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

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June Speakers: Jim & Melana Davison



Our June 8 speakers will be Jim and Melana Davison, of Jim-N-I Orchids in Homestead, FL. Both are AOS Accredited Judges and have been actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies.

They have an extensive, ever growing, and diverse orchid collection. They are both knowledgeable and engaging. Their presentation is about growing and hybridizing Catasetums.

We will host this meeting online. Since Zoom doesn't have an "orchid vendor sales table" option, we will email everyone a price list for plants around June 1. You will be able to order and pay them directly. We will have a single delivery point in Fort Lauderdale where you will need to come and pick up your purchases, scheduled for Saturday, June 13. Again, details will be posted online.



With the pandemic "re-opening" underway, we are pleased to resume our Million Orchid Projects this summer. Some Miami-Dade municipalities have suffered cutbacks, so we will be able to get extra native orchids for Broward County. Our current plan is to get a monthly delivery and allocate the orchids to the various groups with whom we have been planning plantings. We hope to have extra plants to offer first to FLOS members, then to members of other orchid societies and garden clubs. Stay tuned!

"Show Table - Pandemic Edition"

For the June meeting, members can submit up to 2 pictures, definite deadline end-of-day Saturday June 6. Email photos to Rich and Joan. Emailed photos only, no submissions any other way.

President's Message

By Rich Ackerman

Hello FLOS,



The long-awaited "reopening" is here! We hope everyone is coming through this in good health. Outdoors activity is good for the body and mind, so we have all benefited from extra time outside with our orchids. Our orchids have benefited as well, if the "Show Table – Pandemic Edition" pictures from our May meeting are any indication.

The FLOS Board is carefully and thoughtfully planning the rest of the year following guidance from local health officials. We are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to resume many of our regular activities, albeit in new modes following appropriate health guidelines and safety protocols. We will be doing a lot of mixed virtual and real events. You can always find the latest information about our activities on our website.

Thank you for your interest and support!

Mark Your Calendar

June 8: Jim & Melana Davison—Catasetums

July 13: Tom Kuligowski—Cellphone Photography

Welcome New Members

Liz Carver and Aaron Briggs



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West Palm Beach Judging Center

The West Palm Beach Judging Center (WPBJC) will resume orchid judging on Saturday, June 27th, in the Banyan Pavilion at R.F. Orchids, 28100 SW 182nd Ave, Homestead, FL 33030. If you would like to have your plant(s) judged, please bring them before 2:00 p.m.

Because of COVID19, we will proceed as follows:

- Masks are required, gloves are optional.
- Temperatures must taken before entry is granted.
- Proper social distancing will be practiced at all times; chairs will be spaced accordingly.
- Pavilion restrooms have hot water and soap..

Hopefully July orchid judging will return to Flamingo Gardens on July 25th at 2:00 p.m. If Flamingo Gardens is still closed, we will meet again at the Banyan Pavilion.

AOS June Webinars:

Online video webinars are added every month. You can register for an upcoming webinar or watch recorded webinars at your convenience. Some are member only, just another reason for joining AOS.

Best Practice for Growing *Paphs*, Graham Wood

How to grow *Paphiopedilums*
Thursday, June 11, 2020, 8:30 pm

Greenhouse Chat, Ron McHatton

Orchid Q&A
Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 8:30 pm

Coelogyne Culture, Charles Wilson

Learn about the fascinating species *Coelogyne*
Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 8:30 pm

ORCHIDICTION

By Kate Donohue

Hurricane Preparation for Orchids

As if we're not already overstressed from COVID19, we are also facing an active hurricane season. Just what we need, more stuff to worry about! We Floridians are pretty good at planning for hurricanes, but how do we protect our orchids?

Most people bring their orchids inside. I did that during Irma. It took four days total, killed my back, and resulted in the loss of several orchids. We all know that orchids do not like to be disturbed or subjected to rapid temperature change. There is air-conditioning inside until the power goes out. Then it gets very hot until we can get them all back outside. This can stress our orchids to the point that they never recover.

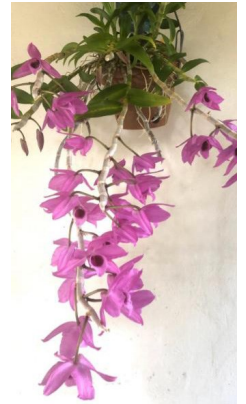
I've since learned a better way – drop them to the ground. Winds are much, much weaker closer to the ground, and our precious orchids stay in their usual environments. Sprinkle some Sluggo around to protect from slugs and snails. Also, a good idea to spray for fungus and black rot after your orchids are resettled.

I tried this last year. It was better for my orchids, much faster, and easier on my poor back.

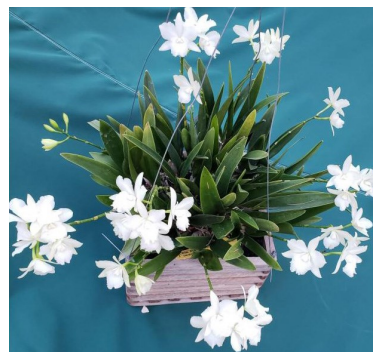
Ribbon Winners



Cattleya schroderae
Jill Smith



Den. Hsinying Supercent
Joseph Minotto



Ctna. Maui Maid
'December Bride'
Anne Marie Miles



Ascocenda Fuchs Gold
Kevin Stansberry

May Ribbons

<i>Blc.</i> American Freedom 'Crystelle' AM/AOS	Michael Cuisine	Blue
<i>Coelogyne</i> South Carolina	Alex Rodriguez	Blue
<i>Den. friedericksianum</i>	Rich Ackerman	Blue
<i>Den. lindleyi</i>	Jane Unger	Blue
<i>Gram. elegans</i>	Peggy Mazzoni	Blue
<i>Notyliopsis beatrix</i>	Vicki Hallock	Blue
<i>Oncidium</i> Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'	Barbara Gaterman	Blue
<i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i> 'Red'	Allen Cogar	Blue
<i>Phal. Cornu-cervi f. flava</i> 'Fangtastic'	Sara Singer	Blue
<i>Phal. Pylo's</i> Superman	Chris Morales	Blue
<i>Rlc.</i> Akiko Sato 'Volcano Queen'	Sarah Humes-Smith	Blue
<i>Ascocenda</i> Fuchs Gold	Kelvin Stansberry	Culture
<i>Bulbophyllum maximum</i>	Karen Fleisher	Culture
<i>Cattleya schroderae</i>	Jill Smith	Culture
<i>Ctna.</i> Maui Maid 'December Bride'	Anne Marie Miles	Culture
<i>Den.</i> Hsinying Superscent *	Joseph Minotto	Culture
<i>Gram. elegans</i>	Luanne Betz	Culture
<i>Mcp. christinae</i>	Claire Garrett	Culture
<i>Mcp. tibicinis</i>	Deborah Rauch	Culture
<i>Renanthera</i> Kalsom	Zoe Bejar	Culture
<i>Vanilla planifolia</i>	John Wrench	Culture
<i>Phal.</i> NOID	Timothy Russo	Red

(*) denotes registered hybrid

Phalaenopsis Species, Part 2

A continuation of Olivier's article from the May issue

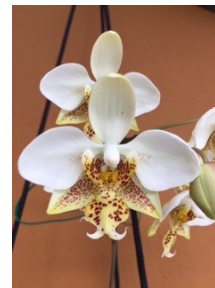
Phal. stuartiana:



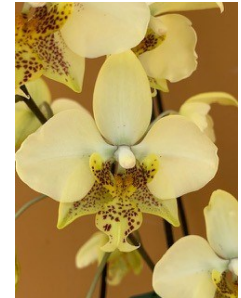
Phal. stuartiana is white with reddish speckles (but there are many different variations), and the lip is usually yellow with red speckles. Like *schilleriana*, it has hundreds of flowers on long inflorescences when mature. It is fragrant and has mottled leaves (indicating low light). Spring blooms last about a month.

Phalaenopsis orchids typically grow nonstop, but *Phal. stuartiana* should get a rest after flowering as it will typically stop growing roots and leaves for a little while. They also need to dry out more than other *Phals*.

There is a yellow variety called *Phal. stuartiana* var. *nobile*. It can be harder to grow, but the beauty of the flower is amazing. Its color intensifies as days go by and then fades towards the end.



Phal. stuartiana 'Sogo'
(standard colors)
Photo: Olivier Turino



Phal. stuartiana var. *nobilis*
Photo: Olivier Turino

May Speaker: Dr. Catherine Mannion

Dr. Mannion was our first Zoom "lecturer." The meeting went flawlessly, and we learned a lot about an ever-present issue with our orchids —Pests! The first step is to determine what you are dealing with. Damage from sunburn, nutritional deficiencies, cold weather, and similar issues are often mistaken for pests, resulting in the wrong treatment.

We learned to identify scale, thrips, mealybugs, and mites, and the proper treatment for each. The first step is to isolate the plant if you can. Then start with the least intrusive methods, such as alcohol, blasting with a hard stream of water, and treatment with biological soap or Neem Oil.

Insecticides should be a last resort. They can harm many beneficial insects and wildlife, Dr. Mannion explained the difference between systemic and contact insecticides and emphasized safe practices. They should only be used for solving specific issues on specific plants and not be applied as a preventative. Read and follow the label for any product you use.

Always practice the basics of good air movement, correct light, proper fertilization, and appropriate watering, and you will grow stronger orchids that are less susceptible to pests and diseases. Happy growing!

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