



Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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FLOS ORCHID SHOW 2013

ORCHID AFFAIR

The 55th Annual Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Orchid show will feature artwork, competitions, Orchid and supply vendors, exhibits and displays.

- * **Show Days and Hours**
 - * Friday, January 18, 10–6 pm
 - * Saturday, January 19, 10 am–6 pm
 - * January 20, 10 am–6 pm
- * **Show Tickets Presale**
 - * The presale tickets have been mailed. Please watch your mail for tickets and return envelopes. Sell all ten tickets and receive your Preview Party ticket free
- * **PREVIEW PARTY-The best party of the year!**
 - * Attendees will have a chance to purchase plants before they are available to the public
 - * Enjoy a full buffet with free champagne, wine, beverages, hors d'oeuvres and dessert with live entertainment
 - * Thursday, January 17, 7–10 pm
- * **Show (and Preview Party) Location**
 - * War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- * **The show is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer—We need your help to help make this the best show ever!!!**
- * **For more Information or to Volunteer at the Show**
 - * Contact Michael Schaberl at michaelschaberl@comcast.net, or John Wrench at johnwrench@bellsouth.net, 954-812-2231

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

December 9 — FLOS Holiday Party — see the invitation on pages & 4—Get ready for a great evening! Send in your reservation . Call Ginny Salus (954-532-7637) if you need information.

January 14 — Monthly meeting speaker will be **Paul Storm**; he will speak on Schomburkias

January 18-20, 2013 — Annual FLOS Orchid Show — ”ORCHID AFFAIR” including our annual show **Preview Party** on January 17th., this is the party of the year!

This is a great time of year to be a member of the FLOS—Join in the celebrations and fun!!!



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Photo by Steven Herman

OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER: Craig Morell

On November 12th, horticulturalist, Craig Morell identified what is bugging our plants. He explained the three continuous problems that plants in South Florida face: fungus, snails and bugs. He further advised a treatment for each.

- * He tackled fungus first. Root fungus spreads from splashing water. It's not airborne like smallpox. Plants in stacked formation on benches or to close together will infect or get infected exponentially. He recommends treating with a copper based fungicide, Phyton27 in a **3:4:5 cycle**. Spray, wait 3 weeks, spray, wait 4 weeks, spray, wait 5 weeks and repeat. Don't use this stuff around dendrobiums or bromeliads. It has copper and they hate it. He recommends controlling the breakdown of media by using non-organic potting mix or no mix at all.
- * Then, Craig slipped into snails. They invade during the wet and hot summer months. Deadline is effective, however it is highly toxic to dogs and should be treated like it is also highly toxic to humans. And don't over apply it, just 5-6 granules per square foot.
- * Finally, Craig scratched the itch on what irritates our beauties. Insects: hard scale that look like round disks, soft scale aka mealy bugs, the fuzzy white stuff, aphids and of course thrips. MITES are NOT INSECTS and insecticides won't kill them.
 - * Insecticides for insects are like antibiotics for humans. They lose their effectiveness overtime. To prevent this, rotate by the class rating on the label after every 3rd applications. Craig uses three systemic insecticides, **Orthene, Safari and Merit**.
 - * Orthene, aka Fire Ant Killer works well.
 - * Safari Insecticide by Valent, is described as a super systemic insecticide.
 - * Merit Insecticide manufactured by Bayer, contains imidacloprid, a natural alkaloid found in the leaves of tobacco and related plants. Mix with H₂O, spray wait and then watch them die.
 - * As mentioned, mites are an arthropod, closely related to spiders. Mite web looks like a silvery sheen on the underside of leaves. Look for the mites in dryer conditions. They can cause rapid damage.
 - * Topical sprays like alcohol and dish soap are effective but require frequent treatment.
 - * Systemic products penetrate into the plant, providing longer protection.



Much like bacteria, mites multiply at exponential rates. Temperature is an exponential variable. At 80° F they reproduce at one hundred thousand a week, at 90° F reproduction increases to a million in a week and at 95° F they balloon into 4 billion. The only effective way to eliminate mites is to use a systemic miticide.

Finally, Craig emphasized some key points we often over look when dealing with what is bugging us.

- * **READ THE LABELS ON ALL CHEMICALS USED IN YOUR GARDEN.** You may be breaking the law the next time you spray, or creating a toxic wasteland in your backyard.
- * **WEAR PROTECTION.** Systemic products are just that, systemic and your skin and eyes absorbs it. He recommends disposable paint suits, nitrile gloves (not latex) and full on facemasks for spraying apparel. The suit and gloves are not reusable and should be disposed of.
- * **STERILIZE** your pots, potting mixes and tools in the oven for 30 minutes or use a microwave oven for 20 minutes. Soaking tools for 30 minutes in TSP, tri-sodium phosphate, also works very well.
- * **ASK FOR HELP.** Societies and local growers are valuable resources when you're infested. (Gigi Granger)

FLOS MEMBER'S CORNER

From the Membership Table

New members Jack Wilson, Joe Hombrebueno, and Douglas Dobbins joined FLOS at our November meeting. **Welcome to you all!** Our Society is here to help you learn and enjoy your orchids so feel free to ask anyone questions and to get involved in our activities.

We also had several visitors who found out about our meeting on our new Meetup.com site. Visitors are always welcome so please consider bringing a friend to see what our Society is all about.

Renewal season is here! Renewal envelopes were mailed with the November newsletter and you can pick one up at our Holiday Party too. Even easier is renewing online via the MEMBERSHIP button at the top of our website, www.flos.org. Thank you to everyone who has renewed already. Our society is great because of all of you!

Board Update

Board of Trustees member Michael Schaberl resigned from his Board position recently for personal reasons. We thank him for his many years of dedicated service and wish him well in his new endeavors. We are hoping he will be able to return soon.

The Board appointed Joan Connors to fill Michael's position as First Vice President and welcomed longtime member Nanette Rudolf to fill Joan's seat. We also welcome Bob Stroozas who has been appointed Parliamentarian.

Our Society is fortunate to have a strong dedicated Board with knowledgeable and hard-working individuals. It takes a lot of people to do all that we do! If you would like to volunteer to help with a Board committee just speak to any Board member.

RIBBON WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER

B.nodosa	GREEN	Chris Binder
Lc. Schilleriana	GREEN	Hugh & Carol Jones
Blc.Campobello	RED	Tin Ly
C. Old Whitey	RED	Brady Mitchell
Eplc. Volcano Trick	RED	Claire Garrett
Bc. Maikai	RED	Vicki Hallock
Stma. Florida Sunset	BLUE	Connie Walker
Teoline 'Rosieglow'		
Ascda. Tropicana	BLUE	Connie Walker
Bc. Maikai	BLUE	Tin Ly
Bc. Hippodamiaea	BLUE	Tin Ly
Shmbc. Belize	BLUE	Tin Ly
Blc. Pauwela Cloud	BLUE	Brady Mitchell
Bulb. <i>Longebracteaum</i>	BLUE	Joan Connors
Ctsm. Donna wise		
X Susan Fuchs	BLUE	Bob Stroozas
Bulb. Elizabeth Ann	BLUE	Chris Crepage
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Bulb. *Longebracteaum*
Joan Connors



Bc. Maikai - Tin Ly

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AOS NEWS

2013 AOS conservation calendars are available. Photographs are of orchids in their natural habitat. This large 11x22", full-color calendar contains 14 months so you can keep dates into 2014. Enjoy the beauty of orchids in the wild as you support conservation, with \$2 of each calendar purchase going to fund AOS conservation projects. Wholesale pricing for groups are packed and available in boxes of 12). They make great holiday gifts for your orchid loving friends and family!

The Chair of the Publications Committee recently updated the society newsletter resources page on the AOS website. Included in this resource are ideas for society newsletter contents as well as a template for creating a newsletter, professional photographs to use and clip art. Newsletters are a great way to keep the lines of communication open among your society members. If your society doesn't have one yet, check out the page under the Affiliated Societies tab for this resource. Most societies post their newsletters on their website and they are available to read by anyone from their website.

Next month I will give a report of the Members Meeting this month in Portland, Oregon.

AOS Calendars will be sold at FLOS meetings and at the ORCHID AFFAIR in January 2013 at the AOS booth.



Teoline 'Rosieglow' -Connie Walker



C. Old Whitey - Brady Mitchell



Lc. Schilleriana - Hugh & Carol Jones

To make our show a success it takes work from all of us. Contact Michael Schaberl at michaelschaberl@comcast.net, or John Wrench at johnwrench@bellsouth.net, 954-812-2231 to volunteer—you will have a great time!!!

NOVEMBER RAMBLE

A happy busload of orchid lovers returned tired and heavily laden from the four stops we made on our November 10 ramble. Our first stop was Quest Orchids, where a gracious breakfast snack table was set in case we needed nourishment to fuel our greenhouse wanderings. Many bags of beautiful orchids were filled there. Second stop was On the Rocks, an oasis of bromeliads and bonsai. We spread out over the lovely grounds, finding picnic areas and enjoying the spectacular weather. (It doesn't *always* rain there!) Many of us filled boxes with bromeliads. The next stop was Henington Farms, a new nursery for most of us. What a find! They were wonderful hosts and with interesting species and primary hybrids. We were agape at the size of some of their specimen plants too. We will definitely visit them again. The last stop of the day was our perennial favorite, RF Orchids, where Bob Fuchs was his usual generous and gracious self. Ramblers were treated to a private garden tour, getting to see vanilla seed pods and even a vanilla flower. The braver among us tasted Bob's favorite concoction, scorpion wine, poured from a bottle with a monster scorpion in it. We also met Hattie, his new alligator. Again, our ramblers were heavily laden leaving RF. Nobody does Vandas like him.

We would like to thank the vendors who hosted us and we look forward to visiting again!

Quest Orchids



Bob Fuchs at RF Orchids

On the Rocks



On the Rocks

Henington Farms



John's talk at Henington Farms

RF Orchids



Henington Farms orchids



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Time: 7:30 pm
Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month

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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