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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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May speaker: 'Orchid Survival Guide'

Jose Esposito of Soroa Orchids in Homestead will present his "Orchid Survival Guide" at 7:30 p.m. May 9. Members will learn basic growing information with emphasis on water, light, air, and fertilizing with tips on repotting and pest control. There will be a short Q&A session at the end.



Malaysia.

He is a past board member of the South Florida Orchid Society, past president of the East Everglades Orchid Society and the Coalition for Orchid Species. He also is the Orchid Curator at the Bonnet House in Ft. Lauderdale.

Jose, who founded Soroa in 1985, was born in Cuba and emigrated to America during the 1980 Mariel Boat Lift.

He is a well-known grower who has won numerous awards for his Phalaenopsis breeding program. He is a senior judge of the American Orchid Society, as well as a world lecturer who has given presentations at the World Orchid Conference in Brazil and

Soroa Orchids, at 25750 SW 177th Ave. in Homestead, is a wonderful grower to visit. The front entryway is full of American Orchid Society Award plaques, so you're in for a treat if you are signed up for our Redland Ramble in June as you'll get to wander among Soroa's 5 acres of gardens and greenhouses.

— VICKI HALLOCK,
Program Chair

President's message: Bring in those goodies

Once again, we had record attendance at our April meeting. Our long-time member Omar Gonzalez gave an informative presentation on 20 orchids you should grow, that also were on the raffle table.



With so many people coming to the meetings, our kitchen staff tells me we are in dire need of food and drink donations. We've had big crowds over the last few months, and they have gobbled up all our yummy goodies! What a wonderful problem to have. Please help us restore our reserves by bringing in prepackaged

food items and canned beverages that can be stored for upcoming meetings. Also, feel free to bring in unpackaged food and treats for our May 9 meeting. Those who donate get a free raffle ticket.

This will be my last message to you as my term as president ends in May. It has been my honor once again to serve as president of our great society. I will now turn my attention to our important conservation efforts with the Million Orchid Project. We are having our first planting in June and will need volunteers, so please sign up to help us restore native orchids in South Florida.

Happy orchiding!

— JOAN CONNORS

Conservation Committee news: Plantings begin

We are excited to announce that our 2022 planting season of the Million Orchid Project will kick off on June 10 at Red Lichen Sanctuary, 8095 Wiles Road in Coral Springs.

We will try a novel planting technique for the *Encyclia tampensis*, pictured at bottom, using burlap squares to help retain moisture and protect tender roots until plants attach to trees.

If you would like to assist with the installation, please RSVP to Sue at smg05kw@gmail.com. Ladder climbers are especially needed.

We are trying for an 8 a.m. start, but will confirm the time as we get closer to the event.

— SUE MITCHELL-GREIG
Conservation Committee Chair



The scrambling beauty of Renanthera

One of the very first orchids to make me fall from my chair was a *Renanthera* with its explosion of scarlet red branching spikes covered in blooms. What a sight!



Renantheras are Vandaceous orchids which means they belong to the Vanda Alliance. They are monopodial, which means they grow upward from a single stem, contrary to sympodial orchids (such as *Cattleyas*) which grow new bulbs from the base of another bulb or rhizome and form a clump (the majority of orchids).

Renanthera is a small genus of approximately 20 spectacular species from Asia. They grow mostly like *Vandas*, which means they typically need a lot of light or full sun, daily watering and plenty of fertilization. They tend to be unruly growers and have aggressive roots (not all though).

There are two types:

Tall *Renantheras*

There are three main species:

- *Ren. coccinea* is a huge and spectacular plant, often too large for many collections. It needs full sun or will not flower. It is a popular plant used in hybrids.
- *Ren. philippinensis*, pictured at right, is a more compact plant which makes it more manageable. The flowers are smaller, but it is very floriferous, the most of any *Renanthera*. It needs high light, but not full sun. It goes through semi dormancy in winter when watering can be reduced. Mine stops growing roots for 2-3 months after flowering.
- *Ren. storiei* is the opposite of *philippinensis*: It is a very large plant, has fewer large flowers and needs monsoon rains year-round.

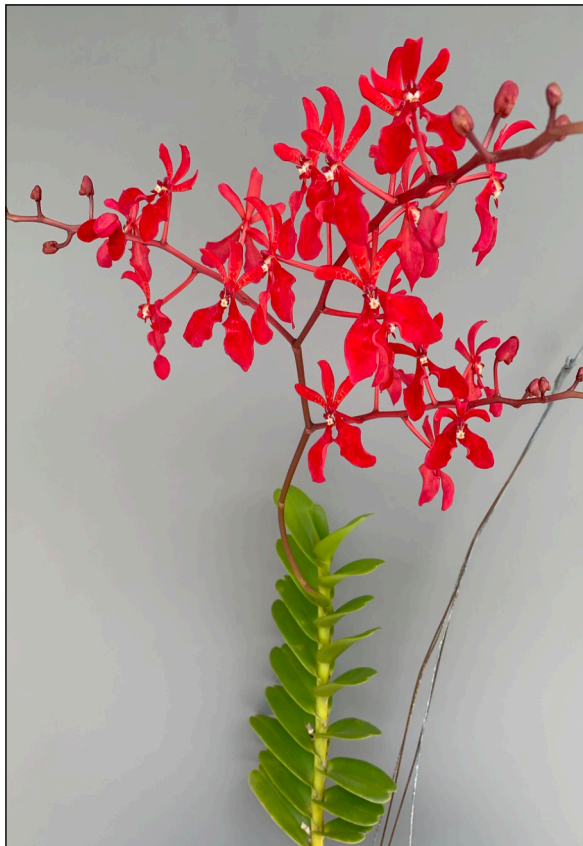
All three species are cold sensitive. I bring mine inside if temps drop below 55 degrees.

These plants are all magnificent, but their size can be an

issue and they are not always easy to bloom. If you have no blooms, increase the light but also be patient: they sometimes need to top off their mount to start blooming. So, while I am all in favor of growing species, in this case, a primary hybrid or hybrid is probably a better choice for a novice grower as they are likely going to be less finicky.

Short *Renantheras*

These don't need direct sunlight but still need a lot of it! Among these you will find *Ren. monachica* and *Ren. citrina* which are beautiful and of small size.



Ren. imshootiana is also a small plant, but needs colder weather (the only one in this group).

Hybrids

Among the larger plants, *Ren. Kalsom* is a popular primary hybrid (*philippinensis* x *storiei*) because it gets the best of both parents. *Philippinensis* makes it more compact and very floriferous, while *storiei* gives it large flowers.

If you have limited space: Hybrids mixing tall and short *Renantheras* will give you great plants in more manageable sizes. Plants that include *imshootiana* should also be more cold tolerant.

Ren. Brookie Chandler (*R. storiei* x *Ren. monachica*) is a great pick, too.

Watch it

If you would like more growing tips, take a look at my [YouTube.com channel "Orchid House - Fort Lauderdale, Florida."](#) The educational videos are set in my growing area and give practical tips on how to care for a specific orchid or genus. It has more than 62,000 views and a thousand subscribers. Go to YouTube.com and search for Orchid House Fort Lauderdale.

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

April Ribbon Awards

Orchid	Grower	Ribbon
<i>Paraphadenia (Pdn.)</i> Juraj Kojs	Claire Garrett	Blue
<i>Bc. Adrienne</i> Arsht	Claire Garrett	Blue
<i>Den. Thomas</i> Warne	Les Corbin	Blue
<i>Den. Memoria</i> Dean Antonmarchi*	Les Corbin	Blue
<i>E. cordigera</i>	D. Dugan	Blue
<i>Maxillariella (Mxl.)</i> Maui Coconut	Linda Dawkins	Blue
<i>Enanthleya (Eny.)</i> Bob Gasko	Olivier Turina	Blue
<i>Phal. Teoh Tee</i> Teong*	Laura Metrick	Blue
<i>Den. thyrsoflorum</i>	Laura Metrick	Blue
<i>C. Dessee</i> Charles	Roderick Lewis	Blue
<i>Paraphadenia (Pdn.)</i> Juraj Kojs	Olivier Turina	Culture
<i>Den. cretaceum</i>	Gerritt Stryker	Culture
<i>Renanetia(Rnet.)</i> Sunrise	Claire Garrett	Culture
<i>Den. calamiforme</i>	Claire Garrett	Culture
<i>Eulophia petersii</i>	Zoe Bejar	Culture
<i>Grammatophyllum (Gram.) scriptum</i>	Francisco & Paul	Culture
<i>Ascocentrum garayi</i>	Claire Garrett	Culture
<i>Microterangis hariotiana</i>	Claire Garrett	Culture
<i>Den. farmeri</i>	Pat Ellson	Culture
<i>Brassia rex</i>	Francisco & Paul	Culture
<i>Enanthleya(Eny.)</i> Golden Sunburst	Roderick Lewis	Culture
<i>Phal. tetraspis</i>	Olivier Turina	Culture
<i>Cyrtopodium punctatum</i>	Vicki Hallock	Culture
<i>Den. aphyllum</i>	Norma Jeanne Flack	Red
<i>Den. farmeri</i>	Les Corbin	Red
<i>Onc. ampliatus</i>	Francisco & Paul	Red

*Denotes registered hybrid



Den. Thomas Warne
Les Corbin



Bc. Adrienne Arsht
Claire Garrett



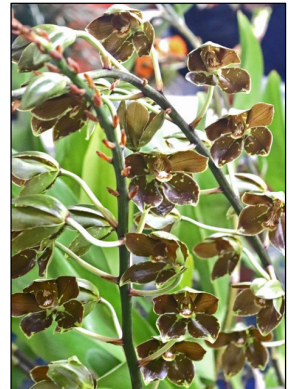
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Francisco & Paul



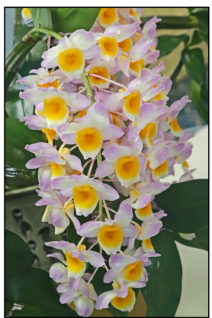
Phal. Teoh Tee Teong
Laura Metrick



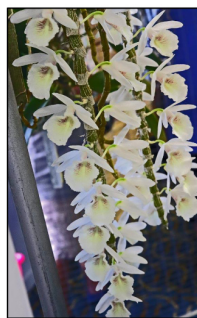
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Les Corbin



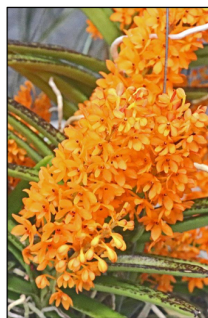
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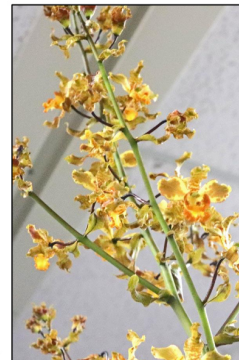
Cattleya Dessee Charles
Roderick Lewis



Eny. Golden Sunburst
Roderick Lewis



Eny Bob Gasko
Olivier Turina

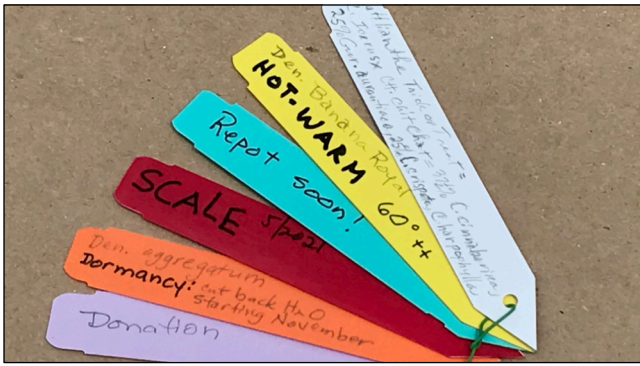


Cyrtopodium
punctatum
Vicki Hallock



Encyclia cordigera
Deborah Dugan

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Claire's Quick Tip: Managing information

One of the secrets of successful orchid growing is having ready access to important details about each plant, such as the following:

- Genus, and species or hybrid name
- Where and when acquired
- Date and condition of roots when last repotted, and media used
- Light requirements
- Temperature requirements
- Pest and disease treatment history

Some hobby growers strive to keep all this information in their heads with varying degrees of success. Others prefer to archive it on computers. For me, what works best is having the information at my fingertips on tags attached to each plant. I find color coded tags to be useful.

- White – identification, repotting history, awards history
- Yellow – warmth lovers
- Blue – due for repotting
- Red – pest and disease history
- Orange – dormancy requirements if any
- Lavender – available for donation

Routine maintenance is archived in a three-section diary on fertilizing, pesticide and fungicide history. I record the treatment date, products and quantities used, and other noteworthy details such as adverse phytotoxic reactions, or a sudden thunderstorm washing off the products too soon. With a log like this it is easy to plan proper rotation of products and stay on track with preventive pest and disease control.

Whether it is in your head (if you are blessed with a better memory than mine), on your computer, or on low tech tags and in a diary, the best system for information management is the system you are most comfortable with and that you will actually use.

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.

Culture awards: Go big or go home

Claire Garrett recently won two awards for her magnificent *Cattlianthe Trick or Treat* 'Claire de Lune,' below, at the American Orchid Society Centennial Celebration in Coral Gables in April. More than 75 judges from all over the country participated. The plant received a Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM) of 88 points, and a Highly Commended Certificate (HCC) of 79 points. Also, Claire's *V. garayi* 'Claire de Lune' was awarded a CCM of 85 at the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show this month.

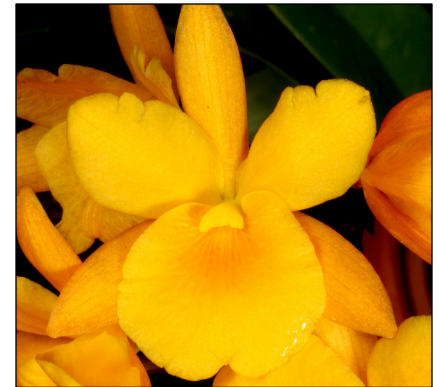


At judging of American Orchid Society in Davie, **Olivier Turina's** *Catasetum schmidtianum* 'Tommy Bednar' received 90 points in November judging.

Also, **Debbie Johnson** received an Award of Merit (AM) of 83 points in April for her *Grt.* Why Not 'Mary Montague,' below.



Photo: MELANA DAVISON



Welcome wagon

Please join in welcoming our new members:

Philip Cannata
Michael R Chandler
Donna Cooke
Gretchen Denton
Ruben Doubront
Linda Groene
Richard Haddad
Eileen Horgan
David C Hudson
Jennifer Pagnant
Lisa Parkin
Catherine Popkin

Jason Robichaux
Gina Robichaux
Ann Marie Tyler
Greg Victor
Annette Victor
Valerie Yaeger

Also, please log in to our membership app Wild Apricot to verify your address, email and phone number as we will be using this information to create our annual directory this month.

– **LUANNE BETZ,**
Membership Chair

Keiki Club News: Learning about fertilizing and pests

About 30 Keikis gathered on April 23 at the home of John Budree to enjoy balmy breezes, orchid shopping and learning valuable information about orchid culture.

John opened his yard and multiple shadehouses so everyone could browse, choose new orchids for their collections and get to know one another. He then amassed an array of products and gave a lively presentation about fertilizers, fungicides and pest control. He explained the differences between various fertilizers — balanced, bloom boosters, the use of cal-mag, fish emulsion and liquid seaweed — so that our new members would understand what products best suit their needs and when to use them.

The various fungicides and bactericides he discussed are used both to prevent and correct fungi and bacterial issues and the insecticides he recommended will help get rid of mites, mealybugs, thrips and other pests that threaten our plants.

Everyone had lots of questions and John was able to provide all the answers. Thank you, John, for being such a gracious host. And thanks to those long-time FLOS members who joined us to facilitate, answer questions and give advice. The refreshments were especially good this time — thank you Pete and Kate Doolin for adding



to the donut supply and to Zoe Bejar for the delicious flan and ambrosia.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be on May 14 at the home of Zoe Bejar. The presentation will be about “gizmos,” things that make the applications of fertilizers and other chemicals more efficient as well as the best way to water your plants, including optimum time and frequency based on the weather, time of year and hydration needs of certain types of orchids. Zoe’s yard is gorgeous and her orchids are spectacular, so you won’t want to miss this meeting.

Happy growing.

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

Board awards lifetime membership to Craig Barry

Craig Barry, who joined FLOS in 2001, recently was voted into the exclusive lifetime-member club for his outstanding service to our society.



If there is a meeting or event, such as our annual orchid show, Craig is always there pitching in with a helping hand. He wears many hats.

“There are a hundred reasons why Craig is now a lifetime member,” says Vicki Hallock, program chair. “If you know him, you know those reasons, and if you don’t, introduce yourself and you’ll soon learn why.”

Craig was formerly a board trustee, is on the membership committee and heads the house committee, which sets up and breaks down the room for our monthly meetings at the church. He was president of Singer Architects in Fort Lauderdale until retiring in 2012. This makes him uniquely qualified for the monster job of creating the floor plans for our orchid shows, where he also mans the hospitality booth.

“I have had the pleasure of working with Craig for nine years,” says Michael Schaberl, long-time show chair. “He selflessly gives his time and knowledge. Only with his help, persistence

and guidance have we been able to create our shows.”

We asked Craig to tell us about his love of orchids.

Q. What orchids do you grow and how many do you have in your collection?

A. My favorite orchids are any that are in bloom. I lean toward the simpler side of growing with a few exceptions: leafless (no real progress so far) and Catasetum (showing promise). I have more Cattleyas than anything else, but am developing an interest in Bulbophyllums due to their different shapes and colorations, etc. Barbara, my wife, says my technique is the Darwinian Theory of Orchid Growing...you live, great...you die, you die! My collection is small, consisting of approximately 100. This grows with each bus ramble.

Q. What’s your best growing tip?

A. Whatever your routine is, watering, fertilizing, grooming, maintenance, spraying or a combination of these tasks, BE CONSISTENT! I have found that this is the most effective factor for success, aside from constantly reading articles by growers, professional and hobbyists alike.

– **DOREEN CHRISTENSEN**
Newsletter Editor

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