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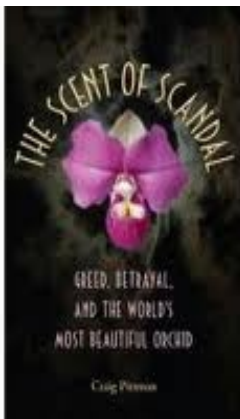
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MARCH SPEAKER: CRAIG PITTMAN



“Craig Pittman, author of the twisted and amazing new non-fiction book "The Scent of Scandal," is a native Floridian. Born in Pensacola, he graduated from Troy State University in Alabama, where his muckraking work for the student paper prompted an agitated dean to label him "the most destructive force on campus." Since then he has covered a variety of newspaper beats and quite a few natural disasters, including hurricanes, wildfires and the Florida Legislature. Since 1998 he has reported on environmental issues for Florida's largest newspaper, the Tampa Bay Times (formerly the St. Petersburg Times), where his coverage has won both state and national awards.” (Amazon)



“Every year more than 100,000 people visit Sarasota’s Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, in large part to see its vast orchid collection, one of the most magnificent in the world. But the most famous orchid in Selby’s history—the one hailed as the most significant find in a century—isn’t on display. It’s the one that led to search warrants, a grand jury investigation, and headlines around the country.

Discovered in Peru in 2002, the *Phragmipedium kovachii* quickly became the most sought-after orchid in the world. Prices soared to \$10,000 on the black market and otherwise rational people bent rules and broke laws in their obsessive quest to possess it.

Craig Pittman covered this fascinating story, as it happened, for the *St. Petersburg Times*. In this enthralling account, he unravels the tangled web of smugglers, scientists, and federal investigators to reveal who the real criminals were in this sordid affair.” (from the book cover)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

March 11—Craig Pittman the author of [The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal and the World’s Most Beautiful Orchid](#)

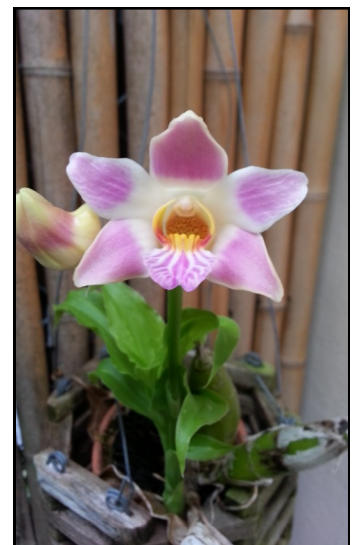
April 8—Larry Cox on warm growing Lycaste

April 13—Ramble!

-Meet at Christ Lutheran Church Parking Lot at 8:00 AM (bus will return no later than 5:00 PM). Nursery stops are planned for Stel Mar Gardens, Caribe Plants, Henington Farms and one more nursery not yet chosen.

-What to bring: Bag lunch, refreshments, cash, checks, credit cards (some vendors are whole sale and will not be able to accept credit cards. Also bring boxes for storing your plants on the bus

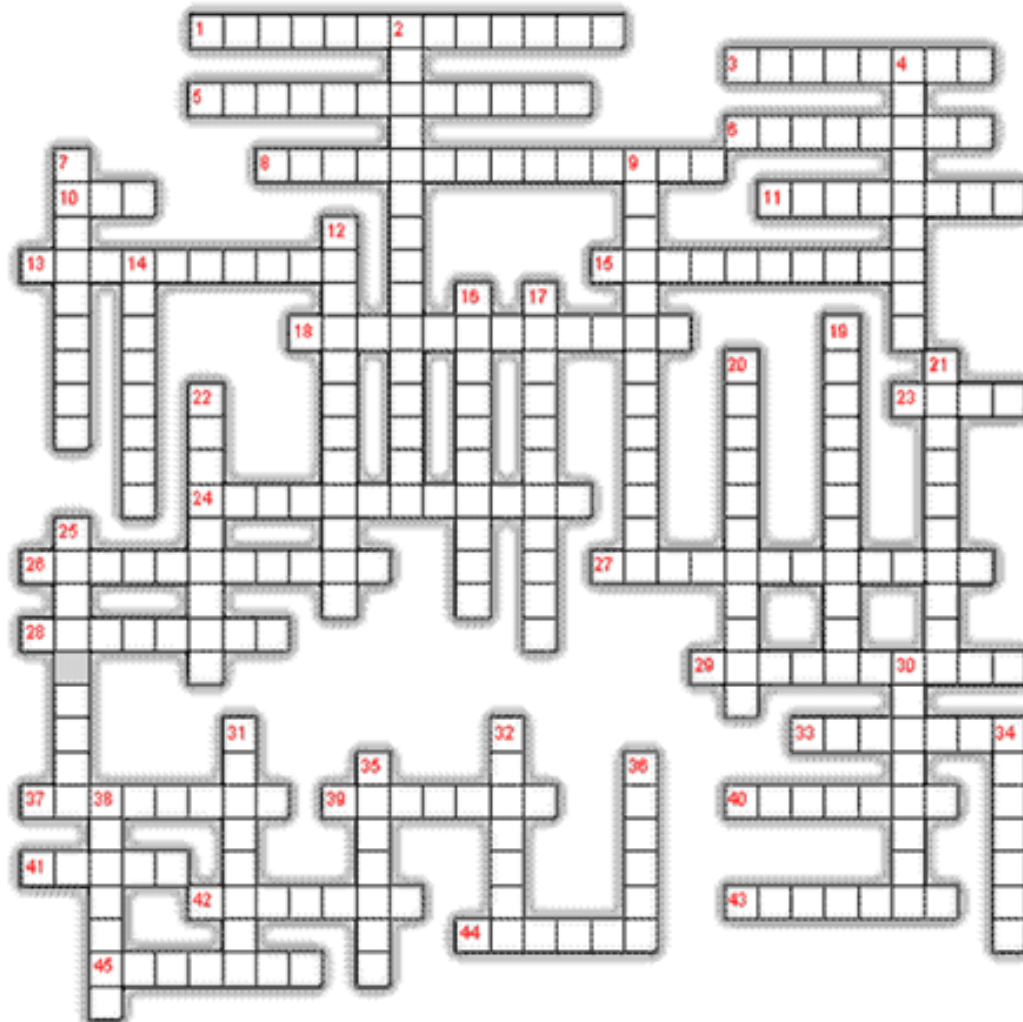
April 20-21 & 27-28—orchid education at The Museum of Discovery & Science



Chysis Maritza Bielecki
Grower and photo credit Tom Corral

AOS CORNER

Catchy Catts



ACROSS

- 1. natural Central American hybrid
- 3. grows in the Amazon
- 5. endemic to Espiritu Santo
- 6. blue cattleyas
- 8. mini-granulosa
- 10. the king
- 11. 'A.C. Burrage'
- 13. sometimes peloric
- 15. old Cattleya
- 18. Pabst
- 23. FCC violacea
- 24. smells foul
- 26. flowers immediately after producing new lead

- 27. *C. gigas*
- 28. Grand Champ 15th WOC
- 29. a primitive cattleya
- 33. type for the genus
- 37. parent of Blc Waikiki Gold
- 39. pseudobulbs 1 meter tall
- 40. lip with no side lobes
- 41. big red lip
- 42. fall blooming *C. skinneri*
- 43. spring blooming labiate
- 44. has 2 races
- 45. national flower of Venezuela

DOWN

- 2. pink spots
- 4. small cat from Bahia
- 7. green cattleya
- 9. once considered variety of *granulosa*
- 12. 'Streeter's Choice'
- 14. tall flower stalk
- 16. flowers from the base of pseudobulb
- 17. *C. guttata* x *C. schilleriana*
- 19. grows in Belize
- 20. syn. *chocoensis*
- 21. sometimes cleistagomous
- 22. aka tigrina

Reminder to all current AOS members:

Your raffle ticket for the AOS monthly raffle may be picked up from Vicki Hallock at the library table.



C. amethystoglossa—Jeff Tucker

- 25. Cats grow on the beach here
- 30. rainbow colored cattleya
- 31. National flower of Costa Rica
- 32. small yellow flowers
- 34. parent of splash petal hybrids
- 35. *C. violacea*
- 36. natural hybrid, *forbesii* x *harrisoniana*
- 38. home of *C. lawrenceana*
provided by the
[American Orchid Society](#)

(answers will appear in next months newsletter)

FLOS MEMBER'S CORNER



April will be busy for FLOS, a ramble and back-to-back weekend classes at the MODS. April 20th-21st and April 27th-28th FLOS will be host a classroom for the Earth Day and Arbor Day weekends at MODS. We still need volunteers for the 8 two-hour shifts. No need to feel intimidated, we are the experts to the greater public. Our monthly lectures, our many attempts to grow and our current successes with growing have built in each of us an “expert orchid...something.” We have a great organization and need to share it with the public. Contact Gigi Granger for how you can help out.

From the FLOS library corner: Milton Carpenter has generously donated to our library a copy of his newly published book, From the Hand of God to the Miracles of Orchids, with companion CDs. It is autobiographical with gorgeous photos of his many orchid crosses. Milton is well known as a hybridizer of warm growing cymbidiums and has been a long time friend of FLOS. Thank you, Milton.

The FLOS library contains over 500 volumes of orchid related books and as a member you may check out one book each meeting for return the following meeting.



Den. arggreatum—Michael Bryant

RIBBON WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY

BLC. HUSKY 'Romeo'	GREEN	Michael Bryant
DEN. SPRING DREAM	GREEN	Scott Peplin
Ludisia discolor	GREEN	Bob Isaacs
Odc. Sunlight ' Pacific Punch'	RED	Garfield Gilchrist
Ionopsis utriculorides	RED	Robert Smith
Tol. Pretty in Pink	RED	Norma Jeanne Flack
Paph. callosum X superbien	RED	Rubben Howe
Vanda Robert's Delight	BLUE	Garfield Gilchrist
Myc. (Schm.) Mem. Louise Fuchs ' Weesie' X Self	BLUE	Scott Peplin
Ctps. cubensis	BLUE	Vicki Hallock
Lc. Aloha Case	BLUE	Jeff Tucker
Ctsm. Dragon's Treasure 'Gilberto' AM/AOS	BLUE	John Wrench
C. amethystoglossa	BLUE	Jeff Tucker
Blc. Robert Randall	BLUE	Rubben Howe
Den. arggreatum	BLUE	Michael Bryant
Paph. Saint Swithin	BLUE	Rubben Howe
Paph. Magic leopard X Hsinying Ruby Red	BLUE	Rubben Howe
Enc. codrigeria	BLUE	Zoe Bejar
pseudoglomeratum X miyakii	BLUE	Bob Stroozas
Zgz. Orchidom Dancing Elf	BLUE	Ricky Bellas



Paph. Saint Swithin—Rubben Howe



Myc. (Schm.) Mem. Louise Fuchs ' Weesie' X Self - Scott Peplin

FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Dot Henley

Using Arctic animals to explain orchid color change?

Orchids With a Color-Change Gene
Rabbits, foxes, mice and some birds have a gene which determines coat or feather color. When the Alaskan weather is cold the gene, which is really an enzyme, is sending out a color message 'be brown'. By the time winter is over, the new brown body cover pushed out the old white, snow-matching cover and the brown matches the earth which has been exposed after the snow melts.

Meanwhile the gene 'notes' the warmer weather and sends a 'be white' message and by the time snow falls the brown hair or feathers have been replaced by white. At least two *Phalaenopsis* appear to have the color change gene. Phal. Spanish Dance '231' *HCCI* AOS (Lippeschonuck x Su's Red Lip) and Dpts. Minho Princess 'Watercolor Artist' (Dpts. Sun Prince x Phal Ta Lin Freeds) are basically white with a picotee edging in pink if the flowers develop in a moderately cool environment. If the flowers develop in a warmer environment they are basically solid pink.

I've lost the picture, but Norman shipped a Spanish Dancer here in January with a sports heater in the box. The lower flowers still kept some picotee edging, but the upper flowers were pink. A smaller spike which opened here later while it was still cool had picotee flowers.

A color shade gene appears to be universal in red, blue, and purple orchids that bloom more than once a year. Flowers that emerge in hot weather are less vibrant or faded in appearance compared to intensely bright flowers that open on the same plant in cooler weather. *Ascocenda* flower shades are especially good illustrators of this . D.H. (FLOS Newsletter March 2008)



Google Image: Phal Spanish Dancer



Vanda Robert's Delight—Garfield Gilchrist



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Bulb. Makooyanum

Equality Park Garden Club at The Pride Center presents:

A Tropical PLANT FAIR

Saturday, March 16, 2013 • 8AM-5PM

The Pride Center
2040 North Dixie Highway

FREE ADMISSION

Our February Program

Our February 11, speaker was Hyla Levine from Green Barn Orchid Supplies. She and her staff presented a program designed to help us keep the great orchids alive that we bought at the FLOS Show. The program covered all the basics!

Hyla offers a variety of orchid related supplies that come in handy after our annual show. We all need growing media. Green Barn stocks Hydroton, hydrorocks, lava rock mixes, coconut, bark and alaphlor, phalaenopsis mixes and more. Pots like medium should be tailored to the plant and watering conditions. Green Barn carries a large selection of pots, from clear pot for photosynthesizing roots, net pots for air circulation and rapid drying to coco husk and clay pots for bulbs like Cattleya. The Green Barn also supplies a variety of insecticides, fertilizers, and supplements, including some hard to get favorites, like Rose Pride and Root Juice root stimulator. The shop is conveniently located in Delray Beach and can be found online at shop.greenbarnorchid.com (see Green Barn's card on the last page of the newsletter). (Gigi Granger)



Ctsm. Frilly Doris SVO HCC/AOS
x
Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Burgandy Chips' FCC/AOS

Buying Orchids on eBay

- Do your homework. Check orchid vendor Web sites and on-line catalogs for average prices of orchids you are interested in bidding on so that you won't pay too much.
- Set your top price limit and don't exceed it. Know when to "say when" and let an orchid go. Keep a reign on that competitive spirit.
- Only deal with vendors, who have high ratings of 98 to 100 percent positive feedback. Look to see how long they have been selling on eBay, the longer, the better.
- Read the comments (especially negative ones) from other buyers about their experiences in dealing with this vendor before you place any bids.
- Look at where the item originates from and how far away it is from where you live. What method of shipping is used? How long will the orchids spend in transit? If you have a choice, go for the orchids nearest to you so they have a better chance of arriving in good shape.

- Look closely at the price the vendor is charging for shipping and handling. Vendors usually charge a flat rate for shipping. Does it seem excessively high? If shipping must take place during cold weather, does the vendor include heat packs? Does the vendor discount the cost of shipping if you win more than one of its orchids? Does the vendor guarantee that plants arrive in good condition, or is insurance extra?
 - Don't pay by check. You may use a credit card, but the safest method is to pay using PayPal. The amount is still charged to your credit card, but no one has access to your account number except for PayPal. There is no cost to setup a PayPal account. You also have some recourse to recoup certain losses by fraud through eBay Inc. and through PayPal. (and your credit card company).
 - Don't get carried away. If bidding seems to be becoming an obsession or problem stop immediately and get help!
- Deborah Dillon-Townes.

ORCHIDS 6/09



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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month
7:30 pm
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
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park in rear.

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