

Key West Orchid Society

Newsletter

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Sunday, 20th November 2022

1:00PM

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

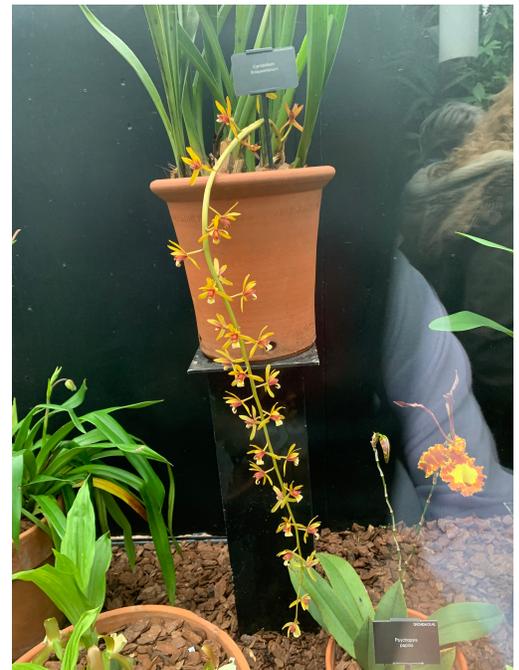
Volunteers meet at the nursery every Wednesday and Saturday from 9 to 12 for propagation and to clean up the Garden. Come in and help anytime you can

Tamiami International Orchid Festival

13-15 January 2023
Miami Date County Fair
Expo Center
10901 SW 24th Street
Miami 33165

The next meeting of the KWOS will be Sunday, 20th November at West Martello. The speaker will be Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids, specialists in Brazilian species.

Miranda Orchids started in 1999 and is a nursery specialising in growing mainly selected Cattleya alliance species. In a sense, it is a continuation of Boa Vista Orchids, a nursery they ran in Brazil from 1986 until moving to the U.S.A. Many of the plants available are produced in our lab and nursery in Central Florida from our extensive collection of stud plants. The rest we bring from Brazil to increase variety and novelty. Being native Brazilians, and having had a nursery for many years, we know that there is a lot of development in Cattleya species being done there. This is mostly because a lot of those species are native from Brazil (including all the bifoliate cattleyas) and because these plants are favourites of growers there.



Cymbidium findlaysonianum at Royal Botanic Gardens, February 2020

There will be plants for sale as well as a raffle.

Other Matters

The Board has spent the past several months planning for the year ahead, and we are well advanced with the Orchid Fair to take place in March. To date we have seven vendors confirmed, ahead of past years. We are limited in the number of vendors, due to space, but are actively searching new people, as space allows. It seems that we can squeeze in non-plant vendors. Any ideas for possible non-plant vendors would be appreciated.

We are also looking at the possibility of adding workshops, i.e., potting and division. Again, this is somewhat space limited.

Regarding meetings this year, Marie Geranian has worked magic in lining up an entire season of speakers, including one for our June meeting, replacing the pizza party. We will have three new speakers, in addition to our tried-and-true speakers from the mainland.

The Board is also exploring a collaboration with the Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden regarding indexing their orchid collection, a building a proposed shade house, as well as enlarging their collection to include tropical Florida and Caribbean Basin species.

Plans for this project are in very preliminary stages, but we will welcome anyone who might be interested, as it promises to be a very satisfying and productive collaboration. An idea about involving high school students in this project is being discussed but will have to wait until the mechanics of the collaboration have been worked out.

Sorry, there were no photos from September meeting and the October meeting was cancelled. Bring in your plants on Sunday, so this sad newsletter doesn't look so forlorn!

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