



Sunrise Orchid Society

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

March 2019

This month's meeting will be held on

March 19, at 7:30pm

Nob Hill Soccer Club Park

10200 Sunset Strip

Sunrise, FL 33322

(Corner of Sunset Strip and Nob Hill)

Snack Table

Lucy Minieri, Thomas Minieri, Laura Petrellese,

Sophia Powell, Barbara Price,

Ted & Dorothy Rich.

MARCH'S SPEAKER:

Gustavo Valverde

Our March speaker will be Gustavo Valverde. Gustavo owns Green Valley Orchids here in Ft Lauderdale FL. & has been a long-time member of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society.

Gustavo will be discussing as well as demonstrating re-potting techniques, how to divide orchids as well as how to mount orchids. He will also cover the proper use of fungicides & pesticides. He will supply our raffle table with orchids as well as having for sale some very impressive orchids from his private collection! It will be an informative & fun evening for all. Guests are always welcomed!

CLUB NEWS

- Our new updated website is up and running! Visit www.SunriseOrchidSociety.org.
- Make sure that you follow our Facebook page. Just search for Sunrise Orchid Society, and click follow on the top left corner.
- Garden Fest Extravaganza is this Saturday, March 16 from 9am to 5pm, and Sunday, March 17 from 9am to 4pm. Visit our table, and buy tickets for our raffle basket!

SUNRISE ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION

DATE: _____ **FEE S: 20.00/person**

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

email address: _____@_____ NEWSLETTER

AVAILABLE BY EMAIL ONLY

Completed form and payment may be returned at general meeting or mailed to Indira Kunjbehari 10421 NW 18th Dr Plantation, Fl 33322. Thank -you

GROWING TIPS FOR MARCH

Excerpted from [Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month](#) by Martin Motes, and his monthly newsletter

February has been a dream for our orchids. With day temperature in the upper 70's and lower eighties and night temperatures in the sixties our plants have had nearly ideal swings of day to night temperatures that encourage both roots and flowers. Vandas have grown unabated and are rooting and spiking vigorously. Our sympodial orchids have benefited from the unusual lack of rain as cold fronts both failed to reach us or failed to stall over us as typically happens at least once or twice in February. The higher temperatures and drier air have yielded the rapid drying which all orchids crave. Our perpetual nemesis, snails have been slower to waken to their late winter marauding under these dry conditions but a light application of snail bait with the rains of the next passing front will be a wise move.

Thrips have found the daily high temperatures a little lower than they desire but have still managed to cause some mischief. As temperatures rise and the air continues to become drier the control methods outlined in Florida Orchid Growing will be called for. Mites, while enjoying the higher temperatures, have been thwarted somewhat by the higher humidity. As the air becomes drier and temperatures rise, mites will likely be especially problematic this year. The next passing front should lower temperatures below the 85°F threshold at which application of oil (3Tbs. cooking oil per gal.) as a remedy for mites is still advised. This followed in 7-10 days by soap at 2 oz. per gal. should get our plants off to a mite free start to the growing season.

- Watch out for mites.
- Spray for thrips.
- Repot genera emerging from dormancy.
- Continue general repotting of cattleyas, oncidiums, hard-cane dendrobiums, etc.
- Make top cutting of teretes, semi-teretes, and reed stem. Epidendrums.
- Move landscape plants gradually to brighter light.
- Apply time-release fertilizer.

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FEBRUARY SHOW AND TELL BEAUTIES



Indira K.
Cattleya
Orange Nugget



Gloria A.
Cattleya
Orange Kiss



Betty M.
Cattleya
Sunburst Mildred
Hollingsworth



Indira K.
C. Horace Maxima x
Bc. Daffodil Bees Wax



Indira K.
Bc. Daffodil x Mt.
Hood



Jennifer A.
Blc. Golf Green
Hair Pig



Indira K.
Cattleya
Orange Nugget

Laurajean N.
Angraecum Leonis



Jennifer A.
Vanda Pachara De-
light No. 2 Pink



Carmen H.
Den. Burana Green
Star



Laurajean N.
Encyclia Cochleata



Betty M.
Zygopetalum



Laurajean N.
Max. Sanguinea



Laurajean N.
Phal. Amboinensis