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July Speaker: John Budree



Paph Bel Royal
rothschildianum x kolopakingii

Photo by Ginny Salus at AOS

John Budree's talk, "Modern Day Paphiopedilums" was the highlight of our July meeting. Paphs are usually semi-terrestrial growers that like the humus of forest floors from South China down through Southeast Asia and into the Pacific islands. Keep that in mind when growing and potting! After you've been growing orchids for a while a few paphs will find their way in to your collection so it's good to know how they grow. Or you might be like John and go nuts over them until you have hundreds...

Basic culture includes the same elements

as other orchids: good light (bright shade, like African violets or phals); good air movement; good fresh water (plants like to be damp but not usually moist); food (very weakly weekly); and a potting mix of a variety of organic and inorganic materials designed to hold some moisture. Leaving plenty of room for root growth leads to larger plants. Commercial growers use plastic pots to better control water. Once you have a monster specimen plant you need to watch carefully for spider mites and mealy bugs, as they tend to infest larger plants.

I did not know before John's talk that paphs cannot be cloned, so all you see for sale are either seedlings or divisions. Hence they tend to be more expensive than most other orchids.

John also provided plants for interesting raffle and sales tables with wife and daughter helping out. We thank the whole family for an interesting and fun night.

August's Program

The program for August has not be confirmed at this time. (you know it will be a good one!). When the program has been finalized it will be:

- ◇ Posted on the FLOS Facebook Page
- ◇ Posted on the FLOS website
- ◇ E-mailed to FLOS members with all the details.



BE THINKING ABOUT
WHAT YOU WANT
TO DO TO HELP
WITH OUR SHOW IN
JANUARY. WE NEED
ALL OUR MEMBERS
TO BE INVOLVED TO
MAKE THIS THE BEST
SHOW EVER!!!

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Lc. Color Guard
'Hawaii' - AOS
Greenhouse May
2008

Do you have something to contribute to the FLOS Newsletter? We would love to see it! (Can't promise to use everything we receive.) Send your material to:

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FLOS Recent Donations

In keeping with our mission statement which is to "stimulate interest, provide education, and to exchange information among those interested in the culture of orchids in all of its aspects", we have recently made the following donations:

In memory of Sylvia Hill we have made a donation to the American Orchid Society. Sylvia was a 3 term FLOS past president, board member, volunteer, and lover of orchids.

In Memory of Polly Fletcher a donation has been made to Bonnet House Museum & Gardens. Polly was a multiple term board member, constant contributor, wonderful friend, and an excellent grower of Orchids.

Both these women will be remembered for their many friendships and generous loving spirits.

In addition, a donation has been made to Cardi-

nal Gibbons High School for their Scholarship fund. As anyone who has ever been on one of our Orchid rambles knows, especially an overnight ramble, it is very reassuring to know our vehicles will be where we left them when we return. Cardinal Gibbons has, for many years, generously allowed FLOS to assemble, board our bus, and use their parking lots. We are very grateful and look forward to continuing our long lasting relationship.

Membership Corner

No new members this month.

Please consider inviting a friend or two to join you at one of our meetings. Guests are welcome anytime—no obligation.

Remember: We are giving each new member a welcome gift of an orchid. If you have joined this year just see Rich Ackerman at the membership table.

Able Aphids (from the August 2010 FLOS Newsletter)

I've always been fascinated by aphids except when they are sucking the life out of my plants. After all they keep ants the way dairy farmers keep cows, and females hatch with the next generations of larvae already forming in their bodies.

Nancy Moran and others from the University of Arizona mapped all the genes in aphids and found a gene that makes carotenoid pigments. These pigments make the aphids green or red and the gene was probably transferred from a fungus millions of years ago. Gene transfer from bacteria is not that rare, but this is the first known

transfer from a fungus to an animal.

Carotenoids producing sunset colors in plants and animals, including man, consume plants and get required carotenoids to promote immunity and reduce cell damage.

EurekaAlert. Moran, N. et al. Science, April 30, 2010

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Show News

Yes, believe it or not preparations for FLOS' show, Jan. 20-22, 2012 have already begun! The War Memorial Auditorium contract has been signed and a deposit made. The poster and tickets are being printed, committee chairs have been selected, and vendor invitations sent.

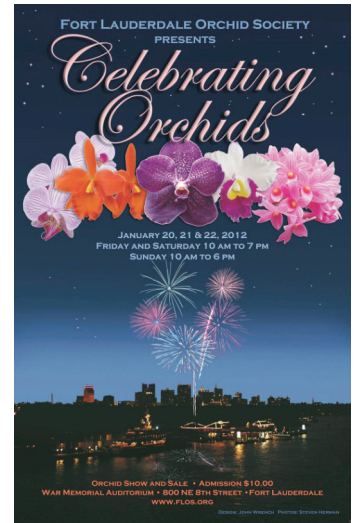
Are you curious enough

about how all this comes together to get involved? Do you have an interest in publicity, clerking and judging, the AOS or FLOS booths, ticket sales, hosts/hostesses, refreshments, etc.?

If you'd like to learn the process &/or how you can get involved contact Chris Crepage at 954-563-3548 or talk with one of our committee chairs at the

next meeting.

You may have noticed the student art we posted at the last two orchid shows. We'd like to continue and expand this program. If you have a school in mind and would like to help organize the art contest, contact Chris Crepage or Zoe Bejar, 954-817-3285.



Blue Ribbons – July

Bimur × Brassiacattleya “Bill Worsley”	Vicki Hallock
Brassolaeliocattleya Keowee	Diane & Rubben Howe
Cattleya Chocolate Drop × <i>C. aelandiae</i>	Shari Weidenbaun
Memoria Crispin Rosales	Peplin/Colin
Dendrobium <i>secundum</i>	Diane & Rubben Howe
Grammatophyllum <i>scriptum</i> f. <i>citrium</i> “Hi Hi Mann”	Arthur Stark
Oncidium <i>flexuosum</i>	Bonnie Bonneau
Otaara Hidden Gold	Bob Isaacs
Stanhopea Ronsard	Bob Stroozas



Grammatophyllum *scriptum* f. *citrium* “Hi Hi Mann” – Arthur Stark

Photo by Nina Anton

Bulbophyllum Odors (From Orchid Guide Digest)

- B. echinolabium*: somewhere between Roquefort and an airport urinal.
- B. levanae*: leathery musk with an ammonia high note
- B. mearnsii*: old library books, formic acid?
- B. papulosum*: adolescent training shoes, socks
- B. auriculatum*: a sharp mineral acid
- B. omerandrum*: dirty hair
- B. taiwanense* and the various *Cirrhopetalum* had no odor.



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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.

Place: Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.
Time: 7:30 pm
Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month

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