



Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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November Speaker: Mirta Russis Heineman



Mirta bought her first orchid from the tailgate of a truck that was selling tempting specimens after the close of one of the Miami Shows. This was some 20 years ago. Ask her about 'the first time'. She'll tell you with a smile, "Phalaenopsis". After that she bought many orchids - but with very little luck in keeping them healthy until she started taking classes to learn how to take care of the little darlings.

After she retired she devoted more time to her new challenge. She joined six different orchid societies and attended just about every class she heard about - all to learn more about orchids. She has traveled many times to many cities and countries to attend shows, conferences and classes - and to rescue orchids.

She has been a president, a vice-president and occupied almost every board position in the many orchid societies where she is a member. This year she is the President of COS (Coalition of Orchid Species). This enthusiasm for orchids has taken her to many of our local societies to make presentations. She has also taught at AOS.

Most of the orchids in her collection are species.

The Beautiful World of Encyclias

Mirta's talk will cover the Encyclias species, some of the most popular hybrids and at the end some cultural tips.

Mirta was born in Cuba and came with her family to the States in 1961. She did not speak English when she came, thus she could not go back to college until she had tackled our rich and tricky language. After her children had finished high school she went back to college, graduated, and became a teacher.



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Enc. Cordigera var. Rosa
From the FLOS website

Auction Fever – Huge Success !!!

Our annual orchid auction was held on October 10 in place of a regular monthly meeting. It was a lot of fun, with many laughs, and some disappointing moments for those who had to watch an orchid slip thru their fingers and go to a higher bidder. We had one "super bidder" who bid, plant by plant, to amass a beautiful collection of Orchids. Thanks Paul !

We were lucky to have many donated plants, a full house of potential buyers, and dozens of donuts !! The excitement was fueled by our two great auctioneers, and FLOS members, Jeff Adkins and Mac Rivenbark. They did an outstanding job of getting great prices, describing the orchids and keeping the auction moving. We are really lucky to have these talented members and growers in our Society.

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Photo by Brian Boyle

Auction Fever – Huge Success !!! (continued from Page 1)

Also thanks go to the officers and board members who planned and helped make this auction a success. Some orchid donations were shipped from out of town to John Wrench who cared for, sorted, and delivered them to the auction. Also thanks to Allen Cogar, Joan Connors, Michael Schaberl, and Tom Blanc for driving to south Florida growers to pick up their donations. Nora Dyke and Brian Boyle accepted payments, Ginny Salus, Dave Levine and Joan Connors kept track of the winning bidders. Also, thanks to Scott Peplin and Geri Vatovec for setting up the room and those so sweet donuts !

It takes a lot of fun people working together to make our auction a great event. Please consider volunteering your time for next year's auction and our January Orchid Show and Sale at the War Memorial. Please feel free to speak to any board member about what you would like to do or sign up for the Show at our November meeting. The more members that get involved the stronger we all become !!

Donations for the auction came from:

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AOS – donated 40 paperback books for orchid growers – thank you!!!



Holiday Party

Watch the mail and your e-mail for an invitation to our 2011 Holiday Party!

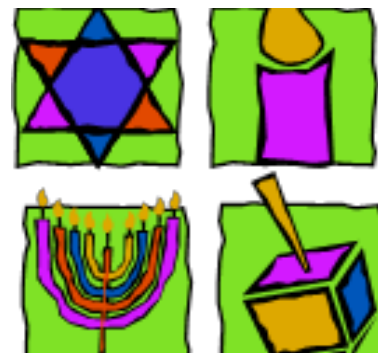
December 11 at 6:00PM

We are returning to Brooks!

The menu is set and will be great.

The music is a surprise but I have been told it will be FABULOUS!!!

Get out your dancing shoes and get ready to PARTY



Show News

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show 2012 January 20, 21, & 22

Thanks to all who have already picked up their presale Show tickets and signed up as volunteers for the Show. If you have not yet done so, the November meeting will be your next opportunity.

We still have 2 spaces in our “jewel box” case for hobbyist exhibitors. These are 2’wide x 2’long X 4’ high areas that you can fill with small to moderately sized orchids in an arrangement of your design. Awards will be given to 3 of the 4 entries, so your chance of winning a prize are VERY GOOD! You can contact Chris Crepage or John Wrench at home, or at the November meeting.

Remember the most reliable type of advertisement for our Show is by WORD OF MOUTH! The majority of attendees who took our survey listed FAMILY AND FRIENDS as the way they found out about our event. Poster and flyers were also very effective, so please help your society by “spreading the news.”

War Memorial will be FULL of many of our faithfully returning vendors and a few new ones! The FLOS web site has a list and is updated as participants are confirmed. It promises to be another wonderful Show!

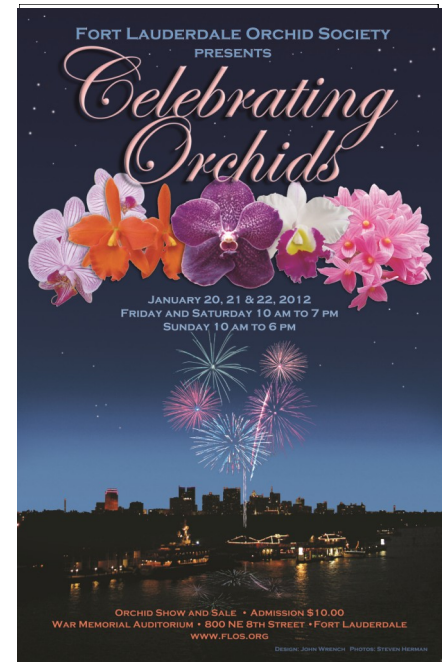
Member News

RENEWALS

FLOS veterans know we mail membership renewal envelopes with the November newsletter. However, many members now receive newsletters by email. How will you renew if you get your newsletter online? You have two choices: 1) Pick up a renewal envelope from the membership table. 2) Renew online! You can use a credit card or your PayPal account by visiting the MEMBERSHIP button on <http://www.flos.org> and clicking “Buy Now”.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A special FLOS welcome to new members who joined us at our October auction. We are glad to have you with us! If you have any questions about FLOS just ask! And remember you can find information on our website at www.flos.org or you can find us on Facebook.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP AT THE FORT LAUDERDALE ORCHID SHOW. A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR MANY DIFFERENT VOLUNTEER POSITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EVERY MEETING UNTIL THE SHOW. WE NEED EVERYONE'S PARTICIPATION TO MAKE THIS SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS. See Chris Crepage

NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Welch
Luanne Betz & David Thompson
Robert Vanek
Paul Gumos
Gage Simmons & Louise Simons

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Time: 7:30 pm
Place: Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall
1955 E 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
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