



# Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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## FLOS HOLIDAY PARTY



Have you sent in your reservation?  
This will be a great party—don't miss it  
(and the entertainment is going to be awesome)!

If you haven't made your reservation, now is the time to do so!!!  
If you have misplaced your invitation call or e-mail Ginny Salus  
(954-532-7637—vmsalus@comcast.net).

The FLOS Orchid Show is coming in January! All of us need to plan to give time and energy. See page 3 and decide what you can do and when you can do it. Then contact either Chris or John.

### November Program—A wonderful presentation by Mirta Heineman

Our November meeting featured Mirta Russis Heineman, current President of Coalition for Orchid Species, talking about her favorite orchids, the encyclias. Species fans can find much to enjoy in this genus. She shared photos of many rare flowers of great beauty and delight. Too many to list, we just need to remember her basic message: encyclias do really well here, buy them!

Many of the hybrids she discussed are familiar to South Florida orchid growers. (See the FLOS web site for more information.) Mirta's slides showed the hybrids along with parents and she did a great job explaining how traits are passed down. Mirta emphasized sound horticultural orchid practice. They generally need bright but not direct light; water 2-3 times a week in summer and once a week in

winter; plenty of air movement; and, food! She recommends Jacks 15-5-15 with a few squeezes of dishwasher soap and four drops of Superthrive per gallon.

Potting seems easy... Mirta recommends baskets (more air!) with media of 1/3 sponge rock, 1/3 Aliflor, and 1/3 charcoal. This is easy to remember and easy to mix.

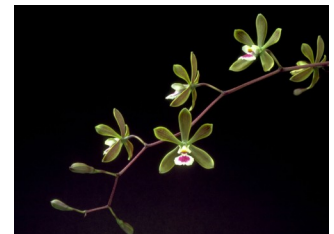
Common diseases include scale, easily treated with some 70% alcohol and a toothbrush, and black rot, preventable through a regular application of systemic fungicides like Thiomyl and Aliette (see Martin Motes' book for details).

**Thank you Mirta for a wonderful presentation!!!**



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Encyclia tampensis. Photo by Dr. Ruben Saulea of Ruben in Orchids

## AOS CORNER



At the Trustees' Meeting in San Antonio last month, it was announced that the sale of headquarters of the American Orchid Society was approved and closing on the sale will be the end of November 2011. The Sandra C. Slomin Foundation and Family Center for Autism and Related Disabilities is purchasing the site to use as a day care facility and eventually a private elementary school to serve children with autism and related disabilities. The Board of Trustees also approved the process to enter into negotiations for a strategic partnership with Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens in Coral Gables, Florida. The move, if an acceptable partnership is approved, should be completed by the end of the first quarter 2012.



Taken in AOS garden

### What's new at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)?

- The 2012 Calendars are available for sale – a 14 month calendar loaded with beautiful orchid photographs, free shipping for AOS members. You may purchase it on line.
- Do you enjoy writing? The **Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest** has been announced. The topic is: *The Greatest Influence On My Orchid Passion*. It's your opportunity to tell the world what person, place, event, book,

magazine article, orchid or thing changed your orchid growing hobby forever. The deadline is November 30. The website has the rules and regulations as well as past winners.

- Call for Nominations. If you have ever had any interest in 'getting involved' with the AOS, or know of a shining star to recommend for consideration of the Nominating Committee, this is your opportunity. You may send an email to [nominating\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:nominating_committee@aos.org).



Taken in AOS garden

## Grand Opening of the EcoDiscovery Center

FLOS was invited to participate in the Grand Opening of the new EcoDiscovery wing in the Museum of Discovery and Science downtown Ft. Lauderdale, Nov. 11-13. This new wing doubles the size of the museum and includes new classrooms/labs, a hurricane wind capsule, a WSVN weather studio, simulated airboat ride, and 4 live river otters in a naturally designed enclosure. With an emphasis on ecology, our volunteers set up display boards with some gorgeous photos of native Florida orchids (courtesy of Chuck McCartney, October's speaker), the FLOS' trip to the Fakahatchee strand, and our annual show. A few informative paragraphs were included on what is an orchid, what is a strand and a bit on the many acres of wetlands in South Florida sought to be preserved or restored. A tabletop display was set up with plants on loan from John Wrench, Rich Ackerman, Rubben Howe, Nora Dyke, and Chris Crepage. Lisa Davis, David Levine, Mary Ann Michalak, Gigi Gator and her friend Connie Campbell represented FLOS each day, explaining and answering questions about our favorite flowers, the displays, and orchid societies. Michael Schaberl and Chris Crepage coordinated this effort. What better way to fulfill FLOS' purpose than this educational outreach? Thanks to all who helped make it happen!

The museum has invited us back for **Babies, Blooms and Butterflies** on April 7 & 8, 2012 (or any other non-event weekend we choose). If you are interested in promoting the society and educating the public about orchids through display boards and/or a live orchid exhibit contact one of the board members who can help you coordinate the project.



# SHOW NEWS

- ◇ We need volunteers to fill the 70-80 shifts still open to make our show happen. Check the schedule to the right to see what times might be convenient for you, and come to the January meeting to sign up. Can't make the meeting? Call John (954-564-9594) or Chris (954-563-3548).
- ◇ Our chair for the show Hosts/Hostesses committee has had to relinquish this responsibility. We are looking for a replacement to be at the show Fri, Sat, and Sun to coordinate volunteers. If you can help out, call Chris or John as soon as possible.
- ◇ There are two 2' x2' "jewel case" spaces left for hobbyists to enter a display. If you only have a few blooming plants or have miniature orchid plants in your collection, this is the display for you! Three out of four of these exhibits should win an award. Call John or Chris.
- ◇ *If you have any orchids with potential to bloom in January, start grooming them now for our ribbon judging table. This showcase down the center aisle of our show makes a big impression with visitors. You could even win best FLOS-member plant with a cash prize or the Munson award for best vandaceous!*



## Society News & Business

### A big FLOS welcome to our newest members:

Karen Brown Van Gosselin  
 Victoria Centorino Robert Smith  
 Michele Waligora Doris Grober

We are glad to have you join our Society. If you have any questions just ask another member or a member of the Board. Feel free to jump in and get involved.

### Membership Renewal

Current members know that the shorter days and cooler nights of a Florida autumn mean it's time to let your orchids rest a bit while you renew your FLOS membership. You can do it online this year - just go to flos.org, click on Membership, choose Single or Dual, and click "Buy Now." If you get your newsletter mailed to you, your renewal envelope was included in our November issue. Let us know if you need another.

Dear FLOS member, we are trying to go green by sending the newsletter by email. Several email addresses are incorrect in our roster and the newsletters cannot be delivered. If your name appears below, could you just email me at marti25999@hotmail.com, and I will update our records.

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| Sandra Caradone                        | Sherry Miller |
| Nanette Rudolf                         | Norman Dolder |
| Larry Hill                             | Wendy Stavola |
| Jackie Williams                        | Enid Robbins  |
| Margaret Rosenberg                     | Judy Adkins,  |
| Craig Barry                            |               |
| Dawn Avila and Beverly Clarke          |               |
| Madryga Herving and Maj. Gary Anzoweri |               |
- Sincerely, Joan Connors

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### NOVEMBER RIBBONS

Ascocenda Pine Rivers	Norma Jeanne Flack	Blue
Brassalyeiacattleya	Mercer Stower	Blue
Kumale Gem 'White Sword'		
Brassavola cordata	Vicki Hallock	Blue
'Jamaican Stars' x B. cordata 'H&R'		
Bulbophyllum A-doribil	Joan Stulginskias	Blue
Anna Roth 'Cherry' AM/AOS		
Dendrobium bullenianum	Helen Rivenbark	Blue
Eria vanoverberghii	Mac Rivenbark	Blue
Oncidium Jumbo Gold	Mercer Stowers	Blue
Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite	Chris Crepage	Blue
'Red Streak'		
Phalaenopsis Giant Passion	Hyla Levine	Blue
'OK' Hanover Passion x Phal. gigantea		
Catleytonia Why Not x Ctna. Why Not	Collins/Piplin	Culture
Laeliacattleya Baure Albina Pink Lady	Collins/Piplin	Culture
HCC/AOS		
Liparis viridiflora	Bob Isaacs	Culture
Vanda lamellata var. remediosa	Mac Rivenbark	Culture
Aerides odorata var. calayana	Helen Rivenbark	Red
Cattleya Summer Spot 'Carmela'	Joan Stulginskias	Red
Ionopsis ultricularioides	Bonnie Bonneau	Red
Laeliacattleya Marcello Miranda	Tony Millet	Red
Spathoglottis kimbilliana	Claire Garrett	Red
Wilsonara Golden Afternoon 'Rich Yellow'	Chris Crepage	Red



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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month  
Time: 7:30 pm

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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