



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.

ANNUAL OCTOBER AUCTION

October 14 @ 7:00 pm

This will be a fun night you don't want to miss!

Our auction supports our society and gives you a chance to get interesting new orchids. Check the website for the names of many of the orchids that will be for sale. Along with plants from your favorite vendors, we have many plants from Miriam Burtoff's collection.

1. The auction starts at 7:00 pm, not 7:30. Registration starts at 6:30. Get there early to register and to find plants of interest.

2. There is no ribbon judging. Plants you bring in will be sold :)

3. Walk-in donations for the auction are welcome. Drop off your contributions with Zoe and Kate at the donations table. It's best if plants are properly tagged, with a description of blooming color and season. Other orchidalia like supplies, art-work, or books are also appreciated.

4. FLOS provides refreshments so you don't need to bake anything this month.

5. Please bring a cardboard box to hold your purchases. We want to keep the new carpeting clean.

6. We always appreciate extra help setting up and taking down the auction. Show up early to help bring in plants and set up the room. We start at 5:00. There are hundreds of plants to bring in from cars and trucks. If you can stay late and help clean up that would be great too.



President's Message

By Rich Ackerman



This month is our annual auction. We are pleased to have Mac Rivenbark as our knowledgeable auctioneer. If you have never been to our auction, here are some tips for a successful auction experience:

-Come early, take a look around and perhaps pick out plants of interest.

-Register and get a numbered sign. You must have a number to bid.

-When you win a bid, the tallying table folks add your bid to your number on their charts.

-When you are ready to leave, get your total from the tally table and proceed to the cashier area to cash out.

FLOS accepts all major credit cards, checks and of course cash. As much as we would like to guarantee orchids purchased will grow and be healthy at your house, orchids donated from private collections and growers are sold "as is". I would like to express our gratitude to all the donors and volunteers who help make our auction a success. A special thank you goes to Miriam Burtoff for donating her wonderful orchid collection to FLOS.

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Mark Your Calendar

Annual Auction

October 14

See article & the President's Message on page 1 for more information

Judy Baily

November 11

Preparing plants for the show!

Holiday Party

December 8

See invitation on pages 5 & 6



KEIKI CLUB NEWS

The Keikis will have met at Bud Romboli's, but too late for a report in the newsletter on how great the afternoon was! Bud always provides a colorful agenda, including food and beverage, undoubtedly this event will have been no different! Look for the account next month!

We are still unsure of our meeting date and venue for October, but everyone will be notified in time for our meeting. On November 23rd we are scheduled to head over to Kate Donohue's lovely, orchid-festooned growing areas beneath structures created by Scott Peplin. Kate's plants are glorious, and I'm sure she'll be giving us an account of how she started out innocently enough but quickly morphed into an orchid junkie. Look for an email with further details.

On Saturday afternoon, December 28th, we are going to have a Keiki First! This will be a combination holiday/Keiki Graduation party hosted by Scott Peplin! Those Keikis who joined FLOS after December, 2017 will be "honored" and "feted" by Scott, Donna and other Board Members who would like to join in the festivities! Times and details will follow.

We will be looking for a willing and able committee of Keikis to start thinking about our welcome display for the SHOW! If you would like to participate in this exciting project please contact one of the Keiki Chairs. We will be getting together in early December to work out a plan and schematic, and then we'll need people to help set it all up the Wednesday prior to the show. If you have any creative ideas that reflect our theme (20/20 Orchid Vision) at any time---let us know!!

Jill Smith, Chair (jsmith8146@comcast.net)
Rick Bellas, Co-Chair (willbell@aol.com)
Sue Mitchell-Grieg, Co-Chair (smg05kw@gmail.com)

HOMESTEAD BUS RAMBLE

Saturday November 9, 2019

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

Depart: 8:00 am sharp
Return: 4:00—5:00 pm
Destinations: TBD

Cost: \$30 per person

What to bring: lunch and snacks, box or crate for purchases, beverages (water and juices will be available on the bus)

Lunch: TBD

Drawings for free plants on the bus!

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

tacogar@gmail.com



SEPTEMBER SPEAKER: WENDY MAZUK

At our September meeting, we were lucky to have Wendy Mazuk, from the Florida Department of Agriculture, speak to us about *Dendrophylax lindenii*, the famous rare Ghost Orchid (in 2015 only 166 individuals were recorded in Florida). This Orchid is only found in Cuba and in the cypress sloughs of the Fakahatchee Strand in the middle of South Florida's Peninsula. This rare orchid is so highly protected and sought after that cameras have been set up along the trails of the Fakahatchee, and also pointed at particular plants, to deter poachers. In fact, a book called *The Orchid Thief* deals with the poaching of this orchid (and yes, it was made into a movie with Meryl Streep). Wendy told us of a sting operation that caught a poacher who had 40 of these orchids in his possession. Since they grow on only four different kinds of tree, and require the constant humidity that the slough provides, they do not do well when taken from their native habitat.

These are leafless orchids very difficult to find even when in bloom. They survive on the photosynthesis provided by their roots. The only time they have one small leaf is when they first germinate, but that one leaf falls off once the roots are large enough to provide the necessary nutrients for the plant. Usually these orchids might have just one or two flowers, but Wendy knows of (and showed us pictures of) older, well-established plants that have nine or more blossoms. She also had photos (and a short video clip) of the ghost orchid being fertilized by a sphynx moth.



Wendy's presentation was perfectly timed for us since FLOS is taking a field trip to the Fakahatchee Strand, and gave us great motivation to go slogging through the swamp with our old shoes, old pants, and insect repellent. Since their blooming season is basically from June through

August, we most probably will not see any in bloom, but I am sure we will be on the lookout for their distinctive root system growing on pond apples, pop ash, or cypress trees. So, let's get our legs wet fellow orchidteers, and enjoy a day in the Everglades. (Rick Bellas)

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more info at www.FLOS.org

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SEPTEMBER RIBBONS

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| Aerangis Valley Isle (Aerangis <i>somalensis</i> x Aerangis <i>mys-tacidii</i>) | Les Corbin | Blue |
| Bc, Carnival Kids 'Green Gem' AM/RHS | Rick Bellas | Blue |
| <i>C. aclandiae</i> 'Gulf Glade x 'Caesar's Ebony' | Paul Gebrian/ Lambert Francisco | Blue |
| Cattleya Lacey Michelle Matherne (Cattleya <i>aclandiae</i> x Cattleya <i>tigrina</i>) | Angie Bondarenko | Blue |
| Ctsm. <i>pileatum</i> | Bonnie Bonneau | Blue |
| D. Blue Violetta | Bud Romboli | Blue |
| Gastrochilus syn Haraella <i>ret-rocallus</i> | Chris Crispage | Blue |
| Oncidium NOID | Jane Unger | Blue |
| Phal. <i>tetraspis</i> 'Brenden' x 'C#1' | Sara Singer | Blue |
| Rhynchorides Bangkok Sunset | Bud Romboli | Blue |
| Rth. Michael Edward Borsma 'Carmela' | Sara Singer | Blue |
| Stellis <i>argentata</i> | Vicki Hallock | Blue |
| Van. Chao Praya 'Emerald' | Kelvin Stansberry | Blue |
| Vanda Roman Empress (Vanda <i>sanderiana</i> x Vanda Kultana Gold) | Paul Gebrian/ Lambert Francisco | Blue |
| <i>B. nodosa</i> | Chris Binder | Cultural |
| Den. Sursi 'Peach' | Bud Romboli | Red |
| Dendrobium NOID | Jane Unger | Red |
| Oncidera Gower Ramsey 'Naranja' | Oliver Turina | Red |
| Oncidium NOID | Jane Unger | Red |
| Procatavola Walnut Valley Lime Stars (Cattleychea Lime Sherbet x Brassavola Little Stars) | Vicki Hallock | Red |
| V. Bitz's Heartthrob x V. Somsri | Linda Dawkins | Red |
| Vanda Pinchai (Vanda Kultana Gold x Vanda Bitz's Heart-throb) | Roby Tannenbaum | Red |



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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joan Lydia Braverman

Vanessa Galasso

THE 20/20 ORCHID VISION SHOW NEWS

Our Show is less than four months away ... Please Help!

-Pick up at the Auction and November meeting and distribute the \$3.00 discount tickets and show posters. You can put some at libraries, retail stores, dry cleaners, hair salons, garden centers, restaurants and bars. Please ask permission so that they are not just discarded after you drop them off.



-Social Media is a great venue to share the information about the show. Post and share on Facebook and Twitter and ask your friends to share with their friends. Our show is the most beautiful and the only show in Florida to have full size floor displays of 1000's of blooming orchids! Invite your friends to come see and enjoy your FLOS show.

-Sell or give as gifts your Pre-Sale tickets! These tickets cost only \$10 and the price of admission at the Convention Center is \$15. You will have 8 Pre-sale tickets (unless you want more) once you turn in the money for those you are invited to the Thursday evening, January 9 Preview Party! As you may know, this party features food and drinks, live music, and first chance to select from the best and most unusual orchids to be sold at our show.

-I will be at the auction asking for you to sign up and volunteer for the show. Please check your calendars in advance and let me know if you are available for set-up, breakdown, or to serve at the show as a host or hostess. Because we are at a new building this year, we have some new and different ways you can help.

I am VERY Proud of our show, and I know that you are as well. Please bring yourself, volunteer some time to your society and make it the best show ever! If you have any questions or need any show information, please contact me at michaelschaberl@comcast.net or 954-683-9615. Michael Schaberl

SWAMP WALK

The Fakahatchee Strand Preserve

When: Saturday, October 12, 2019

Departs: 8:00 am sharp from Christ Lutheran Church

Returns: Approximately at 4:00 pm

Meet at Christ Lutheran Church parking lot

Check List: long pants, lace up shoes, change of clothes, hat, sunscreen, walking stick, bug repellent, lunch, favorite drinks, camera

Cost: \$75 (payable on the FLOS Website FLOS.org)

Contact: Allen Cogar: 954-553-1351

or tacogar@gmail.com



A NEOPHYTE'S JOURNEY

By Kate Donohue

THE GREAT WATER CONUNDRUM



Ble. Hawaiian Stars Paradise

One thing I've learned during my journey into orchidiction is that there are very few hard and fast rules. Everyone does something different. Two rules I thought were cast in stone: fertilize weekly weakly and water

early in the morning, but I've now discovered that the "water early" rule might not be a hard and fast rule after all. Several professional award-winning growers are teaching that we should water late afternoon or early evening. HUH? The problem is that both explanations make sense.

Most of us know why we should water early, before the heat of the day, to give the roots plenty of time to absorb the water and ensure that the roots and leaves are dry by nightfall, thus helping to prevent rot. It's the generally accepted practice.



Vasco. Sasicha

The rationale for late watering is that the roots open up after the heat of the day and can more effectively absorb water, chemicals, and fertilizer. When you water and spray early in the day, much of the liquid evaporates in the sun and heat. Watering later gives the roots a longer period to absorb everything. Any overnight dampness doesn't seem to be a

problem, especially if you have good air circulation. During rare cold weather snaps, watering is the accepted way to help keep citrus and other plants warm overnight, so why not?

Even more confusing, several early water devotees recommend applying chemicals later in the day, to prevent them from evaporating in the heat before they are absorbed. We are cautioned about using

insecticidal soaps in high heat and sun because it can burn the plants. Another expert told me it didn't really matter whether you water early or late, as long as you do it consistently. As a long-time morning hater, I'm tempted to switch to late day, but I'm still debating. Maybe I'll try one shade house in the morning, the other later for a while to see how it goes.



Lc. Corinne's Spotted SunCoast '#14'

One final conundrum, should you wet the roots before fertilizing and applying chemicals? The experts seem evenly split. The pro-waterers claim that it "wakes up" the roots to help them absorb better. The anti-waterers claim that the roots can only absorb so much at once, and water reduces the amount of chemicals absorbed.

So, what's a neophyte to do? Who knows? Use what you know works for you or try something different and see if it works better. Your choice.

(All photos by Kate Donohue)



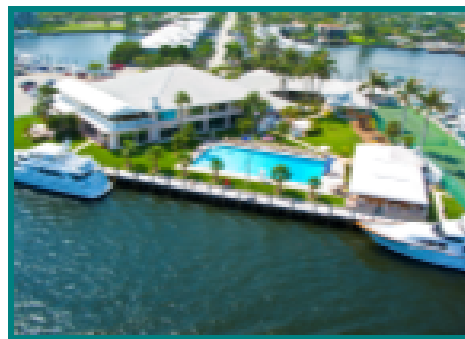
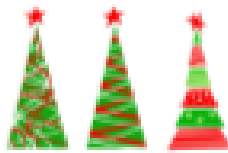
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FLOS Holiday Party Invitation

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

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

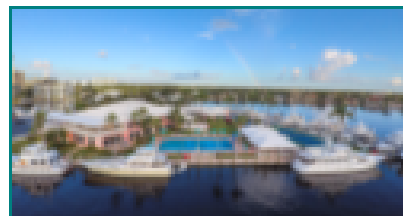
Cocktails, Dinner, Music and Dancing



Coral Ridge Yacht Club

2800 Yacht Club Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale

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



Coral Ridge Yacht Club is located North of Sunrise Boulevard on the Intra-coastal 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 (which is the 3rd street) and make a right and head East to the end of the street.

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

Names of members attending:

Total for members _____ (\$40 each)

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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
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**Paula Kramer: 4400 NE 16th Terrace, Oakland Park FL
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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

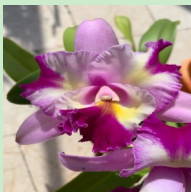
-purchase however many tickets you desire. "Please put guest names
and seating requests in the "Comments" box on the last page of the checkout
process."

OLIVIER SHARES HIS EXPERIENCES

ON SELECTING & BUYING ORCHIDS



When you buy an orchid online, you are pretty much stuck with what you are sent, although good vendors will agree to exchange a plant if you have issues with what you received. After making one or two purchases from the same vendor, you pretty much know if you want to continue buying from that source or not. I avoid buying on eBay.



C. Mari's Song

When you go to an orchid show or to a local orchid vendor, you have an opportunity to select your own plant. What should you be looking for?

I prefer flowering size plants and if you do too, you cannot automatically assume that is the case. Unless you see clear evidence of previous spikes, you should inquire as to whether the plant is of blooming size and if not, how long before it is expected to bloom.

Beware of those very small orchids that are super cheap. They might be years away from blooming!

Besides the maturity of the plant, it is good practice to look at every one of the identical plants offered to pick the best one. This is how I inspect them:

- Overall aspects of the plant.
- If one plant has one or two more bulbs or is larger than others, it should be your initial contender. Then you start investigating further.
- If you find two or more actively blooming plants, you probably should go for the one that has the most unopened buds as you are likely to have more time to enjoy the blossoms. Multiple spikes are usually better than just one if everything else checks out.
- Look at the undersides of the leaves. If there is any sign of potential pests or, disease you stay away. Ideally you want clean leaves. Avoid leaves that look dissected or weak.
- Look at the bulbs themselves (for those orchids that have conspicuous ones). Are they firm and plump with no blemishes?
- Examine the roots if possible. The easiest are obviously the Vandas as their roots are usually fully exposed, but do the best you can. Evidence of new roots with green tips is a good sign. You want:
 - Many roots with green tips,
 - Plump thick white roots,
 - Large root balls
- For Vandas, you can easily spot traces of past or current thrip infestation if you see brown rings on the roots. Those are usually (past) thrip damage. Thrips do not just go for the blooms. They also feed on the roots!

Another important issue is the temperature requirements for each plant. It makes no sense for us to buy a cold growing orchid, and many intermediate growing ones are also not suitable for South Florida unless you plan on growing them indoors. If you are not sure, google the plant on your iPhone or ask. Don't assume the vendors at our local orchid shows only carry warm to hot growing orchids! Stay away from Miltoniopsis, Odontoglossum, Masdevallia, and most Cymbidiums that are usually cold growing unless you can determine that the plant is a warm growing hybrid. Again, some might work out fine if you plan on growing them indoors.



Catasetum Edgardo A. Pauneto

If you find a plant you really want, but looks like it is not in good shape, you are just wasting money and are better off waiting for the next good opportunity to purchase a healthy one. There are millions of orchids out there just waiting to get your attention!

(Photos by Olivier Turina)



AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY WEBINARS

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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. October offerings:



Greenhouse Chat October 2019

Ron McHilton

Thursday, October 3rd, 2019
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT

Orchid Q&A



Conservation & Ecology of Western North American Cypripediums with Tara Luna

Conservation & Ecology of Western North American Cypripediums

Tara Luna

Monday, October 7th, 2019
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT

Ecology of Western Lady's Slippers

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.

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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

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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