



MAY 2022



MANATEE
ORCHID
SOCIETY



May Meeting - We wish you a Happy Mother's Day and Memorial Day too!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 10th and we'll meet at the Manatee Garden Club as usual. For those who have recently joined us or are guests, the Garden Club is located at 3120 First Avenue West in Bradenton. You can find a map on our [website](#).

We'll have a little different agenda for our next meeting. We'll have **"Culture Club" at 7 PM led by Micah Dault**. We'll take a short break for snacks and continue with questions for Micah. We'll try to complete the Q & A session by 8:15, have our business meeting, show table and raffle. Those who were in Micah's session in April were obviously enjoying it and Micah asked to continue it this month. We have several items to discuss, so we'll use this in lieu of a formal speaker.



I totally forgot to send around a sign-up sheet for snacks, so would appreciate three volunteers.

Our installation of new officers will take place in June. We'll discuss where we'll do this at the May meeting. In the past we've had our installa-

tion at a restaurant and lately have had it at the MRGC Clubhouse at our regular meeting with special hors oeuvres and punch. We'll take a vote to see what we'll do - it takes some work and cooperation to have it at the Clubhouse, so think about it.

Dues - Our dues are payable from June 1st to May 31st the following year. We're trying to get everyone caught up. Some of you have paid your dues within the past year and we'll pro-rate them accordingly.

For those who paid in the following months:

July/August/September, you'll owe \$18.75

October/November/December, you'll owe \$12.50

January/February/, you'll owe \$6.25

March/April, you're paid to June 1, 2023.



I sent each member an email stating what your pro-rated dues would be. If you haven't already paid, please bring a check or cash and pay them in May. Thank you!



Treasurer's Report MAY 2022

Beginning Balance: \$5,586.85

Expenses:

Raffle Plants	11.76
Rent	60.00

Income:

Dues	94.00
Raffle	80.00

Ending Balance 4/30/2022 \$5,589.09

If any of you are interested in going down to Selby to see this show, let me know. It would be a fun field trip and we could find a place nearby to enjoy a lunch out too.

[Email me if you're interested.](#)

May at Selby Gardens

Flower, Poetry, and Light - April 13 through June 26
The works of Robert Mapplethorpe and Patti Smith

If not for a series of chance moments, Mapplethorpe and Smith might not have met. This symbiotic relationship is depicted in a rare and riveting exhibition. Selby will showcase their life together from '67 until each found success as an established artist. Mapplethorpe's evocative work in black-and-white photography was initially honed with a simple Polaroid camera. He was known for his chronicling of nudes and the counterculture of New York City. But Mapplethorpe, who was working with artistic collages and designs when he first met Smith, also photographed stunning still lifes, including flowers, with a special eye for orchids.

This exhibition features Mapplethorpe photographs of orchids, hyacinths, and irises, along with excerpts of Smith's poems and lyrics on flowers and nature, in dialogue with new horticultural installations inspired by the artists' work.



L: Robert Mapplethorpe, *Hyacinth*, 1987. M: *Patti Smith and Robert Mapplethorpe IV*, 1969, photograph by Norman Seeff.
R: Conceptual of Horticultural Installations

Members' Blooms

From Bill Miller's Yard - Wow!



More Members' Blooms - or they will be someday...



A batch of *brassavola nodosas* coming out of flask. These are propagations produced by Micah Dault.

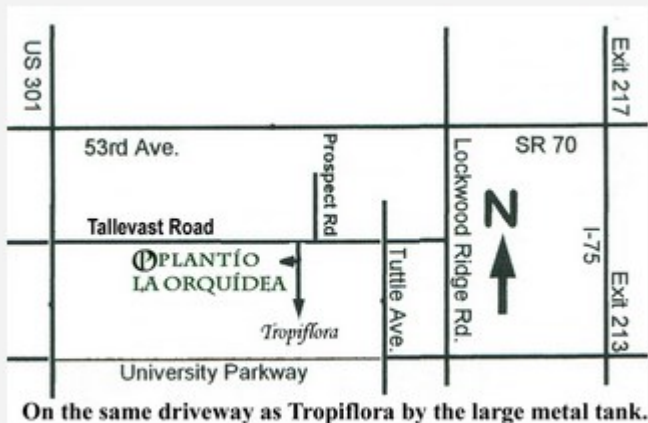
O.K., Micah, what are you going to do with all these babies? Hopefully we'll see some of them on our raffle or sales table.



The beauty on the right was sent in by Mercedes Kratz. She got the plant from Julie McClure who said it was a GOK. Merc calls it "Julie".



Still looking for a perfect Mother's Day gift - or maybe something for yourself. You can find a beautiful plant at 3480 Tallevast Road in Sarasota.



Mother's Day Special
Thursday 5/5 to Saturday 5/7
At the nursery 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



Postponed due to covid-19 until Friday May 13 2022 - Sunday May 15 2022 (11:00 AM - 7:00 PM)
Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center.

Running since 2004, The Tamiami International Orchid Festival is Miami's largest, most diverse winter orchid event, paralleled only by the Redland International Orchid Festival in the Spring.

The Tamiami Orchid Festival features the widest selection of affordable and rare orchids available anywhere to admire and purchase. See the schedule of free classes on our website for your chance to learn about the world of orchids. And be sure to enter your entrance ticket into the free raffle for close to a hundred beautiful orchids.

You can get details, maps, discounted hotel information, etc. on their facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/tamiamiorchidfestival/>

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT THE BY-LAWS - WE'LL BE VOTING ON THEM WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS AND YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THEM! SCROLL DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

Questions & Answers: What about a plant sitter?

Question:

I am planning a long vacation and am concerned about my orchids. I have been looking at products like Wetnet, an automated drip system, for my 35 orchids. I am wondering whether drip watering would work for my orchids, which are primarily grown in a bark mix. Do you know of anyone who has used a drip system, or if someone who has built some other type of small-scale watering system?



Answer

Yes, drip systems are used on orchids, particularly in large cymbidium ranges. Drip, however, is not a good solution for coarser-grade mixes. If most of your plants are in a fine-grade mix, it should work, but only as a temporary solution, as for extended vacations. I would suggest that you have it set to water only at a maintenance level; otherwise you run the risk of over-watering. Also, this will work best with good-quality water, which is low in dissolved solids, as hard or alkaline water will harm your plants if they are not leached occasionally.



Our nominating committee will be contacting members soon to ask if you are willing and able to serve on the board. Most of the positions require minimal time and commitment but we do need some of you to be willing to serve if we want to have an orchid society. We don't do shows so there are no huge time commitments. We are fortunate to have several members willing to take the offices of President, Secretary, Media Chair (Website and Newsletter) and Second Vice President (Membership). The positions we still need to fill are: First Vice President and Treasurer.

We have a list of potential speakers and many of our members have and can put on excellent programs. Sharon assures us the treasurer's job is not time consuming and we're proposing to skip summer meetings, so selecting programs will be minimal. Let's make our group interesting and fun. We need you to step up and help out.

Are you ever envious of how some of our orchid growers can easily pronounce the names of orchids? There's a pronunciation guide on our website - members page - [check it out!](#)

Manatee Orchid Society

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Email: Use contact emails on website

Check the website for current info. You can also find previous newsletters there on [our Members page](#). If you don't know how to access our "special members only page" for a member directory, be sure to ask.

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MOS By-laws: One of the topics you've heard discussed briefly at some of our meetings is the updating of our by-laws. We have not made any changes in more than five years. The Board has reviewed our by-laws and made significant changes. You can see files of both the old and the new/changed by-laws on our Member's Page. We've combined some officers (recording and corresponding secretary) and added a media specialist, and eliminated summer meetings. Please check it out!

<https://manateeorchidsociety.com/members-page>

If you want to have your current bloomer on our newsletter or website, [send me a picture](#). You could also send any pictures to [Maureen Hirthler](#) and she'll post it into your album on Facebook. Help us make our pages more interesting for us all!