

Key West Orchid Society

Newsletter

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**Sunday, 15 May 2022 – 1:00
West Martello**

KWOS Meetings 2022

24 April 15 May
19 June 18 Sept.
16 October 20 Nov
18 December

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.

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International Orchid Festival is this weekend at the Miami-Dade County Fair Grounds.

The KWOS will hold its May meeting on Sunday, the 15th.

Luis Belpino from Rio Orchids is our speaker, and there will be plants for sale and a raffle. Presentation starts at 1:00PM but come early to socialise.

Notices

There are several people offering orchid care services in Key West and the lower Keys. Sharon Jones (305-394-5124) and Pam vanSoest (305-766-3386) offer maintenance and repotting services. Lisa Waters at watersplants@aol.com also offers maintenance services.

Jay Pfahl's website www.orchidspecies.com is a comprehensive photo encyclopaedia of more than twenty four thousand species in 865 genera. It is an invaluable source for orchid lovers anywhere. I just subscribed this morning and now have to learn to navigate the site.



Guaritionia Henry Wan, a hybrid of *GRT Why Not* and a *Broughtonia negrilensis* owned by Sharon Douglas

April Meeting

John Romano of *J & J Unique Orchids* gave a fascinating presentation on the many different varieties of dendrobiums. J & J specialises in *Catasetinae*, *Oncidiums*, *Cymbidiums*, and *Sobralia*, as well as *Dendrobium Nobile*. Unhappily, our projector wasn't working properly and only those in front got a good look at his specimen photos.

Elections

As yet, we do not have information on elections for the society. It has been suggested that elections be held on a biennial basis, rather than yearly, but this will be discussed at the May meeting. In addition, questions arise as to whether an organisation of our size needs more than one vice president.

Both of these changes will require amendments to the bylaws, and will have to be thoroughly discussed before implementation.

We still need volunteers to serve on the board of the society and if you are interested, please let us know.

May Growing Notes

It seems that summer has finally come to the Keys and it is time to space out your plants, particularly vandas, for increased air flow. It is also a good time to repot phals, getting rid of any sphagnum moss. I tie all my phals into trees, and find they do much better than in pots. The downside is of course, that they are not portable.

Next Meeting

The June meeting of the KWOS will take place on 19 June at West Martello.



Papilionanahe (Vanda) x Hookeriana