



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.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER: JUDY BAILEY

Preparing Orchids for the FLOS Show & Sale



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 on-going.

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, and AOS Trustee. 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 program on preparing orchids for the FLOS Show & Sale

2020 PRESALE TICKET INFORMATION



At the September meeting we began distributing members pre-sale show tickets. Every member will be given 8 tickets (16 for dual memberships) and is asked to sell (or buy them yourself and give as gifts) 8

tickets to the show. The pre-sale tickets are only \$10 each, a \$5 savings from the \$15 price at the door.

As a 'Thank You' for selling your pre-sale tickets, you will be given a "golden ticket" to attend the Pre-view Party on Thursday evening, January 9th at the Convention Center. The party will again feature live music, great food and, best of all, the first chance to pre-view and purchase from the entire selection of orchids the vendors have to sell.

It is always a fun evening! If you have not sold your tickets, or you want to buy a ticket for a friend, you can still attend the Preview Party by purchasing a ticket for \$80 and enjoy the party with your FLOS friends.

Tickets can be purchased on our website (flos.org), at the November or January meeting (Our Holiday party is our December event), using the envelope provided with the tickets, or by contacting Luanne Betz (luannebetz@aol.com, 954-895-2874). Please keep in mind that all unsold tickets must be returned prior to the show.

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Mark Your Calendar

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| <p>Judy Bailey</p> <p>November 11</p> <p>Preping orchids for the show</p> | <p>Holiday Party</p> <p>December 8</p> <p>See invitation on pages 5 & 6</p> | <p>Dr. Peter T. Lin</p> <p>January 13</p> <p>Miniature Orchids</p> |
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KEIKI CLUB NEWS

BY JILL SMITH

Saturday, September 21 dawned rainy and inclement, but by the time the Keikis were gathering at Bud Romboli's amazing yard and multiple growing areas, it had cleared up, there was a beautiful breeze and everybody was ready for action. Joined by several FLOS Board members to facilitate and assist, about 25 Keikis got to work to help Bud affix LOTS of orchids on cork, cedar and various other types of mounts. Board members brought tables, tools and torches, and others brought beverages, refreshments and snacks. It was a most productive afternoon and tons of fun! Not only did the Keikis work on the mounts, they also learned the importance of cleaning tools and work surfaces after working on each orchid. When all was said and done, the best part was the number of Keikis who happily exclaimed, "I learned SO MUCH!" After most of the work had been completed and the orchid mounts were successfully hung on the back fence, Bud got the grill fired up and, Gerry Smith cooked hot dogs and everyone enjoyed nice barbecue fare! It was truly one of the best Keiki meetings because it involved helping and learning, as well as fun and enjoying the environs of Bud's beautiful yard and orchids. Thank you, Bud, for hosting and being so gracious to everyone!

THEN! On October 20, a glorious Sunday mid-day, the Keikis were fortunate enough to be invited to Weston to Sara Singer's beautiful yard and multiple growing areas and shade houses! Sara gave an informative presentation on the various methods of keeping track of our beauties and using different apps to do so. The group had many questions, and it was a perfect setting for everyone to learn and share how to catalogue orchids. Sara provided an amazing array of food and drink, Brian Hufford brought a TRUCK-LOAD of epidendrums to share, we celebrated Carol Ammirati's birthday with a tiramisu and candles. A good time was had by all! We are so grateful to you, Sara, for being such a gracious host! Thank you so much!

We look forward to seeing many Keikis at this year's Holiday Party on December 8th at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club! Please plan to attend this wonderful celebration, get a glorious orchid and have lots of fun hobnobbing and meeting other orchid enthusiasts!

Mark your calendars for Saturday afternoon, December 28 for a Keiki Holiday-Graduation Celebration at Scott Peplin's. This will be a first, and we're sure it will be a great time because Scott and Donna never fail to host a memorable event at their renowned Orchid Bar and Grill!

We are looking forward to getting a group together to work on the Keiki Welcome display for the BIG SHOW on January 10! Please get your creative juices working and come up with some cool ideas that we could implement. We'll be meeting in early December to have a workshop to make a plan, so if you'd like to participate, please let us know!

Happy Growing!

Jill Smith, Chair (jsmith8146@comcast.net)

Rick Bellas, Co-Chair (willbell@aol.com)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Paul Czerwonka

Marylou Miller

Thanks go to Gerritt, Robert & Maria for helping Rich pot around 50 Dendrobiums! They will be new member plants, raffle prizes, and auction items in the future!



Pot. Netrasiri Starbright 'NN'

Photos by Kate Donohue



Bc. Maikai 'Louise' AM/AOS

HOMESTEAD BUS RAMBLE

What: Luxury Coach Trip To Homestead Orchid Growers

Who: FLOS Members and/or Guests

When: Saturday November 9, 2019

Bus departs 8:00 AM Sharp

Meet: Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

1955 E. Oakland Park Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

Return: 4:00—5:00 pm

Destinations: Soroa, r.f., Natures Relics and one TBD

Cost: \$30 per person—You can pay online at FLOS.org

What to bring: lunch and snacks, box or crate (with your name printed clearly) for purchases, beverages and snacks (water will be available on the bus)

Contact: Capt. Allen, 954-553-1351 or

tacogar@gmail.com



FORT LAUDERDALE'S MOST BEAUTIFUL SHOW - 20/20 ORCHID VISION UPDATE

Pre-sale show tickets are \$10

If you have not yet picked up your presale tickets (8 per member) and turned in your money, you still have time.



Luanne Betz will be mailing them to you soon. You can pay for them on line or at the November meeting. We have the exciting Holiday Party on Dec. 8 at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club so there will be no meeting. Our show is earlier in 2020, and the preview party is Jan. 9 so if you want to attend you MUST pay for the presale tickets by Dec.31 so we can make sure of the number of guests for catering.

The admission at the show is \$15 so these presale tickets are the best deal in town. If you have not sold or purchased your tickets as gifts, and you



want to attend the Preview Party, or if you want to bring a friend, you can go on line at flos.org, log in as a member and purchase a party ticket for \$80.00. This party is always a great evening of food, music and friendship. You also have the first opportunity to purchase the most special and rare orchids our vendors have to sell and the views from the Convention Center will add to the fun!



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!

Volunteer Now

We have a number of volunteers already signed up to work at our show. You can also sign up at the November meeting, so bring your calendar and plan to donate 4 hours (or make it all day) over the weekend. Volunteers have fun, meet other members, help the show flow better, and are given a free orchid at our February meeting. We need everyone who is able to donate some time to do so to make your show the best orchid show in Florida. Thousands of people will be attending, and we need to proudly show them all that The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society is the BEST!

Cash for you?

Also remember that there are three new awards at the show, only for FLOS members. Start grooming your best Dendrobium and Cattleya or plan your cut flower display. We are again offering a \$250 prize for each of these awards - again, for members only!

If you cannot attend the November meeting, please feel free to contact me with any show related questions or to sign up for a volunteer positions.

We need you and are counting on your desire to help our society grow and be proud!

Michael Schaberl,
FLOS Show Chairperson
954-683-9615



(Photos on this page are from last year's show.)

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society presents
THE 20/20 ORCHID VISION SHOW & SALE

Exciting New Location!
January 10, 11 & 12, 2020
1950 Eisenhower Blvd
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
www.FLOS.org

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OLIVIER SHARES HIS EXPERIENCES

SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS OF AN ORCHIDHOLIC:



The latest "Orchid Digest" (quarterly) had a very interesting section on the distinction between "subspecies" and "variety". These are two terms you sometimes encounter on orchid tags for species. Basically they explain that these two concepts apply to species which are very similar, yet somewhat different but a "subspecies" refers to two plants whose geographic areas do NOT overlap, meaning there is no possible gene flow between them, a "variety" applies to two similar species whose geographic areas DO overlap and therefore, gene flow is possible or likely.

I thought it was an interesting concept.

- ◆ While this is just an empirical statement and nothing scientific, I have noticed that many of my successful orchids needed two years to be really, fully established. Two years seems to be when they really start making you happy and put their show on steroids.
- ◆ Regardless of this "two year-rule", orchids which are grown well improve over time: more flowers, more spikes, bigger flowers etc... So your babies reward you for your good work by improving over time, which should make you all fuzzy inside.
- ◆ When you water your orchids, you should always soak them very well. It is particularly true for Vandas which are thirsty orchids. To make sure they are properly hydrated, make sure their roots turn green. That usually means coming back two or three times within a matter of minutes or watering it for a little longer until the roots turn really green.
- ◆ Repotting and rest periods for species are critical. Research them carefully before acting. Hybrids are usually more tolerant, but repotting should always happen when the plant is growing (roots or bulbs, preferably roots).
- ◆ While you can keep the inflorescence on a large Phalaenopsis, you could get one more bloom, but expect fewer flowers and a more unruly display and the reblooming is not guaranteed. Small Phalaenopsis ("Polychilos" section) on the other hand, often have spikes that will stay green after the blooms have faded, and you should not cut them unless they turn brown. Some of these spikes can rebloom for many years.
- ◆ Dendrobiums and Cattleyas have roots that cling to pots. Repotting sets them back. Dendrobiums are notoriously adverse to repotting. So instead of repotting, you can do the



Phal. violacea is one of those small species of phal. Whose inflorescence can bloom for years. Olivier Turina

"Russian doll" trick and put your pot in a larger one or break the old pot while avoiding damaging roots and put in larger one. Just a thought.



Plant (Den. Lowana Nioka) that blooms constantly. Olivier Turina

- ◆ It is best to use a bit of sphagnum moss at root tips for newly mounted orchids to keep them hydrated and mitigate the shock from a more permanent state of moisture to full aeration
- ◆ Watering needs vary tremendously based on humidity, light, length of day and temperatures. In the Winter when temperatures and humidity are lower and the days are short, orchids need much less water. It is obviously the opposite in the summer.
- ◆ When the weather forecast calls for really cool nights ahead (like 55 and lower), be proactive and refrain from watering orchids a few days ahead of time, especially Phals that rot easily if they are wet during a cold night. In general orchids should not be too moist during colder days or nights.
- ◆ Always disinfect your cutting tool after EACH use. There are many ways to do so. I use a Mapp gas torch with blue flame (Claire taught me a lighter is not good enough.) but many disinfectants are also available. Ask other FLOS members for their best practice. There are many.



AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY WEBINARS

Webinars are online video presentations. You can register for an upcoming webinar or watch the recorded webinars any time at your convenience. The AOS adds multiple webinars each month, so check back often. Some are member only, but that is just an additional reason for joining. March offerings:

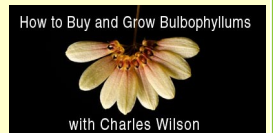


Greenhouse Chat

Ron McHatton
Tuesday, November 7, 2019
8:30-9:30 pm EST

How to Buy and Grow Bulbophyllums

Charles Wilson
Tuesday, November 12, 2019



with Charles Wilson

West Palm Beach Judging Center:

Flamingo Gardens
3750 South Flamingo Road
Davie, Florida, 33330

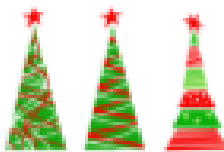
Judging takes place at Flamingo Gardens, at 2:00 PM on the fourth Saturday of the month. November & December judging will occur on the third Saturday because of the holidays. Bring your plants for nominations before 2:00.

FLOS Holiday Party Invitation

Join us to celebrate the festive season at the
FLOS Holiday Party

Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 6:30pm - 10:00 pm

Cocktails, Dinner, Music and Dancing



Coral Ridge Yacht Club
2800 Yacht Club Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale

(see back of this page for reservation information and options)

Premium Open Bar 6:30-7:30 pm

Butlered Hors d'oeuvres Gaspacho Shooters

Tuna Tartare on Asian Crackers

Swedish Meatballs

Artisanal Display of Middle Eastern spreads

Coral Ridge Yacht Club is located North of Sunrise Boulevard on the Intracoastal waterway in East Fort Lauderdale.

From the North or South – Take I-95 or US1 to Sunrise Boulevard.

Head East and go past US1 (Federal Highway) to Bayview Drive and make a left.

Head North and go to Yacht Club Blvd (the 3rd street) make a right and head East to the end of the street

Reservations can be made using this form or online
(online reservations information at bottom of page)

Names of members attending:

Total for members _____ (\$40 each)

Names of guests attending :

Total for Guests _____ (\$65 each)

TOTAL _____

People you would like to sit with:

(We will do our best to accommodate seating requests)

Please send this form with send your check (payable to Fort
Lauderdale Orchid Society) by **December 1** to:

**Paula Kramer: 4400 NE 16th Terrace, Oakland Park FL
33334 or pk@mtwevents.com**

Entree selections (one for each person):

_____ Grilled Filet Mignon with Classic Béarnaise

_____ Pan seared Mango Glazed Scottish Salmon

_____ Goat Cheese Stuffed Chicken with Thyme Madeira

_____ Vegetarian

To make your reservation online:

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

-log in (only members can log in)

-click on Members

-click on FLOS Store

-purchase as many tickets you desire. Please put guest names and seat-
ing requests in the "Comments" box on the last page of the checkout process.

A NEOPHYTE'S JOURNEY

By Kate Donohue

'TIS THE SEASON

When I lived up north, I always hated Fall. Instead of enjoying the beautiful colors, apple cider, pumpkins and all, I dreaded Autumn as the precursor to months of cold, wet, dark, gray winter weather. Now that I live here, I can't wait for Fall to arrive, signaling the start of Orchid Season. What an exciting time!

Orchid shows are held almost weekly, ending with Redlands in May. Monthly classes resume at the famous Orchid Bar and Grill. There will be rambles and special exhibitions and orchid auctions and, of course, our fabulous FLOS Show the end of January. With the reduced need for watering and fertilizing, we have more free time for shopping. It's an orchid addict's all-you-can-eat buffet!



Ctsm. Frilly Doris
'SVO II' AM/AOS x
Ctsm. *saccatum*



Den. Peter Shen

With highs "dipping" into the upper 80's, we can work on our orchids without suffering heatstroke after 15 minutes. The lower night temperatures trigger the short fall growing season, so there's lots to do.

It's time to cull through your collection and dispose of any orchids that look like they are on their last legs or move them to the ICU area most of us have in a corner somewhere. You can repot any orchids you didn't get to in the spring or purchased over the summer and remove larger keikis to mount or pot so they will be well established by winter.

After struggling to survive the harsh South Florida summer, most of my orchids are either blooming or in bud. There are new "surprises" most every morning, and I can actually be outside to enjoy them instead of looking through my windows. With dead or dying orchids removed, there's room for more orchids! Of course, I could always get Scott to build me another shade house if I go completely crazy!



Hauanan Flare

One thing's for sure, it will be a busy, fun-filled season—and, no doubt, another expensive one!

(photos by Kate Donohue)

MILLION ORCHID PROJECT UPDATE



This past month was a busy one! We collected *E. tampensis* seed capsules from Flamingo Gardens, downtown Fort Lauderdale, and Riverbend Park in Jupiter. We kept some for local propagation and sent the rest to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and to Orchids Dominicana, the grower who is producing the

bulk of our seedlings. In Riverbend Park we did a little experiment and put seed directly on five or six branches. Come back in two years for the results!

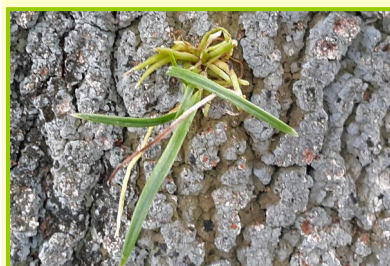


(photos in this article are by Zoe Bejar & Rich Ackerman)

We also helped a cooperative effort where Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society, Boca Raton Orchid Society, and FAU's Pine Jog Environmental



Education Center did an installation of native orchids at a facility in Boca Raton. Thank you Gerritt and Rick for helping out!



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

Great snacks for the auction!



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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

Directions: From I-95 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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