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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: FLOS polo shirts now on sale



We are pleased to announce that polo shirts featuring our colorful FLOS logo are now available for purchase on flos.org. Our sincere thanks go to Joe Akin and Mary Jo Frick for their efforts in making this possible. Shirts are available in white or

blue, with unisex sizes ranging from S to 3X, priced at \$20. Shirts may also be ordered at our monthly meetings, where you can check out samples and sizes.

These versatile collared shirts are perfect for general meetings, Keiki meetings, orchid shows, fun volunteer events, such as "A Tropical Plant Fair" on Nov. 9th and 10th in Wilton Manors, and Rambles, including our Home Ramble on Nov. 16.

Order today and then wear your shirt on any occasion to show pride in our great society. I ordered two!

- Luanne Betz
FLOS President



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Program Chair
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New and Novel Hybrids at the Longwood Gardens, and How to Grow Them

Tuesday, September 10th, 2024
8:30 PM EDT EST

Join Greg Griffis as he takes us on tour at Longwood Gardens to see the beautiful Hybrids they have been raising there, and learn how to grow them, especially the unusual ones.



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Mark Your Calendars!



Our August speaker is our own Christine Morales, speaking about 'Guarianthe aurantiaca and its influence on Cattlianthe.' September 9 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

Christine Morales is an Associate Judge with the West Palm Beach Judging Center as well as an American Orchid Society Trustee. A Miami native, she is a development consultant who enjoys traveling, yoga and the arts. She and her husband, Alex, love sharing their home

With orchids, other flora and fauna including their dogs, cats, turtles, fish as well as neighborhood songbirds. They belong to Ft. Lauderdale

Orchid Society, enjoy exhibiting their orchids and have received 13 AOS awards between them.

Academically, she holds a Bachelor of Arts in French and Political Science and is a LEED Accredited Professional as well as FGBC Designated Professional for Building Design and Construction.



Considered a subject matter expert in municipal compliance of redevelopment within emerging neighborhoods, she has been instrumental in the success of countless transformative projects and events within neighborhoods such as Miami's Wynwood Arts District. She is fluent in French and Spanish. Get ready for our annual Auction, October 14th, 7:00 PM!!

- Sara Singer
Program Chair



Coming soon our annual Auction,
October 14th, 7:00 PM, 6:30 preview.



Fort Lauderdale
Orchid Society

Come To Our
Orchid Auction

Monday October 14, 2024
Preview at 6:30, Begins at 7:00

Christ Lutheran Church
Parrish Hall
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL

The auction is FREE and open to all.
more info at www.FLOS.org

Get Ready for our annual FLOS
Holiday Party at the Yacht Club.



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.

The evening will kick off 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 chef inspired plated dinners featuring Grilled Filet Mignon, Chicken Piccata, Grilled Salmon with lemon butter Caper sauce, and a vegetarian option. DJ Tim will be returning playing and singing for your enjoyment throughout the evening. Each guest will receive a blooming orchid.

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

Look forward to our 65th annual
Show and sale Orchid Renaissance!



Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society
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Orchid Renaissance

Our 65th Orchid Show and Sale
January 10, 11 & 12 2025 • 10 am - 6 pm
Charles F. Dodge Center
Pembroke Pines

Growing Orchids With Olivier Situational Care



Philosophical aspects of growing orchids

We live in a world of instant gratification, courtesy of the internet and the sophistication of computers that give us access to anything we want or desire at the click of a mouse. Soon, AI may well create fantasies and illusions to satisfy our craziest cravings.

We also live in a world of "short-termness". Our culture favors achievements that are readily achievable while hard decisions that would benefit us in the long term are always put on the backburner.

We live in a world where instant and enormous success is possible when you see some billionaires that are 25 years old. Yet, this is true for 1 in 100 million people. Some of the other 100 million just keep on hoping the winning ticket will show up one day

For most everyone though, life is about efforts and building patiently and gradually: a family, a loving relationship with your spouse, a career, assets etc.... Life is about persevering in the long run to achieve your goals. Orchids are a marvelous teaching instrument in that regard.

Growing orchids requires patience, A LOT OF PATIENCE. Any new orchid in your collection is likely to need 2 years to be well established. Some species need 5 to 10 years or more to be well established. It takes a lot of care with an eye to the long term to achieve results with orchids. It also takes time to learn all the infinite complexities of growing these beautiful plants and you still learn every day even when you think you understand what you are doing!

The beauty of it all is that, unlike many things in life, orchids get better as they age: more blooms, better blooms, bigger blooms etc... So, it pays to be patient and the rewards are plentiful in the long term.

Also, the orchid world is endlessly complex and even with a few extra lives, we would still not master the subject. So, orchids are a useful reminder that we need to keep on learning every day because in the end, by the time we die, we still know basically nothing....but just a lot more than when we were born.

Another aspect of Orchid growing is that it becomes an addiction for many. Many hobbyists have hundreds of orchids or more! While an outsider might consider this ludicrous and excessive, there are good reasons for this:

- The variety is infinite, hence the temptation to buy so many
- The number of failures is very high for a beginner and without a large collection, it would be too discouraging
- Many plants only bloom once a year and, sometimes, for a short period of time. So, having many orchids is the only way to get blooms year-round

In the end, it is a healthy addiction, except for the wallet. My orchids have cured countless headaches. All it takes is for me to go spend 30 minutes in my orchid jungle and I am back on track. They make me happy!

So, orchids remind us of a very important thing in life: nothing worth having comes without efforts and most of the time, efforts have to be sustained and you go through ups and downs before reaching your goals. So, this is another positive aspect of the addiction: a useful life lesson!

Happy growing y'all!

– Olivier Turina
Membership Chair

**New Member
Welcome Wagon:**
Douglas Brinkley
Damian Ruch
Ryan Strouss
Alyce White

– Olivier Turina
Membership Chair

August Ribbon Awards

Orchid	Grower	Ribbon
<i>Aeranthes ramosa</i>	Seth Shealer	Blue
<i>Aganisia cyanea</i>	Claire Garrett	Blue
Banfieldara Gilded Tower	Joe Akin	Blue
Bc. Theresa Ricci	Anne Marcovich	Blue
C. Trufords Cat	Tony Millet	Blue
Ctsm. A A Orquideas* (Ctsm. Karen Armstrong x Ctsm. John C Buchett)	Mark/Sherrie Smith	Blue
Ctt. Chocolate Drop	Olivier Turina	Blue
Ctt. Panache Amphora* (C. bicolor x Ctt. Chocolate Drop)	Judy Tkacs	Blue
<i>E. phoenicea</i>	Nora Dyke/Omar	Blue
<i>Galeandra devoniana</i>	Claire Garrett	Blue
C. Beautiful Morning	Rod Lewis	Cultural
Den. Genting Rose	Joe Akin	Cultural
Van. Lou Sneary	Joe Akin	Cultural



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Rod Lewis



Galeandra devoniana
Claire Garrett



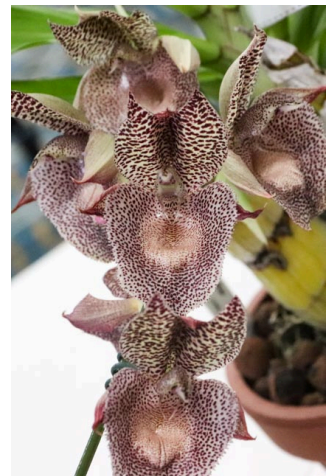
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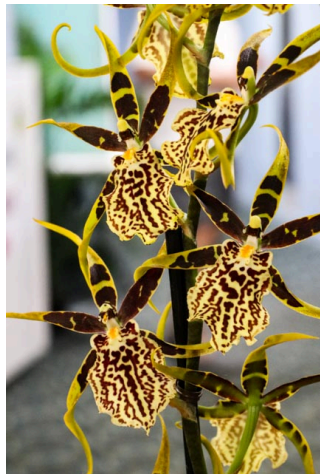
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Ctsm. AA Orquideas*
(Ctsm. Karen Armstrong x
Ctsm. John C Buchett)
Mark/Sherrie Smith



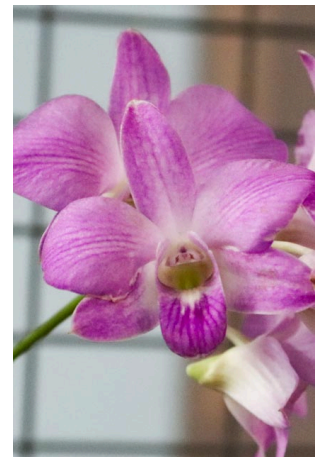
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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month.
Time: 7:30 pm. Place: Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall,
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
Directions: From I-95 take East Oakland Park Blvd. go
2.4 miles, turn left on NE 20th Ave. Or take US-1 (Federal
Hwy.) to Oakland Park Blvd. west for two blocks, turn
north on NE 20th Ave. Park in the rear of the church
which is on the NW corner of Oakland Park Blvd. and
NE 20th Ave.

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