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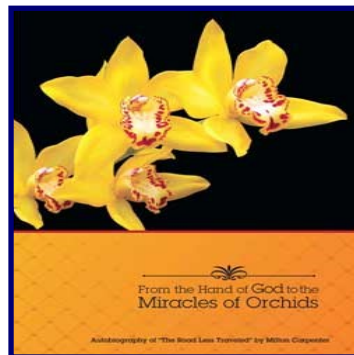
August 2013

AUGUST SPEAKER Milton Carpenter

When Milton Carpenter's wife, Nancy, was in the hospital for the delivery of their second daughter, Peggy Ruth, he gave her a flowering plant *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* (*Brassocattleya*) Springtide (Madame Charles Maron × C. Monica [1925]). The large, pinkish, fragrant cattleya cast its spell over this Florida native and so began his journey into the world of orchids. Decades later he has written the lavishly illustrated book From the Hand of God to the Miracles of Orchids that chronicles his life with these seductive plants from many angles, including that of grower, hybridizer, judge, speaker, traveler, photographer and owner of the nursery Everglades Orchids.

Milton Carpenter shares his breeding experiences, revealing how 15,000 hybridizing attempts resulted in 3,000 capsules and eventually to his registering more than 500 grexes. Yes, 500 – amazing. Early on, he focused on creating heat-tolerant cymbidiums and Oncidiinae, a natural choice for his nursery located just south of Lake Okeechobee, Florida. For example, in cymbidiums, he sought to develop plants with heat-tolerance, smaller stature and fragrance, all with an eye toward making orchids that were “easy to grow and easy to flower.”

Milton will be autographing discounted (\$30) copies of his book at our meeting.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

August 12: Milton Carpenter (SPECIAL: buy one raffle get two plants for this meeting.)

September 10: Ruben Sauledas

October 14: Plant Auction (Note earlier time of 7:00 PM)

November 11: Tom Kuligowski - "What's light got to do with It"



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AOS CORNER

The Houston Orchid Society and SWROGA have been featuring kid friendly activities at their orchid shows. The AOS Education Committee, through Sandy Stubbings and Susan Dally, has started posting a 'Kids Corner' on the AOS Website. The May and June postings can now be found under the News and Archive sections of the website (link to the June article <http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=687>). These articles are worth mentioning because they talk about their efforts in engaging children.

I had the opportunity to see the featured photo wall at the Portland Orchid Society show last November and can attest that it is just not for kids! The 'Kids Corner' hopes to continue throughout the year. They would be interested in hearing how your society has 'shared your love of orchids with kids.' If your society has had success with some kid-oriented activity, let them know at education-committee@aos.org. The

Fall Members and Trustees meetings will be held between the Courtyard Miami Coconut Grove and the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, November 15-17. Special AOS rates apply for the hotel and will be available only through October 15. A link for registration for the meeting and hotel registration should be on the AOS website shortly, as well as more information on the featured speakers and vendors.

Over the summer, the Affiliated Societies Committee will be updating the information to be published in the Orchid Source Directory. We hope to contact all societies either by email or phone to confirm or update each society's record. I hope you have all been enjoying the electronic Orchids.

Lynn Fuller, Chair AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

JULY'S MOVIE NIGHT

Petals and Popcorn

The FLOS July meeting was a "reel" hit. Our classroom turned into a theater. Our speaker, Stig Dalstrom (wildly famous Selby Gardens Curator) and Mike Owen (local hero and Fakahatchee Park Ranger) became movie stars. Our refreshments table turned into a concession stand. Instead of a kitchen full of pastries on platters, Garfield popped large vats of popcorn whilst, *The Kitchen Trio*; Kathy, Deb and Fran ran the concessions serving candy, popcorn and fountain drinks.

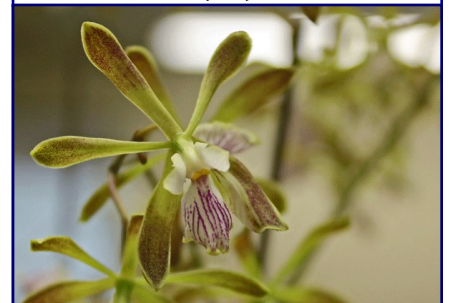
Although the evening was light-hearted, the message was serious: The age of plenty is gone. Orchids in the wild need our protection. Protection begins and ends with collectors. Stig recounted incidents of poaching and named far too many species that are extinct in the wild as a result of barbaric pilfering. His series seeks to educate the public and more specifically present the "real" consequences of orchid poaching. As irresistible as it may seem, orchids in the wild are not orchids for the taking. Gigi Granger



C. tomonori x Blc. Memoria Anna Balmores—Rich Ackerman



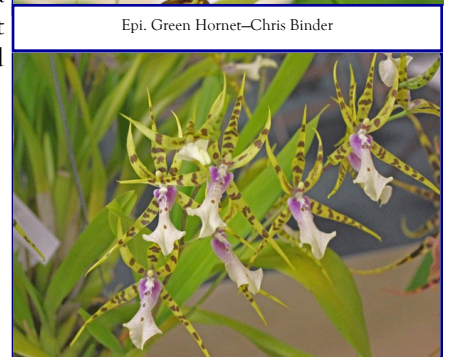
Brs. caudate 'Jem' - John Wrench



Enc. Cindy—Winston Bliss



Epi. Green Horner—Chris Binder



Miltassia Golden Spider 'Coplus' - Garfield Gilchrest

FLOS MEMBER'S PAGE

Welcome to new members:

- Robin Petit
- Louise Dent
- Marlene Isace
- Laura Stenicky
- Allan Tetzcaff & Randy MacDonald

This month we are starting a new monthly section:

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Our society can only be successful if we are all involved and making contributions—that is also the way we each can learn more about our orchids. This section will highlight the current opportunities to volunteer: to make a contribution to the society, orchids and our own learning.

HELP DESK

Starting in August there will be a help desk open from 7:00 to 7:20 before our monthly meetings.

Ask questions or bring in a plant. Sick plant? Black leaves? Little mysterious dots? Bring your sick, your tired, your weary orchids and the FLOS Help Desk will suggest solutions.

The HELP DESK will be staffed by some of our knowledgeable members and offer suggestions and diagnoses.

If you bring in a plant with pests or disease be sure to put it in a zip lock bag so that we do not spread pests and disease to other plants in the room.

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October is our Auction

While you're repotting, think about donating a division to your society. The proceeds from the sale goes to reducing the cost for the holiday party. Here are some tips:

- Donate healthy, pest and disease free, named divisions. Bare root or potted.
- Include a picture of the orchid in bloom, if you can. (One of your own or one from the internet. Just Google the name for an image.)
- If you can't get a picture, tell us what it looked like, such as "Big white Cattleya with yellow lip" or "Blooms in winter around the holidays"
- Do you have extra pots or supplies that are taking up room in your grow area that would make a great donation?

Remember we will be getting plants from vendors but we also need your participation



Forbici-Scott Peplin

RIBBON WINNERS FOR JULY

Brs. caudata 'Jem'	Green	John Wrench
Miltassia Golden Spider 'Coplus'	Green	Garfield Gilchrist
Enc. Cindy	Green	Winston Bliss
Rhy. <i>coelestis</i>	Blue	Garfield Gilchrist
V. Fuch's Sunkist	Blue	Garfield Gilchrist
C. Tomonori x Blc. Memoria Anna Balmores	Blue	Rich Ackerman
Epi. Green Hornet	Blue	Chris Binder



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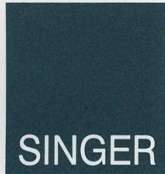
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Regular Meetings: *Second Monday of each month*

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. for 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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