

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER

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ORCHID AFFAIR-2013 SHOW & SALE

The 55th annual FLOS is coming together. However, we still need volunteers for the show such as hosts and hostesses. We also need volunteers to help out of town vendors. Vendors, especially those who may not be able to bring as many props or orchids for their displays may need help because they have to travel long distances. Members often loan vendors orchids, benches, birdbaths and other hardscape elements to help fill out an exhibit. The society provides foliage plants of varying sizes to separate the exhibits, helping to create a tropical-forest appearance in the landscape exhibit area. With a significant number of vendors at the show each year, space is limited for society exhibits. Depending on available exhibit space, show organizers invite other AOS Affiliated Societies to put in tabletop displays. This year we are lucky to have the Sunrise Orchid Society putting in a table top display.

January: Alan Koch

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian

Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many international publications. He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and is one of the current directors, as well as a Trustee for the AOS. (continued on page 2)



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

January 14 — Monthly meeting speaker will be Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids

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!

February 11—Monthly meeting will see the return of THE GREEN BARN on repotting and basic culture.



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Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture - This program teaches novice and advanced growers how a species grows in the wild, how to grow it and the hybrids from it in your collection. Program is strong on orchid culture and helps everyone to be a better orchid grower. Bring a notepad so you can remember all the information given in this program.

When I speak at a society I give a 20% plants preordered from my website and on the limited availability list (on page 2) and there will be no charge for shipping! Members wanting pants from the limited availability list need to email or call in the orders. For orders from the website do the following:

- Put in the following discount code which is case sensitive
- Under shipping put DELIVER TO SOCIETY
- Under comments put in the name of your society.

Alan

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Excerpts from the President of American Orchid Society's Newsletter:

From the desk of Sandra Tillisch Svoboda - December 4, 2012

It is hard to imagine that 2 1/2 months ago we didn't even know our

Director of Finance and Administration's name. With the recommendation of AOS members and the Fairchild CEO and COO who interviewed her, the decision

was made to hire Gladys Garcia-Greenberg. She is a wonderful addition to our family. She brings strengths to our organization that we need. Her intelligence, organizational and people skills, and enthusiasm will help us take advantage of the many opportunities that we have.

Our New Home: Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

The AOS headquarters is situated in a small house, the Fairchild Research Center, south east of the main Fairchild Gardens campus. Since March of this year, the AOS staff has been living in 425 square feet (one room). The room was filled with file cabinets, equipment, and endless number of boxes (they multiply like rabbits every so often). The good news is that now the researchers have moved to a new "home" and the AOS staff has been able to move into additional office space, and the COO and DFA longer have to share one des k!

Cork Tree, Fairchild Tropical Conservatory, awaiting the placement of the orchids

Additional grants to the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden include a donation from Theo & Ellen Rumble of Boca Raton for construction of a cork tree which has been constructed in the new FTBG Tropical Conservatory House, and a grant with money from the International Phalaenopsis Alliance for a Phalaenopsis species exhibit. Mr. and Mrs. Rumble donated the funds for the original cork tree in the AOS Delray Beach display greenhouse and followed that donation with funds to construct a second tree. We are elated to say that the new cork tree at the FTBG has been built!

All donations will be acknowledged with a plaque recognizing the AOS and the specific donor.





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FLOS MEMBER'S CORNER

It's time to renew. If you learned anything new this year about orchids at a FLOS meeting, renew! If you won a plant from the raffle table, renew! Buy a plant from one of our speakers? You couldn't find that at Home Depot... renew! Come to our show? You know what to do! FLOS membership is a great deal and your membership helps sustain the organization. If you need a renewal envelope just ask and we will mail you one, or renew online at our website.

ORCHIDS AND GOLF?

If you remember, last year the PGA contacted FLOS for its "Tickets Fore Charity" program. This year we have signed up once again to participate for the WGC-Cadillac Championship at Doral March 6-10, 2013. This is a wonderful program as 100% of the ticket proceeds will be given back to the Society after the event. We will be selling tickets at FLOS' show: \$115 for a Weekly Clubhouse ticket and \$20 for a single any-day pass. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.buytfc.com using the promotional code PRACTICE (case sensitive) to ensure FLOS gets credit. NOTE: There will be a Ticketmaster fee + FL tax for online purchases. This can be avoided by purchasing directly from FLOS.

There are also opportunities to volunteer at the event for those who love golf. Although volunteer registration will cost \$60 (to ensure commitment), those who do so will get much more in return. There will be a volunteer package that includes a cap, shirt, and other memorabilia. Also included will be your meals at the country club and a celebration party afterwards. You do not need to volunteer for the entire week. Furthermore, if the volunteer mentions that they are a FLOS member, the \$60 fee will be donated to our club!

ORCHIDS & SUPPLIES

Shari Weidenbaum is selling the orchids in her collection.

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Connecting with the Community



Over the 2012 year FLOS has had the privilege of hosting a classroom at the Museum of Discovery and Science four times. We began last winter, with the grand opening of the Eco-Discovery Center. Everyone welcomed the otters to their new homes. In spring, we brought out our blooming orchids for the "Babies, Blooms, and Butterflies celebration. For our third classroom, we lit up the room with the theme "Stars, Stripe and Science" and had a "blast" with bees. To our delight, Jesse Zito from MODS contacted Chris Crepage and invited us back to host a fourth classroom on the December 15th weekend. As an unexpected gift and thank you to the staff and volunteers at MODS, Mr. Zito reserved a private viewing room at IMAX for the previewing of "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey". In return, FLOS volunteers spent the rest of the weekend teaching and interacting with the hobbits, the magicians and of course the children. Proving once again "If we reach out, a hand will reach back".





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2012 HOLIDAY PARTY



2012 Wasn't Just Another Festive Holiday Party

This year's FLOS holiday party was held in the exclusive downtown Tower Club. Atop of one of Fort Lauderdale's tallest buildings, we were served mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres, shared wine and spirits whilst our tables were readied.

When the dining room opened, we were served an exceptional three-course dinner. Throughout the evening Salvatore Fazio entertained us with his talent, by playing the piano and singing favorites from all genres. After dinner, Salvatore drew a crowd on the dance floor. I was secretly hoping to burn off a few calories after such a decadent meal, and I am sure I wasn't alone. The party wrapped up the with the



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♦ THE 55th ANNUAL FORT LAUDERDALE ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW & SALE will feature competitions, plant and supply vendors, exhibits and displays.

 PREVIEW PARTY ATTENDEES will have a chance to purchase plants before they are available to the public and enjoy a full buffet with free champagne, hors d'oeuvres, beverages and dessert with live entrainment.

Thursday, January 17, 7–10 pm.

 PREVIEW PARTY: FLOS members who sell all ten of their presale tickets get in for free. Please turn in you money to Joan Connors. Otherwise presale tickets are \$55.

♦ SHOW DAYS & HOURS:

Friday, January 18, 10 am-6 pm Saturday, January 19, 10 am-6 pm Sunday, January 20, 10 am-6 pm

♦ Show Tickets Presale — \$8 with coupon that can be downloaded from the society's website: www.flos.org.

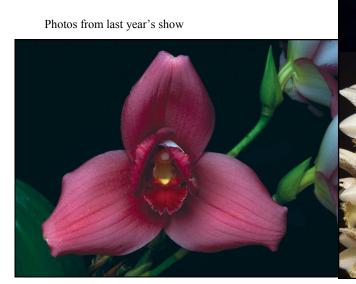
At the Door — \$10. For group rates contact Chris Crepage - (954-563-3548).

Location War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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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.

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Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall

Time: Place:

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Kegular Meetings: Second Monday of each month

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