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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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October Auction was a big success



What an auction last month! Thank you to the bidders, vendors, volunteers, and refreshment committee of Fran, Kathy, and Debbie for making it such a

success. And a special thank you to our member and auctioneer Mac Rivenbark, right, whose orchid knowledge and enthusiasm encourages us to bid high.

Our friends at Equality Garden Club are holding their annual show, “A Tropical Plant Fair” Nov. 17 and 18 at Richardson Park in Wilton

Manors. FLOS will have a booth to promote our Million Orchid Project and the society. Please consider volunteering, no experience necessary and a good time is guaranteed. Saturday shifts are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday shifts are 9 a.m. to noon and noon to 3 p.m. If you want to help, email me at wickirae@aol.com

Don't forget to purchase your holiday party tickets. Besides a lovely evening with orchid friends, cocktails, a delicious dinner and dancing, everyone leaves with a blooming cattleya from Krull-Smith. I hope you will celebrate the season with us.

— **Vicki Hallock**
President



Learning how to landscape with orchids

Nick Ewy, born and raised in Ann Arbor, MI, has been a plant grower, collector, and gardener since early childhood. He will be this month's speaker at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13, discussing “Landscape With Orchids and Other Companion Plants.”

Pursuing a long-standing interest in rare and tropical plants, including orchids, aroids, and epiphytes, he worked at a rare plant nursery throughout high school. He earned his **B.S. in Botany and Plant Pathology** from Michigan State University (2001). Nick relocated to California so that he could grow these tropical plants outdoors and took a position at an upscale club and golf course. He then moved to Florida, where he was the Director of Horticulture for the American Orchid Society Botanical Garden and Lead Horticulturalist at the



Botanical Garden as Associate Director of Horticulture and is now the Director of Collections. He is responsible for acquiring, managing, and maintaining a large and diverse collection of

subtropical plants from around the world.

— **Luanne Betz**
Program Chair

Growing Orchids With Olivier

V. lamellata a beautiful species

Vanda lamellata is one of the most beautiful *Vanda* species. It has a wide geographical distribution that covers a continued stretch of islands and archipelagos starting with the Ryukyu islands in southern Japan, to Taiwan, the Philippines and Borneo as well as the Marianas islands.



- 1) var. *boxallii* is the most common and popular with more and larger flowers (see pictures below).
- 2) var. *lamellata* has yellow lip suffused at its base with chestnut color similar to its sepals, petal colors.
- 3) var. *remediosae* has white petals and dorsal sepal and yellow lateral sepals
- 4) var. *calayana* has flowers that are slightly cupped.

Olivier Turina became a FLOS member in 2014 and a board member in 2020. Find Olivier's tips on growing orchids at Orchid House - Fort Lauderdale, Florida on YouTube.com.

It is more compact than many *Vanda* species, which is a plus since we all need space for all our treasures. ...and *Vandas* can be quite space consuming.

The inflorescence is fairly erect and can be over 2' in height with up to 30-35 flowers. The flowers can last up to 6 or even 8 weeks! While it typically blooms in the spring, mature plants can bloom freely (mine so far only blooms in the spring but like clockwork!). The flowers are very fragrant with a fresh citrusy scent.

The flowers are usually white at first but quickly turn a cream white or even yellowish within days.

This is one of the least cold tolerant of all *Vandas* and should not be exposed to temperatures below 55 F for too long. It goes through a lower metabolism in winter and you can reduce watering just a little bit. It is also one that needs even more light than other *Vandas*.

There are four different varieties that are recognized. Subspecies and varieties are the same concept as they have distinctive features that are common enough to deserve to be differentiated but "subspecies" live in separate geographic areas, hence it is impossible to have a gene pool between both groups while a "variety" are plants from the same species with different characteristics but they are encountered in the same geographical area.



2023 Auction Appreciation

The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society would like to thank our members and vendors for their generous donations.

FLOS Members: Vendors:

The estate of	Allen Black
Nanette Olsen	Broward Orchid
Carol Ammirati	Supply
Doreen	FLOS
Christensen	Green Barn Orchid
Les Corbin	Supply
Karen Fleisher	Greenhouse
Claire Garrett	Orchids
Vicki Hallock	Jim-N-I Orchids
Eileen Horgan	Mac's Orchids
Scott and Donna	Mauai Orchid
Peplin	Whisperer
Ken Salzseider	Ryan Metrick
Jill Smith	Mickey's Orchids
Mark & Sherrie	OFE Orchid
Smith	Supply
Olivier Turina	Quest Orchids
John Wrench	Red Hawk Orchids
	RF Orchids
	R & R Orchids
	Soroa Orchids

Help Us!

We are having our Orchid Show, and we need YOU to make it successful. Our show is the weekend of Jan. 5-7, 2024. Setup begins Jan. 3rd



We need your help. There will be two shifts 10-2 and 2-6. Please check your schedule and volunteer as much and as often as you can. Call 954-873-8856

or email singersara@aol.com with your availability. THANK YOU!

— Sara Singer
Show Chairman



Holiday Party

Celebrate the season with your friends at the
Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Holiday Party
on Sunday, Dec. 3 at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club,
2800 Yacht Club Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.

Deadline
Nov. 15

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The fun gets started at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the veranda overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway followed by dinner, dancing and open bar. Entree choices: Grilled Filet Mignon With Béarnaise; Pan Seared Mango Glazed Scottish Salmon; Stuffed Chicken With Thyme Madeira; and a Vegetarian plate.

Tickets: FLOS.org \$100 members; \$120 guests

Contact: Karen Fleisher, Holiday Party Chair

Everyone leaves with a blooming orchid!



Keiki Club News

Good time at Lori Parrish's

Saturday morning, October 7th, found the Keikis gathering for an absolutely amazing meeting at the home and glorious gardens of Lori Parrish in Southwest Ranches. The bright sunshine was a perfect backdrop for Lori's gorgeous home and sprawling surrounding yard. Everyone assembled poolside on her beautiful patio and, after a short business meeting, Lori spoke about her background in Fort Lauderdale and her passion for orchids and other exotic plants. She then took everyone on a walking tour of the perfectly manicured grounds, interspersed with outdoor sculptures and trees festooned with hundreds of budding and blooming orchids. There were also pergolas with monstrous orchids that were many, many years old. She identified unusual trees, bushes and other types of foliage and then she led us to her enormous potting area where she talked about the different types of equipment she uses to water, fertilize and control bugs and other pests. She was eager to answer questions and then she took off her hat, gave everyone a ticket and raffled off a plant! Her enthusiasm and joy in hosting the Keikis made us feel like honored guests. Thank you, Lori, for graciously inviting us to your slice of paradise! And thank you to those who stocked the goody table! Your contributions are always appreciated.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 18th at 10 AM at the home of Heather Petryk. Scott Peplin will be presenting and it is sure to be informative and fun. An email will be forthcoming with more details.

We enthusiastically encourage all the Keikis to join us on the Ramble to Homestead on November 4th. Captain Allen and First Mate Sabra always see to it that everyone has a marvelous and memorable experience! Tickets are \$50. Also, the Holiday Party will be held at Coral Ridge Yacht Club on December 3rd. This elegant affair is great fun with dinner, dancing, drinks and a stunning Cattleya to take home! Make your reservations for both events on the FLOS website.

Please pick up your show tickets at the November meeting and plan to volunteer for Orchid Jungle in January. There is always so much going on at this time of the year but the bonus is that everything is fun and you will meet people and make great new friends working together.

— **Jill Smith**
Keiki Club Chair



Order your FLOS logo shirt

This year at Bonnet House, several of our members remarked that it would be really nice if we had logo shirts like a lot of the vendors and other groups were wearing. From there came a few discussions and finally a decision by the board to find one that would work for our members.

Our new polo shirt, which uses an updated logo, is available for all members to purchase. Cost is \$40 per shirt, available in a wide variety of men's and women's sizes.

Order forms and the sample shirt will be available at our November meeting. Please bring a check or cash.

It's a great shirt that handles the heat outside and the laundry. Sizing is forgiving. So, order your shirt. Then, in the future, wear them to our monthly meetings, to Keiki meetings, our show and rambles. Wear them to volunteer at community events, like MOP, to orchid and plant shows, and anywhere you'd like to show off your member status and promote FLOS.

See you at the Membership Desk in November and thanks for your support!

—**Mary Jo Frick,**
Trustee



Fall checkist

Fall is an important transitional season and orchid growers should be making preparations for the coming winter. As days get shorter and cooler, orchid growth will slow and in some cases, cease altogether. Unless a plant is in a crisis situation, put off any repotting until the lengthening days of spring. For many orchids, it is this change of seasonal conditions that begins flower initiation. As we move into November, be on the lookout for developing inflorescences on Phalaenopsis, Cymbidium and certain hybrids and species in other genera, and begin staking when spikes reach 6-8 inches.

If you have been summering some or all of your orchids outside, now is a good time to get your indoor growing area cleaned up and ready to welcome the returning orchids. Whether it is windowsill carts, a basement light setup or greenhouse, use diluted chlorine bleach (1:10) or Physan to clean off any accumulated algae.

It is easier to make repairs when there are no plants, so make sure that your growing area is in top condition for the trying conditions of winter. Make sure that heaters are working and that you have plenty of fuel. If you use backup devices or alarms, test them too. Be sure to check plants thoroughly for pests before returning them to the close quarters of your indoor growing area or greenhouse.

—**Ned Nash and James Rose**
American Orchid Society

Volunteer at A Tropical Plant Fair

Equality Garden Club's annual plant fair is Nov. 18-19 at Richardson Park, 1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. We need volunteers to help in the the FLOS tent. Sign up by emailing Vicki Hallock at wickirae@aol.com.

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A TROPICAL PLANT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH (9AM-5PM) AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 (9AM-3PM)
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