

# Key West Orchid Society

Newsletter

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**Sunday, 19th November 2023**

**1:00**

**West Martello**

## KWOS Meetings 2023-24

19 November  
3 December  
21 January 2024  
18 February  
29 February- Fair set up  
1st - 3rd March - Fair  
21 April  
19 May  
16 June

## 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

12-14 January 2024  
Miami Dade Expo Center  
10901 SW 24th Street  
Miami, Florida 33165

The KWOS will hold its November meeting on Sunday, 19th November at West Martello. There will be plants for sale, and a raffle, so come early to look over what's on offer, and bring in your plants for display.

The speaker will be Melana Davison, who with her husband, Jim, own and operate Jim-N-I Orchids in Homestead. They are both accredited AOS judges, who have an extensive and diverse orchid collection. They are also active in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana's topic will be "*Orchids in the Landscape*", which is a new subject for our meetings. Their daughter has recently joined the crew, and they were vendors at our last Orchid Fair. Melana also has an orchid maintenance company and is known as The Orchidiva.



*Brassavola nodosa*

## Notices

Connie Kirkland will be taking reservations, and checks, for the holiday lunch at the Hyatt Centric on 3 December.

This weekend is also the annual Key West Garden Club plant sale, with many vendors of plants, food, information, and artisan wares.

## Orchid Fair in March

We now have a confirmed list of vendors for the Orchid Fair which now includes Ten Shin Orchids of Taiwan. We are looking at renaming the fair "Key West International Orchid Festival", to be decided later.

Other vendors include Soroa, OFE, Mac's Orchids, Jim -N-I, Quest, Ecuagenera, J & J Unique, which is very much the largest number we have ever had.

Sharon Douglas is looking for volunteers for the orchid fair. Her number is 410-320-0662.

We are also looking for tech-savvy people to work on advertising and publicity for the fair.

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

**All Memberships Are Renewable January**

**Membership Application - 2024**

Please print **LEGIBLY!** Especially your email address. Sending the monthly newsletter via email saves KWOS time and \$\$\$\$\$\$.

Please fill out this form and mail with your check payable to 'KWOS' (\$35 for an individual or \$55 for a family household), to:

Leigh Coolidge  
28568 John Silver Rd.  
Little Torch Key, FL 33042

or bring it to the next meeting.

Questions? - contact us at *keywestorchidsociety@gmail.com*

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