

Key West Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, Oct. 18 1pm. Program starts at 1:30

First meeting of the season at the renovated, air conditioned meeting room at West Martello Fort & Gardens

Next KWOS meeting Oct. 18 at the Fort.

Nov. 15: Martin & Mary Motes
Dec. 6: XMAS brunch at KW Harbor
Jan. 17: Vern Block
Feb. 21: Dan & Margie Orchids
Mar. 4,5,6: KWOS biennial judged show -
Wild about Orchids

ORCHID EVENTS

Oct. 16, 18 - Redland Professional Growers Open House. Your favorite growers: Carib, Motes, Soroa, Whimsy. For info go to <http://www.orchidworks.com/redland/>

Oct. 17,18 - Gainsville Orchid Soc. Show
Kanapaha Botanical Gdns. SW 58th Drive, Gainsville. Contact Candace Hollinger: drahcir7@Bellsouth.net.

**Tamiami International Orchid Festival
Jan.23 - 24, 2016 Fuchs Pavilion**
For more info: www.tamiamishow.com

The Tamiami International Orchid Festival, a major orchid event now in its eighth year, is coming to the Fuchs Pavilion at the Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo Center (10901 Coral Way). The Festival has become far and away the largest orchid event of the season and hence is billed as "South Florida's Winter Orchid Extravaganza".

KW GARDEN CLUB meets every Monday from 9 to noon for potting, rooting, weeding, etc. & General Fort cleanup. Drop in & help any time you have a free Monday morning.

If you would like to subscribe to **The Keys Blast** go to EK10@AOL.COM and ask to be put on the list. Ed Krane covers our activities & just about everything else that happens in the Keys.

Call this our Home Coming Meeting, when the Snowbirds begin trickling in, & we all get together again after a long, hot summer. Said summer was not totally unproductive. We have to thank our hosts who graciously opened their homes & gardens to us in July, August & September. So a great big round of applause goes to Rochelle Eannarino, Jay Pfahl & Nadia Dudai. Pictures of our September visit to Nadia right & below.

Jay is in Columbia now, but will be back in time for the meeting. He'll have pics of about 15 new species he's been working on identifying in Columbia.

This first meeting of the season will be devoted to re-potting. Some of us never seem to get it right & almost everyone could use a refresher course. So bring in your tired, your crowded, your non-thriving specimens. They will all receive consideration & will be re-potted as time permits.

There will also be a question and answer session, a good time to ask those nagging questions we all have about growing orchids here in the Keys.

And don't forget to bring in your blooming beauties for Show & Tell.

We have been making plans for our March 2016 show. It's not too early to begin priming and preening your orchids for display. The name of the show is Wild about Orchids. We are looking for artwork for our poster & advertising that involves the "Wild" theme. Got any ideas?

