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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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November Speaker: Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D.



Please join us via Zoom at 7:30 pm on Monday, November 9, for a presentation on miniature orchids by Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D. Please visit our website (FLOS.org) for the link to attend this meeting.

Dr. Gerritsen is a biotechnology consultant from San Francisco who has been growing orchids for more than 30 years. Although she has an extensive orchid collection, her main interest is in cooler-growing miniature orchids. She has traveled the world to observe these tiny gems in situ and has lectured extensively on orchids.

Mary serves on the board of Orchid Digest, as chief operating officer and treasurer of the Orchid Conservation Alliance and is also a member of the American Orchid Society, the San Francisco Orchid Society, the Peninsula Orchid Society and the Pleurothallid Alliance. She has co-authored several botanical books with well-known photographer Ron Parsons, most notably *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species*, and *The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture*.

President's Message

-Rich Ackerman



Hello FLOS,

Just a few quick updates this month

Was that an auction or what!
Thank you to donors, bidders,

vendors, volunteers, and our great auctioneer Mac. It was very successful, and the proceeds will help us keep doing what we do, especially during these uncertain times.

Sad news came our way when we learned that Chuck McCartney had passed away. Chuck was an Honorary Member of our Society and was close and dear to many of us.

Our Board just approved a new scholarship to be awarded to a Florida Master Gardener student with financial need. We are pleased to continue working closely with UF/IFAS Extension Broward County.

Last but not least, Holiday Party tickets just became available on our website. You should have an invitation in your email. We are limited by the facility to 60 attendees. Please call Sue Mitchell-Greig if you need help getting tickets. Looking forward to seeing you there!

"Show Table - Pandemic Edition"

Members can submit up to two pictures for judging, deadline end-of-day Saturday, November 7. Email photos to Rich and Joan. Email photos only.

Welcome New Member

Steve Barnard

Mark Your Calendar

November 9: Author Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D., Mini Orchids

December 6: Holiday Party. Tickets on sale at FLOS.org.

January 11: Dr. Henry Gallis, Antelope *Dendrobiums*



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Olivier Shares His Experiences

Stanhopea – Reader’s Digest (Part 1)



This article (in 4 parts) is basically a “Reader’s Digest” of articles from AOS, especially the September 2012 edition, the November 2014 supplement, and the “2010 *Stanhopea* Book” from Rudolf Jenny.

Stanhopeas are rather easy to grow and are truly spectacular orchids. Also, unlike so many orchids which are very slow growers, they are very eager growers and grow quickly if they are happy!

You should try and give them as much filtered light as they will take. “Bright shade” is kind of a funny concept and, as always, it is a matter of trial and error. *Stanhopea* leaves burn quickly, so at the first sight of leaf burn, you should reduce the light. Avoid direct sunlight obviously.

Brown leaf tips can also be a sign of excessive dryness. Except for a few species that need a rest and the Brazilian species that grow a bit drier year round, they should stay hydrated.

Stanhopeas grow their flowers from the bottom, so you must grow them in an open basket and suspend them. If grown in pots, the inflorescences will grow inside the pot and will die without ever blooming. Blooms only last a few days (for all species), but the same plant can bloom more than once per year; also, established plants will put on quite the show!

Stanhopea flowers are among the most fragrant of any orchids. Some can be overpowering in a small space. One single plant can fill an entire room with the fragrance of vanilla, chocolate, mint, camphor, etc. The fragrance is usually more pronounced in the morning. *Stan. ruckeri* (syn. *inodora*) has a fragrance that is not discernible to a human nose.

Stanhopeas need space as many are large plants. They turn into specimen plants very quickly if you give them the proper care.

Stanhopeas are available in the US, but not widely so. To my knowledge, there is no specialist grower or vendor in the US, although some vendors carry the most common species like *tigrina* and *tigrina* var. *nigroviolacea*, *wardii*, *oculata*, *jenischiana* and several hybrids. South American vendors are the best source to get a good selection of species. You’ll find them at the Redlands and Tamiami shows.



Stan. ruckeri



Stan. jenischiana



Stan. wardii



Stan. Ronsard

Annual FLOS Auction

Our first Zoom auction on October 12 was a rousing success! It took a LOT of planning, trial and error, and manpower to figure it all out, but except for a short technical overload “glitch,” it was a very exciting evening.

There were 140 lots and spirited bidding by the 89 attendees. Auctioneer Mac Rivenbark has a special talent for making each orchid sound fascinating and a “must have” for our orchid collections, which no doubt encouraged more competitive bidding. There was a wide variety of orchids, something for everyone. Some were small, some were natives, some were rarer, some were new hybrids. A number of lots drew fierce competition, with several lots sold in the mid \$100’s. The prize of the evening was a *Laeliocatanthe* Mary Elizabeth Storm which brought \$320.

Net proceeds were \$6,400, quite a feat! This success would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and contributions of the FLOS Board, volunteers, vendors, and both members and friends who generously donated plants and related items. MANY thanks to all!



This has been a highly successful year for us. We just received 900 orchids, most of which will go to the City of Oakland Park to finish up the year. Based on the contacts made in the last few months and the level of interest shown, it looks like next year will be even better. If you are interested in placing native orchids in your neighborhood, please contact Rich Ackerman.

FLOS Holiday Party

Join us to celebrate this festive season
Coral Ridge Yacht Club
Sunday, Dec 6th, 2020 6:30pm - 10:00pm
Cocktails, Dinner, Entertainment & Orchids

Premium Open Bar 6:30 - 7:30
Open Bar and passed Hors d'oeuvres on the patio

Dinner Selections include:
Grilled Filet Mignon with Classic Bernaise
Pan Seared Mango Glazed Scottish Salmon
Goat Cheese Stuffed Chicken with Thyme Madeira
Vegetarian Pasta

Register online at FLOS.org or
Call Sue Mitchell-Greig at 305-905-6807 to make your reservation
over the phone!

NOTE: We have limited capacity due to Covid-19 restrictions. All
reservations are on a First Come, First Served basis. No reservations will
be accepted after November 30, 2020

Coral Ridge Yacht Club is
located at 2800 Yacht Club
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Lc. Aussie Cosmic Fire

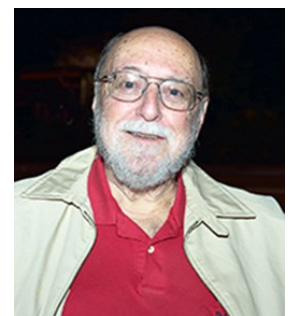
Remembering "Chuck" McCartney, Jr. (1947-2020)



The South Florida Orchid Community is mourning the death of Charles "Chuck" McCartney, Jr. on October 11 at age 73. A fourth-generation South Floridian, Chuck worked as a writer, journalist, and editor for local newspapers. He also served as editor for the *American Orchid Society Bulletin* (now *Orchids Magazine*) and wrote articles on orchids for AOS publications, *California's Orchid Digest*, *England's Orchid Review*, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, and the Florida Native Plant Society. Chuck's special interest was native wild orchids. He was an avid photographer of orchids and other native flowers and was highly sought-after as a speaker because of his detailed knowledge of native horticulture. Chuck was an Honorary Member of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society, a lifetime honor.

Chuck was greatly admired and liked in the orchid world. His quiet, unassuming manner hid a brilliant mind and keen intellect. He showed up at many orchid events, meetings, and activities wearing his trademark red shirt, usually with a camera around his neck. He gladly shared his knowledge in great detail and touched the lives of many of our long-time members who had the opportunity to know him.

The FLOS Board will make a \$500 donation to the American Orchid Society in Chuck's memory, earmarked for conservation. He will be greatly missed.



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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 I-95 take East Oakland Park Blvd., go 2.4
miles, turn left on NE 20th Ave. Or take US-1 (Federal Hwy.)
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