



# Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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## FLOS 2013 SHOW & SALE DECLAIED AS SUCCESS!!!



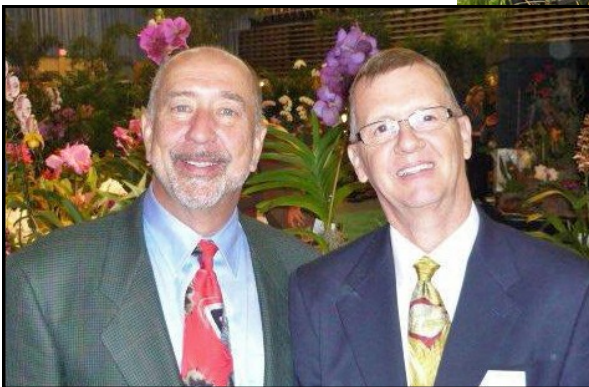
### Thank you FLOS Volunteers!

First, we would like to thank all of you for making the 2013 FLOS Orchid Show and Sale such a huge success! We had a record attendance of over 6,000 people this year! More than we've had in recent memory.

The FLOS board members could not have done it without your generous volunteer commitment. We are so very proud and grateful, we are a fantastic, dedicated society !

We were donated orchids from various orchid vendors in appreciation for doing such a great job and we want these plants to go to YOU our volunteers who worked so hard. Hopefully you all remembered to sign in at the show when you arrived. Please let us know if you did not sign in and what hours you put into the show. We want to thank you and present you with an orchid at the next FLOS meeting February 11th.

See you all there.  
Warmest Regards,



Michael Schaberl and John Wrench

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### And the Winner Is...

Thanks to Zoe and Danielle Bejar and Gigi Granger the War Memorial halls were decorated with 310 pieces of orchid art. Pine Crest School has been participating in our annual art contest since its inception at the 2010 show and Lauderdale Manors Elementary has participated twice. Every year we have more entries, and this year was no different; 2012 had *only* 300. FLOS members and the vendors do the judging during the preview party. Zoe and Danielle tally them up and by Saturday morning ribbons are hanging on the winners. Wow! A special congratulation's go out to this year's winners. The awarded artists are listed by 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

#### *Pine Crest School*

3<sup>rd</sup> grade winners were Kelli Blake, Vicki Van Woerkom, and Spencer Howe

4<sup>th</sup> grade winners were Nacho Hinestroza, Nino Pusateri, and Emily Morgan

5<sup>th</sup> grade winners were Alan Van Woerkom, Jordan Taney and Lea Srebrenik

#### *Lauderdale Manors Elementary*

Raymond Kelly, Keyonna Wright and Amaia Pinder.

## MARK YOUR CALENDER

**February 11—The Annual Culture Workshop—presented by Hyla Levine **THE GREEN BARN**. This program on repotting and basic culture will help us with all the new orchids be bought at the show.**

**March 11—Craig Pittman the author of The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid**

**April 8—Larry Cox on warm growing Lycaste**

## AOS CORNER

AOS has gone digital. Starting with the January issue, Orchids is available for download to your computer, smart phone, pad or tablet. All you need is a valid email address connected to your membership and your personal login. If you have explored the members only section of the AOS website, you are all set! If not, there are instructions on the site how to set up your own account.

The spring trustees and members' meeting (including the annual elections) will be held in tandem with the San Diego Orchid Show in San Diego, California, March 21-23 at the Scottish Rite Temple. Meeting will be held between the Sheraton Mission Valley Hotel and the Show. More information and registration will be available on the AOS website soon.

The AOS proxy card for the annual elections was included in the January issue of Orchids. If you are not planning to attend the meeting in San Diego in March, please return your vote to AOS Headquarters at your earliest convenience so your vote may be counted at that meeting. An important part of membership is the privilege of voting.

Best wishes and happy growing for 2013.  
Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

### 2013 Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society AOS Awards

*Cattleya*. Circle Of Life 'Crystelle' (C. Culminant X C. *coccinea*) AM – 81 pts., Krull-Smith Orchids.

*Cattleya*. Mem. Alberto Wenzel 'Little James Krull' (C. *alaorii* X C. *schroderae*) HCC – 77 pts., Krull-Smith Orchids.

*Lycaste* (Wyld Sunset X *skinneri*) 'Crystelle' FCC – 90 pts. (Provisional), Krull-Smith Orchids.

*Renanthis* Alsagoff 'Princess Payton' (Rnst. Azimah X Rhy. *gigantea*) AM – 86 pts., St. Germain Orchids.

*Lycaste* Nagai International 'Angelica' (Chita Sunset X *skinneri*) AM – 83 pts., Cal-Orchid.

*Phalaenopsis* Margarita Lime 'Amanda' (Goldiana X Sweet Revenge) AM – 80 pts., Carib Plants.

*Cattleya lueddemanniana* 'Diana' HCC – 77 pts., Carib Plants.

Exhibit 16 "An Affair of the Heart," AOS Show Trophy, Carib Plants.

Exhibit 20 "Nature Lovers," Artistic Certificate, Mac's Orchids.

## JANUARY SPEAKER: ALAN KOCH

### Mimicking Orchids in Nature

The January 14<sup>th</sup> FLOS meeting featured Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids. Along with participating as a vendor in our show, he graced us with a lesson on selecting plants based on their natural habitats.

Alan suggests we try to meet 1 out of 3 essential needs of our orchids. Predominate species are the best indicators for growing conditions. Follow the consensus for care after consulting vendors, other growers, Internet and your local society.

Look for visual indicators:

*Cattleya walkeriana* has two types: a twig epiphyte and a lithophyte. Both like to dry out quickly and both conduct photosynthesis in their roots. Their roots are green, so pot them in clear pots.

*Dendrobium rigidum* and *Dendrobium wassellii* grow horizontally so don't attach them to a tree hoping they'll climb.

*Cattleya schilleriana* has stomata (for exchanging gases) within its root system, so potting it smothers the roots. Mount it.

Rainfall is another condition we can try to mimic.

*Dendrobium latouria* grows in New Guinea where the rainfall exceeds 200 inches per year. The rain leaches out the salt and minerals from *latouria*'s roots. Orchids from areas that receive high amounts of rain are sensitive to salts and fertilizers. Flush their roots 20-25 minute after feeding. These orchids usually have calcium deficiencies in cultivation, so supplement.

*Oncidium* twinkle and sharry baby have thin roots. Thin roots need extra calcium to bloom. Feed powdered dolomite or eggshells. Alan recommends calcium supplements because orchids will only assimilate as much as they need. Dolomitic lime supplements calcium and magnesium. Apply once in spring and again in fall.

Every grower has a unique microclimate and your medium should be based on what works best for your microclimate and the orchids needs.

**So before you buy, do some research then follow the consensus.**

(Gigi Granger)

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"Everyone worked together!"



'Best show in years!'



"Some of the vendors sold out!!!"



## FLOS MEMBER'S CORNER

Alena Shield joined us at January's meeting. As her gift plant she chose the *Dendrobium bullenianum* keiki that I've been offering new members for most of the year. Do you think she chose it because its beautiful cluster of yellow-orange flowers? You'd be correct if that was your guess! There's a reason why it is my favorite Den!

Many thanks to all members who have renewed your memberships. There was quite a crush of renewals at our January meeting and I thank you for your patience. If you still haven't renewed just go online and click the "Membership" link. You'll find it very easy to renew with a credit card or your PayPal account.

I'd like to give a special thanks to Nanette Rudolf who has been helping at the membership table all year. It is great having a second set of hands. Thank you Nanette!

Happy New Year to all our FLOS members, and may you always have something in bloom.

### ORCHIDS & SUPPLIES

Shari Weidenbaum, a FLOS member, is selling the orchids in her collection.

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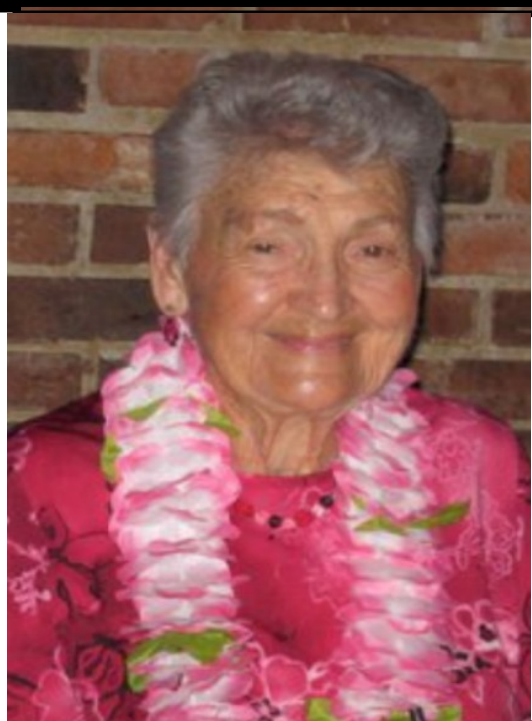
**On behalf of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society I personally want to apologize for omitting your name from the program roster as Judging Chair. I am really sorry for this omission. Your hard work made this show one of our best. They say that volunteer work is thankless, but I regret that this expression was literal in this case! Thank you also for helping to diffuse the awkward awards situation on Thursday. We are grateful for your dependable service, expertise and support.**

Sincerely,  
John Wrench

### IT IS WITH GREAT SADDNESS THAT WE REPORT THE PASSING OF MICKEY CARMICHAEL

Sarah "Mickey" Carmichael passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family December 19th. Born in Rural Rutherford County, Tennessee in 1920. Sarah moved to Indianapolis, Indiana with her first husband and worked at Eli Lilly for 11 years. Mickey remarried Gilbert Carmichael in 1947 whom she met attending dance lessons. The Carmichael's relocated to Miami Florida in 1952 and had two children Gale O'Connor and Lisa Carmichael. Mickey enjoyed sewing and making her own clothes. Mickey developed a love for plants beginning with grafting hibiscus. After attending a couple Orchid Shows she purchased one and this hobby eventually led to starting her own nursery Mickeys Orchids in 1962. Mickey was known for being a great story teller, always happy to share her adventures. Mickey loved making her own Orchid Hybrids and eventually passed the business on to her daughter Gale. Mickey is a member of several Orchid Societies Fort Lauderdale, Sunrise, Plantation, and Miami she is a life member of the Eastern Star and Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society. Mickey was predeceased by her husband Gilbert in 1974 and survived by two daughters Gale O'Connor, Lisa Carmichael, and a grandson Dan O'Connor. Mickey was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew her. A "Celebration of Life" was held January 12th at Secret Woods Nature Center. Donations can be made to:

Lucanus Developmental center:  
6411 Taft street  
Hollywood, FL 33024



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Recently there have been a number of positive comments about the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and it seemed appropriate to share them with the entire membership.

The show was a great success and over the next month or so much of that data will be shared in the Newsletter and at our meetings

- There seems to be a good feeling of unity within our group; people are working together and enjoying the companionship within our society
- There is effectiveness in the decision making process – we all seem to share the same focus
- We are expanding our activities according to our mission statement: e.g. Chris Crepage and Gigi Granger’s leadership in the teaching program at the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Science and Discovery – what a great way to help get kids interested in growing orchids!
- We are moving rapidly into the new technological age:
  - Our Newsletter is now e-mailed to most members
  - Our website and Face Book page have grown and improved and are used to share information and recruit members and new members
  - We have started a Meetup group, thanks to Scott Peplin, and have new members and guests because of that connection.
  - We now have more up to date methods for members to pay for membership and society activities via PayPal.

Way to go – keep up the good work!!!

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