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JUNE SPEAKER—PATSY WEST



As a child, Patsy West collected tulumias and Onc. Lucayanums with her Father at Hawksbill Creek on Grand Bahama Island in the 1960's, which they imported under permit to their home in Ft. Lauderdale.

From 2005-2009 she was president of Eclectic Orchids Design which specialized in orchid themed clothing, art, and home furnishings. With the Design Line, she was a vendor at the World Orchid Conference in Miami in 2008. During those years, she was also half owner of a cold-growing cymbidium farm on the Big Island, Hawaii. Located in the Puna District, 15 miles out of Hilo at 1,600 feet up Kilauea Volcano. the cut flower business at Mountain View had been established by a Baron and Baroness from Germany in the 1960's.

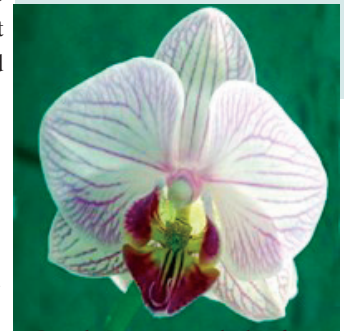
Her 2005 exhibit at the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society won a First Place Ribbon for the Manatee Orchid Society of Bradenton. She purchased the Ken Kone orchid collection of 1,700 plants that year. They have now been released and are growing in trees at her family property, *Tide Creek*, a host location on the 2011 FLOS Ramble. By profession, Ms. West is a noted ethnohistorian and University Press of Florida author on the Seminole and Miccosukee Indians of Florida.

FLOS PROGRAM TOPIC:

A stroke of good luck took Patsy West to Ecuador February 2011 where she was introduced to the family of noted Ecuadorian orchidist and collector Alfonso Pozo. He and his daughter Monica have established The Orchid and Cloud Forest at Garupampa, a natural preserve of over 2,000 acres of native species: orchids, bromeliads, ferns, and wild flowers at 8,600 -9,600 feet. When not on the trails photographing orchids in the wild, awesome, ever changing Andean vistas and spectacular sunsets can be viewed from the Lodge. Her article "Visiting Alfonso Pozo" was in the May 2012 issue of Orchids magazine of the American Orchid Society. She has just returned from her 4th trip to Ecuador and will present a program on Orchids at Garupampa.

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AOS CORNER

An Update From the AOS Members' and Trustees' Meeting—Wichita, Kansas

Announcing the election of new AOS Officers for the upcoming 2012-2014 period:

Sandra Tillisch-Svoboda, President	Tim Brooks, Vice President
Fred Missbach, Vice President	Karen McBride, Treasurer
Max Thompson, Assistant Treasurer	Jean Hollebhone, Secretary

And the election of the following AOS Trustees for Three-Year Terms Ending in 2015:

Jeanne Buchanan	Norman Fang	Mario Ferrusi
Ron Giles	John Ingram	Frank Smith

Biographical information about all the trustees and officers are located on the AOS webpage (www.aos.org). In addition to the elections, the various AOS committees and Trustees held their meetings. Throughout the year, I will be writing about some changes and additions to membership in the AOS that were discussed at these meetings.

During the Town Hall Meeting, the attendees were given an update on the progress of the move to Fairchild Botanic Gardens. The staff is still getting acclimated and are currently in very small temporary space. As some construction is completed at Fairchild, AOS will be able to acquire more office space. In the meantime, most functions are up and running on schedule and most of the needs of the membership are being met.

AOS would like to thank all of you for your patience and understanding during their move to the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. The new phone and fax numbers have been installed and are: Phone: (305) 740.2010; Fax: (305) 740.2011. They are requesting that the Committee Chair emails should continue to be the first line of contact. A listing of those email addresses are on the website as well.

Lynn Fuller, Chair

May Ribbons

Cattleya Hybrida	Laurajeane Niesel	Blue
Encyclia <i>cordigera</i> × Encyclia Orchid Jungle 'Pauwela'	Nina Anton	Blue
Dendrobium <i>bullenianum</i>	Diane/Rubben Howe	Blue
Laelia <i>purpurata</i> 'Schustmannii'	Chris Crepage	Blue
Neostylis Lou Shneary 'Sky King'	John Wrench	Blue
Oncidium <i>Tukoo</i> "CT Little Cherry"	Gage Simmons	Blue
Oncidium <i>sphacelatum</i> Wylderrii	Barbara Brown	Blue
Vanda Leurcharusmee	John Wrench	Blue
Grammatophyllum <i>scriptum</i>	Eddie Griffith	Culture and Special
Vanda Arthur Lauffenberger	Roby Tannenbaum	Culture and Special



Chris Crepage's *Laelia purpurata* 'Schustmannii'



Laurajeane Niesel's *Cattleya Hybreia*

Eddie Griffith's *Grammatophyllum scriptum*



Tom Kuligowski speaker for May

Tom began his presentation by showing a video of Phil Devries, AKA the bug man, capturing the hawk moth in Madagascar. Both the moth and the Angem. *sesquipedale* orchid are considered at risk for extinction. Sadly, he told us the Angem. *magdalenae* is now extinct in the wild. The RHS and the Kew are diligently collecting seeds for Angraecums, in hopes of preventing a total extinction. Angraecums are grouped into the Vandaceae family. Although the foliage has a similar appearance, they are quite different. The big difference is the spur or nectary (long tube that holds nectar). Also, Angraecums have sensitive roots. Never trim them, repot gently (break the pot), and only repot when necessary. Pot them in a large pot/basket initially and leave the root system alone. Tom suggested we put a weight at the bottom of the pots to prevent tipping over as the foliage and flowers combined makes them top heavy and sail-like in the wind. Check the roots for wrinkling, a sign it is too dry. All Angraecums produce a mini-bud. The flowers develop over several *long* months protected in a thick sheath. Similar to an eyetooth, this tough little mini-bud pokes through the sheath to allow the inflorescences to emerge.

Tom educated us in caring for a variety of specimens. The Angem. *longiscott* produces flowers in a nest-like structure. They grow fast in pots. Oenoiella has a woody vanilla-like structure, and likes to climb. Angem. *sesquipedale*, the “King Angraecum” grows like a vanda. The flower starts out pale green and turns pristine white. This lovely flower pulls its two side petals back to accommodate the hawk moth’s huge wingspan as it drinks from the nectary. Water daily in warmer days and every 3 days in winter. The plant lives for several decades and care should be taken not to damage to foliage, given its longevity. Another favorite species is the Angraecum *didieri*. It produces a single fantastic fragrant flower, huge in comparison to the compact plant. The roots grow heavy then come to a screeching halt. Mount this plant and give it medium shade. It blooms in the fall and like Angem. *sesquipedale* turns from green to white. Angraecum *veitchi* was the first hybrid. One parent has a lip facing up and the other parent has a lip facing down. Genetically its confused on where to put the lip, since the spur wants to be horizontal. Tom says, wait until the first bloom opens and stake the flowers. This tricks the plant to decide and creates a showy fragrant inflorescences. Hopefully now that Tom has taken the fear out of caring for Angraecum, we will see more of these precious plants on our judging table. Gigi Granger



Angraecum *didieri* Tom Kuligowski



Diane & Rubben Howe’s
Dendrobium *bullenianum*

FLOS Member’s Corner

A big FLOS welcome goes out to new members Linda Cohen, John Calvert, and Janey Bretz, who all joined at our May meeting.

Many thanks for the renewals from those that have "re-upped". Our Society benefits from everyone's memberships and contributions. Whether it is helping in the kitchen, or bringing plants for the display table, or helping at our annual show, or buying raffle tickets, or simply coming to meetings to learn and enjoy our programs... it all adds up to fun experiences for everyone.

We will be distributing our 2012-2013 membership roster in July. If you have any address changes or new contact information be sure it gets to Rich (richackerman@gmail.com) to be included in our new roster. We are conducting more and more Society communications via email so that is especially important. If you don't currently have an email address, you can get one for free at mail.google.com. Please keep us updated with current information!

I hope you all saw the Howe’s beautiful Dendrobium *bullenianum* at the May meeting. We have a *D. bullenianum* keiki as a bonus plant for some new member-to-be. Bring a friend in June and s/he can take it home!

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 7:30 pm
 Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall
 1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.

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