

Key West Orchid Society

Newsletter

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Sunday, 16 January 2022 – 1:00 West Martello

KWOS Meetings

The regular meetings will resume on the third Sunday of the month, at 1:00PM.

KW Garden Club

Meets Mondays from 9:00 to noon for potting, rooting, weeding, etc., and general clean up. Stop in to help anytime you have a free Monday morning

KW Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden

Volunteers meet at the nursery every Wednesday and Saturday from 9 to 12 for propagation and to clean up the Garden. Come in and help anytime you can.

AOS Centennial

Celebration Biltmore Hotel
Coral Gables, Florida
6 April - 9 April 2022

Tamiami 2022

International Orchid Festival is postponed to 13-15 May at Miami-Dade County Fair Grounds

The KWOS will hold its January meeting on Sunday, January 16. Jay Pfahl will make a presentation on his extended 2020 trip to Colombia, including the new varieties of orchid he found at that time. It promises to be an interesting meeting.

There will be a raffle, and plants for sale, but not all will be in spike. There will be a plant for every member attending, although not necessarily an orchid. The presentation starts at 1:30PM; but get there early for raffle tickets, socialising, and looking at plants brought in by members.

Dues for 2022 will be collected at the meeting. We will also have e sign-up sheets for the upcoming Orchid Fair, 12-13 March 2022. We need volunteers for set-up and take-down, as well as working the two days of the Fair.

Members who have plants to sell, as well as plants to show, should be preparing those plants now. There will be forms at the meeting for both selling and showing member plants.



Yucca in bloom at a members' house on Harris Avenue. Stunning!



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Notices

First Vice President of the KWOS, Leigh Coolidge, has agreed to take on the additional responsibility of Membership Secretary as Florence Filaski, who has done this very well for some years, is unable to continue. We owe Florence a debt of gratitude for all the work she has done through the years.

Orchid Notes

Both December and January have been warmer than normal and I'm sure everyone has noticed that their orchids are more advanced than usual. I have at least fifteen phals in full bloom, with spikes on another twenty or thirty. Unfortunately, they do not survive a direct hit by a large palm frond. These normally flower in late February/early March. Dendrobiums are also spiking early. As usual, we should water early in the day to allow plants to dry out before night.

December Meeting

Carlos Cahiz from OFE gave a very informative talk, offering numbers of simple tips for orchid growing, causing many Ahas, as in why didn't I think of that?