any of you are interested in going down to Selby to see this show, let me know. It would be a fun field trip and we could find a place nearby to enjoy a lunch out too.

Maybe Wednesday, April 26th would be a good day or suggest another day.

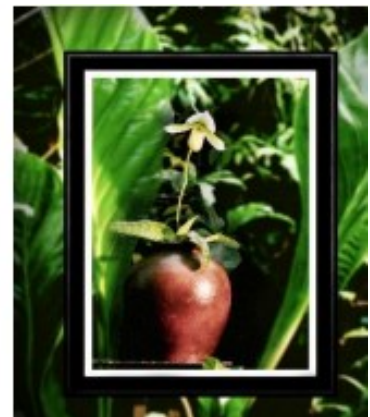
[Email me if you're interested.](#)

April at Selby Gardens

Flower, Poetry, and Light - April 13 through June 26
The works of Robert Mapplethorpe and Patti Smith

If not for a series of chance moments, Mapplethorpe and Smith might not have met. This symbiotic relationship is depicted in a rare and riveting exhibition. Selby will showcase their life together from '67 until each found success as an established artist. Mapplethorpe's evocative work in black-and-white photography was initially honed with a simple Polaroid camera. He was known for his chronicling of nudes and the counterculture of New York City. But Mapplethorpe, who was working with artistic collages and designs when he first met Smith, also photographed stunning still lifes, including flowers, with a special eye for orchids.

This exhibition features Mapplethorpe photographs of orchids, hyacinths, and irises, along with excerpts of Smith's poems and lyrics on flowers and nature, in dialogue with new horticultural installations inspired by the artists' work.



L: Robert Mapplethorpe, *Hyacinth*, 1987. M: *Patti Smith and Robert Mapplethorpe IV*, 1969, photograph by Norman Seeff.
R: Conceptual of Horticultural Installations

Members' Page



Beautiful Phals from Chris O'Grady's lanai and inside her house. Lovely...

Bottom left is Roy Krueger's "Hair Pig" that was on the March show table.



Below is Maureen Hirthler's Lc "Trick or Treat"



Below is Maureen Hirthler's "Phals and Friends" - Now I want to know where do you sit to eat?



**PALMA SOLA BOTANICAL PARK'S
SPRING PLANTS & MORE SALE****Sunday
April 3rd, 2022
10am - 4pm****PLANTS, ARTISANS,
CRAFTS, FOOD,
MUSIC, FUN!****FREE ADMISSION****9800 17TH AVE NW,
BRADENTON, FL****FOR MORE INFORMATION:****OFFICE - 941-761-2866****Email - palmasolabp@aol.com**

Postponed due to covid-19 until Friday May 13 2022 - Sunday May 15 2022 (11:00 AM - 7:00 PM)
Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center.

Running since 2004, The Tamiami International Orchid Festival is Miami's largest, most diverse winter orchid event, paralleled only by the Redland International Orchid Festival in the Spring.

The Tamiami Orchid Festival features the widest selection of affordable and rare orchids available anywhere to admire and purchase. See the schedule of free classes on our website for your chance to learn about the world of orchids. And be sure to enter your entrance ticket into the free raffle for close to a hundred beautiful orchids.

You can get details, maps, discounted hotel information, etc. on their facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/tamiamiorchidfestival/>

[DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT THE BY-LAWS - WE'LL BE VOTING ON THEM WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS AND YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THEM!](#) SCROLL DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

Home Remedies



Rather than expensive and potentially dangerous herbicides, spray full-strength vinegar to kill weeds between pavers and on greenhouse floors. (Do not spray on orchids.)

Aspirin (just 1/4 of one 325 mg. tablet per gallon of water helps protect plants from fungai and

viral pathogens when used as a spray. More is NOT better. Do not exceed this amount.

Homemade insecticide (Mix in a 1 gallon (3.8.1 L) jub: 1 pint (0.51) rubbing alcohol, 1 pint (0.5 L) 409 spray cleaner, and 3 quarts (2.8 L) water. Apply as a spray.

Isopropol (rubbing) alcohol can be put into an empty spray bottle and used to treat scale, mealy-buts, thrips, aphids, red spider mites and perhaps other pests. It works only while wet and must contact the insect.

Neosporin has been reportedly used to treat orchid crown rot; remove rotted area of plant before treatment.



Our nominating committee will be contacting members soon to ask if you are willing and able to serve on the board. Most of the positions require minimal time and commitment but we do need some of you to be willing to serve if we want to have an orchid society. We don't do shows so there are no huge time commitments. We'll be looking for people to fill the following positions: President, First Vice President (Program chair), Treasurer, Secretary (minimal job - we take minutes only at board meetings), Media Chair (Website and Newsletter). We have some members who have stepped up to be officers. The positions we still need to fill

are: First Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We have a list of potential speakers, many of our members have and can put on excellent programs. Sharon assures us the treasurer's job is not time consuming and we're proposing to skip summer meetings, so selecting programs will be minimal. Let's make our group interesting and fun.

Are you ever envious of how some of our orchid growers can easily pronounce the names of orchids? There's a pronunciation guide on our website - members page - [check it out!](#)

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Check the website for current info. You can also find previous newsletters there on [our Members page](#). If you don't know how to access our "special members only page" for a member directory, be sure to ask.

- OFFICERS'**
- President
 - Open
 - 1st Vice president
 - Open
 - 2nd Vice President
 - Maryanne Hazen
 - Treasurer
 - Sharon Kinkaid
 - Recording Secretary
 - Mercedes Kratz
 - Corresponding Secretary
 - Chris O'Grady



MOS By-laws: One of the topics you've heard discussed briefly at some of our meetings is the updating of our by-laws. We have not made any changes in more than five years. The Board has reviewed our by-laws and made significant changes. You can see files of both the old and the new/changed by-laws on our Member's Page. We've combined some officers (recording and corresponding secretary) and added a media specialist, and eliminated summer meetings. Please check it out!

<https://manateeorchidsociety.com/members-page>

Blue Orchids! Horticulturalists have had an almost obsessive quest for blue flowers. Recently, a twenty year old effort in Japan culminated in the "production" of a blue rose. This required genetic manipulation and the insertion of a "blue" gene into the subject plant. In the orchid world, things have not been as dramatic. White phalaenopsis have been injected with blue dye to create the "blue mystique" look. However, most people find the appearance exceedingly "artificial." A matter of taste. I personally think they look phony.

If you want to have your current bloomer on our newsletter or website, [send me a picture](#). You could also send any pictures to [Maureen Hirthler](#) and she'll post it into your album on Facebook. Help us make our pages more interesting for us all!