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# Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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

### Thank you for a terrific show

I would like to thank all the volunteers and members that attended our January show "Orchids Rock!" As Michael Schaberl often says, "We can't do it without you." We came together and put on one helluva great show under very challenging circumstances as the omicron variant peaked in South Florida. We will not know if we were profitable until we get the numbers from the box office, so look for an update next month.



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Florida. We will not know if we were profitable until we get the numbers from the box office, so look for an update next month.

Our membership continues to grow. I would like to welcome 30 new members, listed on Page 5. Welcome packets will be distributed at this month's meeting at the church. Also, show volunteers, don't forget to come pick up your thank you orchids!

We do have some challenges with seating that we are trying to work out, but we will continue to meet in person with refreshments. Last month we had more than 60 attendees!

I would appreciate it if you please try to come early to help with set-up. Remember, if you bring in treats, you get a free raffle ticket. Just make sure food is individually wrapped.

Hope all your plants made it through the cold snap. Happy orchiding.  
- JOAN CONNORS

## Ten orchids you should own

February's speaker is Carol Holdren, a long-time orchid lover with a mission of supporting orchidists and orchid societies.

Like many orchid hobbyists, she started with a purple Vanda bought at a local garden show. That orchid led to several others as well as membership and participation in her local orchid society.

As her collection grew, she took a class in Orchidology at the University of Florida and joined the West Palm Beach Judging Center, becoming an accredited judge in 2003. Carol is a former American Orchid Society Trustee, vice chair of the West Palm Beach Judging Center, on the board



of Flamingo Gardens, and is a director of the International Orchid Foundation, found at Orchids.org. (Check out Roy Tokunaga's article on water quality.)

Carol has gathered information on 10 easy-to-grow orchids for South Florida. She will be sharing her findings in her presentation "Orchids You Should Own," giving growing information for both beginner and experienced growers at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 14.

As a special treat, many of the raffle plants will be those features in Carol's talk.

- VICKI HALLOCK  
Membership Chair

## Million Orchid Project update

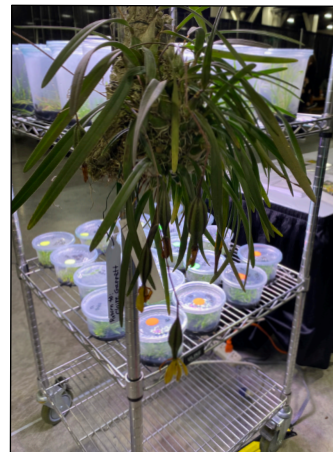
FLOS's Million Orchid Project committee set up a fantastic information booth at our recent orchid show to help educate the public about our important conservation efforts.

Many thanks to Paul Gumos for providing his amazing plants with a complete lab set up to help attendees see how native orchids are grown from seed. Also, special thanks to Allen Cogar for many hours spent talking to prospective partners, and to Luanne Betz for creating information sheets.

Also, a great big thanks to Claire Garrett for loaning us beautiful examples of native Encyclia

Tampensis, below, and Oncidium Ensatum.

The booth featured a slideshow of



FLOS's many MOP installations. So far, more than 6,000 native orchids have been installed in our community, with many more to come.

If you are interested in joining the committee, or know of a group that would like to become a partner, please contact Sue Mitchell-Greig at [smg05kw@gmail.com](mailto:smg05kw@gmail.com) or Allen Cogar at

[tacogar@gmail.com](mailto:tacogar@gmail.com).

- SUE MITCHELL-GREIG  
MOP Co-Chair

# New growth or new spike?

It can be exciting to notice new growth on your orchids, but then you wonder: Is this a flower or a new bulb? Also, some orchids will rebloom for years on the



same spike (or cane), while others never do. What follows is a general description of where flower buds emerge on some genera.

In the *Cattleya* alliance, practically all plants bloom from the top of a recently matured bulb. Also, only new *Cattleya* bulbs bloom and grow roots (old ones never do). So, if you spot a new growth at the base of an older bulb, it is always a new bulb, not a flower.

There are two notable exceptions:

*Epidendrum stamfordianum* (*Epidendrum*s are members of the *Cattleya* alliance) which grows a spike at the base of a recently mature bulb. Also, *Cattleya walkeriana* can grow a spike from both the rhizome (base of the orchid) or the top of a new bulb. For these two species, you may have to wait a bit to figure out if a new growth is a flower or a bulb.

In the *Phalaenopsis* alliance, spikes usually grow at the base of the plant. Some *Phalaenopsis* species with small flowers (and hybrids made with them) will have spikes that can rebloom for many years as long as they stay green. So don't cut those green spikes that have shed all their flowers! *Phalaenopsis* with large flowers, typically found in home improvement stores, can be induced to rebloom from a spent spike by cutting it down to the bottom 2 or 3 nodes (slightly above that node) but the rebloom is not guaranteed and more importantly, the presentation is rarely pleasing as the new spike is often at an odd angle. Also, you may get fewer flowers.

The "standard looking" *Vanda* plants (*Vanda*, *Aerides*, *Renanthera*) grow spikes in between leaves. A new spike will always grow higher up the trunk than previous spikes. They may or may not skip a leaf. In my experience those that bloom often (usually hybrids) may use almost all available spaces to bloom but for most *Vandas*, you will notice

some leaves are skipped. The *Vanda* alliance is a large and disparate group and some, such as *Angraecoids* or plants with terete leaves, may behave differently, though.

In the *Dendrobium* alliance, the majority of the orchids have "canes" (thin, long bulbs) that are often pendant. Spikes or flowers usually grow right on the canes, often anywhere. Some species may rebloom for years on old canes while others will have canes that only bloom once. Some will bloom on leafless canes while others bloom on canes with leaves and some may do both! Don't do what I did. My first *Dendrobium* was supposed to bloom on leafless canes from the previous growing season. After seeing my bare canes the first year, I promptly cut them off only to learn that I would now have to wait two long years to see flowers!

Anything that has to do with *Dendrobium*s requires research as it is such a disparate and very large group of orchids.

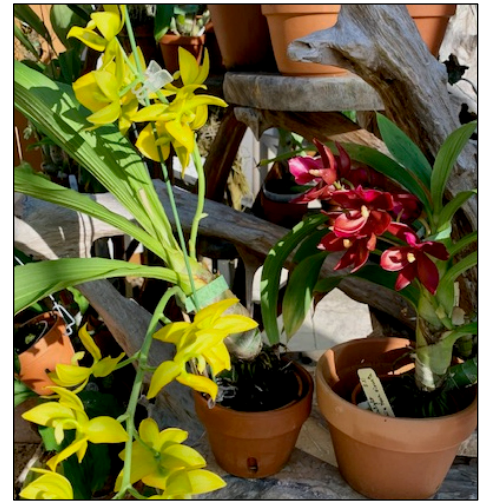
The *Callista* section with the very popular *Den. aggregatum* e.g. has bulbs rather than canes and spikes grow below the leaves on the bulbs. Old bulbs can rebloom.

The *Latouria* section, which has many popular hybrids like Little Green Apples or Little Atro, will grow long slender canes but the spikes always emerge above the leaves (or just below the leaves) which are on the very top of the bulb. They can rebloom for many years.

In the *Oncidium* alliance, flower spikes usually start at the base of the bulb, often hidden in a sheath or leaf. *Oncidium*s have many species whose spikes branch out profusely. That is typical for this genus: small flowers but plenty of them, like fireworks.

In the *Catasetum* alliance, there are two different groups. *Catasetum*s and *Clowesias* will grow flower spikes at the base of the bulb, while *Cynoches* and *Mormodes* grow spikes higher up on the bulb.

Most genera in the *Stanhopea* alliance grow their spikes from the bottom of the plant and must therefore be grown in



**Cynodes Jumbo Puff, left, and Wine Delight grow their spikes higher up on the bulb, not at the base.**



**Two spikes grow at the base of an *Epidendrum stamfordianum*, which is difficult to distinguish between a bulb or spike.**

open baskets or else flowers will die. With *Stanhopeas*, it is often not immediately clear if new growth is a bulb or a flower. *Gongoras* are an exception in this alliance as they grow spikes at the base of a bulb rather than below.

Orchids with terete leaves (pencil-looking leaves) will grow spikes at the base of the leaves. The most common ones are *Trichocentrum*s in the *Oncidium* alliance and *Seidenfadenia* and *Paraphalaenopsis* in the *Vanda* alliance.

*Olivier Turina became a FLOS member in 2014. Send growing questions to OlivierFTL@gmail.com.*

# 'Orchids Rock!' show and sale

## Thousands of colorful blooms fill convention center

What pandemic?

FLOS successfully staged "Orchids Rock!," its popular annual orchid show, after a one year absence. While many events were canceled as the omicron variant ripped through South Florida, nearly 30 vendors filled the Broward County Convention Center with beautiful blooms.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the show a success, but especially to event chair Michael Schaberl!

Photos by Ginny Salus and Doreen Christensen

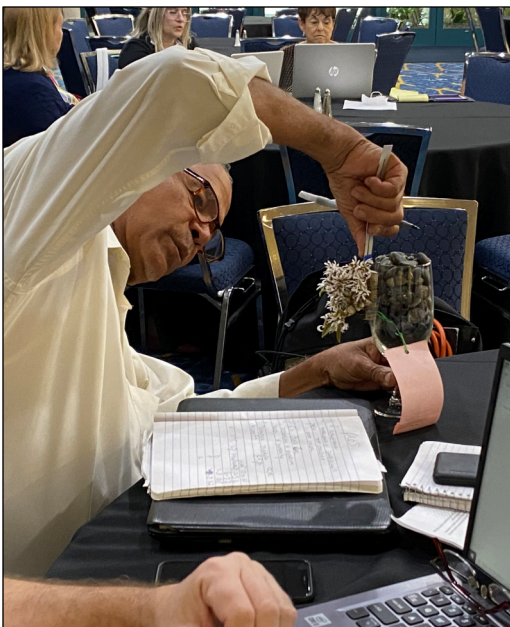


Vicki Hallock jammed in the photo booth at the well-attended Preview Party.

Michael Schaberl, below left, and Craig Barry on a well-deserved break before judging began.



Claire Garrett took home a slew of ribbons and prize money for her *Rhynchostylis gigantea*. AOS judge Tony Millett, below, measures Claire's *Dendrobium peguanum*.



Soroa Orchids took the first place AOS award for its table-top display, along with a ribbon for Best Oncidiinae.



Allen Cogar, above, manning the Million Orchid Project booth. Vicki Hallock's tiny orchid entry, at right. Zoe Bejar, below, was busy supplying ribbons during AOS judging.



John Wrench, above, and Steven Herman created the rockin' photo booth. Mac's Orchids' Helen and Mac Rivenbark, below, work on their their display.



Roby Tannenbaum's award-winning *Dendrochilum cobbianum*, above.



Olivia and Steve Turkowski, left, help with the Keiki welcome display.



# Keiki Club news

## An award-winning display

Congratulations are in order for Keikis who so eagerly participated in creating the stunning welcome display for our January “Orchids Rock!” show.

About 15 new members – known as Keikis – came out early on Wednesday before the show kicked off to work on the display at the entrance of the convention center hall. They brought beautiful orchids as well as other materials to enhance the exhibit. Many stayed until the end of the day to make sure everything was just perfect.

Their efforts were rewarded with two blue ribbons and a third ribbon for artistic merit.

“We like this because it carries the theme of the show right to the public,” said Robert Fuch, the American Orchid Society president and one of several AOS judges who attended the all-day judging on Thursday. “This is one of the best ones I’ve seen [by the Keikis].”

All the judges were impressed with their work and best of all, everyone made great friends and enjoyed learning how to build a display. Great job, everyone! Special thanks to FLOS members who contributed plants for the display.

**FEB. 19 MEETING:** Our next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Scott Peplin. This is a Keiki meeting you don’t want to miss! Scott is a lively presenter, and you will most certainly enjoy seeing his orchid collection and orchid environments. You will walk away with great information,



**Mary Jo Frick, left, and Katia Sanchez helped build the welcome display which won three ribbons.**

so mark your calendars and look for the email that will be sent out soon with more details.

See you there!

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

## Check It Out!

### Our new, improved library

Our library is back up and running. A list of our world-class collection of books on orchids is available on [FLOS.org/library](http://FLOS.org/library).

While on the website, you can also access it in the menu “activities” and then select “library”.

For your convenience we also have grouped some books according to certain themes:

- Books for beginners (found under “Beginners”)
- Orchids from a certain geographic area, Orchids from a specific

genus or alliance (“Genera specific”)

- Reference Books (“Reference books”)
- Pest and Diseases, Encyclopedia

If you wish to borrow a book, see Olivier Turina at the monthly meeting. You may keep the book for up to 2 months then return it at the following meeting.

This is one of MANY perks of being a FLOS member and we have some pretty good books for you!

**– OLIVIER TURINA,  
Library committee**

## Welcome wagon

### Bumper crop of new members

Please join in welcoming our new members:

**Melanie Acton  
Barbara Johnson  
Kenneth Salzsieder  
Richard Aronson  
Ashok Verma  
Glenda Ward  
Gary Fretz Lynn  
Dee Rotharmel  
Susanna Dohn  
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**– LUANNE BETZ,  
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