



Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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MAY SPEAKER: GREG ALLIKAS

Greg Allikas will be speaking on "25 Best Orchids I Have Seen in the Past Three Years" Greg is known the world over for his brilliant photographs of orchids. His extensive knowledge of his subject and artistic background offer a unique interpretation that is both accurate, and stunningly beautiful. Greg has been a commercial photographer in the Palm Beaches and is well known for his library of theater photography. An orchid grower since 1970, Allikas is awards photographer for the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center, Florida-Caribbean Judging Center in Miami, and many annual South Florida orchid shows including Ft. Lauderdale, Delray Beach, Deerfield Beach, Naples, Boca Raton and the Tamiami and Redland Orchid Festivals (Redlands coming up May 17-19). His photos are regularly seen in numerous AOS publications including the annual calendar, *AQ Plus* and *Orchids* magazine. He has written articles for both *Orchids* magazine and *Orchid Digest*.



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Blc. Mahina Yahiro 'Ulii' - Ellen B. Kirby



Photo by John Wrench



Otara. Ocone x Peggy San—Nanette Rudolf

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

April 27-28 & May 11-12—Orchid education at The Museum of Discovery & Science (see page 4 to see how you can help!)

May 13—Greg Allikas will be speaking on "25 Best Orchids I Have Seen in the Past Three Years"

May 17-19 Redlands Orchid Festival

June 10—Weyman Bussey speaking on Mexican species.



Enc. Cordigera var. rosea—Chris Crepage



Gur skinnerii—Chuck McCartney



Den. primum—Helen Rivenbark

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AOS CORNER

Welcome to the newly elected members of the Board of Trustees of AOS. At the Members' meeting held in March in San Diego, California, Fred Clarke was re-elected to the Board of Trustees for a three year period and Harry Gallis, David Toyoshima and Carol Zoltowski were newly elected for the same three year period. For more information on these new Trustees' background information may be found on the AOS website. In addition, Alan Koch, Tom Etheridge and Linda Wilhelm are the outgoing Trustees.

In addition at the Trustees and Members meeting, Frank and Taylor Slaughter of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, each received separate AOS Silver Medals for their dedicated service to the AOS. Taylor for her service to the AOS judging system, as the first chair of the Governance Committee and service as a member of the Board of Trustees in various capacities for a number of years. Frank received his award for his service to the technology needs of the AOS.

Interesting Orchid Hybrid Trivia from AOS Website:

The total number of grex names in the register is currently 154,660 (as of now). This figure increases daily. Each year The International Orchid Register adds between 3000-4000 new hybrids.

The most popular genera for hybrids are:

Phalaenopsis — 31,382

Paphiopedilum — 23,871

Cymbidium — 14,688

Dendrobium — 11,910

So far there are about 2349 hybrid generic names, but not all of these are in use.

There are about 5,600 species involved in hybridization.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



Ramble Photo by Rick Ackerman



V. Pacjarra Delight -Garfield Gilcrest

APRIL SPEAKER: LARRY COX

Our April speaker Larry Cox put to rest the fear when caring for the much desired, but frequently avoided, lycaste orchids. The main cause for such fears is their need for cooler temperatures. Larry suggested we find a cooler micro-climate within our growing areas. He pointed out that cooler places for placing plants are: under benches, close to the ground (heat rises). As a last resort, build an a/c cooled greenhouse.

Watering is also a shady subject when growing Lycaste. Lycaste can be deciduous or non-deciduous. Deciduous lycastes will drop their leaves before going into the dormancy for the winter months. Non-deciduous lycaste hold onto their leaves or spines in dormancy. All watering must cease until new growth begins in spring. The only exception is if the pseudobulbs start to show signs of drying out (shriveling, or wrinkling). Once new grow begins, water, fertilize with a 20-20-20 and supplement as needed. Lycaste can be sensitive to salts and minerals build-ups, so flush well.

When looking for warm tolerant lycastes, think color and steer toward the greens, yellows, and darker browns. These include: aromatic (golden rod), campbellii (bright yellow to green), deppei (red/brown speckling on green) cochleata (yellow orange), and losio-glassa (shiny chocolate) varieties. Air circulation is essential and potting medium should allow for quick drainage. Larry's experience and suggestions helped soothe our lycaste apprehensions. Hopefully, we will see more of these gems on the judging table. (Gigi Gragner)



Google Images

FLOS MEMBER'S CORNER

Welcome to new members Elaine Jordan, Judith Bloom, and Ed & Joan Grabowsky. They joined FLOS at our April meeting. We were all out of new membership packets at the Membership Table, but we will have more in May. Please stop by, say hi, and pick up a packet! It has useful information about FLOS and orchid growing.

Renewals have been rolling in and we thank everyone who has chosen to join us for another year of orchid education and fun. If you have a question about your renewal or any of the benefits of membership just ask at the Membership Table.

We will be forming new committees in July. If you are interested in helping with any of our many activities please speak to any Board Member. We are all volunteers and the more hands that help, the more we can accomplish.



Cym. Little Black Sambo—Rich Ackerman

RIBBON WINNERS FOR APRIL

Brassia suavissima	GREEN	Randy Clyde
Lc. Ptarmigan Ridge " Mendenhall"	RED	Jan & Allan Mink
Enc. cordigeravar. Rosea	RED	Tony Millet
C. skinnerii	RED	Jesse Adderly
Dpts. I- Hsin Seasme	RED	Ellen B. Kirby
Blc. Mahina Yahiro " Ulii"	BLUE	Ellen B. Kirby
Dpts. Shue Long Sweet	BLUE	Jan & Allan Mink
V. Pacharra Delight	BLUE	Garfield Gilchrist
Max. tenuifolia	BLUE	Garfield Gilchrist
Otara. Ocone X Peggy San	BLUE	Nanette Rudolf
Cym. Little Black Sambo	BLUE	Rich Ackerman
Enc. bractescens	BLUE	Rich Ackerman
Enc. bractescens	BLUE	Sandy Caradonna
Gur. skinnerii	BLUE	Chuck McCartney
Enc. cordigera var. rosea	BLUE	Chris Crepage
Pholidota chinensis	BLUE	Chris Crepage
Gram. scriptum	BLUE	Helen Rivenbark
Den. primulium	BLUE	Helen Rivenbark
Den. amabile	BLUE	Helen Rivenbark

Please be sure to PRINT on the ribbon judging sheets. Our cursive may be attractive but it is difficult to read!



Rlc. Golf Green 'Hairy Pig' (digbyana) grower Ken Slump



MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

Education at Museum of Science and Discovery

Dear Members, As you know one of our purposes of our society is to provide education. We have been invited to the Earth month events at the Museum of Discovery and Science in Ft. Lauderdale. What better way to achieve our mission.

Gigi Granger is organizing our participation in this educational event.

Next week she needs our participation on Saturday the 27th, set up 10-12, 12-2 and 2-4 shifts and Sunday the 28th, the 12-2 and 2-4 shifts.

May 11-12 The Museum of Discovery and Science is presenting Thailand. Our classroom will feature Thailand Native Orchids. Volunteers interested in helping at either or both events please contact Gigi Granger—954-675-3570 or gigigator@aol.com.

We need to show our new educational partners there are more than 10 members in our society. We have over 200 members that is a lot of new faces to share with the public. So PLEASE come out and help.

FLOS Members Donate to Abandoned Pet Rescue

Individual members of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society decided to get together and donate to the Abandoned Pet Rescue annual fundraiser Saturday April 13th. APR is a no kill animal shelter few people know about. We donated money, books, pottery, coasters and a beautiful Phalaenopsis Tying Shin orchid from Carib Plants. The APR put everything together into this beautiful basket for their Silent Auction. There were 95 items altogether just in the silent auction. This was a nice way for us to get FLOS's name out to a new group of caring individuals. We raised over \$250.00 for this event and made new friends and hopefully new members.

Thank you to all who participated. It was a great event. If you would like to participate next year please contact John Wrench 954-812-2231.



Pete—adopted by John & Steve

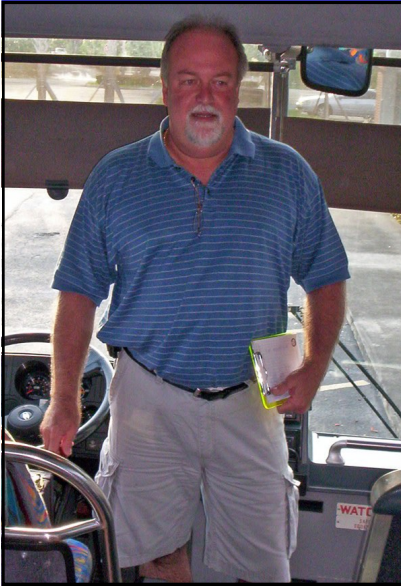


Max. tenuifolia—Garfield Gilchrest



Enc. Bractescens—Rich Ackerman





Spring Ramble 2013

Capt. Allen and enthusiastic crew, once again, set out from Ft Lauderdale aboard a luxury liner bound for parts known only to a privileged few, in search of that elusive orchid that one cannot live without and I feel that I must clarify the fact that it is not limited to the singular form, orchid, and more towards the plural form, orchids and lots of them. If we were to reclassify the luxury coach that we had chartered for the day, we would be obligated to call it a pirate ship, for it was laden to the hatch doors with zillions of fine, fine orchids, as well as some treasures of exotic flora plundered from the depths of Homestead, and all she had to offer..... with no shots fired. Plenty of doubloons exchanged hands with the obliging growers, who made us feel right at home as we searched all the coves and forgotten corners of each greenhouse for that special plant overlooked by previous explorers, only to be discovered on this special Saturday voyage by the Ft Lauderdale Orchid Society. Ruben Seuleda of Ruben In Orchids Philip Iloo, of Stelmar Gardens, John Sherwood of Hennington Farms, and Robert and Diane Randall of Carib Plants, were our gracious hosts for the day, and the crew at each destination went out of their way to make us feel at home and welcome. A special thank you to Philip and staff at StelMar Gardens for preparing a comfortable anchorage for us as we lunched in the jungle-esque landscape of his well maintained estate, hidden from the regular pirates of the day to day hustle and bustle. A grog, outstanding shipmates, a few raffle plants, and a smooth sail home, steered by First Mate and expert navigator Joe Harrigan, made the day complete. We look forward to the next adventure and welcome all, so be aware of our upcoming travel plans so you can be a part of the crew of the next Ft Lauderdale Orchid Society Ramble. Thank you!

Allen Cogar
President – Ft Lauderdale Orchid Society



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7:30 pm
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