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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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April speaker: 20 plants you should grow

Please join us at 7:30 p.m. April 11 to hear our very own FLOS member, Omar Gonzalez, speak about “Orchids I Would Grow.” His talk will feature 20 orchids on our raffle table! He will be bringing us these orchids to tell us why these plants are special and trendy, why he is partial to them and he will share cultural tips on how to grow them well.



Omar, who is a long-time orchid society member, hails from Miami, but spent time in the Midwest, attending Northland College in Wisconsin. He has a degree in chemistry and by trade, is a quality control chemist. Growing up, Omar always loved all kinds of plants and had a particular interest in growing fruits and vegetables.

He found that growing the plants that he had cultivated in the Midwest was somewhat difficult in Miami, so his

interest switched to sub-tropical. He became friendly with David McLean, the late native plant horticulturist from Broward, who introduced him to orchids – vanilla, stanhopea and other species. As Omar’s interest in orchids grew, he amassed a wealth of knowledge going to shows, attending meetings and learning as much as he could from local growers. He took a trip to visit his sister in California and

extended his travels to Hawaii to meet with Sheldon Takasaki from Carmela Orchids. Omar also volunteered at Bonnet House and has developed an interest in flasking.

Currently, Omar is focusing on Brazilian Cattleyas and orchids of Central America. He is a valued member of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and is eager to share his orchid expertise with all of us.

– JILL SMITH

Get ready to Ramble in the Redlands

Our popular orchid Ramble returns, so get those credit cards ready.

Take a day trip in a luxury coach to visit several Redlands orchid growers in Homestead with your affable host, Captain Allen Cogar.

The fun begins at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, leaving from Christ Lutheran Church, 1955 E. Oakland Park Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. Tickets are \$35 at FLOS.org. Space is limited.

The itinerary includes Quest Orchids, Soroa Orchids and R.F. Orchids with a surprise last stop. There will be discounts on plants and raffle prizes, too.

WHAT TO BRING: Pack a boxed lunch.



We will picnic on the beautiful grounds at R.F. Orchids, pictured. Bottled water will be provided. Also, bring a box or crate with your name printed clearly for your precious purchases.

For more information, contact Allen Cogar at 954-553-1351 or tacogar@gmail.com.

– DOREEN CHRISTENSEN
Newsletter Editor

President’s Message

Once again, it was standing room only at our March meeting with over 90 smiling faces.



April brings us many events to augment our orchid collection and offers many learning opportunities.

Flamingo Gardens “Beauty of

Orchids” runs through May 8. A number of FLOS members are scheduled to speak (see Page 3). Be sure to stop by and admire our society tree we spruced up with six specimen-sized *C. skinneri* donated by R F Orchids. Get more info at FlamingoGardens.org.

Also, the historic Bonnet House in Fort Lauderdale will host its annual Orchid Show on April 2-3, so stop by the FLOS membership table to say hi.

Last, the AOS Centennial is April 6-9 in Coral Gables. Register for the April 9 speaker session featuring: Roger L. Hammer, Ph.D., “The Native and Naturalized Orchids of Florida;” Dennis F. Whigham, Ph.D., “Ecological Principles and Orchid Conservation – The North American Orchid Conservation Center Model;” Lawrence (Larry) W. Zettler, Ph.D., “Orchids on the Edge: Conservation in a Changing World;” Michael Tibbs, Rwanda Orchids Conservation, “The Challenge of Conserving Slipper Orchids Around the World Using a Circa Situm Strategy.”

Happy orchiding.

– JOAN CONNORS

Being mindful of weather

Weather and seasons impact your orchid care. Here are a few notes:

WATER: Watering needs vary tremendously based on humidity, intensity of light, length of day and temperatures. Typically, the longer the days, the higher the light and temperatures, the more you need to increase your watering schedule. Higher humidity reduces the need for water.



In the winter when temperatures are lower and the days are short, orchids need a lot less water. Yet the humidity will typically be lower, too. So, you may want to mist rather than water some orchids that need a dry rest in order to avoid desiccation if humidity is really low. When the weather forecast calls for cold nights below 55 degrees, I keep my orchids dry a few days ahead of time, as moist medium on a cold night can wreak havoc with rot, disease, etc. It is always best to avoid having wet leaves at night (year-round) as they can develop pathogens but it is particularly true if the night is cold.

WIND: Wind desiccates plants. Sustained strong winds for days may require you to increase watering to compensate for faster dry out times. If strong winds occur during cold weather, be careful that your plants are dry before sunset, though. Mounted plants should be watered a lot more if exposed to winds as they will dry out super fast. Here, a northwest wind is the worst as it comes down the peninsula and is drier than any other wind which goes over water and picks up humidity. These winds in winter could hurt your collection if those winds are sustained, especially at night. You may want to protect your plants in such instances. The desiccation from such winds is ruthless.

FERTILIZING: Fertilizing needs are highest during the peak growth season, which is typically summer for most orchids. Dormant orchids do not need any fertilizer.

LIGHT: If your plant does not bloom but is otherwise healthy, chances are you need to increase the light level. It's best to do so over winter, otherwise add gradually as you don't want to expose an orchid to a sudden dramatic increase of light, especially direct sunlight. The sun is much harsher in the summer than in the winter. Also, the height of the sun in the sky changes year round and plants that are in the shade in December might be fully exposed to the sun in July. You want to keep an eye on that and move plants around if needed to protect them from sunburn.

Olivier Turina became a FLOS member in 2014 and a board member in 2020. Send your growing questions to OlivierFTL@gmail.com.



Dendrobium hercoglossum is a species that needs a dry rest. Like all *Dendrobiums* it is a heavy feeder during growing season but requires no fertilizing when dormant.



Claire's quick tip: Triage for distressed orchids

When the survival of any of our orchids is at risk, special efforts may be worthwhile. Desiccation or exposure to temperature extremes during shipping can doom new arrivals from the start. Poor cultural practices such as incorrect light and water, or failure to get insect pests and fungal diseases under control can stress our orchids to the point where they cannot thrive. Repotting, dividing or mounting can also set our orchids back.

Two good products to have in your toolkit to counteract stress are Superthrive and a root stimulant such as DynaGro's KLN. Both are available wherever you buy orchid supplies. They can be used separately but are compatible and even more effective when combined. Superthrive is a highly concentrated plant growth stimulant consisting of 50 different vitamins (including B1), hormones and kelp. A little bit goes a long way: Add just 4 drops per quart of water (¼ teaspoon per gallon). KLN is a root stimulating solution containing Indole-3-butyric acid (IBA) and 1-Naphthaleneacetic acid (NAA). Add ¼ teaspoon per quart of water (1 teaspoon per gallon).

For stressed or newly repotted orchids, spray this combo on leaves and roots. Leftover product can be used on other orchids or plants that could use a little TLC. Do this twice weekly until you are satisfied with improvements. For serious issues soak in a solution of these products first. The bare root cattleya division pictured above arrived with shriveled buds and blotches from desiccation and temperature extremes. Soaking for 6 hours revived it.

To avoid spreading any possible viruses, pests and diseases, do not re-use the bath for other orchids. Dispose of it instead on garden plants. KLN concentrate has a short shelf life, so storage in the refrigerator will extend potency.

Claire Garrett has been a FLOS member since 2011 and has received one FCC (91 points) and three CCM awards from the AOS. Send questions to clairegarr@aol.com.

Welcome wagon

Please join in welcoming our new members:

Ana Collins
Melana Davidson
Jim Davison
Kevin Gale
Jeffrey Koker

Anja Hessert
Bruce Schattenburg
Mary Lee
Regina Roszkowski
Denise Yoezle

— **LUANNE BETZ,**
Membership Chair

Keiki Club news: All about vandas

On March 19, 30 Keikis gathered at Sara Singer's beautiful pool deck, patio and orchid growing environment for a totally new experience.

Two of FLOS's distinguished, long-time, members treated us to dual presentations and everyone agreed it was one of the best meetings ever!

Allen Cogar, former FLOS President, brought a couple of vandas for "show and tell" and then he gave a terrific presentation on how to create an irrigation system.

Since vandas require so much hydration, this information was invaluable. Allen brought an array of fittings, hoses, pipes, connectors and a timer to show us how it all goes together so you can "do it yourself." Since most everyone grows vandas, Allen answered a host of questions and provided practical information about culture, light, pest control and fertilizing.

After a break for a donut, there was a raffle of all sorts of orchid growing paraphernalia donated by Shari Wiedenbaum (a former FLOS member who has downsized). This included pots, fertilizers, fungicides and lots of garden tools and everyone walked away with something.

Then former FLOS board member Craig Barry gave a demonstration on how to create hooks for hanging vandas. He took one of Sara's ascocendas and showed how to properly trim the bottom below the leaves to make a stem that perfectly fit the hook he had made from light-gauge wire (used for hanging ceiling tiles), using a pvc pipe and vise grips.

Keikis departed with heads full of information and visions of beautifully blooming vandas hanging on perfect hooks being watered by their newly created irrigation systems. We bet they all made a stop at Home Depot on their way home! Thank you, Sara, for being such a gracious hostess and providing a perfect venue for our meeting. Also, thank you Vicki Hallock for helping out and adding support. Special thanks, too, to all

those who contributed refreshments, and, of course, our thanks and appreciation go out to both Allen and Craig for joining us and providing everyone with expert tips.

NEXT MEETING: Join us on April 23 at John Budree's house. John is an expert orchid grower and he will be sharing his extensive knowledge on potting, fertilizing and pest control. We will follow up with an email with more details.

Email questions to Jill at jsmith8146@comcast.net, Rick at willbell@aol.com or Karen at ispo3008@gmail.com.

– **JILL SMITH, RICK BELLAS, KAREN FLEISHER**
Keiki Club Chairs

March Ribbon Awards

Orchid	Grower	Ribbon
Bc. Sunset Glory	Rick Bellas	Blue
Bcn. Aka's Aloha	Chris Crepage	Blue
<i>Bulb. lasiochilum</i>	Sara Singer	Blue
Ctna. Why Not	Deb Johnson	Blue
Cym. Geno's Gem	Sara Singer	Blue
Den. Kumilo Dream	Chris Crepage	Blue
Den. Royal Chip	Maribel Beas	Blue
<i>Dendrobium lindleyi</i>	Olivier Turina	Blue
<i>Guar. skinnerii</i> 'Nita'	Allen Cogar	Blue
Lnt. Dulatiaca 'Lava Flow'	Olivier Turina	Blue
<i>Maxillaria variabilis</i>	Jill Smith	Blue
Onc. Twinkle	Mary Jo Frick	Blue
Paph. Saint Swithin	Genroy James	Blue
Phal. Yin Shin	Zoe Bejar	Blue
<i>Pholidota chinensis</i>	Francisco/Paul	Blue
<i>Renanthera monachica</i>	Paul/Francisco	Blue
Rth. My Orange *	Deb Johnson	Blue
Bc. Morning Song x C. Mossiae	Claire Garrett	Culture
<i>C. aurantiaca</i>	Claire Garrett	Culture
<i>Dendrobium keithii</i>	Vicki Hallock	Culture
Phal. Smiley Tangerine AM/AOS	Olivier Turina	Culture
<i>Trigonidium egertonianum</i>	Zoe Bejar	Culture
Yamadaara Redland Sunset	Claire Garrett	Culture
<i>Dendrobium farmeri</i>	Debbie Alley	Red
<i>Dendrobium lindleyi</i>	Paul/Francisco	Red
<i>Dendrobium lindleyi</i>	Zoe Bejar	Red
Paph. Ho chi Minh	Elly Meisler	Red
Pot. Love Passion	Jill Smith	Red
Sle. Fairyland 'NN'	Sue Mitchell	Red

(*) Denotes Registered Hybrid



Bc. Sunset Glory
Rick Bellas



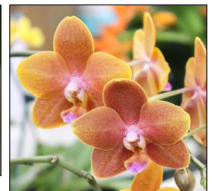
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Claire Garrett



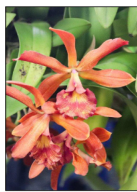
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Vicki Hallock



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Francisco & Paul



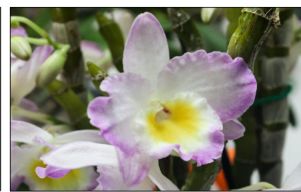
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Olivier Turina



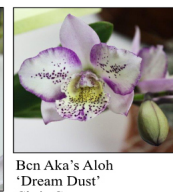
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Den. lindleyi
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Den. Kumilo Dream 'Lady Smile'
Chris Crepage



Ben Aka's Aloha
'Dream Dust'
Chris Crepage



Sle. Fairyland 'NN'
Sue Mitchell

Flamingo Gardens orchid classes

FLOS members presenting at Beauty of Orchids. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

April 2 at 10 a.m.: "Ten Orchids You Need to Own 2022." Carol Holdren shares her list of orchids that grow easily in South Florida with culture tips.

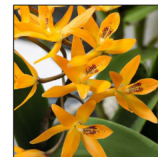
2 p.m. April 3: "Making the Most of Your Orchid Collection." Judy Bailey explores how to achieve more in less time and have happier, more beautiful plants/

10 a.m. April 9: "What's in a Label: Orchid Nomenclature." Rich Ackerman explains how orchids are named and how to figure out what a tag is telling you.

2 p.m. April 10: "Mounting Orchids: Why and How?" Olivier Turina on the pros and cons of mounting orchids and best practices.

2 p.m. April 24: "Organic Orchid Growing Tips and Tricks." Judy Bailey discusses how to grow vigorous and beautiful orchids organically.

10 a.m. April 30th: "Orchid Growing and Care From Basic Tips to Advanced Growing Techniques." Mac Rivenbark teaches beginner and advanced techniques.



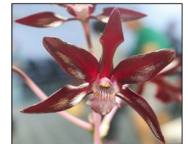
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Allen Cogar



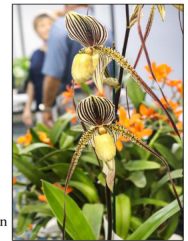
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