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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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President's message: Natives gone wild

Our Million Orchid Project is wildly successful this year, thanks to our Conservation Committee led by Sue Mitchell-Greig and Allen Cogar. By the end of this planting season, more than 70



volunteers will have installed more than 2,500 native orchids in Broward County. Currently, four installations are completed, with several more scheduled this month. Sue has worked tirelessly on this project. What a fantastic

achievement! It's not too late to volunteer for the remaining projects. Contact Sue at smg05kw@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, we are building on our mission of promoting orchid education. I am pleased to announce the formation of the Education Committee, which will be chaired by Gerritt Stryker. Our first project will be with Kids in Distress (KID) to facilitate the restoration of their greenhouse.

In October, for the first time since 2019, our annual auction will be held in person at the church. The auction is always a fun and lively night and supports our society. I hope as you have been repotting your orchids this spring and summer, you have a few divisions to donate. See Claire Garrett's article on Page 3 for tips.

Show canceled

Regretfully, the Board of Trustees has canceled the 2023 show because the War Memorial Auditorium renovations will not be finished in time. The good news: The venue will be ready for a spectacular show in January of 2024.

– **VICKI HALLOCK**
President



Sue Mitchell-Greig and Les Corbin, left, at Richardson Park; Luanne Betz, led several plantings in Coral Spings.

Volunteers, top, installed hundreds of orchids in Wilton Manors.



Gerritt Stryker led an installation at the Museum of Discovery and Science in Fort Lauderdale.

Cattleyas take center stage

Cattleyas are Segundo Cuesta's passion.

The long-time Miami grower, who owns Quest Orchids with his wife Yolanda, will present "Growing Cattleyas in South Florida" at our monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 8. His program will cover culture, disease and pest control of the beloved plants.

Segundo started collecting orchids after graduating from Florida International University in 1980, and hybridizing orchids in 1984. His goal was to make new crosses of compact cattleyas with art-shade tones which feature strikingly vibrant color combinations with contrasting lips. Segundo and Yolanda founded Quest Orchids in 1994.

While they specialize in Cattleyas, the couple also grow many orchid species, including Vandas, in their 50,000-square-foot greenhouse. Visit Quest at 12110 SW 43 Street in Miami off Turnpike exit 23. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays; QuestOrchids.net.

– **DOREEN CHRISTENSEN**
Newsletter Editor

New roster is hot off the press

Our annual member directory will be available for pickup at the front desk during the August meeting. Remaining rosters will be mailed.

Growing Orchids With Olivier

Sections and subgroups of common genera



When you buy or consider buying an orchid and you are not sure about basic care (light, water, winter rest, temperatures, etc.), it is useful to understand which subgroup, if any, within their genus plants belong to. I will describe what I consider to be the most important subgroup for some of our most common genera.

Most genera have sections and subsections, but while they are very relevant in the *Dendrobium* genus to understand care, they may not be so relevant for other genera.

Dendrobium: This is one of the two largest genera in the orchid family, the other one being *Bulbophyllum*. Those orchids have varied needs as they grow everywhere in Asia and Australia. There are dozens of different sections and knowing which section a plant belongs to will tell you a lot about how to care for it.

The website OrchidSpecies.com is usually a good source to find out which section your *Dendrobium* belongs to.

A good example is the *Callista* section with *Den. lindleyi* (syn. *aggregatum*). All plants belonging to this section need moderate light and an extensive rest in winter. They also are evergreen (many *Dendrobiums* are deciduous).

Another popular section is *Spatulata* (better known as Antelope *dendrobiums*). They need very high light and water year-round with no rest.

So, plants from these two sections have vastly different needs. *Dendrobium* sections are reasonably well defined and this is a good approach to understanding your plant's needs.

Cattleyas: More important in *Cattleyas* is to know whether you are dealing with a unifoliate (one leaf) or bifoliate (two or three leaves). The types of flowers are very different, while care is similar, except when it comes to repotting and rest.

Unifoliate *Cattleyas* usually, but not always, have large flowers with frilly edges and a thin texture. There are a few flowers per spike. They are easier to grow than bifoliate as they are less finicky about repotting timing.

Bifoliate *Cattleyas* have smaller flowers, but a lot more of them; they are usually fairly waxy with heavy texture and saturated colors. It is critical to repot a bifoliate *Cattleya* species when it starts growing roots. Bad timing is usually fatal to the plant. Some bifoliate *Cattleyas* need a rest and others do not.

Phalaenopsis: Most need similar care but a small group are colder growers. The vast majority though will grow well in South Florida as they are warm growers.

While the *Phalaenopsis* genus has well defined sections and getting to know them has value to improving care, the most important *basic* distinction to remember in this genus is between the large *Phal* plants with (usually) large flowers and long spikes and smaller plants with small flowers and usually small, few-flowered spikes. The large *Phals* bloom in the spring as their bloom is triggered by colder nights during fall and winter. Small *Phals* bloom in the summer as blooming is triggered by heat and long days.

Vandas: Focusing on sections is not important because they all need similar care. What matters most is to know which ones are colder growers (very few) and which ones are truly cold intolerant at night.

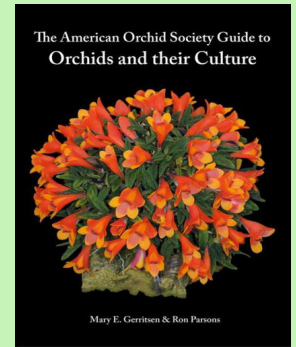
Catasetum: The beauty of this genus is that there is no need to differentiate care from one plant to another. For the most part, they all behave the same way. Critical here is to understand their growing cycle and respect it. Learn more by watching my Youtube videos by searching "[Orchid House – Fort Lauderdale, Florida.](#)"

Oncidiums: I don't believe sections in this genus are very well defined. Their classification is subject to much debate.

All *Oncidiums* need to get a clear wet and dry cycle and overwatering is a death sentence. Also, you need to research whether or not your *Oncidium* is a warm or hot grower. Understanding temperature requirements is critical in this genus as they vary vastly from species to species and many are in reality not suitable for South Florida.

Send growing questions to OlivierFTL@gmail.com.

Book of the month



"The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and Their Culture" by Mary Gerritsen and Ron Parsons

This is a must-read book for any orchid-growing novice as it covers all aspects of orchid culture.

As a FLOS member, you get to borrow any book from our beautiful Library and keep it up to two months. Stop by and see me during our monthly meetings!

– OLIVIER TURINA
Library Chair

Welcome wagon

Please join in welcoming our new members:

Christine Disbrow
Charlie Russell
Peggy Santiago
Hung Tran
Joanne Zaretski
John Zaretski
– SUE MITCHELL-GREIG
Membership Chair

FLOS Auction: The gift that keeps on giving

By Claire Garrett

Now is a good time to go through your orchid collection to identify plants to donate to the FLOS auction scheduled for the Oct. 10 meeting. The proceeds of the auction benefit our orchid society and donors benefit from getting some much-needed breathing room in their growing areas to make space for all the new acquisitions that they will surely bring home from auctions and upcoming orchid shows.

Many of us have duplicates from past divisions that we could share. Eventually we lose interest in some orchids and refocus our attention on other objects of orchid desire. Sometimes an orchid does not live up to expectations (thought it would be fragrant but it isn't, thought it would stay miniature but it got too big, thought you could



One-year old divisions of Yamadaara Queen Adelia 'Kiilani' ready for auction.

rebloom it but after trying for several years you have lost patience, etc.).

It may be too late to make new potted plants from divisions as there is insufficient time for them to get well enough established in containers before the auction. However, those orchids that thrive on mounts such as Brassavolas and

Dendrobiums could still be divided and mounted for the auction. Make a note of any of your orchids such as *Oncidium sphacelatum* (Dancing Lady) or *Vanilla planifolia*, that are best mounted directly on a tree, and plan to donate those divisions as bare root when the time comes for drop off.

Continue to practice monthly preventive pesticide and fungicide treatments so the orchids that you donate will all be pest and disease free. And please do not donate any of your orchids if you are not diligent about sterilizing your orchid cutting tools as they may have viruses and contaminate another collection. Be sure to attach a correct identification tag, and if possible, include details about the potting media, last repotting date and any growing tips which may help the new grower be successful.

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

Keiki Club news

Graduation, growing throwdown

The Keikis, new graduates and a group of board members and facilitators managed to keep cool at our July 16 meeting in the function room of Keiki Mama Jill Smith's condominium for a morning of education, fun and a little pomp and circumstance.

Forty FLOS members were treated to an outstanding presentation by Olivier Turina on how to read orchid tags. He made this somewhat tedious subject both interesting, lighthearted and, with his extensive knowledge, he clearly answered all the questions. Tag information is vital to orchid hobbyists so that we are able to carefully select orchids for our collections based on our growing conditions as well as our individual plant preferences.

Our graduates were on hand to receive their diplomas, a mini-Phal and nice photo-op. Those present were Carol Ammirati, Angie Bondarenko, Rosa Brouillet, Kay Gilbert, Charlotte Hartford, Gerritt Stryker, Tatyana Tchernov and Hadee Valor. Those unable to attend will receive their diplomas at our next general meeting: Debbie and Michael Alley, Gloria Easton, Pat Ellson and Timm and Pat Russo. Congratulations to all. Now that they have graduated, we will expect them get on our many committees and volunteer or maybe even host the Keikis (hint, hint).

After the presentation and ceremony, Keiki Co-Chair Karen Fleisher raffled off a flat of *Cattleya* seedlings from Ben Oliveras from Hawaii. She challenged the Keikis, offering a prize to the one who blooms the first orchid. This terrific growing throwdown was met with great enthusiasm. Thank you, Karen.



The 2022 graduating class, from left: Rosa Brouillet, Hadee Valor, Charlotte Hartford, Carol Ammirati, Gerritt Stryker, Kay Gilbert (front), Tatyana Tchernov and Angie Bondarenko.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a social visit with refreshments and mimosas.

Our next gathering will be hosted by Steve Bessellieu at the Bonnet House on Aug. 13 with Jose Exposito giving a presentation. Mark your calendars. It will be informative and also give you a chance to wander the lush grounds of this historic home near Fort Lauderdale beach.

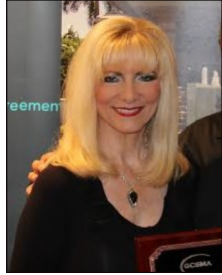
Email questions to jsmith8146@comcast.net.

**– JILL SMITH
Keiki Club Chair**

In memory of Janett McMillan

The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of lifetime member Janett McMillan, who

recently passed away.



Janett worked tirelessly over the years for FLOS, while serving as director of sales and marketing for ADT Security for 33 years. She was a four-time

president (1996-1999 and 2001), and was publicity and committee chair for our preview parties at our annual orchid shows. She also worked for the 19th World Orchid Congress held in Miami in 2008.

“Janett was not only beautiful but very smart and capable, but best of all a good and kind person and supportive friend. We will all miss her,” said Nora Dyke in Facebook tribute.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. Aug. 25 at First Presbyterian Church at 2331 NE 26 Ave., Pompano Beach. Please RSVP to Eileen Arbula at earbulu927@gmail.com.

Send condolences to her brothers: Chuck Schmiedlin, 132 Hawk Dr., Evans City, PA 16033 and Joe Schmiedlin, 254 Wagner Road, Evans City, PA 16033.

Remembering Greg Allikas

We also were also saddened to learn that Greg Allikas, a long-time American Orchid Society photographer at the West Palm Beach Judging Center, died unexpectedly in July.

Greg also regularly worked on the AOS website and “Orchids” magazine, said Ron McHatton, a director for the AOS.



We were honored to host esteemed guests from the American Orchid Society at our July meeting. Pictured from left: Vicki Hallock, FLOS president, Cheryl Erins, AOS vice president, Ron McHatton, chief education and science officer and editor of “Orchids” magazine, Jay Balchan, the new AOS president and Jill Smith, Keiki Club chair.

Webinars-Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>
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When	August Summer Break	Sept. 13, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	Sept. 19, 2022 8:30pm EDT Monday
Topic	Choose Your Topic From RECORDED WEBINARS	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum venustum</i> The Pauper Prince of the Himalayas
Presenter	Expert Growers, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, Conservationists and more	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Dr. Leslie Ee Accredited AOS Judge, President COC

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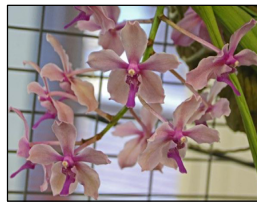
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July Ribbon Awards

Orchid	Grower	Ribbon
<i>B. Little Stars</i>	Zoe Bejar	Blue
<i>Bc. Saint André</i>	Laura Metrick	Blue
<i>C. Hausermann's Firewings 'Pegasus'</i>	Brian Boyle	Blue
<i>C. Summer Spot</i>	Zoe Bejar	Blue
<i>Cal. triplicata</i>	Zoe Bejar	Blue
<i>Ctsm. Annie Elsocht</i>	Olivier Turina	Blue
<i>Ctsm. denticulatum</i> x <i>Clo. Jumbo Lace</i>	Mercedes Gardner	Blue
<i>Ctsm. Erick Arce</i> * (<i>Ctsm. Karen Armstrong</i> x <i>Ctsm. tigrinum</i>)	Olivia Turowski	Blue
<i>Den. Enobi</i>	Jill Smith	Blue
<i>E. Jairak Arrow</i>	Anja Hessert	Blue
<i>Mokara Thailand 'Sunspots'</i>	Jill Smith	Blue
<i>Paraphalaenopsis laycockii</i> x <i>Van. Pine Rivers</i>	Olivier Turina	Blue
<i>Phal. Blue Ridge Watermelon</i>	Laura Metrick	Blue
<i>Ren. storiei</i>	Paul and Francisco	Blue
<i>Trichocentrum stayci</i>	Craig Barry	Blue
<i>V. falcata</i>	Omar Gonzalez	Blue
<i>Van. Ploenpit Prize</i>	Doreen Christensen	Blue
<i>B. Crazyarachno</i>	Anne Marie Miles	Cultural
<i>Bromecanthe Garnet Glory</i>	Zoe Bejar	Cultural
<i>Cirr. makoyanum</i>	Chris Crepage	Cultural
<i>Den. archipelagense</i> x <i>sib</i>	Claire Garrett	Cultural
<i>Den. Hibiki</i>	Sara Singer	Cultural
<i>Den. mimiense</i>	Zoe Bejar	Cultural
<i>E. cochleata</i>	Claire Garrett	Cultural
<i>Gram. scriptum</i> var. <i>citrinum</i>	Linda Dawkins	Cultural
<i>Phal. equestris</i> f. <i>cyanochila</i>	Olivier Turina	Cultural
<i>Recc. Francis Fox</i>	Jill Smith	Cultural
<i>Rlc. Hawaiian Wedding Song</i>	Jill Smith	Cultural
<i>B. cucullata</i> 'Yellow'	Claire Garrett	Red
<i>Brascidosteale Gilded Tower</i>	Haydee Valor	Red
<i>C. Hot Hsinying</i>	Luanne Betz	Red

*Denotes registered hybrid



Paraphalaenopsis laycockii
Olivier Turina



Renanthera storiei
Paul and Francisco



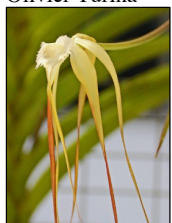
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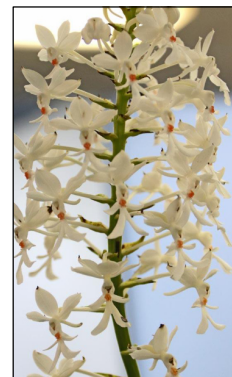
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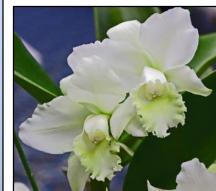
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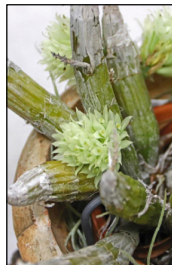
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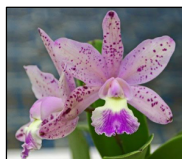
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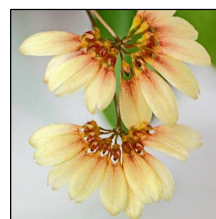
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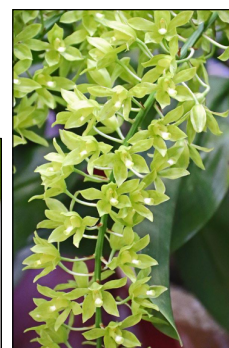
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Den. hibiki
Sara Singer



Cirr. makoyanum
Chris Crepage



Gram. scriptum var.
Citrinum
Linda Dawkins



Bromecanthe Garnet
Glory 'Juno Beach'
Zoe Bejar

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