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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: Deadlines, Do's, and Don'ts



We are entering a busy and exciting time of year for our society. With several important events on the horizon, I wanted to outline a few friendly reminders about upcoming deadlines and opportunities:

- ◆ **Deadline:** [Buy Holiday Party tickets](#) by Nov. 15.

Do: Dance, socialize, and enjoy cocktails and dinner at our annual Dec. 7 event. Plus, you'll get to bring home a beautiful blooming orchid!

- ◆ **Deadline:** Sign up by Nov. 10 for the Home Ramble, held on Nov. 16. There are only a couple of spots left! Contact Grace Boston, email: graceboston2010Ag-mail.com.

Do: Carpool for this event

- ◆ **Deadline:** [Pay for your show tickets](#) by Dec. 1, or return them to Vicki Hallock, 1730 SW 30 Place, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33315. Any members who have not paid for or returned tickets will be invoiced for the full amount. Pay at our November meeting or refer to the note in the envelope with your tickets. This is a major society fundraiser, and we appreciate your support on this, which is critical to our show's success.

Do: Sign up to volunteer at the show. There are many tasks. Contact Roger Triplett, email: r.triplett22@gmail.com

Do: Attend the Presale Event on Thursday evening, Jan. 9, to get first dibs on all the stunning orchids from around the world. This is an exclusive sale that is free for members who purchase their tickets. There will be a cash bar, too!

Do: Attend our informative monthly meetings!

Don't: We love your pets but we cannot have them at the church. Our meeting room is also a preschool and we are not allowed to have our furry friends with us as a condition of our lease.

Thank you all for your dedication and participation. Let's make these upcoming events a great success!

Luanne Betz, FLOS President

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Welcome New Members

David Bishop
Eric Hibbard
Roy and Carolyn Metcalf

Olivier Turina, Membership Chair



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Growing Orchids With Olivier: Catasetums



Catasetum growing season is coming to an end and not all Catasetums are created equal when it comes to dormancy: some Catasetums have a very short or no dormancy at all. They start growing new bulbs before even shedding all their leaves from the previous growing season. Others can have a dormancy of 2, 3 or even 4 months!

The species which grow in areas with year-round humidity and identical growing conditions year-round will have very short dormancies. Species which grow in areas with a protracted dry season will have longer dormancies.

Ctsm. pileatum, *Ctsm. saccatum*, *Ctsm. tenebrosum* and *Ctsm. lucis* typically have a short dormancy or none at all. *Ctsm. expansum*, *Ctsm. fimbriatum*, *Ctsm. tabulare*, *Ctsm. schmidtianum* have a more standard dormancy of 1 to 2 months. *Ctsm. denticulatum*, *Ctsm. tigrinum*, *Ctsm. spitzii*, *Ctsm. vinaceum* have the longest dormancies at 3 or more months

If you have a hybrid, check the background of your hybrid and it will tell you what you can expect. You can check the background of your hybrid on orchidroots.com.

Most hybrid caatsetums have dormancies of 1 to 2 months.

In terms of how long blooms last and how often plants bloom: the Catasetum alliance has 4 main genera: Catasetum, Clowesia, Cycnoches and Mormodes and intergeneric hybrids which are a combination of all these genera.

Catasetums can bloom 3 to 4 times per season when mature and well grown. This is why their blooming season is quite extensive, mainly from June till November but you can have blooms from April through January since there are late bloomers like *Ctsm. spitzii* and *lucis*. Male flowers are short lived (1 to 2 weeks typically) while female flowers can last up to 6 weeks.

Clowesia is a very small genus of 7 species and there are 2 types: Green flowers which bloom once in June/July and pink flowers which bloom once in winter on leafless bulbs

There are no male/female flowers and the blooms are long lasting (one month or more).

Cycnoches usually only bloom once in the fall or very early winter. Male flowers are shorter lived than female flowers. Mormodes bloom once, typically in the winter or even early spring, typically on leafless bulbs. No male/female flowers and flowers should last 2-4 weeks

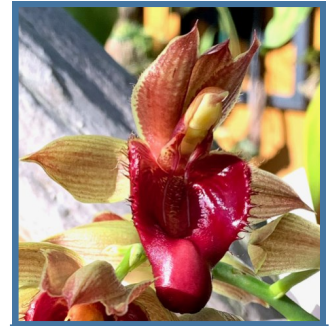
The nothogenera which combine 2 or more of these 4 genera have all "perfect flowers" (no female and male flowers).

Clowesetums which combine Catasetums and Clowesia are a great pick because they combine all the advantages of each genus: long lived flowers, very floriferous and they can flower 2 to 3 times per season.

Cycnodes which combine Mormodes and Cycnoches can bloom twice.

Mormodia which combine Mormodes and Clowesia blooms once in late season on leafless bulbs but the flowers last 2 to 4 weeks and they are very floriferous.

Olivier Turina, Membership Chair



Catasetum spitzii

A late bloomer with a strong pineapple scent that has a very long dormancy of 4 or more months which means less work for you!

It has a very glossy lip (red or yellow typically)



Our November Speaker is Francisco Miranda, Miranda Orchids, speaking about "Brazilian Orchid Habitats - The Amazon" on November 11, 2024 @ 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

A taxonomist, naturalist and orchid grower, Francisco travels extensively in the U.S. and internationally speaking at orchid-related events and meetings. He has been doing this since 1988, while still living in Brazil. The subjects of his presentations reflect Francisco's extensive travels to study orchids in their natural environments.



"Miranda Orchids started in 1999 and is a nursery specializing in growing mainly selected *Cattleya* alliance species. In a sense, it is a continuation of Boa Vista Orchids, a nursery we ran in Brazil from 1986 until we moved to the U.S.A. Many of the plants available are produced in our lab and nursery in Central Florida from our extensive collection of stud plants. The rest we bring from Brazil to increase variety and novelty. Being native Brazilians, and having had a nursery for many years, we know that there is a lot of development in *Cattleya* species being done there. This is mostly because a lot of those species are native from Brazil (including all the bifoliate cattleyas) and because these plants are favorites of growers there." Sara Singer, Program Chair

News from the Renaissance!

The show is getting closer! We are working furiously to complete all preparations to have another outstanding show!

We are finalizing the vendor lineup, and will be listing the vendors on our website soon.

Come join the fun and share the experience! It's very fulfilling to take part in your society's annual show!

One last word, please volunteer! The show needs you! Sign up will be available at our next meeting or email our volunteer coordinator, Roger Triplett at r.triplett22@gmail.com. If you need any additional information, please email me at singersara@aol.com

Sara Singer, Show Chair

Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY www.aos.org/webinars
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry.
 Register now and view on your time schedule.
 Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org
 Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and indexed by topic for future viewing.

	When	Nov. 12, 2024 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST	Nov. 19, 2024 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST
Nov. 10, 2024 Sunday ORCHID CULTURE DAY 11 a.m.—3:30 p.m. EST KNOW More November Orchid Culture, Conservation, and You! Virtual Presentation Registration \$40	Topic	Citizen Scientists Meet Native Orchids Experience Adaptation to Unique Habitats	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Send in your Photos and Questions by Nov. 17
Experts Share their Orchid Knowledge Time for Q&A Plus Bonus Prizes for Lucky Viewers	Presenter	Bob Sprague Past President of Native Orchid Conference	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer

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Keiki's Corner -

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The Keikis have been a busy group meeting twice in three weeks. First on October 28 we enjoyed a meeting under the trees at Mac and Helen Rivenbark's quiet country home and shade houses. Mac along with Andrew Collins covered numerous aspects of orchid growing and especially in the fall with diminishing sun intensity the importance of proper watering, using epsom salt to prevent orchid leaves from turning red, and ensuring our orchids are enjoying as much morning sun as possible. Orchid retail therapy capped off the morning.

Then on October 19 the Keikis were treated to a beautiful morning at member and AOS judge Tony Millet's growing area. Tony has an extensive collection of Cattleya orchids many of which are his own hybrid crosses. His topic "A Guide to Good Growing Orchids" taught us more about proper watering--Tony uses only rain water and prefers the mist setting on his sprayer. He likes using live moss and believes in its advantage to produce "happy plants". To the shock and amazement of many Keikis, Tony without hesitation rigorously pulled apart an overgrown Cattleya. After demonstrating how he repots, several Keikis had the opportunity for a hands on repotting lesson.

Both gatherings were a wonderful way to spend a Saturday morning and everyone left with not only a raffle prize but with a number of great ideas to grow their orchids better. Thank you to all who contributed to the array of yummy goodies and of course, extra special thanks to our hosts, Mac, Andrew, and Tony.

Vicki Hallock, Chair



Mac's Place



Tony's Place



Friendships Through Orchids

Several years ago, when I joined my first orchid society, I was informed that for two years I would be a member of the Newcomers Group. Although I had no idea what that entailed, I soon discovered that it would become fun, enlightening, educational and, above all, it would provide me with a whole new circle of friends! Definitely a win/win situation.

Fast forward to my joining the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society in 2009 which had no Newcomers Group. I saw this as an opportunity to introduce the concept to show the members what a benefit it is to warmly welcome newcomers and give them avenues to learn about growing orchids successfully and to fully integrate into the society. We all know that societies are groups of like-minded people who come together on a regular basis to further their knowledge about a subject and, ideally, to form lasting friendships. I was given the green light to form a Newcomers Group which we decided to call "The Keiki Club" and it has become wildly successful over the past eight years. In fact, after the two years have elapsed, many folks don't want to move on—they love being a Keiki! As a result, we have had to hold a "graduation" twice a year—complete with official looking diplomas—so that we can make room for new members! In addition to visiting more experienced growers or commercial establishments, listening to talks about culture and the needs of the different plants, there are shopping expeditions, potting classes and the opportunities to ask questions. We also have raffles and everyone in attendance walks away with something. I believe, however, that friendship and camaraderie are the most valuable aspects of the newcomers group.

It is so heart-warming to observe former Keikis—who didn't know each other when they joined, sitting together like old friends! It is truly a valid point to recognize these folks as the lifeblood and future of the society. Currently, nine of the 13 board members of our society have been through the Keiki program! They are self-confident, capable and enthusiastic promoters of our society and we are so lucky to have them "running the show!"

Jill Smith, Keiki Nana

Show Prizes, Ribbons & Cash

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During our January Show we have AOS orchid judges (the big guys!) who come and look at submitted entries and give ribbons but there are also cash prizes!

There is a \$200 cash award for the Grand Champion Flower (hobbyist only)

There is a \$100 cash award to a hobbyist for the best quality flower from any genus

There is also a \$50 cash award from The Oliver C. Mundson Award Trust Fund for the best Vanda species or hybrid entered by a hobby grower (only)

Besides these 3 awards that are reserved for hobbyists and exclude commercial vendors, there are also 18 other cash awards for categories that usually are awarded to commercial growers but that you could get if your plant is outstanding.

One possibility is a plant that you submit in the keiki exhibit.

The only way to win a cash award is to submit an entry! So bring your best flowering orchid to the show on Wednesday afternoon. The judges give out awards on Thursday and then the plants are to be admired by all Show goers for the next 3 days. You can get your plant back on Sunday at 4 pm.

Your plant must be free of pests and diseases, have a proper ID (tag) and should be properly groomed (clean leaves, remove dead spikes and damaged leaves etc..) and nicely presented (stakes, nice pot etc..).

There are \$350 up for grabs! Come get it!

Olivier Turina, Head Clerk FLOS Show

ANNUAL FLOS AUCTION

Thank you to the bidders, vendors, volunteers, and refreshment committee of Fran, Kathy, and Debbie for making the evening a success. And a special thank you to our member and auctioneer Mac Rivenbark, whose orchid knowledge and enthusiasm encourages us to bid high.




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12th Annual Orchid Show & Sale



November 16, 2024 - 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
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Advance Ticket Sales \$3.00
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A TROPICAL PLANT FAIR

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 9, 2024 | 9AM - 5PM
SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 10, 2024 | 9AM - 3PM

RICHARDSON PARK & NATURE PRESERVE
1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL, 33305


Free admission
for children 12
and under

\$5
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Free parking &
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Volunteer at "A Tropical Plant Fair"

Equality Garden Club's annual plant sale is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 9-10 in Wilton Manors. We need volunteers in the FLOS tent for membership outreach, selling native orchids and tickets to our January orchid show. There are morning and afternoon shifts each day. It's always fun to spend a few hours outdoors at historic Richardson Park. Of course, volunteers will have a chance to shop at the 50 plant and orchid vendors, because we all NEED MORE PLANTS! Sign up by emailing Doreen Christensen at cneerod@gmail.com. Event info: EqualityGardenClub.com.

HOLIDAY PARTY

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! It is time to Celebrate the season with your friends at the **Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Holiday Party** on Sunday December 3 at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club, 2800 Yacht Club Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.

The evening will kick off at 6:30pm with cocktails and passed hors d'oeuvres on the veranda overlooking the amazing intracoastal Waterway with an open bar with premium liquors.

You will choose from one of the chef's inspired plated dinners featuring Grilled Filet Mignon, Chicken Piccata, Grilled Salmon with lemon butter Caper sauce, and a vegetarian option. Your sweet tooth will be satisfied by chocolate truffle cheesecake.

DJ Tim will be returning to play and sing for your enjoyment throughout the evening.



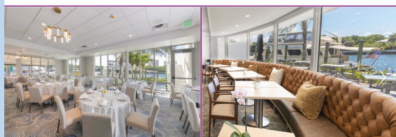
Holiday Party

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Back by popular request the Annual Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Holiday gala will be held at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club on Saturday December 7th, 2024 from 6:30pm until 10:30pm. We invite you to get your tickets NOW to celebrate the season with your friends. The prestigious address is 2800 Yacht Club Blvd. Fort Lauderdale. Complimentary valet parking is provided.

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Tickets: FLOS.org, \$110 members: \$130.00 Guest:
Deadline for ticket sales DECEMBER 1st
Contact: Joe Akin - Holiday Party Chair
email: harddrive813@aol.com or phone 954-325-8036



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Joe Akin, Holiday Party Chair



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Directions: From I-95 take East Oakland Park Blvd., go 2.4 miles, turn left on NE 20th Ave. Or take US 1 (Federal Highway) to Oakland Park Blvd. west for two blocks, turn north on NE 20th Ave. Park in the rear to the church which is on the NW corner of Oakland Park Blvd. and NE 20th Ave.

Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month.
 Time: 7:30 pm
 Place: Christ Lutheran Church School Hall,
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