



FORT LAUDERDALE ORCHID SOCIETY

The purpose of the Society is to stimulate interest, provide education and enable exchange of information among those interested in the culture of orchids in all its aspects.

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THE FINAL UPDATE FOR ORCHID JUBILEE



This is the last newsletter you will receive before the January show and it has some important information for you as a grower and a volunteer.

If you have any questions, please contact me: Michaelschaberl@comcast.net or at 954-683-9615.

We know you are proudly growing and grooming your 2018 Hobbyist Grown award winning \$250.00 Orchids. This award is open to all hobbyists but we would really like a FLOS member to win this prize. **To**

enter your orchid, you must bring your plant to the War Memorial on Wednesday, Jan. 17th from 3:00PM until 8:00 PM to be registered. There will be volunteers to assist with the process and the more information you have about your entry, the easier the process will be. It is very exciting to have one of your orchids judged the best, receive the prize money and the honor that goes with it. Don't be intimidated, join the fun, you have nothing to lose... bring in your blooming, pest and disease free orchid for judging, you just may win!

If you have signed up to volunteer as a judging clerk, you will be contacted by Zoe Behar, our head clerk. She will provide you with detailed instructions about when you need to be at the War Memorial on Thursday morning January 18th and what your responsibilities will be on that day.

Those of you who are "first timers" will be paired with a more experienced clerk. Listening to the judges' orchid conversation and comments will be very informative.

Those of you who have volunteered as host and hostesses should arrive at the Show 10-15 minutes before your scheduled shift. You will then see Rich Ackerman, who will issue you a volunteer badge and a green

vest both of which will help patrons identify you as someone from the show where they can direct their questions. For those of you who are new to this position, you may be asked to hand out show programs or raffle tickets and act as a sentry at an exit door.

Each day we provide the vendors with a different color adhesive dot that they are required to attach to all plants and merchandise that has been paid for by the patrons. If you are stationed at an exit door we ask that you look and see that the plants leaving the building have the proper colored dot. You will, by virtue of your volunteer vest and name tag, be asked about locations



of bathrooms, food, our FLOS booth for information about our Society and the raffle ticket entry point.

Approximately every hour we raffle an item (orchid plant or other merchandise) donated by one of our vendors and you must be present to win.

At the end of the day on Friday and Saturday, all entries are included in a daily raffle for a \$100.00 shopping spree with one of our vendors. We will contact that winner by email and ask them to return to shop on us!

Your main responsibility as a host or hostess is to be helpful and courteous to all of our patrons helping to ensure that they have a wonderful time and that they leave the show feeling positive about FLOS and our show. If you are asked a question and are not sure, you can ask any board member or myself... I am very visible during the show and always ready to assist.

The most important thing is that we all have fun, enjoy, and be proud of our show and each other for what we have created.

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January 12-14 - Tamiami International Orchid Festival - Dade County Fair grounds Expo Center - 10901 Coral Way (S.W. 24th St) Miami, FL 33165

January 19 - 21, 2018 - Show - Orchid Jubilee

January 20 - Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance - Naples Conference Center, 1455 Pine Ridge Dr. Naples.

February 12, 2018 - Ken & Judy Russ—Backyard Orchid Growing- Information for the hobby orchid grower including basics, culture, growing areas, fertilizer, orchids in the landscape and more.

February 17 & 18 - Port St. Lucie Orchid Show- Port Saint Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd., Port Saint Lucie, FL.

February 24 & 25 - Naples Orchid Society Show - Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples FL.

March 12, 2018 - Dr. Catherine Mannion, University of Florida Tropical Research & Education Center in Homestead - insects of the orchid world

April 9, 2018 - Roy Tokunaga of H&R Nurseries returns! - Dendrobium *latouria* hybridizing

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JANUARY PROGRAM:

ALAN KOCH OF GOLD COUNTRY

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature compact and Cattleya breeding.

Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many International Publications. He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference.

He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and 3 terms on the Board of Directors, as well as two terms as a Trustee for the AOS.



FLOS HOLIDAY

Thanks to Paula Kramer and Joan Connors the Holiday Party was a great success

Photos by Craig Barry & Ginny Salus



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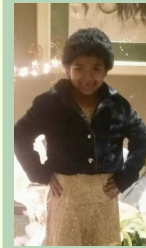
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MEMBERS' PAGE

Keiki Club News

The Keikis have been given a break during December and January with no formal meetings but that doesn't mean that they aren't being active! On December 5th a small group met at Gerry and Jill Smith's with John Wrench and Tony Millet to work on planning the show exhibit. Lots of terrific ideas were generated and we are sure the Keikis will have a spectacular display! On December 10th the Keikis were well represented at the Holiday Party having a wonderful time, mingling and getting to know the "Old Guard." And we know they will provide major contributions to the Orchid Jubilee, volunteering for many of the necessary jobs that make the show such a fabulous event.



This month I would like to recognize a very special Keiki--our youngest and probably the youngest member of the FLOS! Arianna Rodriguez is only seven years old but that doesn't keep her from being super involved and participating in all the activities. She attends the general meetings as well as the Keiki meetings with her Mom, Carolyn Perez and Grandma, Mercedes Rodriguez, and she helps out wherever needed. At the meetings you may have seen her drawing the tickets for the raffle and she certainly played a big role in helping to make the Holiday Party so festive. Dressed up to the nines in holiday attire, she assisted Gigi pulling the raffle tickets for table plants and she danced her heart out with Joan Connors! Arianna is in the second grade at her school and is honored to be in the gifted program. We are so fortunate to have her as a member of the Keikis and the FLOS and we hope you will introduce yourselves to her and say hello when you see her at our meetings. One of these days she will be growing fabulous orchids all by herself and who knows? Maybe she'll be President of the FLOS too!

The next Keiki meeting will be held at Scott Peplin's growing area on February 18th. If you've never been to Scott's or heard him present—don't miss it. It is always a huge treat and you are sure to learn a ton about orchid culture. More details will follow in the February newsletter.

This month many of our Keikis will have reached the end of their tenure, having joined FLOS at the 2015 show. Although we will miss you, please know that you are welcome to provide support to the new members and of course, we expect you to step up to the plate and share your knowledge and experience and welcome the new Keikis. Please let us know when you are willing to host the group and we'll make all the arrangements.

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FLOS Member Renewal Time



All memberships run January through December so it is time to renew! This year you can do it online at our new membership website: <http://members.flos.org>

You can sign up now at: <https://members.flos.org> and pay online: Go to:

-<https://members.flos.org>

-log in (only members can log in)

-click on Join Us

-go to the bottom of the page and select your

membership level and follow the directions

Need help? Email richackerman@gmail.com

Welcome to our new member:

Terri Glasford

President's Message

By Gigi Granger

Our society is proudly celebrating its 65th anniversary. For 65 years we have held monthly meetings, and continued a show tradition that is known worldwide. For over 65 years members have gathered together at monthly meeting, rambles, picnics, and holiday parties. It is humbling to think we are continuing a plan set forth so many years ago.



In 2017 our speakers were: Jose Exposito of Soroa, Mike Owen from Fakahatchee, Tom Bajza on miniatures and indoor growing, hobbyist Allen Black, George Hatfield AOS President, Raphael Romero from Plantio de Orquidea, hobbyist and President of OSG Jim and Melana Davison. We also had Movie Night, Irma, annual Auction and finishing with Show Time presented by Joan Connors, Judy Bailey, Jackie Wood and Carol Holdren from the AOS Judging Center. A special thank you to Rich Ackerman & Omar Gonzalez for their help in lining up the great programs this year.

As the year comes to a close, we are able to reflect on our contribution to the legacy of our society. We donated to Flamingo Gardens, AOS and the Bonnet House. Jill Smith and Toni Millet arranged the home ramble in March and led over 10 gatherings of the Keiki's Club. Alan Cogar loaded a bus and headed south three times, including the first group trip to The Redlands Orchid Festival. The kitchen ladies; Kathy, Deb and Fran had an awards ceremony for the board. Joan Connors and her elves bought and bagged over 100 blooming orchids for us and Paula Kramer spent 12 months choosing the perfect location and arranging another awesome holiday party. Thank you everyone for a great year and I am looking forward to another exciting event filled 2018.

FLOS MUST RETURN ALL TICKETS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM OR PAY FOR THEM.

It is extremely important that you pay for your tickets or return them (if you pay for tickets before 1/18 you will receive a Preview Party Ticket!). This can be accomplished by:

- ◆ Mailing tickets/checks to Ginny Salus
- ◆ Calling Ginny and giving her your credit card number
- ◆ See Ginny at the January 8 meeting (she will be at a table)
- ◆ Bring tickets, checks and/or credit card to the FLOS table before noon on January 20

Boca Raton Orchid Society
Orchid Show & Sale
 February 10-11, 2018
 10am-5pm

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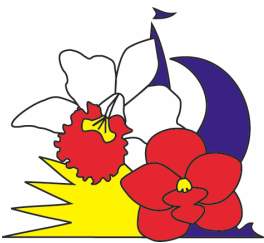


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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month
Time: 7:30 pm
Place: Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.
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Directions: From I 95 take East Oakland Park Blvd. for 2.4 miles, 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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