

# Key West Orchid Society

Newsletter

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## Sunday, 20 February 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. 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

### **Beauty of Orchids Exhibit**

March 19 - May 8,  
3750 S. Flamingo Road  
Davie, FL 33330

The KWOS will hold its February meeting on Sunday, February 20. Rochelle Eannarino, our Plant Chairman, will make a presentation on orchid growing in Key West, focusing on repotting. There will be a raffle, but there will be no plants for sale. The presentation starts at 1:00PM; but get there early for raffle tickets, socialising, and looking at plants brought in by members.

We are a month away from our orchid fair. Posters for the fair will be at the meeting, as well as the new hats, which will be for sale. We accept credit cards for sales as well as for dues. Again, we will have sign-up sheets for the fair. We still need volunteers for set-up and take-down, as well as working the two days of the Fair.

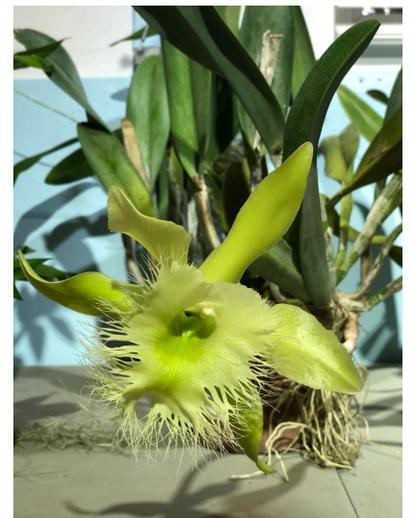
There will be forms for members who have plants to sell, and for show. Members should be preparing their plants now.

### **Notices**

The Centennial Gala Banquet of the American Orchid Society will be held at the Biltmore in Coral Gables. The banquet features a gourmet dinner, first-class entertainment and music.



*RLC Blanche Aisaka Yudi*



The AOS has reserved a block of rooms at a special rate, including discounted parking. Make your reservations through the AOS.

## Orchid Notes

In driving around Key West during the past month, I've seen huge displays of orchids in private gardens, which is testimony to the early season. Usually these sort of displays reach their peak in March. Here are a few examples:



What these photos don't show is the damage the iguanas are already doing to all the orchids. Although they have been kept at bay by the cold weather, the moment it warms up – tomorrow – they will be back, and hungry. I've seen some trees wrapped with metal collars, which prevent the iguanas from taking hold of the trunks. It's a very effective measure but only if there are no other trees adjacent. My only untouched orchids are those on a triangle palm, which is wrapped in a metal collar.

## January Meeting

Jay Pfahl made a presentation on his extended 2020 trip to Colombia, highlighting the new variety of orchid he found at that time.