

Key West Orchid Society

Newsletter

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19 December 2021 Meeting

KWOS Meetings

The regular meeting schedule is as follows for 2021-2022:

16 January 2022
13 February 2022
Orchid Fair: 11-13 March 2022
24 April 2022
15 May 2022
19 June 2022

KW Garden Club

Check with Garden Club on continuing meetings for potting, rooting, weeding, etc., and general clean up.

KW Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden

Check with the Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden regarding their schedule.

The December meeting of the KWOS is Sunday, 19 December 2021 at the West Martello. The meeting will start at 1:00PM, but come early to look at the supplies and orchids which our speaker, Carlos Cahiz, is bringing with him.

Carlos A. Cahiz was born in Valencia, Venezuela in 1964; he graduated from the University of Kansas in 1989 and joined his family's business, OFE International Orchids & Supplies in 1990, and has been with the company ever since. One of his first tests as manager was to deal with the devastation left behind from Hurricane Andrew.

OFE is now located in the Redland area of Homestead, and boasts an expanded product line, selling not only orchid supplies, but also orchids and a selection of tropical plants.

Since last October, OFE have been hosting monthly 'OFE's Sale Fairs,' featuring between 6 to 10 different orchid, tropical and other vendors on our property. These informal gatherings are free of charge to visitors and vendors alike. Everybody is set up outdoors, and well-separated from each other. The response from our community has been great. I hope to see some of you in our next fair. For more information on our events, look us up in Facebook or Instagram under @ofeorchidsupplies.

Carlos has been very involved with the local orchid community. He is a past President of the South Florida Orchid Society.

His growing approach can be distilled into these two words: Tender neglect. And, listen to your plants.

You can find him, and his brother Chris, most days at 17899 SW. 280th Street, Homestead FL 33031. Contact them at 305-253-7080, or e-mail: ofeorchidsupplies@gmail.com. Or via Facebook and Instagram @ofeorchidsupplies.

There will also be a raffle.

Our November meeting speaker was Yolanda Cuesta of Quest Orchids, saying they are concentrating on smaller, more compact and frequently flowering plants. She gave an entertaining and information-packed talk on Quest's general care practices, with an emphasis on the use of natural products for managing landscape and garden pests. Yolanda also distributed information on correct dosage and treatment schedules for the products.



A truly spectacular example of *Aerides odorata* in full glorious bloom



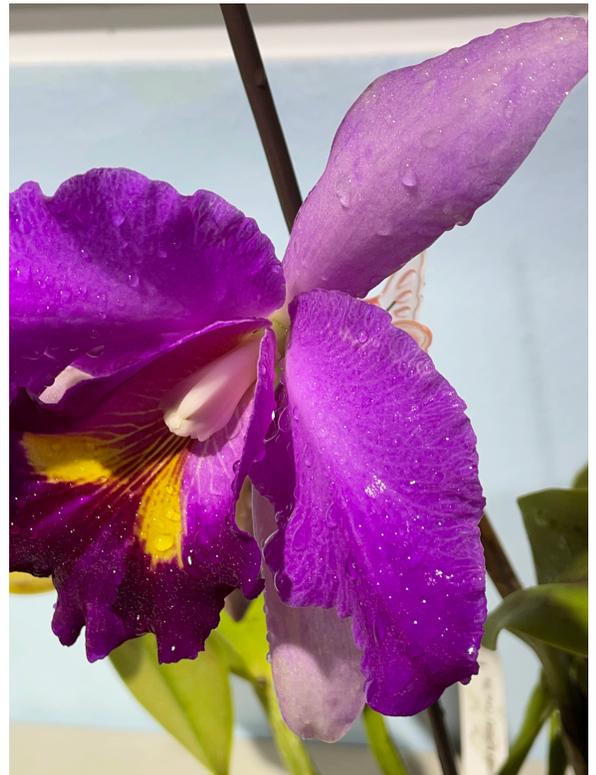
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Notices

Attached is the form for KWOS dues. Please note that they are not due until January 2022! It is possible that the forms will be returned to someone other than Florence Filaski, but that has not yet been decided.

The January meeting will be the first one to address the planning for our Orchid Fair from 11th to 13th March 2022.

This will be our first public fair since 2019 and we hope to get a very large attendance, from visitors as well as locals. To this end, committees are being set up to create publicity, accept and register plants for showing, and catering, as well as sign-up sheets for staffing on setup and show days.



Rlc. (Pot.) Taichung Beauty



Rhynchorides Bangkok Sunset

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or bring it to the next meeting.

Any questions - email Florence at jmpeyw@gmail.com

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