

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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FLOS ANNUAL AUCTION!!!



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Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

Come To Our Orchid Auction

Monday October 14, 2013
Preview at 6:30, Begins at 7:00



Christ Lutheran Church
Parrish Hall
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL

The auction is FREE and open to all.
[more info at www.FLOS.org](http://www.FLOS.org)

Remember: don't bring refreshments in October—
FLOS will provide it this time!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 14: Plant Auction (Note earlier time of 7:00 PM w/ preview from 6:30)

November 11: Tom Kuligowski - "What's light got to do with It"

December 8: Holiday Party at the Tower Club

January 17-19: FLOS Show & Sale



Brassocattleya Kosh Wallis HC461—Garfield Gilcrest



Cyc. Jem's Yellow—Rubben Howe

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER: RUBEN SALUEDA



Ruben and Claudia Sauleda shared their adventures in search of Columbian *Cattleya* orchids in the wild and in cultivation by locals. He uses features like, the curly edges of *trianae*, the drooping petals of *mossiae* and the white outline on the petals of *candida* in his hybridizing. He is able to isolate and use parent features like the yellow eyes deep within the lip of *warscewiczii*. As an added bonus, the very rare *warscewiczii* also produce a plethora of flowers. In one photo, Claudia is almost completely covered by the pink inflorescences as she

held it up.

Cattleya trianae also grows very large in the wild and blooms all year long. Although the *alba* form has been notorious for not producing seeds, Claudia's nurturing of *Aranka Germanske* has produced seeds. *Dowiana* grows in the mountains along the coast. Genetically, *dowiana* is used to create brightly colored flowers. Not all genetic features are keepers. Over the years, breeders have bred out the foul odor of *percivaliana*. By the evenings close, many of us had learned about the parenting of our favorite *Cattleya*'s features and where to look for orchids on our next trip to Columbia. by Gigi Granger



C. deckerii caerulea 'Claudia' - Ruben Salueda

AOS CORNER

Plans are complete for the AOS Members and Trustees meeting being held in Coral Gables, Florida, November 14-16, 2013. Registration is open for the show and sale at www.aos.org. Reservations for the hotel may be made directly through the Courtyard Miami Coconut Grove hotel site (CourtyardMiamiCoconutGrove.com). Be sure to mention American Orchid Society to get the special rates (if still available). Speakers will be Dr. Kait W. Tan, CEO, Gardens by the Bay Singapore; Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids and Mr. Munekazu Ejiri, Director & Judge of Japan Orchid Growers Association (JOGA). All of the lectures, the show and most of the meetings will be held on the premises of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Entrance to the Gardens will be part of the registration cost.

AOS is seeking nominations for members of the Board of Trustees. Members may nominate any member in good standing, including themselves.

All nominations will be evaluated by the Nominating Committee and a slate will be mailed, in accordance with the by-laws, prior to the election at the Members' Meeting in the spring of 2013. If you are interested in pursuing a nomination, see the website for more information regarding qualifications, expertise they are looking for and requirements and forward the nomination (with biography) to Nominating_Committee@aos.org. You may also mail it into headquarters.

Lynn Fuller, Chair Affiliated Societies Committee





FORT LAUDERDALE ORCHID SOCIETY

HOLIDAY PARTY

Where: The Tower Club

28th Floor, Regions Bank Building
One Financial Plaza (see back of this page for directions.)
100 SE 3rd. Ave
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301



When: December 8, 2013
6:00—10:00 PM

How much: Members \$45 - Guests \$55

Musical entertainment provided by SALVATORE FAZIO!!!!!!



There will be a raffle and gifts!!!

Names of members attending: _____
 Total for members _____ (\$45 each)

Names of guests attending : _____
 Total for Guests _____ (\$55 each)

TOTAL _____

People you would like to sit with: _____



Please send names of people attending and checks (make checks out to Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society) **by November 23, 2012** to:

Ginny Salus
1155 Hillsboro Mile #107
Hillsboro Beach, FL 33062

Please make an entree choice for each member of your party:

- _____ Roast Top Sirloin of Beef
- _____ Chicken Scaloppini
- _____ Filet of Mahi Mahi with Tropical Salsa
- _____ Vegetarian Plate

From 6 to 7 there be an open bar; from 7 to 10 wine, beer and sodas will be provided and other drinks may be purchased at the bar (credit cards only, no cash).

PARKING AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Interstate 95

Take the Broward Boulevard exit East, continue to Southeast Third Avenue. PASS Third Avenue and turn right into the first driveway to access parking.

From Federal Highway

At Broward Boulevard, go west to Southeast Third Avenue (the first street light) and turn left. Make another left on Southeast Second Street (the first street light.) Turn left into the second driveway to access parking.

Parking: Because it is a Sunday we can use the Regions Bank lot. The bank lot entrance is the immediate right after the intersection on SE 3rd Ave and Broward Blvd, in the Financial Plaza. The main entrance doors are to the right of the parking lot.

The Tower Club phone will be manned the night of the party if anyone needs help: 954-764-8550



FLOS MEMBER'S PAGE

The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society, thanks to the efforts of Rich Ackerman, recently made a donation to the Broward County Library for the purchase of orchid related books, eBooks, and DVDs. John Wrench created a lovely book plate (see on right) to be placed in each purchase.

The donation was accepted with gracious thanks at the 8/13/13 Broward Board of County Commissioners meeting. We hope the residents of Broward County enjoy these resources as they become available.

The Library is eager to build a world class collection of orchid material. If you have any suggestions on titles, tell any Board member and we will pass the information to the library.



RIBBON WINNERS FOR AUGUST

SEPTEMBER RIBBON WINNERS		
<i>Cym finlaysonianum</i>	BLUE	Barbara Brown
<i>C. caudebec</i>	BLUE	Brady Mitchell
<i>Den. Goldschmidtii</i>	BLUE	Chris Crepage
Dpts 'Snow Queen' x <i>Phal equestris</i> var. alba	BLUE	Chris Crepage
<i>V. Fuchs Sunrise 'Robert'</i> x <i>V. sanderana 'Alba'</i>	BLUE	Garfield Gilcrest
<i>Den oligophyllum</i>	BLUE	Rich Ackerman
Mokara	BLUE	Scott Peplin
<i>Brassocattleya Kosh Wallis HC461</i>	BLUE & Cultural	Garfield Gilcrest
<i>Den. latifolium macrantham</i>	BLUE & Cultural	Helen Rivenbark
<i>Den. crumenatum</i> (pigeon orchid)	Culture	Chris Binder
Colmanara Wildcat	RED	Garfield Gilcrest
<i>Cyc. Jem's Yellow</i>	RED	Rubben Howe



V. Fuchs Sunrise 'Robert' x *V. sanderana 'Alba'* - Garfield Gilcrest

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

October is our Auction

While you're repotting, think about donating a division to your society. The proceeds from the sale goes to reducing the cost for the holiday party. Here are some tips for donating orchids:

- Donate healthy, pest and disease free, named divisions. Bare root or potted.
- Include a picture of the orchid in bloom, if you can. (One of your own or one from the internet. Just Google the name for an image.)
- If you can't get a picture, tell us what it looked like, such as "Big white Cattleya with yellow lip" or "Blooms in winter around the holidays"
- Do you have extra pots or supplies that are taking up room in your grow area that would make a great donation?

Remember we will be getting plants from vendors but we also need your participation

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

RAMBLE - RAMBLE - RAMBLE - RAMBLE

The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society will ONCE AGAIN Host an Orchid Ramble to the HOMESTEAD Area on Saturday, November 9, 2013. We will charter a luxury coach (as we do for ALL our activities) and visit four different nurseries to give our friends a glimpse of the 'behind the scenes' mechanics of the orchid growing world, as well as give our rambles an opportunity to purchase orchids and specialty plants at a discount rate direct from the grower. A special plant, direct from the source, at a great price, and some great advice to go along with it— not to mention some outstanding company on board. Captain Allen will be accepting 'suggestions' from interested rambles on select destinations. Unlike a cruise ship, "YOU" will be the travel director and "tell me" where you wish to visit. The top four destinations will be chosen according to feedback provided by the paid up rambles. Drinking establishments with hanging orchids do not qualify (M.S. just in case). Looking forward to another exciting Ramble to the South, just in time to get your orchid enthusiasm ramped up for the show season. 24 hour hotline to Captain Allen is 954.553.1351 for reservations and seating assignment. Call early for window seats. Emergency exit seats available to the first bribe of a dozen brownies with walnuts. No charge for extra baggage. BYOBoxes, BYOLunches, BYOB, and let's have another great time visiting Homestead. Cheers!

Note: Keep in mind that ALL FLOS activities are payable online and through our secure website by PayPal. A follow up phone call to Allen would be suggested for the sake of seating limitations



WANTED ADVENTUROUS SOULS for a SWAMP WALK

DESTINATION: Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park

WHEN: Saturday 10.26.13

WHAT: Lions and Tigers and Bears, O.M.

DISCLAIMER: Not Really

WHO: Anyone and everyone, 8 to 80

WHY: To Discover unknown orchid habitat the hard way

EMBARK: Christ Lutheran Church (FLOS Monthly Meeting Location) 8:00 AM

DISEMBARK: Same at @ 4:00 PM

MORE INFO: Call Allen Cogar 954.553.1351 Days, Nites, or Weekends We never sleep

COST: It Ain't Cheap, but it's worth it trust me! \$75.00 U.S. - Non Profit Activity

FINE PRINT: Seats are Limited Fillin' up fast

REVIEW: Sounds Like a Used Car Ad

FOOTNOTE "A": Will make stop at Grimm's Stone Crabs, Everglades City, afterwards.

FOOTNOTE "B": Many have traveled, few have been eaten.

Thank you! Captain Allen

First Mate: Siren Sabra

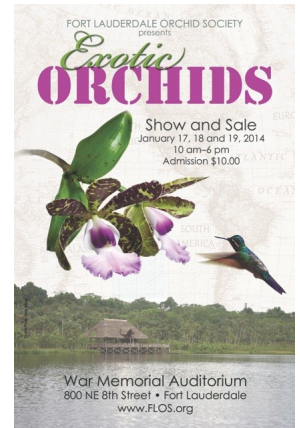
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FLOS 2014 SHOW AND SALE

It is time to start planning your Jewel Case Exhibit for the 2014 FLOS SHOW! Jewel Cases are 2' wide x 2' deep x 4' high. The exhibit sits on a 4' x 4' table with a black skirt.

Only four spots available, contact John Wrench at 954-812-2231 to sign up or



"Sphag-n-Bag"

OK, you've managed to rot the roots off of your plant, but you don't want to lose it. What can you do? Many orchid growers resort to the old "sphag-n-bag" technique. By the way, this is good for getting new imports established, too.

First, let's consider the needs of the plant: It needs water to survive – water is the life's blood of the plant. It provides turgidity to the tissues and cells, it is a chemical component used in the production of the sugars during photosynthesis, and it is used by the plant to control the osmotic pressure of ions inside– and outside of the cells. So if you have no roots, how does the plant get water?

Misting is of little value, as the plant cannot take up a substantial amount of liquid water through its leaves, and the brief period that the humidity is raised by periodic misting is likely insufficient to be of much benefit. The key is maintaining high humidity, not so much because of the easier absorption of water vapor (which is the case), but because a saturated environment prevents further loss of water from the plant tissues while it attempts to grow new roots. Basically, the "sphag-n-bag" concept uses a small bit of damp sphagnum as a moisture supply, and a plastic bag as a "micro-greenhouse" in which the elevated humidity can be easily maintained.

That's simple enough, but a big mistake that many folks make is placing the plant in direct contact with moss that's too wet.

The technique I use involves preparing the plant, then setting up the "rescue" environment:

Plant Preparation:

1. Remove any old organic media that may be sticking to the roots. If it's difficult to remove, just wait.
2. Using a sterile blade, trim off any dead or damaged roots.
3. Add about one teaspoon of a rooting hormone compound (K-L-N, SuperThrive, etc.) to a gallon of 80°F water. Do not add fertilizer to the soaking solution, as that will tend to draw water out of the plant. A tiny pinch of soluble trace element mixture (STEM) may be added, but only do so if you suspect a deficiency.
4. Soak the plant for about an hour or more, then rinse it in plain water.
5. Remove any remaining organic media – it's bound to come off after the soaking.
6. A dip in a disinfectant is also a good idea, as it will prevent the growth for fungus or molds.

Setting up the Environment (this is the easy part).

1. Get a clear plastic bag large enough to comfortably hold the plant.
2. Place a small amount of damp sphagnum moss in one corner of the bag. You may substitute a piece of folded-up paper towel for the moss, or just add a teaspoon of water to the bag.
3. Place the plant in the bag, oriented as if growing normally, and not in direct contact with the moss or any free liquid.
4. Seal the bag. If it's a Zip-Lock, that's easy, if not, fold over the top several times and hold it with a paper clip.
5. Place it in a warm, shady location and walk away.

Placing the plant in that warm, shady location (not dark) is important: The warmth will induce some growth activity, but the shade serves to moderate the vegetative growth while the plant develops new roots. Furthermore, warmth results in a higher moisture content of the air in the bag, and the shade prevents the bag from becoming a broiler, as it would become if direct sun hits it. In a few weeks, the plant is likely to have developed a new root system, at which point it can be repotted. (from www.FirstRays.com)

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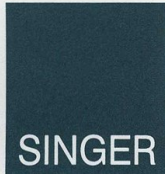
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Carrie Ackerman, Joan Connors, Ginny Salus, Ellen Kirby



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PO Box 4677
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33338

Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall

1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

Directions: From I 95 take East Oakland Park Blvd. for 2.4 miles, turn left on NE 20th Ave.

Or take US -1 (Federal Hwy.) to Oakland Park Blvd. west for two blocks, turn north 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.

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