



**WGC Membership Meeting
Wellington Community Center
Monday, February 3, 2025 at 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: Jason Mackey
Barefoot Orchids**

Topic: Making Orchids Simple

Jason Mackey's fascination with orchids traces back to his childhood days spent alongside his great-grandmother, tending to her extensive collection. What began as a youthful curiosity blossomed into a serious passion in his twenties. Despite the ups and downs inherent in cultivating these exquisite plants, Jason's devotion to orchids only deepened over the years. Since 2020, Jason has been an integral part of the Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches, where his knowledge and enthusiasm have found a home among fellow enthusiasts. Inspired by his familial ties and Floridian heritage, Jason decided to establish Barefoot Orchids. The name not only reflects his roots but also honors his great-grandmother, whose love for orchids passed down through generations, influencing both his mother and himself. Jason Mackey's journey from childhood admiration to professional grower is a testament to the enduring allure of orchids and the profound impact of familial heritage. His commitment to excellence and community within the orchid world continues to inspire both seasoned collectors and newcomers alike.