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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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## 'Orchids Rock!' The show must go on

We are preparing for our annual orchid show and sale to be held on Jan. 21-23 in Fort Lauderdale.

Once again, we have chosen the recently enlarged and renovated Broward County Convention Center, the same location as the 2020 show. As you may know, there was a parking issue, and thousands of patrons and members were turned away. That problem has been resolved. The convention center now has 1,700 parking spaces in its garage, and the port has a new garage for cruise ship passengers. There is a separate road with signs leading to each garage, which will eliminate parking confusion.

As usual, we will be issuing each member eight presale tickets to sell to friends, family and orchid lovers.

The cost of each ticket is \$10. Admission at the door will be \$15, so there is a significant value to our presale tickets. When you sell your eight tickets and turn in the money, you will be given a ticket to our fabulous Thursday night Preview Party! This is our biggest and best social event of the year.

We will again have \$250 cash prizes for FLOS members who enter a dendrobium or cattleya that is judged to be the best, and also a cash award in the best cut flower category brought in by members. Start planning now for your January entries.

Because our loyal orchid vendors have had a financially challenging year, we have made a concession this year for them to create table-top displays and not our usual floor displays. We believe the



show will look beautiful and smell wonderful to all those who enter the ballroom.

We will be asking all those that are able to volunteer at the show in four-hour

shifts. We cannot produce the show without your participation, and this event is only a success if we band together to make it happen. Please contact Vicki Hallock at [wickirae@aol.com](mailto:wickirae@aol.com) to sign up. Watch this space for more information on volunteer positions and time slots. Those who do volunteer will be given a beautiful orchid at our February meeting as a thank you gift.

Please spread the word that our show is a go, and plan to be an active part of this beautiful event. "Orchids Rock" will be another memorable and exciting show. If you have any questions, please contact me at [michaelschaberl@comcast.net](mailto:michaelschaberl@comcast.net)

– **MICHAEL SCHABERL**  
Show Chairman

## President's message: AOS ball canceled

The latest COVID causality is the AOS Centennial Celebration. It has been postponed until April 6. Find more info at [AOS.org](http://AOS.org). This month's meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 13, along with virtual Orchid Judging, so

get that camera out to your grow area and start snapping. Please send your photos to [jmconnors25@gmail.com](mailto:jmconnors25@gmail.com) by Sept. 10. Find the link to the

meeting on [FLOS.org](http://FLOS.org). Our October auction also will be held via Zoom. Get your donations ready! It was very successful last year, and we are sure it will be just as successful this year.

The November meeting may be a hybrid Zoom meeting with a small gathering at the social hall, but we have time to make that decision. Watch the newsletter and website for information. Everybody stay healthy and happy orchiding.

– **JOAN CONNORS**

## Save the dates

**Oct. 11: The Annual Plant Auction** will once again be held via Zoom. Find the link on the FLOS website. All bidders are required to pre-register. We appreciate donations! Please contact [wickirae@aol.com](mailto:wickirae@aol.com) to arrange drop-off prior to Oct. 5.

**Dec. 12: Our annual holiday party** will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Oceanic in Pompano Beach. Enjoy an evening of cocktails, dinner and orchids in the upstairs banquet room overlooking the ocean, with dancing under the stars. Tickets go on sale Oct. 1 at [FLOS.org](http://FLOS.org).

# Decoding the Latin names of orchids

Are you new to the wonderful world of orchids? Let's go over a few of the common orchid names that you will encounter which will give you a hint of what to expect.

At times, you can know the color of an orchid that is not in bloom by looking at the tag:

- “aurea” will indicate a yellow orchid
- “aurantiaca” will indicate an orange orchid
- “alba” will indicate a white orchid in most instances. While “alba” in Latin means white, some “alba” in the Cattleya alliance are actually green flowers (usually with a white lip).
- “coerulea” will indicate a purple orchid. They are usually referred to as “blue” orchids but that is just aspirational as truly blue orchids are an elusive dream.
- “rosea” will indicate a pink orchid
- “coccinea” will indicate a red orchid
- “atropurpurea” will indicate a dark burgundy orchid
- “concolor” will indicate an orchid with a single color whatever it may be

If you see an orchid name that ends in “ensis,” it indicates a geographical area where the orchid comes from:

- Panamensis comes from Panama



**Trichoglottis atropurpurea (syn. brachiata)** is clearly a dark burgundy color, as the name implies.

• Chocoensis comes from the department of Choco in north west Colombia, etc. If you see an orchid's name that ends in “ii” it honors a person the orchid is named after:

- Cattleya leopoldii was named after King Leopold 1st of Belgium
- Cattleya loddigesii was named after the Loddiges, which was a family of German immigrants in England; they managed one of the earliest orchid nurseries in the world.

Some names appear regularly across many different genera and they usually refer to famous people involved in orchid hunting, orchid collecting, orchid growing in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. A few examples are lindenii, veitchii, loddigesii, schilleriana, skinneri etc.

When creating hybrids with two genera, the new name is always a combination of both names. For example:

- Cycnodes = **C**ycnoches x **M**ormodes
- Cattlianthe = **C**attleya x **G**uarianthe
- Guaricyclia = **G**uarianthe x **E**ncyclia
- Aeridovanda = **A**erides x **V**anda

When creating hybrids with more than two genera, sometimes the name ends in “ara” preceded by a last name or, less often, a full name (first and last name)

Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids generated a long list of Fredclarkeara hybrids which are a combination of Catasetum, Clowesia and Mormodes.

Monnierara was named after Jean Monnier who was also at the forefront in the early days of hybridizing the catasetum alliance. They are a combination of Catasetum, Cycnoches and Mormodes

Iwanagara was named after Mr. Iwanaga. Caularthron, Laelia and Guarianthe are in the background of Iwanagara. The name is now replaced with Jackfowlieara apparently named after Mr. Jack Fowlie.

I hope this information will make our new members – known as Keikis – feel less intimidated by all these weird words appearing regularly on orchid tags.



*Olivier Turina became a FLOS member in 2014 and a board member in 2020. Orchids are his passion, and he shares his growing experiences each month to help others broaden understanding of orchid culture. Besides the usual suspects cattleyas, phalaenopsis, dendrobiums and vandas, Olivier is very fond of catasetums, stanhopeas and oncidiums (in particular the trichocentrums). Send your growing questions to OlivierFTL@gmail.com.*

– OLIVIER TURINA

# August Ribbon Awards

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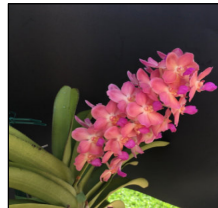
Orchid	Grower	Ribbon
<i>Brassavola nodosa</i> 'Claire de Lune'	Claire Garrett	Culture
Parra. Rapeepath "Pink"	Steven Turowski	Blue
Wuttiphanara Manoonya ( <i>Rhynvandopsis</i> Dixie Delight x <i>Perreiraara</i> Bangkok Sunset)	Steven Turowski	Red
<i>V. Kru Chom</i> 'Dark Knight'	Karen Fleisher	Blue
<i>Christensonia vietnamica</i>	Vicki Hallock	Blue
<i>Coelogyne usitata</i> x sib	Claire Garrett	Blue
Bcn. <i>Aka's Aloha</i> 'Dream Dust'	Karen Fleisher	Red
<i>C. Bactia</i> 'Grape Wax' ( <i>C. bowringiana</i> x <i>C. guttata</i> )	Vicki Hallock	Blue
<i>C. Tokyo Magic</i> 'Moonbeam'	Kate Donohue	Blue
<i>Myc.</i> Beth Sadacca ( <i>Mcp. tibicinis</i> 'Naranja' x <i>C. forbesii</i> 'Orquifolia' AM/AOS)	Garritt Stryker	Blue
<i>Ctism.</i> Memoria Claudio Luna	John Wrench	Red
<i>Ctism.</i> Memoria I. H. Shirley	John Wrench	Blue
<i>Peristeria elata</i> Dove Orchid	Debbie Litchmore	Blue



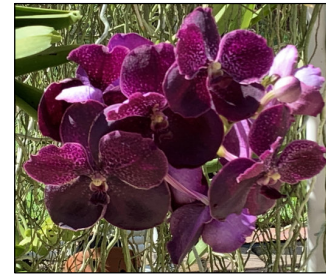
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*Christensonia vietnamica*



Bcn. *Aka's Aloha* 'Dream Dust'



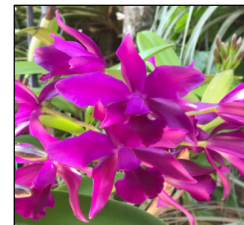
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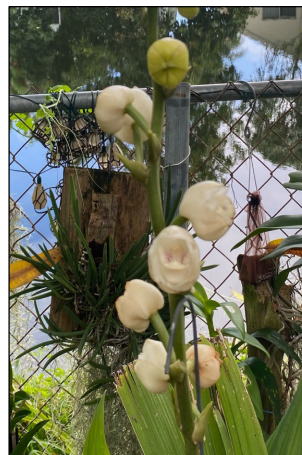
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(*C. bowringiana* x *C. guttata*)



*Ctism.* Memoria Claudio Luna



*Ctism.* Memoria I. H. Shirley



*Peristeria elata* Dove Orchid

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Please send photos for September Ribbon Judging to [jmconnors25@gmail.com](mailto:jmconnors25@gmail.com) by noon, Sept. 10.

## September speaker: Ron Parsons on 'The Genus Dendrobium'

Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for more than 45 years, and has been interested in the species for most of that time. He loves to photograph orchids and other flowers and does so as often as possible. Ron has more than 90,000 digital images, most of which are of orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. This month, he will discuss "The Genus Dendrobium" during our monthly Zoom meeting at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13.

The Australasian genus Dendrobium is one of the largest genera in the most species-rich flowering plant family in the world. More than 1,800 species have been described, and they are found anywhere from the lowland tropics to cool to cold, high elevations. They occur from Japan and China to Australia in the south, and from India in the west to some of the islands of the South Pacific in the east. They appear in a variety of habitats, too, but they tend to generally grow as epiphytes and lithophytes with comparatively few growing terrestrially. Ron's talk will offer a brief synopsis of this amazing genus that nearly every



orchid enthusiast grows.

Ron has given more than 500 talks on various botanical topics, and has more than 6,500 published photos. Ron has co-authored four books with Mary E. Gerritsen. Currently, the authors have nearly completed their fifth book, a revised second edition of *Miniature Orchids Species*. It comes in four volumes with nearly 3,100 photos (1,800 of those are new), including more than 500 species not included in the first edition. The set should be released this summer.

– VICKI HALLOCK

## Controlling pests

For small orchid collections, the best thing to do is to physically wipe insects off and clean the plant. Isopropyl alcohol and a cotton swab are very effective against most pests and if you want to increase its effectiveness, a drop of Ivory dishwashing liquid added to the alcohol helps wet the typically waxy surface of orchid leaves. If you haven't been watching carefully and the infestation gets out of control, you might have to use chemicals. Few pesticides are specifically rated for use on orchids but you can use any that are labeled for ornamentals. Use care and follow the label directions. This is NOT a situation where if a little is good, more will be better! Mites are not insects and insecticides offer little or no control.

Mites do not like humid conditions so efforts to increase humidity are beneficial. Light infestations can be controlled by thoroughly cleaning plants but in hot, dry climates light infestations rapidly become serious and control is best accomplished by the use of a miticide.

– RON McHATTON, *Director of Education, 2009*

## American Orchid Society news

### Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	September 02, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	September 16, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday	October 05, 2021 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	October 21, 2021 8:30pm EDT Thursday
Topic	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Sarcochilus Australian Miniatures	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Black Orchids The Lure, The Lust and Licentiousness
Presenter	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Jean Allen-Ikeson JC National Education Coordinator, AOS Editorial Board Chair	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee, ND Associate Judge, President of COC

### AOS Centennial Celebration postponed

Due to concerns over the Covid-19 Delta variant coupled with Miami-Dade County's continued high positivity rates for the virus, and in consideration for the health and well-being of our members, volunteers, and guests, the Centennial Celebration Committee and the AOS Board of Trustees opted to postpone the Centennial Celebration from Oct. 27-30 to April 6-9.

Please note:

- If you are already registered for the event, it will be rolled over to the new dates.
- If you have hotel reservations at the Biltmore Hotel, they will be automatically moved to the equivalent dates in the new timeframe.

Send questions to the AOS Headquarters office at [TheAOS@aos.org](mailto:TheAOS@aos.org).

# Out & About

## Keiki Club fun in Southwest Ranches

Dodging the threat of Tropical Storm Fred Aug. 14, 18 enthusiastic Keikis gathered at the home of Lori Parrish in Southwest Ranches to tour her 2,5-acre property and extensive orchid collection. Lori admits to owning thousands of orchids, mostly hanging from or mounted on mature trees. She said that relocating her collection from her previous home in Davie cost far more than moving the rest of the household! Everyone eagerly followed Lori around her property teeming with orchids and separate areas of native plants and fruit trees. She also has her own beehives, turkeys, chicken, ducks and rabbits.

After light snacks and refreshments, everyone drove around the corner to Mac's Orchids to visit Mac and Helen's fabulous new property, peruse his beautiful greenhouse, ask lots of questions about the mostly Philippine Dendrobiums he breeds and grows and, most importantly, to go orchid shopping!

Very special thanks to you both, Lori and Mac, for being such gracious hosts, opening your growing areas, and sharing your knowledge of orchid cultivation with us! Thanks also to

long-time FLOS members Vicki Hallock, Sara Singer, Kate Donohue, Luanne Betz, and Claire Garrett for your dedication to the Keiki Club.

We will not meet in September, but our October event is a MUST for all Keikis. Join us via Zoom at 10 a.m. Oct. 9 for "What's in a Name?". Rich Ackerman, our resident FLOS expert in orchid nomenclature, will give his annual presentation about the information on orchid tags, what all those names mean and how to research them. Even if you are an experienced grower or have seen the presentation before, it is a great refresher course to help you to sort out the progeny of your plants and aid in shopping for plants to add to your collections. Mark your calendars and don't miss it! Watch your email inbox for the Zoom links.

**– JILL SMITH,  
Keiki Club Chair**

**Lori Parrish, top right, gave a tour of her spectacular garden. Mac Rivenbark, right, in his new greenhouse in Southwest Ranches.**



## August speaker recap: Marni Turkel

Because of the Covid surge, the in-person August meeting was cancelled, so nearly 50 members and guests Zoomed in for "Show Me the Plant," a presentation by Marni Turkel of Santa Rosa, CA.

A long-time orchid collector and potter, Marni breeds and sells flaked orchid specimens online. She shared beautiful slides of her favorite orchids and discussed the importance of looking beyond the beautiful blooms. She explained we also need to look at the overall plant and its characteristics. For instance, a plant that blooms only once a year with a few small flowers on a very long spike and unattractive foliage might not be a good option for our collection because it is not pleasant to look at the rest of the year. Her recommendations for achieving specimen plants are to look for more compact, free-blooming plants with shorter rhizomes, and a high flower-to-plant ratio.

While most of Marni's orchids are cool or intermediate growers, a few varieties could be adapted and grown

here in South Florida, such as Neofinetias and some Cymbidiums. Like most experienced growers, she had a few culture recommendations that apply to orchids in general.

For instance, she recommends the use of spinners on hanging plants to help overall balanced growth and recommends varying fertilizers just to be sure you cover all the bases, and the importance of lots of calcium. It's important to check the pH, of your water because it affects orchids. For instance, the harder your water, the longer you need to water. If you have an RO system, you need to use more fertilizer. One suggestion was the use of inverted small, slotted baskets in the bottom of pots where the medium is tighter to keep air accessible to the roots.

Thank you, Marni, for sharing your treasures and advice with us.

**– KATE DONOHUE**

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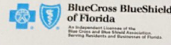


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