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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

Get those paddles ready to bid in our annual auction

I hope you are getting ready for our fantastic auction on Oct. 9 by preparing donations and saving your dollars so you can bid on the hundreds of wonderful and unusual orchids we will have.



Seriously, winning bids for orchids and supplies go at various price points, many of them a great value. You won't be disappointed.

Competition occasionally is fierce, but always good natured.

Our auctioneer Mac Rivenbark's enthusiasm for orchids is contagious as he describes the beauty and culture of each plant. You will learn lots of growing tips during this fun event.

Everyone can preview donations in the catalog at FLOS.org, which is up and running with new items added as they are received.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds raised help underwrite a variety of FLOS activities.

Besides, what could be more fun than an evening with your fellow orchid nuts and acquiring more orchids while helping our society?

— VICKI HALLOCK



Paphiopedilum are on the agenda at September meeting

Larry Cox acquired his first orchid, a Cattleya, in 1972. His second was a Paphiopedilum, *Paph. Maudiae* 'Magnificum.' The Cattleya is long gone, but he still has a piece of the Paph. When he began with paphs, he commonly heard, "You can't grow those in South Florida," but the first one lived and bloomed, so his paphiopedilum collection continued to grow.

Larry will be this month's speaker, discussing "A Slipper Collection for South Florida" at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 11.

In the mid 1980s most of his other orchids were sold or given away, all for the love of paphs. In 1989 he moved from his South Miami residence to a more spacious property in the Redlands, in southern Miami-Dade County where he built a 3,000-square-foot dream greenhouse.



Over the years, he has suffered setbacks, such as hurricane Andrew in 1992, but with perseverance and the discovery of new paph species and hybrids, Larry's love of paphiopedilums has been renewed over and over again.

In 1983, Larry won his first American Orchid Society award for *Paph. Maudiae*

Coloratum 'Elektra' AM/AOS, one of the first vinicolors (very dark, wine-colored flowers). Since then, his orchids have earned 60 AOS awards, including five FCCs.

Eighteen years ago, Larry retired from a thirty-seven-year teaching career.

He now spends his time reading, traveling, maintaining his property and, of course, growing paphs. Larry has experimented with other orchid genera and has found success with lycastes, phragmipediums, and pescatoreas. He has even rediscovered the wonder of cattleyas, particularly species.

Larry also will be selling plants and supplying orchids for our raffle table.

— LUANNE BETZ
Program Chair

Growing Orchids With Olivier

Trichocentrums are colorful and showy

Trichocentrums were long considered Oncidium.

They have colorful and showy flowers, many of which are fairly typical dancing lady types, but can often be much larger.

There are three types:

1. Formerly known “rat-tail” Oncidium



(syn. *Cohniella*) have terete leaves which look like beans or pencils. Their leaves are a water reserve and should be plump.

2. Formerly known “mule-ear” Oncidium (syn.

Lophiaris) these have thick leaves that look like a mule or horse ear. Their leaves also store water and they are very intolerant of sogginess.

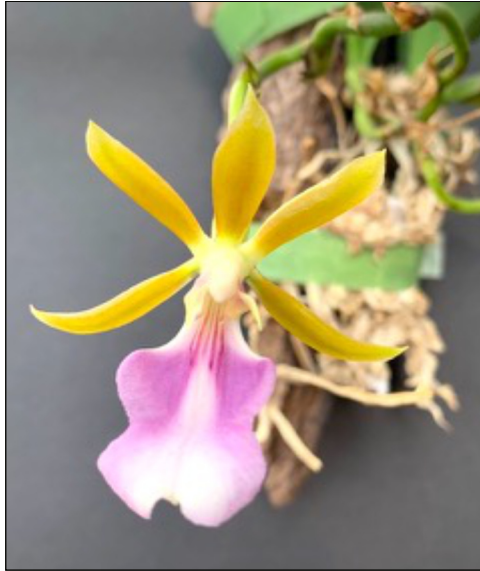
3. The original Trichocentrums look like small mule-ears. They are small plants that have one or two flowers at a time. The flowers tend to be large compared to the small stature of the plant itself and they are colorful and usually fragrant. They usually need more water and less light than the previous 2 groups.

The most important aspect of growing Trichocentrum is to let them dry out thoroughly between watering. These are very rot prone plants and many are also very drought tolerant. Mounting is often a good idea and if potted, the medium should be very porous and dry fast.

Among popular species:

Trt. stacyi (rat-tail) grows in Bolivia and Peru. This is a large plant with leaves over 3' long. It is one of the most beautiful Trichocentrums but not the easiest to bloom. It needs moderate bright light, plenty of water when growing (but must dry out thoroughly in between) and very little water during the winter rest. This is a warm grower and night time temps should not drop below 55 F for more than a few hours

Trt. lanceanum (mule-ear) grows in Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela. This is a relatively small plant with leaves seldom over 1' tall. It blooms in summer and fall and has long lasting, fragrant



***Trt. albo-coccineum*, top, and *Trt. Lanceanum*.**



blooms. It needs high light, especially when resting. It needs a good regular soaking when growing but must always dry out thoroughly before watering again. The plumpness of the leaf is how you monitor the plant's health and water needs. This is a hot grower and night-time temps should not drop below 65 F for more than a few hours. This is one very cold sensitive plant.

Trt. jonesianum (rat-tail) grows in Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay which is further south than most orchids. This is a smaller plant with beautiful flowers that last a month or more. The plant is very drought tolerant and extremely intolerant of wet feet. It should be mounted.

Trt. ascendens/cebollata/sprucei (rat-tail). These three species are rat-tails with similar looking flowers. They are often confused and mislabeled. They have a more traditional Oncidium-look with long branching inflorescences with MANY small yellow flowers. They have a large geographical distribution which means they are more tolerant of different growing conditions but generally they need medium bright light, are very drought tolerant but should be watered regularly when actively growing. They need practically no water when resting, which can be several months.

Trt. albo-coccineum (traditional Trichocentrum) grows in Brazil, Peru and Bolivia. This is a small plant (4" approx.) with comparatively large colorful flowers with a fantastic fragrance. It grows one spectacular flower at a time but the same inflorescence can rebloom up to 5 times over several months. It can also have several spikes! It needs medium light and more water than most Trt. but you still need to let it dry out each time.

Trt. undulatum (mule-ear) is a South Florida native but also grows in the Caribbean, Central America and northern South America. This is a large plant (several feet with the spike). The colors are very variable from plant to plant. It needs bright light, plenty of water in spring and summer but needs to dry out in between. Then it stays very dry from November through April.

Trt. tigrinum (traditional Trichocentrum) grows in Ecuador and Peru. This is a small plant (5" approx.) with comparatively large spectacular flowers (one or two per spike). It has rigid, hard leaves that are meant to resist extreme drought as they grow in very harsh conditions in nature. It needs bright light and while it needs water when in active growth, overall, this plant should never be watered excessively and should receive no water at all during dormancy. In nature they get little water for half the year.

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) on YouTube.com.



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.

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!



August Ribbon Awards

Orchid	Grower	Ribbon
<i>Blc. Petite Star</i>	Mary Jo Frick	Blue
<i>Epi. ciliare</i>	Claire Garrett	Blue
<i>Odontobrassia</i> Kenneth Bivin	Len Emory	Blue
<i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>	Pat Ellison	Blue
<i>V. Gordon Dillon</i> 'Black'	Shelly Jones	Blue
<i>V. Nopporn Gold</i>	Haydee Valor	Blue
<i>B. Yaki</i>	Zoe Bejar	Cultural
<i>Ctt. Trick or Treat</i>	Len Emory/Perry Sclafani	Cultural
<i>Den. Hibiki</i>	Mary Jo Frick	Cultural
<i>Den. toressae</i>	Claire Garrett	Cultural
<i>Pleurothallis mystax</i>	Vicki Hallock	Cultural
<i>Trichoglottis brachiata</i>	Claire Garrett	Cultural
<i>V. Goodwin's Thai Sunset</i> * (<i>V. Rasri Gold</i> x <i>V. Doctor Anek</i>)	Doreen Christensen	Cultural
<i>V. Albert Roguenant</i>	Scott and Donna Peplin	Cultural
<i>B. Little Stars</i>	Justine Vishnesky	Red
<i>Blc. Petite Star</i>	Haydee Valor	Red
<i>C. NOID</i>	Dr. Ken Salzsieder	Red
<i>Clowesetum</i> NOID	Zoe Bejar	Red
<i>Ctna. Why Not</i>	Justine Vishnesky	Red
<i>Den. NOID</i>	Rosa Brouillet	Red



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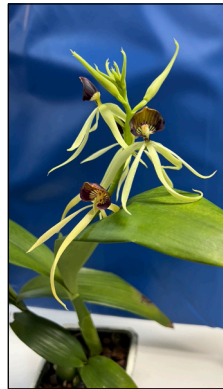
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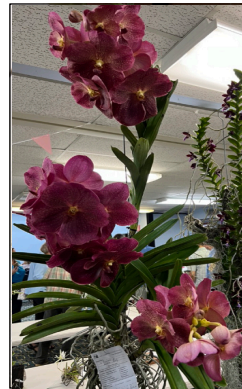
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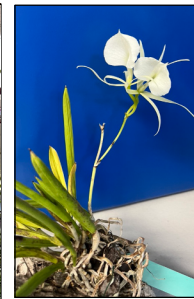
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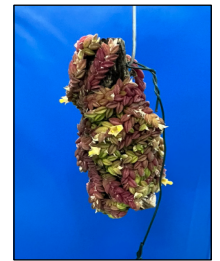
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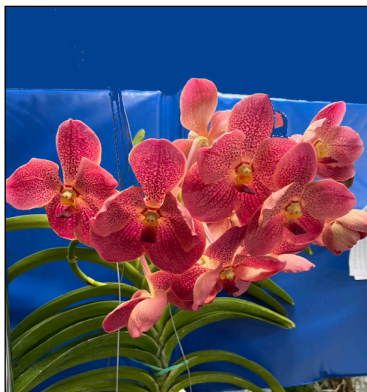
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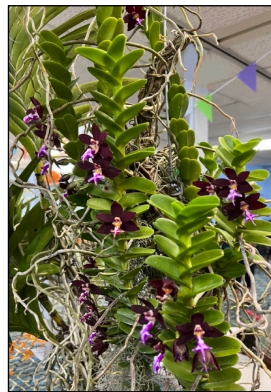
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Keiki Club News

Fun down on the farm

The Keikis have only had one meeting this summer but it looks like things will be back in full swing soon!

Our Sept. 16 meeting will be held someplace new and different for the group. We'll be gathering at Together We Stand, a working educational farm in Hollywood that features aquaponics, gardens and educational opportunities for all ages.

Although the farm does not offer orchid education, the proprietor, John Mears, is looking forward to possibly integrate orchids into his programs.

We'll be meeting outdoors in a picnic area. Look soon for more information about this exciting opportunity to meet in a new and unusual venue. Special thanks to Seth Shealer for arranging this meeting place.

An email with more details will be forthcoming the first week in September.

In October, we'll be meeting at Lori Parrish's home in Southwest Ranches for a tour of her incredible gardens. This is going to be a great opportunity for everyone to see an amazing collection of orchids and to learn how Lori grows them so beautifully.

We will round out the Keiki year in November at Heather Petryk's for a presentation by Scott Peplin. Heather was a Keiki several years ago, dropped out and now she's back and excited to participate and join in the Keiki fun! Thank you, Heather, for hosting the group.

– JILL SMITH
Keiki Club Chair

Book of the month “Orchid Names and Their Meanings” by Hubert Mayr

If you liked my presentation on orchid tags and want to know a LOT more, this is your book. It covers all there is to know about orchid names.

– OLIVIER TURINA
Library Chair

Welcome Wagon

Please join in welcoming our new members:

Jim Underhill
Massimiliano Di Majo
Jane Zhou

– OLIVIER TURINA
Membership Chair

Checklist for September, October

By Ned Nash and James Rose
American Orchid Society

Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit.

Growths are maturing, and sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to

establish before the days start to get really shorter and colder. This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. They are fragrant and easy to grow.

Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid, above. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be

red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention.

Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers.

Rhynchostele bictoniensis

Both *Rhynchostele bictoniensis* and its hybrids bloom in this season. *Rhynchostele bictoniensis*, formerly known as *Lemboglossum*, *Odontoglossum*) is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: *sulphureum* (green with white lip), *album* (brown with white lip) and *roseum* (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in *Odcdm.* Bittersweet and *Odm.* bicross) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for *odontoglossum* beginners and advanced alike.

For more culture information, go to AOS.org and click on the “All About Orchids” tab.



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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month.
Time: 7:30 pm. Place: Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall,
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

Directions: From I-95 take East Oakland Park Blvd., go
2.4 miles, turn left on NE 20th Ave. Or take US-1 (Federal
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