



# Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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## NEWSLETTER



### Last Month's Speaker

June 13 — We were sorry that Jose Exposito from Soroa could not make it, but FLOS members enjoyed an open session by John Budree at our June 2011 meeting. John spoke about South Florida cultivation and illustrated his points with plants our members had brought to show. Those of us who are still learning were softly instructed in how to improve, and a generous application of blue ribbons made everyone happy.

**John Budree took this photo of his Paphiopedilum that was awarded at the 2011 Ft Lauderdale Show. Exhibited by Carmela Orchids.**

### Next Month's Speaker

July 11 — Our July meeting will feature John Budree talking about paphiopedilums, his favorite genus. He is a popular FLOS table judge who generously shares his knowledge with us.

John came from Trinidad about ten years ago. In Trinidad he had raised orchids and participated in orchid shows but felt there was much more to learn. After arriving in Florida he began growing many plants that had not been available in Trinidad but he had trouble keeping them alive (don't we all?).

Finally he focused on Paphiopedilum because he was told he could not grow them! He met Jack Schendowich, Warren Kelly (Orchid World), Bob Skully (Jones & Skully) & Frank Smith (Krull- Smith) who has more AOS awards than any other grower; from these people he learned how to grow Paphiopedilums and many other types of orchids. Eventually he won his own AOS awards.

Today he owns over 500 Paphiopedilums and about 600 other orchids! While still learning about orchids John is also interested in encouraging others in becoming enthusiasts by sharing his almost 32 years of experience.

This should be a great talk!

### President's Message

Hi Orchid Friends!

It is with great pleasure that I take this time to say hello to all, and thank the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society for the opportunity to serve as your new President. I am extremely proud of this organization, its heritage; its accomplishments, and all it stands for in the world of orchids. We are a large club, steeped in tradition and quality, and my goal is to continue the positive momentum that our predecessors have established, as well as bringing forth some new and exciting aspects to help make us an organization geared for the future. I am looking forward to speaking with each and every member, whether they are seasoned veteran, or a neophyte grower new to our group, to get a fresh input on their ideas and visions to help shape our direction for the year 2011-12 and beyond. Thank you!

Allen Cogar

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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# FLOS's Annual Overnight Ramble

Ramblers on the overnight to the west coast of Florida  
Photo Steven Herman

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## Thirty fortunate FLOS members and friends enjoyed an overnight ramble on June 4-5.

First stop was Orchidmania, where they laid out a fantastic lunch to welcome FLOS. The good news is that many of us found interesting additions to our collections. The bad news is that this may be our last time to visit there - the current owners are moving the growing operation to Hawaii and the fate of the Florida business is uncertain.

Next up was Tropiflora. This is always a favorite stop, especially for the bromeliad lover. They have just finished shipping 60,000 pounds of bromeliads to Singapore. Currently sitting embargoed, the plants will be used at the World Orchid Conference. And speaking of business succession, the good news is that Dennis and Linda's children are getting into the business so we should have many more visits. They have a monthly newsletter that is supposed to be both humorous and informative. Sign up for newsletter at their website [www.tropiflora.com](http://www.tropiflora.com).

Venice Orchids was our last stop of the day. They offered many great deals on some rather amazing plants. A variety of cacti and bromeliads vied with the orchids for our attention. The owner was extremely generous with some of his huge specimens - nothing like an orchid society on the prowl for monsters to clear off one's growing benches! Some lucky members also got some freebie aloes, disproving the owner's previous thoughts that he couldn't even give 'em away!

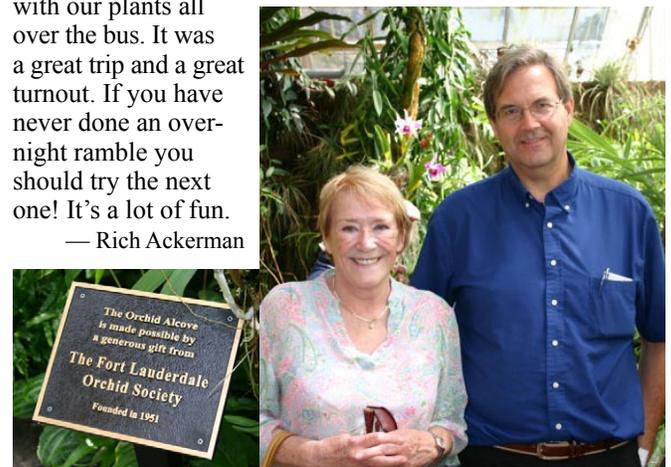
Sunday morning we hit one of our all time favorites: Palmer Orchids. We had a long time to browse and many treasures were discovered and purchased. Previous ramblers know we track purchases at each nursery, and Palmer's managed to hold onto more of our orchid money than any other grower.

Sunday lunch found us at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, FL. A generous gift from our Orchid Society funded development of the Orchid Alcove, a stunning attention-getter when first entering the Conservatory. The space is dedicated to a display of orchids in bloom. Our donation is recognized by a beautiful brass plaque.

After introductions by the senior team of horticulturalists, we split into two groups for guided tours. One group toured the Conservatory where we saw the orchid alcove and heard about a few of Selby's plant heroics. A highlight included a rare *Encyclia islense*; a species discovered recently and brought to Selby. When they went back the entire area had been cleared and there were no more to be found. Another cluster has been found but this is one rare orchid! The second group went behind the scenes where we got to see the warm greenhouse and the "cool room". Many mountain orchids require cool nights for proper root development. With an enormous swamp cooler and constant air motion, their grower struggles to keep their cool growers alive through the hot season and then watches them thrive in the winter climate. By maintaining a very clean environment and using good horticultural practices he runs a very Eco-friendly greenhouse. Some phyan20 is sometimes used but he does not do mass spraying. Our groups traded locations, so everyone got to see everything. Then we were treated to a fabulous luncheon spread. Yummy!

After lunch we had some time to wander and enjoy the beautiful bayside gardens and make more purchases. All too soon we were back in the bus and returning to Fort Lauderdale with our plants all over the bus. It was a great trip and a great turnout. If you have never done an overnight ramble you should try the next one! It's a lot of fun.

— Rich Ackerman



Nora Dyke and Rich Ackerman at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens  
Photo Steven Herman

# Ribbon Judging

Cricket image courtesy of Sylvain Hugel;  
image of orchid courtesy of C. Micheneau



## Weird Pollinators

**News of the weird — cricket pollinates orchids!**  
You couldn't make this stuff up. It made the "Top 10 New Species of 2011" list even though it is only June... are scientists on a different calendar?

This species is the only pollinator of the rare/endangered orchid *Angraecum cadetii* on Réunion island (South Western Indian Ocean), representing the first clearly-supported case of orthopteran-mediated pollination in flowering plants. [http://species.asu.edu/2011\\_species05](http://species.asu.edu/2011_species05)

Scientists at Colombia's National University (UN) have discovered a new species of bee in the southern Colombian department of Nariño that has a tongue twice the size of its body, according to monthly university publication UNPeriodico.



*Euglossa natesi* n. sp., also known as the "orchid bee" or "jewel bee," is a species recognized by scientists for its luminescent mix of blue, green, bronze and gold, as well as its abnormally large tongue. This new type of jewel bee found near the Ecuadorian border in southern Nariño, has what scientists at the National University are calling the largest tongue discovered thus far. <http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news-lite/news/16937-new-bee-discovered-with-largest-tongue-in-world.html>

— Rich Ackerman

## Orchid Tip...

Peppermint oil & castille liquid soap (available at health food stores) makes a safe, effective pest control. Dilute 1-tsp per quart of water in a hand sprayer and spray infestations every few days until controlled. Works especially well against soft-bodied pests such as aphids and mealybugs.

— Courtesy AOS.org

**It is with regret** and sorrow to tell you that Sylvia Hill long time member and former FLOS Board member passed away after a long illness.

Sheldon Takasaki of Carmela Orchids father passed away. Yasuji Takasaki celebrated his 95th birthday last October.

## June Ribbon Judging

### BLUE RIBBONS

<i>C. forbesii</i>	Collins/Peplin
<i>C. Mark Jones</i> x <i>Lc. Suncoast Sunspot</i>	Stephen Wahl
<i>C. aclandiae</i>	Tony Millet
<i>Ctsm imperiale</i> x <i>Thinger Dinger</i> x <i>expansum</i>	Randall Clyde
<i>Cls. dodsoniana</i> x <i>Ctsm. Alexis Pardo</i>	Eddie Griffith
<i>V. tessellate</i> 'Mary Motes' FCC/AOS	
x <i>Ascda. John DeBiase</i> <i>Fuchs Indigo</i>	Eddie Griffith
<i>Den. dearei</i>	Rich Ackerman
<i>Enc. tampensis</i>	Chip Jones
<i>Onc. Mendenhall</i> 'Sun #71'	Chip Jones
<i>Onc. brassia</i> Rex 'Christine' AM/AOS	Jan & Allan Mink
<i>Paph. Conko Loco</i>	Jan & Allan Mink
<i>Sc. Rosa De Corrientes</i>	Tony Millet

## Letter from Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

From: Emily Lane <[elane@selby.org](mailto:elane@selby.org)>

Hi! I'm writing to let the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society know how much we enjoyed the group that visited Selby Gardens on Sunday for your annual Ramble. Please pass on to your members that it was such a privilege to welcome them—and that our staff so greatly enjoyed the chance to meet them and thank them personally for your generosity.

One thing that came up during the visit was that some of your members might like to know a bit more about the Gardens and what happens here so that they can make plans to participate in our activities from time to time. For instance, our botany staff typically gives expedition lectures after a collecting or inventory expedition, and some of your members might enjoy coming West for a day to attend.

I'd like to offer your members the opportunity to join our e-mail list. Would it be possible for you to have anyone interested in getting Selby Gardens email news to email me directly – [elane@selby.org](mailto:elane@selby.org) – so that I could add them to the list? We don't share the list – it's only used to keep our members and other people interested in our activities informed.

I hope we will see some of your members here again soon—and please do let them know they are welcome to contact me directly with questions about Selby Gardens.

Thank you!  
Emily Chalker Lane  
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RF Orchids will have their annual 'Summer Sizzler' sale the weekend of July 8-10. They will be featuring new arrivals from Asia as well as special pricing on their collection of species, hybrids and meristems. There will be great bargains on garden decor, gifts and more! They will also be serving cool refreshment and tropical tibits.



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Thank you for the snacks: Connie Ackerman, Nora Dyke, Lisa Davis, Larry Hill, Shelly Jones, Vicki Frank, Betty Runde

Thank you kitchen staff: Geri Vatovec and Nina Anton



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**Regular Meetings:** Second Monday of each month

**Time:** 7:30 pm Workshop, 8:20 Program

**Place:** Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall  
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.

**Directions:** East on Oakland Park Blvd. from I-95

Go East for 2.4 miles, left 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. Or to take US -1 (Federal Hwy.) Go to Oakland Park Blvd. go west for two blocks turn north on NE 20th Ave. park in rear.

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