



**WGC Membership Meeting
Wellington Community Center
Monday, September 9, 2024 - 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: Mike Sands
Tangled Roots Orchid Nursery**

**Topic: Common Pests and Fungus on Trees
and Turf**

Mike Sands is a certified horticulturalist and Master Naturalist with over two decades of experience in the field. He currently serves as the head horticulturalist and head spray technician for the city of Wellington, Florida, where he has been employed for the past 12 years. Mike holds four spray licenses through the state of Florida in ornamental and turf, right-of-way, aquatic, and natural area categories. At Tangled Roots Orchid Nursery, Mike specializes in bifoliate Cattleyas, often referred to as the misunderstood Cattleya. The nursery is also known for its innovative 3D printed biodegradable pots and a newly developed fertilizer line. Mike is a past president of a local orchid society and has been elected to the board of the local Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association.