



Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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SPEAKERS

Thank You Dot and Bob Henley for your years of service and dedication to the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society You have both done so much volunteering for FLOS and its membership, from newsletter editor to show chairman. We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you have put into making us one of the best and most admired orchid societies.

Photo: Steve Herman

President's Message

Happy 60th Birthday Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society.

Well, it's time for me to walk away from the front of the room. But, boy did I have fun being your president.

With the changing of the board, we also lost our newsletter editor. Thank you Dot for all the years and information you gave us. The newsletter will be a compilation by the board, unless there is someone out there to step up to the job. You will see a new format and it will be sent electronically. We will continue to send the newsletter in paper form unless you tell us to send it only by email. Remember, sending it via email will save postage and maybe a tree, think green!

Members, this is your society, if you find something that needs to be changed, bring it to the attention of one of the board members. Each board member has a green dot on his/her name tag to identify them as a board member. We are always looking for ways to improve one of the best societies. Help us keep it great with your input and suggestions.

And, you will continue to see me in the back of the room and involved in many things.

Sincerely,
Joan Connors

Next Month's Speaker

June 13 — Jose Exposito

Jose Exposito from Soroa Orchids will be our June speaker. He is an accredited AOS judge and a frequent lecturer on the orchid circuit. Soroa has a room full of AOS awards and their plants are incredible. We are sure to learn a lot from his presentation. See you then!

Last Month's Speaker

May 10 — Greg Allikas

FLOS members enjoyed two talks by Greg Allikas at our May 2011 meeting. Greg spoke about photography, for which he is quite well known, and then discussed his favorite dendrobium sections: Pedilonum, Calcarifera, and Calypetrochilus.

Greg promised immediate 30%-40% improvement in your orchid photography simply by isolating the plant or flower from its surroundings with a monocolored background. This can be black felt on foamboard, poster board, or any other flat, relatively dark material. Putting the board two feet behind your plant eliminates shadows. If you are using a point and shoot or a SLR with a built-in pop-up flash, covering the flash with a white styro-foam cup or handkerchief will soften the light and brighten your picture without harsh shadows.

Turning to his favorite orchids, Greg spoke about both popular and unusual dendrobiums that will do well in our South Florida climate.

For more go to our Web site at: www.flos.org



FLOS turns 60 this month

(Photo Below) Carib Plants of Homestead, Florida, won the AOS Show Trophy at the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show in January 2011. The AOS Show Trophy is awarded to the best display as voted upon by the AOS judges in attendance. From *Orchids Magazine* April 2011. Photo: Greg Allikas

HISTORY LESSON

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FLOS NEWS



THE HISTORY OF FLOS

On June 1, 1951 the “Tropic Gardener” on local station WFTL announced:

“Attention orchid lovers—an organizational meeting of the newly formed Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society was held at Bloom’s Nursery, here in Fort Lauderdale and an invitation is extended to anyone with an interest in orchids to join this group. If you have an orchid house or merely a single orchid plant, you are welcome to join. Information can be obtained from Dr. Willard Machle, president or from Jimmy Bloom. So far about 20 persons have indicated interest in joining this group — that’s the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society — a very worthwhile endeavor.”

This month, the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society celebrates its 60th Anniversary and has never stopped working to further its mission of “stimulating interest, providing education and enabling exchange of information among those interested in the culture of orchids in all its aspects” since its formation.

The strong and cooperative relationship between the AOS and the FLOS has steadily grown since then. The FLOS was the first affiliated society to step forward with a leadership pledge to the AOS International Orchid Center. To date, FLOS has contributed approximately \$200,000 to the AOS in support of the International Orchid Center and its outstanding work to benefit the world orchid community. It is meaningful to note that 100% of the funds contributed by FLOS were raised by activities of the Society.

The FLOS gift inspired other affiliated societies to follow its lead and make pledges to the campaign.

FLOS members have continued to show their support and are one of the most active and enthusiastic volunteer groups within the American Orchid Society. Long time FLOS treasurer, Ken Kone served as AOS assistant treasurer, trustee and chairman of the West Palm Beach Judging Center for many years. Former treasurer, Robert Henley serves as an AOS trustee and past presidents Nora Dyke and Sylvia Hill have worked tirelessly over the years at the AOS Orchid Center and on various AOS committees. Recently, former newsletter editor, Dot Henley was named AOS volunteer of the year.

In addition to celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1991, the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society was the recipient of the American Orchid Society’s prestigious Distinguished Affiliated Societies Service Award. FLOS was one of the very first societies to receive this honor.

Recognized for their significant contributions to the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society over many years, the following members have received the high honor of “Life Members”:

Julian Haywood	Dorothy Kone	Kenneth Kone
Sylvia Hill	Robert Henley	Larry Hill
Nora Dyke	Polly Fletcher	Janett McMillan
Chris Crepage	James Skelly	Marian Huber
Jeff Adkins	Jane DePadro	Dot Henley

Ribbon Judging

May Ribbon Judging

CULTURE RIBBON

Encyclia kennedyi

Vicki Hallock

BLUE RIBBONS

Ascocenda Dong Tarn

“Robert” AM/AOS

C. Mem. Helen Brown ‘Sweet Afton’

Den. amabile

Den. Knight Izumi × Ang. Concert

Laelia purpurata

Milt. Shelob ‘Red Spider’

Phal. cornu-cervi “Red”

Neofinetia falcata

SLC. Barefoot Mailman

Wayne Musgrave

Arthur Stark

Allen Cogar

Eileen Toler

Tony Millet

Dave Levine

Allen Cogar

Richard Blair

Collins-Peplin

RED RIBBONS

Broughtonia Hybrid

Dendrobium hercoglossum

Enc. alata HCC/AOS × *Enc.*

Green Glades ‘Jerry Temple’

Phal. sumatrana

Vascostylis Viboon Velvet

‘Puffy Cloud’

Randall Clyde

Rich Ackerman

Wayne Musgrave

Allen Cogar

Wayne Musgrave

In early 2000, the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and South Florida Orchid Society began to discuss joining forces to host a future World Orchid Conference. Finally, after months of intense work by Committee Chairmen Robert Fuchs and Ken Kone and the dedicated members of the 19th World Orchid Conference Committee, a bid to host the 19th WOC was submitted to the WOC Trust. In 2002, both societies were elated to receive the long-anticipated announcement from the WOC Trust that they were awarded the honor of hosting the 19th World Orchid Conference®. After nearly 7 long years of planning and organization, FLOS and SFOS members worked together tirelessly to ensure the success of the 19TH World Orchid Conference and Show beyond all expectations, creating a truly historic event!

Through 60 years of hard work, dedication and contributions to the orchid community, the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society’s impact will be felt for all time!

— Janett McMillan, for the Proceedings of the 19WOC.

Paphiopedilum

paff-ee-oh-PED-ih-lum

Paphiopedilums, the lady’s-slipper orchids, originate in the jungles of the Far East including Indonesia. They are semiterrestrial, growing in humus and other material on the forest floor, on cliffs in pockets of humus and occasionally in trees. They are easy to grow in the home, under lights or in the greenhouse.

Light is easier to provide for paphiopedilums than many other types of orchids. They require shady conditions. Give about 1,000 to 1,500 foot-candles. In the home, fluorescent lighting is excellent; suspend two or four tubes 6 to 12 inches above the leaves.

Temperatures for paphiopedilums cover a considerable range. Paphiopedilums are traditionally separated into two groups: the warm-growing mottled-leaved types and the cool-growing green-leaved types. Warm-growing types should be kept at 60 to 65 F during the night, and 75 to 85 F or more during the day. Cool-growing types should be kept at 50 to 60 F during the night and 75 to 80 F during the day.

Water must be available at the roots constantly, because all plants in this genus have no pseudobulbs. All of these plants need a moist medium - never soggy, but never dry. Water once or twice a week. Humidity for paphiopedilums should be moderate, between 40 and 50 percent.

Fertilize on a regular schedule, but care must be taken to avoid burning of the fleshy, hairy roots. High-nitrogen fertilizers (such as 30-10-10) are recommended when potted in any fir-bark mix. In warm weather, some growers use half-strength applications every two weeks. It’s important to flush with clear water monthly to leach excess fertilizer, which can burn roots. In cool weather, fertilizer applications once a month are sufficient.

For more go to www.AOS.org



Paphiopedilum slides from the Taiwan International Orchid Show 2010.

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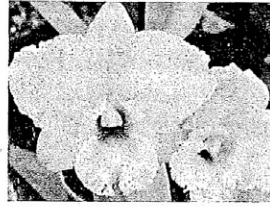
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Welcome new members: Richard Blair, Melissa Garvey, Richard Sedlak, Anthony Snyder and George Zuber



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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month

Time: 7:30 pm Workshop, 8:20 Program

Place: Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.

Directions: East on Oakland Park Blvd. from I-95

Go East for 2.4 miles, left on NE 20th Ave. Park in the rear of the church which is on the NW corner of Oakland Park Blvd. and NE 20th Ave. Or to take US -1 (Federal Hwy.) Go to Oakland Park Blvd. go west for two blocks turn north on NE 20th Ave. park in rear.

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