

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER SPEAKER: Tom Kuligowski



“What’s Light Got To Do With It?” “Everything... “



Tom has been growing orchids for a little over twenty years. Like so many hobbyists, he started with one plant. Six months later, he had 83 growing on a third story balcony in a condominium. Over the last thirteen years, he has concentrated on the Angraecoid genera. This genera of orchids requires very specific types of culture; in other words a generic culture sheet doesn't really keep too many of the plants alive long enough to bloom. There are very specific requirements.

We are all aware of the variables when it comes to orchid culture. Water, how much? Medium, what size and type? Fertilizers, fungicides, insecticides and yes LIGHT. Being a professional photographer made Tom start thinking about how he could explain and demonstrate to the average person how to evaluate LIGHT. Understanding it, working with it and taking advantage of it as a photographer isn't really any different than as an orchid grower.

Through a series of still images, videos and diagrams, Tom can help the hobbyist as well as the professional grower get a better grip regarding the one aspect that we can control but cannot hold or touch. This program is geared to read, understand, evaluate and then take advantage of LIGHT. Remember though, to every positive there is a negative. Realizing the downfall when too much LIGHT is used or harnessed can save a number of plants from becoming the slice of bread that has been in the toaster to long.

Enjoy the program.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

December 8: Holiday Party at the Tower Club (see insert)

January 13: Sheldon Takaski from Carmela Orchids

January 17-19: FLOS Show & Sale

February 10: Broward Orchid Supplies—Re-potting & Mounting

March 10: Guillermo Salazar—Miniatures for South Florida

April 14: Mac Rivenbark—Dendrobiums



Orchids sold at the October 2013 auction

FLOS 2013 AUCTION



The bidding was fast and furious at the October auction! Well over 100 people attended with 98 registered bidders vying for some fabulous plants and other orchid-related items. Plants were received from well-known growers such as Carib Plants, Carmella Orchids, H & R Nurseries, R.F. Orchids, Miranda Orchids, and Henington Farms. In addition, a significant number of orchids were donated by FLOS members.



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Besides donating some plants, Mac Rivenbark (Mac's Orchids) acted as our knowledgeable auctioneer, commenting on the crosses, awards, and culture requirements of the orchids up for sale. Roby Tannenbaum was our high bidder, purchasing two of Orchid Acre's HUGE Vandaceous plants (Thank you Mark Edlund!) among other lovelies, earning him yet another Cattleya as a bonus. All told, this was an exceptional auction, netting FLOS over \$6,000 for funding the programs and events scheduled throughout the year!!! Thanks to our vendors, participating members and visitors, and to all whose hard work made this year's auction such a **BIG SUCCESS!**

Please be sure to thank any vendor whose plant you purchased. By acknowledging their generosity, you help ensure that they will continue to support our society.





FORT LAUDERDALE ORCHID SOCIETY

HOLIDAY PARTY

Where: The Tower Club

28th Floor, Regions Bank Building
One Financial Plaza (see back of this page for directions.)
100 SE 3rd. Ave
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301



When: December 8, 2013
6:00—10:00 PM

How much: Members \$45 - Guests \$55

Musical entertainment provided by SALVATORE FAZIO!!!!!!

There will be a raffle and gifts!!!



Names of members attending: _____
 Total for members _____ (\$45 each)

Names of guests attending : _____
 Total for Guests _____ (\$55 each)

TOTAL _____

People you would like to sit with: _____



Please send names of people attending and checks (make checks out to Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society) **by November 23, 2012** to:

Ginny Salus
1155 Hillsboro Mile #107
Hillsboro Beach, FL 33062

Please make an entree choice for each member of your party:

- _____ Roast Top Sirloin of Beef
- _____ Chicken Scaloppini
- _____ Filet of Mahi Mahi with Tropical Salsa
- _____ Vegetarian Plate

From 6 to 7 there be an open bar; from 7 to 10 wine, beer and sodas will be provided and other drinks may be purchased at the bar (credit cards only, no cash).

PARKING AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Interstate 95

Take the Broward Boulevard exit East, continue to Southeast Third Avenue. PASS Third Avenue and turn right into the first driveway to access parking.

From Federal Highway

At Broward Boulevard, go west to Southeast Third Avenue (the first street light) and turn left. Make another left on Southeast Second Street (the first street light.) Turn left into the second driveway to access parking.

Parking: Because it is a Sunday we can use the Regions Bank lot. The bank lot entrance is the immediate right after the intersection on SE 3rd Ave and Broward Blvd, in the Financial Plaza. The main entrance doors are to the right of the parking lot.

The Tower Club phone will be manned the night of the party if anyone needs help: 954-764-8550



FLOS MEMBER'S PAGE

We have a new member! Let's welcome Susan Play!!!

A New Event!

FLOS has been invited to stage an educational and sales event at The Yellow Orchid/Cross Stitch Cupboard in Wilton Manors to be held Saturday, December 7 from 10 am. We plan to offer orchid growing advice, help diagnose sick plants, provide repotting demonstrations, sell orchids and show tickets, all to promote our society and fulfill our mission to educate. These stores are located at 1600 NE 26 Street, next to the Center for Spiritual Learning (previously Science of Mind) building about 3 blocks east of Five Points, or 1 mile west of US-1. If you are interested in helping staff this affair, contact Chris Crepage at 954-563-3548 or crisnbil@att.net. If you're not up to volunteering, stop by and check it out!



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OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

2014 Show Volunteers needed! To ensure our 2014 Annual Show and Sale is a success we all need to be involved (besides, its fun!) Society Members are what makes this one of the best shows in the country and we want to maintain that status!!! It is easy to get involved:

Call John Wrench—954-812-2231

Sign up at the November 11th meeting (there will be signup sheets)

Go online to the FLOS web site (www.flos.org) to see more information about the show

WE REALLY NEED AS MUCH MEMBER INVOLVEMENT AS POSSIBLE!!!



Orchid sold at the October 2013

LIGHTING AND ORCHID HEALTH

Why Won't My Orchid Re-bloom? (to get us ready for Tom Kuligowski's talk)

Correct Lighting is Essential to Flowering/Prepared by the AOS Education Committee 648 Orchids NOVEMBER 2012 www.AOS.org
Insufficient light is the most common cause of failure to re-bloom your orchid. Leaf color indicates if the amount of light is adequate. The lush, rich, dark green of most houseplants is not desirable in orchid leaves. A grassy green color (light or medium green with yellowish tones) means the plant is receiving sufficient light to bloom. Orchid plants need sunlight. Light is used to turn moisture and nutrients into plant growth. A good rule is to give your plants as much light as possible without scorching. While too much light may damage the plants, too little light will prevent flowering or cause weak growth. Too much sunlight is indicated by scorched spots on the foliage or pseudobulbs where the sun hits directly. Rarely does sunburn discolor an entire plant, instead only the portion of the green parts hit by direct sun for too long a period. Increased light should be given gradually. Burn damage is caused when the plant tissue gets too hot. If a leaf feels hot to your fingers, it may be burning. If you can cool down the leaf temperature with moving air and water, then the light can be brighter without doing harm. Morning sun is more beneficial to plants than afternoon sun. Therefore, your growing area should be located to receive maximum sun and light early in the day. A windowsill chosen for orchids should face east or south.

The orchid on the left shows the correct leaf color and is producing abundant buds, while the plant on the right has dark green leaves and no flowers.

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RAMBLE - RAMBLE - RAMBLE - RAMBLE

The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society will ONCE AGAIN Host an Orchid Ramble to the HOMESTEAD Area on Saturday, November 9, 2013. We will charter a luxury coach (as we do for ALL our activities) and visit four different nurseries to give our friends a glimpse of the 'behind the scenes' mechanics of the orchid growing world, as well as give our rambles an opportunity to purchase orchids and specialty plants at a discount rate direct from the grower. A special plant, direct from the source, at a great price, and some great advice to go along with it— not to mention some outstanding company on board. Captain Allen will be accepting 'suggestions' from interested rambles on select destinations. Unlike a cruise ship, "YOU" will be the travel director and "tell me" where you wish to visit. The top four destinations will be chosen according to feedback provided by the paid up rambles. Drinking establishments with hanging orchids do not qualify (M.S. just in case). Looking forward to another exciting Ramble to the South, just in time to get your orchid enthusiasm ramped up for the show season. **24 hour hotline to Captain Allen is 954.553.1351 or TACogar@gmail.com for reservations and seating assignment.** Call early for window seats. Emergency exit seats available to the first bribe of a dozen brownies with walnuts. No charge for extra baggage. BYOBoxes, BYOLunches, BYOB, and let's have another great time visiting Homestead. Cheers!

Note: Keep in mind that ALL FLOS activities are payable online and through our secure website by PayPal. A follow up phone call to Allen would be suggested for the sake of seating limitations



WANTED ADVENTUROUS SOULS for a SWAMP WALK

DESTINATION: Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park

WHEN: Saturday 10.26.13

WHAT: Lions and Tigers and Bears, O.M.

DISCLAIMER: Not Really

WHO: Anyone and everyone, 8 to 80

WHY: To Discover unknown orchid habitat the hard way

EMBARK: Christ Lutheran Church (FLOS Monthly Meeting Location) 8:00 AM

DISEMBARK: Same at @ 4:00 PM

MORE INFO: Call Allen Cogar 954.553.1351 Days, Nites, or Weekends We never sleep

COST: It Ain't Cheap, but it's worth it trust me! \$75.00 U.S. - Non Profit Activity

FINE PRINT: Seats are Limited Fillin' up fast

REVIEW: Sounds Like a Used Car Ad

FOOTNOTE "A": Will make stop at Grimm's Stone Crabs, Everglades City, afterwards.

FOOTNOTE "B": Many have traveled, few have been eaten.

Thank you! Captain Allen

First Mate: Siren Sabra

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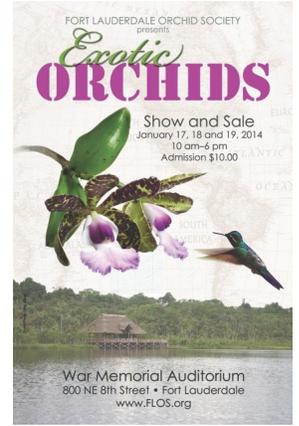


FLOS 2014 SHOW AND SALE

JEWEL CASE EXHIBITS

It is time to start planning your Jewel Case Exhibit for the 2014 FLOS SHOW! Jewel Cases are 2' wide x 2' deep x 4' high. The exhibit sits on a 4' x 4' table with a black skirt.

Only four spots available, contact John Wrench at 954-812-2231 to sign up or more details.



TWO GRAND CHAMPIONS FOR BEST IN SHOW

New to our FLOS Show this coming January we will be awarding two Grand Champions for best Orchid Plants in the show. One for Best Hobbyist's orchid and one for best Commercial Grower's orchid. Each will be singled out by the official American Orchid Society judges and awarded a Grand Price Rosette Ribbon and a check for \$250.00! Entries must be made on Wednesday January 15th, at the War Memorial Auditorium from 3 pm to 8 pm. So get your orchids ready to win that grand prize and good luck!



Asc. Ken Slump - Photo by Steve Herman



Vanda Fuch's Delight Doctor Anek Photo by Steve Herman

PRE-SALE TICKET INFORMATION

Please plan to pick up your **pre-sale tickets** at the November 11th meeting. Any that are left after this meeting will be mailed to your home. Save FLOS the expense of the stamp! The price of presale tickets has gone up to \$8.00. However, the number of tickets a member must sell to get a preview party ticket has gone down to eight! **FYI for our newest members**, we ask that member sell, or give away, at least eight tickets. Many of our long-time members pay for the tickets ahead of time and worry about selling them later. If the money for all eight is turned in to Joan Connors on or before the January 13th meeting, you will be given a Preview Party ticket (worth \$64.00) for Thursday night's gala (1/16)—hors d'oeuvres, a wonderful buffet, champagne and other beverages, dessert, live music, NO CROWD and FIRST CHANCE to purchase all those beautiful orchids!



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PO Box 4677
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33338

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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