



# 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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## MARCH SPEAKER: DR. CATHERINE MANNION



Dr. Mannion works on insect and other pest problems of ornamental plants, trees, shrubs and palms grown in the landscape and in production. Her research and extension program focus on integrated pest management with an emphasis on invasive pests. Current and past research has included studies on biology, population dynamics and management of several introduced pests such as whiteflies, scales, thrips and weevils. She works closely with extension to provide necessary training and workshops on invasive pests. (UF website)

## President's Message

By Gigi Granger



Spring is a busy season for orchid lovers. For the next three months, we attend shows. We load up on orchids and hopefully soak up the knowledge the vendors try to impart while they bag our finds. The shows become a meeting ground for all of our orchid friends. Our conversations are easy and full of color.

Spring is also the time to divide and repot our orchids. This is a great time to set aside plants for our annual auction. Donating plants benefits the society in a couple of ways.

First, donated orchids cost us nothing. Over the years, we have moved away from members' supplying the auction, to relying on orchid vendors, which we pay shipping cost and offer a "gift" for their generosity.

Second, sharing our collections promotes a sense of community. Donated plants can start new friendships between the donor and the purchaser, as now they have something in common.

Spring also provides us with many opportunities to volunteer. I advocate for volunteering because some of my closest orchid friends were made during the times I have volunteered. This month we will have a booth at The Tropical Plant Fair. Also, during April and May the Museum of Discovery and Science usually asks us to set up a display table. While volunteering and sharing our society with the public, we have time to sit together and get to know each other. So, enjoy the season and all of your orchid friends.

## SPRING RAMBLE—April 14

**Meet:** Christ Lutheran Church  
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306  
**Departs:** 8:15 AM Sharp - **Returns:** 4-5:00 PM  
**Destinations:** Soroa Orchids –lunch & Shop  
Other stops TBD

**Cost:** \$35per person

### What to bring:

- Box or crate to hold purchases
- Personal beverages (water and juices will be available on the bus).
- You may want snacks for the ride

### Free plant Raffle on the bus!

**Contact:** Capt. Allen: 954-553-1351 or  
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## Mark Your Calendar

- March 9, 10 & 11—Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden Orchid Festival
- March 12 - Dr. Catherine Mannion, University of Florida Tropical Research & Education Center in Homestead - insects of the orchid world
- April 9 - Roy Tokunaga of H&R Nurseries returns! - *Dendrobium latouria* hybridizing
- April 14—Spring Ramble (see above for details)
- May 14, 2018—Chuck McCartney — Want to learn more about Florida's native orchids that we share with Cuba? Fourth generation Floridian and FLOS Honorary Member Chuck McCartney will share with us a new presentation titled **Native Orchids: The Florida-Cuba Connection**
- May 19—Redlands Orchid Festival Bus (see page 2 for details)
- June 11, 2018—Norman Fang
- August 13—Movie Night

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## FEBRUARY MEETING:

### KEN & JUDY RUSS

**Backyard Growing:** This February, FLOS had the pleasure of having Ken & Judy Russ speaking with us about their experience of growing orchids in Southern Florida over 20 years. They live on a waterway, they affectionately refer to as "The Puddle". Here, they grow over a 1000 orchids, in a shade house, their lanai & a shade area, called the "Pine Forest." Since 2004, their orchids have received 32 AOS awards.

**Let's get growing.** Ken started the presentation by mentioning the vast variety of orchids that are available today. Over 25,000 orchid species, which are grouped into terrestrial and epiphytes. 80% of these are tropical. So, we here in Florida should be able to create a growing environment for a large number of species and their hybrids.

**What is the name?** Is the term, Ken used to establish a history. Create a birth certificate, an orchid log to add any & all information about your plants. This gives you information about the orchids, should you want to bring them into the society meeting, to show them off.

**Orchids in the landscape.** The next aspect of growing Ken discussed was the placement of our orchids for optimum culture for the naturalization of these beauties in the garden around your home. Eastern exposure is the best place to start. An area that will receive good light, but be protected from midday sun. Acclimatization is a main factor in adding orchids into a new environment; the gradual movement of plants to areas of higher light, or in some cases, less light. This time of year is best to time to make the move. The days are getting longer and the temperature is still comfortable. Ken encouraged us to experiment a bit, move them around and observe how they respond.

#### **Light, air movement, water, fertilizer, potting medium, humidity & observation:**

Environment, temperature and ventilation: Know your requirements. Pay attention, to provide your orchids with a quality growing environment. This is probably one of the most important aspects of growing orchids.

If you observe someone's success, growing with a certain medium or method, experiment with 1 or 2 plants to see how they respond to the new method.

Fertilizer, every two weeks at a rate of 2 tsp. per gallon with a balanced fertilizer. Ken & Judy use a bloom booster, again 2 tsp. per gallon, alternating applications every 2 weeks. They use a supplemental additive, Maxicrop, a seaweed extract. Once a month, this is added to the fertilizer spraying to stimulate root growth. 4 times a year, Epsom salt is applied to give orchids, any extra magnesium they may need to grow. This is applied at a rate of 2 tbsp. per gallon.

Observe, pay attention for signs of any bugs or infection. Thrips, mealy bugs, scale, aphids & ants are the culprits. Here is a link to the AOS page for treatment of these pests. <http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-pests-diseases.aspx>

**Inspect & Isolate them:** Ken mentioned that he inspects any newly acquired orchids. This is to prevent adding any problems to your collection or growing environment.

**Secrets for good growing:** Develop a routine: watering schedule. Use that fertilizer, be patient, it takes time to establish good culture... Experience is the best teacher. Come to the meetings and ask questions.

**Grow'em & Show'em,** I don't think that we will look at the bulk trash pile the same. As, Ken & Judy recycle old blinds and use them, as labels for their orchids. Remember to Educate, Experiment, Observe and be Patient. (Paul Gumos)

## Redlands Orchid Festival Bus

**Meet:** Christ Lutheran Church  
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

**Departs:** 9:00 AM -

**Cost:** \$30 per person

#### **What to bring:**

Lunch

Box or crate to hold purchases

Personal beverages (water and juices will be available on the bus).

You may want snacks for the ride

#### **Free entry to Redlands Orchid Festival**

#### **Drawings for bus for vendor donated plants**

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#### **Here are the AOS awards that were given at the FLOS Show & Sale:**

*Rhy. gigantea* 'Amanda' AM 87 points, Carib Plants

*Rhy. gigantea* 'Diana' FCC 93 points, Carib Plants

*Rvc.* David Sander 'Quest' AM 82 points, Quest Orchids

*Blc.* Booth Lee 'Venice' AM 83 points, Phillip Hamilton & Bredren Orchids

*Vkt.* Bredren's Island Girl 'Bredren' HCC 79 points, Phillip Hamilton & Bredren Orchids

*Rlc.* Shinfong Luohyang 'New City Gold' AM 85 points, Water Orchids

Exhibit 'Garden Soiree' AOS Show Trophy 86 points, Mac's Orchids

Exhibit 'Garden Soiree' Silver Certificate 86 points, Mac's Orchids

*Paph.* Jade Gift 'Little James Krull' AM 83 points, Krull-Smith Landscapes

*Phal.* Krull's Vixen 'Krull's Red Hots' AM 82 points, Krull-Smith Landscapes

*Phal.* Brother Ambo Passion 'Florida Red' AM 80 points, Krull-Smith Landscapes

*Rhy. gigantea* 'Claire de Lune' FCC 91 points, Claire Garrett

*Bc.* (C. Gene May X *Bc.* Morning Glory) 'Victoria' AM 83 points, Carib Plants

*V.* Elishea Hidajat 'Grace's Pride' AM 83 points, Grace Holliday

*Rhy. gigantea* 'Spots' AM 83 points, Francisco Lambert

Exhibit 'Florida's Jewel: The Ghost Orchid' EEC 90 points, Tara & Lynn Seucharan

## A Tropical Plant Fair 2018

presented by Equality Park Garden Club

March 24 9-4:30 and March 25 10:30-3:30

Richardson Park, 1937 Wilton Dr., Wilton Manors, FL 33305

**FLOS will have a both and we need volunteers to help with this event—please contact Gigi Granger: [gigigator@aol.com](mailto:gigigator@aol.com)**

# MEMBERS' PAGE

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Keiki Club News

## Welcome to our new members:

- Bob Broder
- Jesse Garcia
- Heather Petryk
- Elizabeth (Betty) Parrillo
- Maureen Charlton
- Sandra Washington and Shirley Dunbar
- Maritza and Jesus Vasquez
- Neide Benavente
- Vicky Suarez
- Linda Dawkins
- Jeri Monical
- Karen Fleisher
- Lea Seymore
- Deborah Rauch
- Christine George Wray
- Maria Moore and Roberto Ibarra

## FEBRUARY RIBBONS

Ascda. Kultana White Wing x <i>V. sanderiana 'alba'</i>	Johnny Ma	Blue
Blc. Mary Alice Underwood	Chris Crepage	Blue
Calanthe Grouville	Johnny Ma	Blue
<i>Cattelyopsis cubensis</i>	Vicki Hallock	Blue
Den. Chan-Chao	Johnny Ma	Blue
Den. Roy Tokunaga	Gebrian/Lambert	Blue
<i>Dendrophylax funalis</i>	Vicki Hallock	Blue
<i>Onc. cebolleta</i>	Steven White	Blue
Onc. Noel Schoenrock	Johnny Ma	Blue
Paph. Prince of Booth*	Bob Stroozas	Blue
Rlc. Volcano Star	Jill Smith	Blue
<i>Trichoglottis orchidea</i>	Steven White	Blue
Tris Emily Clarkson	Chris Crepage	Blue
V Pure's Magic *	Omar Gonzales	Blue
Bl. Winter Surprise	Zoe Bejar	Cultural
Blc. Fuchs Orange Nugget	Doris Hurst	Cultural
Blc. Fuchs Orange Nugget 'Leo'	Richard/Julius	Cultural
Blc. Lemon Yellow 'Carib'	Chris Binder	Cultural
C. Dessee Charles ?	Roderick Lewis	Cultural
Ctna. New River	Marge Avery	Cultural
Den. nobile ...Girl	Davis/Dusch	Cultural
Den. speciosum	Rosemary Bown	Cultural
<i>Catt. walkeriana</i>	Gebrian/Lambert	Red
<i>Onc. ascendens</i>	Vicki Hallock	Red

## Keiki Club News

The Keikis gathered to launch our third year at Scott and Donna Peplin's on Sunday, February 18th to enjoy the glorious weather and to once again see Scott's fabulous Orchid Bar and Grill, abounding with flowers and roots! In addition to the Keikis, a number of "post-graduate Keikis," seasoned FLOS members and guests were there for the orchid experience. Although he claimed that his growing area was in disarray, messy and suffering from the winter "blues," it wasn't apparent to our group until Scott pointed out some of the ravages of pests, fungi and general seasonal issues and showed us how to both recognize and remedy them. He divided up a couple of monster plants, notably an enormous Epi. Ciliari, and distributed the cuttings to everyone. As always, Scott's energy and enthusiasm were contagious and everyone thoroughly enjoyed his presentation and hospitality. Thank you, Scott and Donna, for another amazing afternoon and for sharing your beautiful growing area with us. And thanks to all those who brought snacks and refreshments for all to share and enjoy!

A definite location for our meeting on Sunday, March 18th has not been set but there will be an email sent out by March 10th letting everyone know where we will get together. There will also be an announcement at the general FLOS meeting on March 12th.

We encourage the Keikis to participate and volunteer in the many opportunities to help the FLOS and we thank those of you who generously step up to the plate and give your time and efforts! And thanks to all members who welcome the newcomers and make them "feel the orchid love!!"

Jill Smith, Chair  
[jsmith8146@comcast.net](mailto:jsmith8146@comcast.net)



Den. speciosum  
Rosemary Brown



Blc. Fuchs Orange  
Nugget 'Leo'  
Richard /Julius



Paph. Prince of Booth  
Bob Stroozas





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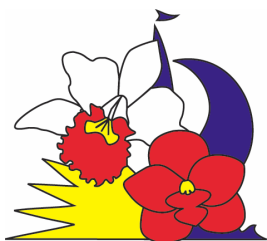
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Thank you to our kitchen volunteers: Kathy Homann, Deb Johnson & Fran Renguso.

Refreshments provided by FLOS members: Norma Jeanne Flack, Zoe Bejar, Ginny Salus, Kathy Homann, Deb Johnson, Fran Renguso, Carrie Ackerman, Debbie Lacek, John & Ann Bernard, Elaine Jordon, Carol Jones, Lori Cervenec, Delores Hurst



## Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

**P.O. 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

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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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