

*Key West Orchid Society*

# NEWSLETTER

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## November 2017

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 1pm. Program begins at 1:30**

**Location: Synagogue B'nai Zion, 750 United St., KW**

As you know, the Fort suffered much damage and the Meeting Room is not ready for use. For our November meeting we have been graciously offered the use of the recreational room at Synagogue B'nai Zion. It's located at 750 United St, corner Royal. You can get to United from Duval or White. Go to the front entrance to the right side of the building.

### KWOS MEETINGS

**Dec. 10** Holiday Brunch

**Jan 21.** TBA

**Feb. 18.** Dan & Margie Orchids

**Mar. 2,3,4** Show [Cancelled]

**April 15,** Mac's Orchids

**May** TBA

**June.** Pizza Party

### FLORIDA ORCHID EVENTS

**Nov. 19,11,12 - Redland Fall Open House at 4 nurseries.**

9am-5pm each day. Specials at all nurseries. Talks at different nurseries at 10:30, 1:00 & 3:00 each day.

Carib Plants - 26505 SW 203 Ave.

Motes Orchids - 25000 SW 162 Ave

Soroa Orchids - 25750 SW 177 Ave

Whimsey Orchids - 18755 248 St

For a map go to:

<http://www.redlandorchidfest.org/rpog/#about-us>

**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.

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This month we have the Cuestas coming from Quest Orchids in Miami. We are all familiar with them as they have been vendors at our orchid shows for the last 15 years or so and they have also given several talks over the years. Segundo has a great fount of knowledge of growing Cattleyas, and has been involved in breeding his own hybrids for many years. He and Yolanda will be coming with many beautiful Orchids for us to see and purchase and they will have orchids for our raffle table.



### *From the Prez*

Hi all. I hope that you all have recovered from the slap that Hurricane Irma provided us. It has been a difficult few months. Our orchids have been subjected to a harsh blow and we need to remember that they may need some extra care. Get out there and put on a fungicide as the winds have caused many abrasions and openings where pathogens can enter the plant. Also because of the environmental change caused by this weather phenomenon, insects can come on quickly. As we have gone from very wet to drier conditions it is advisable to spray your orchids with an insecticide such as Orthene 2.



It was great to see so many of you at our last meeting at the Key West Harbour restaurant. The food was great and I was happy that Gail Miller could provide us with the giant Cattleya so we all had a plant or 2 to take home. Here is Marlynn Wolkoff with hers.

We had a meeting at which it was decided to cancel our March 2018 juried show since the Fort cannot be used. At a later date we will see if it is feasible to replace it with a Fair.

I hope that I did not bore you with the photos of my trip to El Choco' in Colombia .

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

*Jay*