

# Key West Orchid Society

Newsletter

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**Sunday, 21st January 2024 - 1:00  
West Martello**

## **KWOS Meetings**

18 February

1 -3 March Orchid Fair

21 April

19 May

## **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 /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.

## **Tamiami International Orchid Festival**

12- 14 January 2024

Miami-Dade County Expo Center

10901 SW 24<sup>th</sup> Street

Miami, Florida 33165

The KWOS will hold its January meeting on Sunday, 21st January, 2024. Mac Rivenbark, of Mac's Orchids, will give a presentation on mounting orchids, a recap of the October meeting. Mac will have a colleague delivering the presentation so Mac himself can simultaneously demonstrate the techniques involved.

As there were so few people at the October meeting, we are very pleased that he will be able to allow a wider audience to gain from his insights.

A long-time friend of the KWOS, Mac and his wife, Helen, are well-known to the membership, which always looks forward to his knowledge, and to his wonderful selection of plants.

There will be a raffle, and plants for sale. The meeting starts at 1:00PM; but get there early for raffle tickets, socialising, and looking at plants brought in by members.

If you have not paid your dues for 2024, please plan to pay at the meeting. Membership forms will be available. We will also have e sign-up sheets for the upcoming Orchid Fair, 1-3 March 2024. We need volunteers for set-up and take-down, as well as working the two and one-half 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 members' plants.



One of the beautiful prizes at the Christmas Luncheon.



## Other

At the January meeting, we will announce the appointment of a Nominating Committee, composed of three (3) members of the Society in good standing, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Board. The duty of the Committee shall be to propose the names of at least one (1) person to serve in each of the enumerated offices for the ensuing two (2) years, commencing at the June meeting. The slate will be sent to the membership via March Newsletter. Additional nominations may be made from the Membership. Such nominations must be presented to the Nominating Committee no later than 1st April 2024. A ballot, including any nominations from the membership will be sent to the Membership via the April Newsletter.

Voting will take place at the April meeting,

At that time those persons receiving a majority vote of the votes cast shall be declared the new Officers of the Society.

The Unsung Hero luncheon is Feb 2 @11 at the beachside Marriott. Rochelle is our nomination for this year's honouree. We do not have the time nor the space to list Rochelle's many contributions to the KWOS over more than thirty years, but they are considerable. Her knowledge of orchids and incredibly beautiful plants are a welcome addition to every meeting. Rochelle will be bringing Jeff with her. We should show support at this event, and will take an informal poll at the January meeting to find interest in attendance.

"Friends of Key West Orchid Society".

It is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1505314023598455>

You can request to join and will be admitted by the moderator (Leigh)

Website: [www.keywestorchidsociety.org](http://www.keywestorchidsociety.org) and Facebook