



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.

September Speaker: Judy Bailey

Judy has always been an enthusiastic plant aficionado and stumbled across her first orchid show almost 30 years ago, when seeking a warm respite during a particularly cold, snowy winter day in Northeast Ohio. A variety of orchids soon took up residence under lights in her unfinished basement, providing her many years of learning and enjoyment.



Retiring to South Florida in 2006 after a diverse career as a chemist and consultant, Judy has vigorously embraced the warm weather lifestyle of year round gardening, predominantly focusing on her collection of orchids, mostly paphiopedilums and phragmipediums — with a few Maxillaria experiments ongoing.

Once in Florida, Judy joined the AOS and in 2009 entered the judging program with the West Palm Beach Judging Center, becoming accredited in 2015. She has served and continues to serve the WPBJC as training coordinator, webmaster, member of the education committee, as well as Awards Secretary. She enthusiastically continues to learn all she can, especially from the many talented growers and amazing orchids she encounters at orchid shows, both at home and abroad.

Judy Bailey will present a workshop on new judging categories at our show. Win cash prizes!

President's Message

By Gigi Granger

It is hard to believe it has been a year since Hurricanes Irma and Maria wrecked our greenhouses and caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages to all of our orchid growing friends. As we come to the height of the hurricane season again, our thoughts turn to preparing our orchids for the rainy days, the heat, the pests and, of course, where to put our babies and supplies so they don't blow away.

The hurricane season is a great time to downsize collections and orchid related materials. Organizing materials and dividing plants helps make them more manageable and easier to relocate during strong winds. As in years past, I encourage members to donate unused pots, potting materials, unused supplies and, of course, orchids for our annual auction. I am always amazed by the number of members who donate divisions they have cultivated and cared for with the sole purpose of donating them to the auction. We are grateful and thankful for your gifts.

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Mark Your Calendar

Show Judging September 10

Judy Bailey workshop on new judging categories at our show for cash prizes!

October Auction October 8

FLOS Orchid Auction! Lots of beautiful orchids for sale from members and vendors!

Nov. Speaker November 12

Francisco Miranda



August Movie Night

Monday August 13th, we enjoyed with popcorn, candy and other treats while watching, Wild Orchid Man, "In The Ghost Orchid Swamp"

This is one of several films in the "Wild Orchid Man" series, by former Selby Gardens botanist and orchid expert Stig Dalström and local film-maker, Darryl Saffer. They team up in an around-the-world search for rare and rarely seen orchids.

"In The Ghost Orchid Swamp", Dalstrom and Saffer trek deep into the heart of the Everglades to Florida's wildest swamp, the Fakahatchee, home to the rare Ghost Orchid, *Dendrophylax lindenii*. Encounters in tangled jungle, alligators, snakes and fierce tropical storms, seem to protect the orchids hiding and blooming there. Although the story is about their orchid quest, it also speaks about the frailty of the world's ecosystem and what humans can learn from these mysterious and magical plants.



Photo by Darryl Saffer

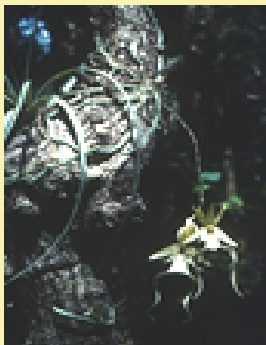


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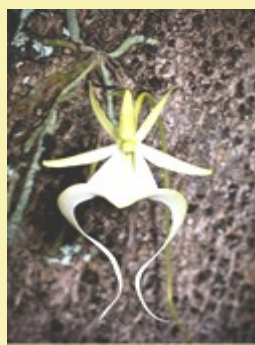


Photo by Hal Horwitz



Photo by Jessie Williams



Chris Binder— *Brassavola nodosa*



Olivier Turnia
Catasetum Ito-Oty

FLOS 2019 Orchid Show :

"ORCHID PARADISE"

New This Year More Prizes & Larger Cash Awards!

Our theme for the 2019 FLOS Annual Show is "Orchid Paradise". Vendors are to use the theme when creating their displays for our show. This will be the 61st Annual Orchid Show and Sale our Society has produced and we are anticipating another beautiful and successful show with full size Orchid Displays.

Exciting news for the 2019 show is that we have doubled the cash award for the Grand Prize hobbyist orchid and Grand Prize for a commercially grown orchid from \$250 to \$500! These are very prestigious awards and the increase in prize money should encourage you to start grooming your plants now! The show is only 5 months away and with the advice of Judy Bailey, AOS Judge and our September 10th meeting speaker, you may be the Hobbyist to take the honor and the \$500 prize money.

The EXCITING news for FLOS members, is that we have added 3 new categories and awards so that more of our members can be recognized and win prize money for their orchid growing skills. We will have cash prizes for the best *Cattleya*, best *Dendrobium* and best Cut Flower Display. Each of these new awards comes with a \$250 cash prize.

We are hoping that all of our members will attend the September meeting, hear what Judy has to share, and start looking a bit differently at those beautiful orchids you love to grow.

As always, if you have any show questions, please feel free to contact our show chairperson, Michael Schaberl, 954-764-1239 or michaelschaberl@comcast.net

AUGUST RIBBONS

? Golden Piacok?	Dolores Hurst	Blue
<i>Brassavola nodosa</i>	Clair Garrett	Blue
<i>C. bicolor</i>	Zoe Bejar	Blue
Catasetum Ito-Oty	Olivier Turina	Blue
Den. Hibiki 'Tiny Bubbles'	Deborah Rauch	Blue
<i>Miltonia moreliana</i>	Zoe Bejar	Blue
<i>Trichoglottis brachiata</i>	Olivier Turina	Blue
Den. Aridang Green	Bud Romboli	Cultural
Epc. Middleburg 'MAJ'	Bud Romboli	Cultural
<i>Schomburgkia undulata</i>	Bud Romboli	Cultural
<i>Brassavola nodosa</i>	Chris Binder	Red
<i>Dendrobium bracteosum</i>	Norma Jeanne Flack	Red



Zoe Bejar—*C. bicolor*

KEIKI CLUB NEWS BY JILL SMITH

On July 21, a large group of Keikis gathered in the bright sun and scorching temperatures at Bob Stroozas' orchid wonderland for a fabulous meeting: learning how he grows his gorgeous plants. He gave us the grand tour from back to front of his perfectly manicured yard, ending with his Catasetums. They are huge and he talked a lot about how he gets them to continue increasing in size, volume and the number of flowers they produce. Bob was a gracious host and everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon with both flora and fauna—Rocket, his beloved pooch! Thank you so much, Bob, for sharing your beautiful growing area with us!

August 11th found the Keikis assembled once more with Sandi Jones from Broward Orchid Supply spending a delightful morning learning about orchid culture and taking in the sight of all her huge plants. She did a great job of preparing her property for this event. Every area had meaningful notes and tips that were appropriate for our group. She had a guest speaker, John Romano, who is an expert on Dendrobiums and he gave an excellent presentation, focusing on nobiles and also offering plants for sale. Sandi invited everyone in to her home to see her collection of incredible miniatures. These tiny specimens were all beautifully arranged in her many cases and it was something to see! We also had a first for a Keiki meeting—and that is a real, live "Keiki" who joined us as a guest! Sawyer is the 1 year old grandson of FLOS member Cherie Fitzgibbon, and he was perfectly behaved the whole time! And of course, at the end everyone got to shop for orchid supplies. It was a wonderful meeting. Thank you, Sandi!

Please look for an email notification of our September meeting and in the interim, happy growing!

Jill Smith (jsmith8146@comcast.net)

Rick Bellas (willbell@aol.com)

Sue Mitchell Grieg (smg05kw@gmail.com)

Welcome New Member:

Nancy Reuwer

AUCTION 2018

Our annual auction will be held October 8, 2018. We will have plants from orchid growers, donations from members, many great plants from the Miriam Burtoff Collection, and various orchid supplies. Proceeds from the auction help defray the costs of our holiday party.

Please find a plant or something orchid related that you can donate. It's a great way to support your society! Orchids and orchid materials: pots, potting medium, hangers, benches, books, etc. are all welcome.

If you would like to help with the auction, please contact Rich at richackerman@gmail.com. The more the merrier. There are lots of ways you can help.

SNEAK PREVIEW! Visit www.flos.org and click on the link to our Auction page. There are already 45 orchids listed that will be available at our auction. They are very high quality with unusual species, original divisions of awarded plants, and lots of blue *Cattleyas*, Miriam's favorite! If you are planning on donating a special orchid, let Rich know and it will be included on the Auction List.



Amazon has a program called Amazon Smile that donates 0.5% of your purchase price to a non-profit if you join the Smile program.

FLOS is on their list of supported non-profits so you can choose to support us while you shop!

LEARNING TO GROW DESPITE TOTAL CONFUSION

BY KATE DONOHUE

I caught the orchid “Bug” five years ago at the FLOS show, purchasing five beautiful blooming plants that the vendors assured me would be easy to grow if I followed their instructions. Within six months, four were dead, and the fifth looked like it needed Last Rites. As a Type A Personality, I took it as a personal failure. Still determined, I purchased a few more the next year and signed up for orchid classes at Bonnet House. Listened very carefully, took copious notes, and purchased all the recommended products. Unfortunately, I missed the last class about insects and diseases. My orchid graveyard was growing, but I still had a few determined stragglers. Next year I purchased a few more, attended Sandi’s fourth class, joined FLOS and AOS, purchased Dr. Motes’ book, and watched more online seminars than I can count. Little did I know, I was about to descend into total confusion, like Alice falling down the rabbit hole. Every expert had a different list of secrets to success and definite no-no’s, often contradicting the previous expert. I also had a shelf full of various products that I should or should not use, like alcohol, peroxide, dishwashing soap, oils, and even 409! What’s a poor Keiki to do? Asking other members didn’t much help either because everybody did something different. Bob Stoozas’ advice to our Keiki Club last month FINALLY registered. “I use what works for MY orchids in My yard. You just need to experiment and find out what works in YOURS. It may not work in anyone else’s.” Simple common sense, who would have thought?

Photos by Kate Donohue



Pot. Triple Love



Blc Volcano Queen



Ascda Brighton Gold

OLIVIER SHARES HIS EXPERIENCES



Catasetums are sometimes hard to find when you live in South Florida because they are dormant in the winter and early spring when we have most of our orchid shows. So you will have a hard time finding them at our South Florida shows. The show at the Bonnet House in early December is the most likely one to carry catasetums. There are obviously other ways to get them!

Catasetum species are found in Central and South America and they are a must in your collection as they offer beautiful and original shapes, colors and fragrances. Some flowers like *Ctsm. pileatum* and *Cyc. chlorochilon* have huge fragrant flowers. They also bloom in the summer and early fall when most other orchids are not in bloom - you extend your own blooming season/pleasures with these orchids.

They also have beautiful foliage in season and you get a rest with zero needed care for 2 to 4 months a year! They are also very forgiving of cultural mistakes giving you opportunities to redeem yourself.

They are actually very easy to grow once you understand their lifecycle. All you have to do is observe them and they will tell you exactly what they need.

Here is their typical yearly cycle:

-In its dormant stage, a Catasetum has no leaves and the old bulbs are bare. At that time, you do NOT water AT ALL (unless there is only one bulb which is extremely shriveled). The bulbs are filled with water and are there to ensure survival during dormancy.

-As soon as a new shoot appears, HOLD OFF on watering until the shoot and the roots are 3 to 5" long!!! New shoots are extremely sensitive to rot and refraining from watering also forces the plant to grow more roots which will lead to stronger bulbs and hopefully more flowers. If you need to repot, now is the time, right when the new shoot appears and the plant no roots yet.

-When the shoots and roots are 3 to 5" long, it is monsoon time!!! You keep them wet at all times and fertilize regularly. The bulbs are then growing incredibly fast and turn into beautiful geysers of green. Most flowers only appear when the bulb is mature but some

smaller Catasetums and *Ctsm. tenebrosus* tend to grow flowers while the bulbs are still growing.

-When the leaves start yellowing or die, it is time to reduce watering and fertilizing. When all the leaves are gone, the plant is back to dormancy and you start the cycle all over again.

Please note that in general, dormancy is in the winter, new shoots early spring and you water like crazy in late spring and summer and start reducing water in the Fall. Those are just estimates. All you have to do is observe the plant and treat it according to what I described above. Some have very short dormancies while others can stay dormant for 4 months!

While dormant, in my experience the best location is under an overhang where no water reaches the plant but plenty of light is better.



Bud Romboli—Den. Aridang Green



Zoe Bejar -Miltonia moreliana

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10:00 am – 5:00 pm
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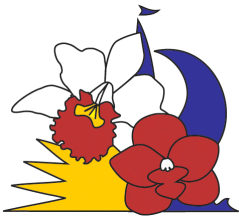
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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month
Time: 7:30 pm. Place: Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall,
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

Directions: From I95 take East Oakland Park Blvd. go 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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