



December 2011

Orchid Society of Coral Gables

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Holiday Party

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Party Time - Party Time! The annual OSCG Holiday Party will begin at 7:00 pm and last until 10 pm. We will have beautiful music, fabulous food, great orchids, and plenty of friendship and camaraderie!

The highlight of the evening will be when each attending member (not guest) receives a special orchid. First choice will go to those with 12 meetings, next to those with 11 meetings, and so forth. Those who have perfect attendance will get to select an additional orchid.

ALL MEMBERS: PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW.

If you did not sign up at the November meeting, please email Ann Goodman at goodmanhomes@aol.com as soon as possible. This is very important! We are getting down to the wire and we need to make sure we have enough food and plants for everyone.

Please let her know how many people are coming, what dish or dishes you are bringing (1 per person) or if you are paying \$10 per person.

Please email Ann as soon as possible!

If you do not respond, it will be assumed you're NOT ATTENDING and there will not be enough plants or seats for everyone.

A reminder to everyone: Please remember to label all utensils and platters, bowls, etc. so we can return them to you at the end of the evening. The society has many serving forks and spoons, so unless you need a special utensil, you do not need to bring one. Also, please make sure your food dish will serve 8 to 12 people.

Once again this year, we will have a raffle and silent auction of very special plants and orchid related items. This is a good time to think about gifts for your family, friends, or even yourself! See you at the Party!



*The Officers and Board of
The Orchid Society of Coral Gables*

*extends our best wishes to
all our members and their families
this Holiday Season.*



Help Needed for Holiday Party!

We need more volunteers to help at the Holiday Party! The more helpers we have, the less time each person needs to spend helping!

We need kitchen helpers. We have 3 shifts, appetizer, dinner, and dessert. This way no one has to be away from the party for more than a short time.

We also need one or 2 more people to help Lou Lodyga at the bar.

Please, volunteer! Call email Ann Goodman at goodmanhomes@aol.com and let her know you can help!

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Orchid related articles and notices for our newsletter are welcome. (Deadline third Monday of the month). The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the editors and writers and do not reflect OSCG policy or endorsement.

**The Orchid Society of
Coral Gables meets the first
Tuesday of each month in
the Garden Room of the
beautiful Fairchild Tropical
Botanic Garden.**



**Beginner's Culture Class starts at 6:45 pm
and the General Meeting begin at 7:30 pm
and include excellent speakers, superb silent
auctions, exciting raffles, sumptuous refresh-
ments, and great camaraderie!**

**Sounds good? Then come and join us for
an evening of education and fun! Call any of
the board members listed for more infor-
mation. We'd love for you to join us and
learn about the orchids we are all love!**

**Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is located
at 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral
Gables. See www.fairchildgarden.org for map
and directions.**

A Message from the President

Hello, Fellow Members!

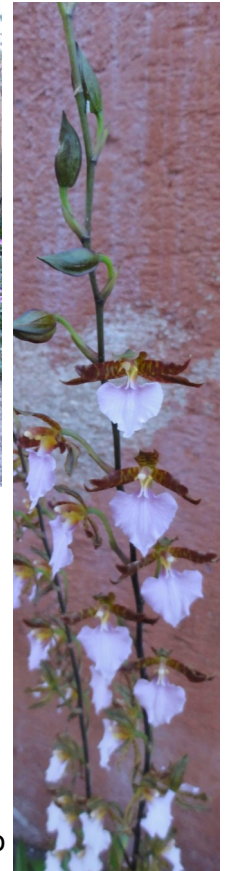
This is a busy time of year for everyone, but Melana and I find ourselves in an especially unusual situation that is truly foreign. No, it's not Black Friday shopping at the mall. Today, we are far from home in Guatemala City, Guatemala! We are fortunate to have the opportunity to be judges at the national orchid show for Guatemala, which will be held in Coban later this week. Since this is our first international trip for orchid judging we decided to come a few days early and work some tourism into the trip too. We are very excited to be here and are blessed to have local friends of friends who have been so gracious to open their home to us and take time to show us around.

The city and antiquities are amazing, but there are 790 native species to Guatemala so I am always looking in the trees to see if I can spot something special. It didn't take long for me to find my first orchid, but I didn't find it where I expected. While taking part in a birthday piñata party at the Antigua home of our Guatemalan family, I spied something out of the corner of my eye. There, growing in the landscape, I see three tall spikes of what looks like an orchid. I slowly slide away to investigate. It's *Odontoglossom bictoniense*, a native to Central America. Amazing! In Guatemala, it is frequently found growing terrestrially. We would grow this in a pot or basket with an open, well-draining medium.

Also found on that first day-trip to Antigua, I found several other orchids mounted into the landscape of the Santo Domingo Hotel, a beautiful hotel built around the ruins of an ancient church and convent.

We're having a great time, but I don't mean to turn my message into a travel log. At home, please keep an eye out for new roots on your *Cattleyas*. We know what that means; it's time to repot. I have been doing some repotting since late November and have many more to do when I get home.

This is a busy time of year for everyone, but don't forget your orchids. And don't forget the Holiday Party. Please make sure you RSVP to Ann Goodman (see front page) so we have enough plants for everyone!



See you at the party,

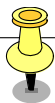
Jim Davison



No Beginner Culture Class December, and January!

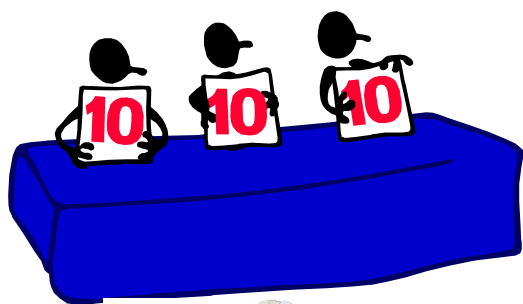
Since December is our Holiday Party, and in January we are holding AOS Judging class, Beginner Culture Classes will be on hold until February! But don't worry! They will come back in full force in February! Jim enjoys teaching the beginner class as much as the members have said they enjoy attending. So he will see you in February, and please, if you have a specific topic you'd like to learn about, email him at davisojm@att.net and he will discuss it at a class!

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January Meeting:

Tuesday, January 3, 2012



AOS Judging at OSCG
How to Prepare for Judging
What Happens in Judging
What It All Means with Special Culture Talk
by one of the judges
Bring your plants in for judging!

Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden
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