



# Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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## SEPTEMBER SPEAKER: DR. RUBEN SAULEDA



Dr. Ruben P. Sauleda was born the 14th of June, 1946, in his grandfather's school, the Emerson College, Trocadero 305, Havana, Cuba. At the age of 18 months his parents brought him to the United States.

He began growing orchids at the age of 12, doing tissue culture at the age of 14 and at the age of 16 he established Ruben In Orchids. Half a century later "Ruben In Orchids" is recognized internationally and is one of the oldest orchid businesses in the United States.

After graduating from Miami Senior High School, he attended Miami-Dade Junior College where he received an Associate of Arts. He was then accepted to Florida Atlantic University where he received a Master of Science in biology working on the orchids of the Bahama Islands. During this time he was asked by Dr. Donovan S. Correll to collaborate on the Flora of the Bahamas by contributing to the treatment of the orchids. After graduating from FAU, he was accepted to the University of South Florida, where he received his Ph.D. in Biology with a specialty in Orchid Taxonomy. Dr. Donovan S. Correll was the chairman of his graduate committee.

He has held positions as a Research Associate at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Florida Atlantic University and several other research institutions. He has taught classes at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Florida international University and Miami-Dade Junior College.

Dr. Sauleda has written several books on orchid culture and has written over one hundred articles for scientific journals. He was Chairman of Education for the 2008 World Orchid Conference in Miami.

His specialty is flasking and is presently one of the leaders in reproducing Encyclia, Cattleya, Schomburgkia and Tolumnia species and hybrids from seed.

Dr. Sauleda's talk will be on the unifoliate cattleyas, their variations and specific culture.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

September 10: Dr. Ruben Sauleda

October 14: Plant Auction (Note earlier time of 7:00 PM w/ preview from 6:30)

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

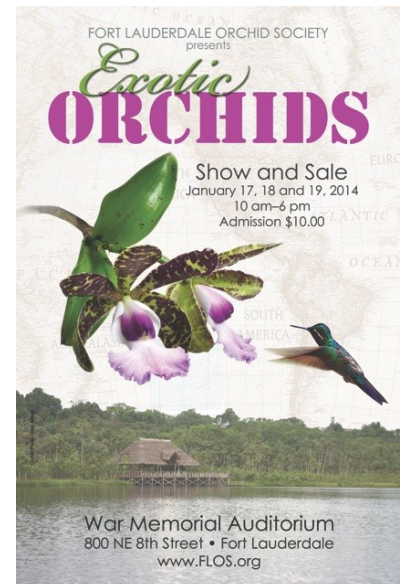
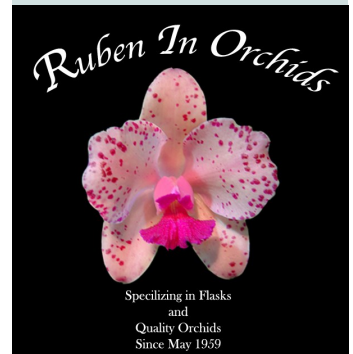
December 8: Holiday Party at the Tower Club

January 17-19: FLOS Show & Sale



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## AUGUST SPEAKER: MILTON CARPENTER

FLOS considers Milton Carpenter one of the founding fathers of orchid growing in South Florida. He was born and raised in Belle Glades, on the southern shore of Lake Okeechobee. His obsession, and orchid growing started with a gift for his wife Nancy on the birth of his first daughter Peggy-Ruth. With Gods guidance, Milton's focus became creating warm tolerant orchid hybrids from cool growing species like: Miltonias, Cymbidiums and Ondontoglossums.

In the early 70's, Nancy and Milton began searching for orchid agents and hunters around the world in the efforts to find specific orchids in the wild. They faced being eaten by lions, poisoned by spiders, ants and insects to collect and create over 500 hybrids. Although Milton and Nancy are no longer growing orchids commercially, Milton's hybrids are still available through Carter and Holmes Orchids. His website [www.evergladesorchids.com](http://www.evergladesorchids.com) has access to purchasing his book, photos of Oncidium and Cymbidium hybrids including over 50 awards, and a downloadable power point with house favorites Candy Floss and Everglades Gold. Gigi Granger



From the Hand of GOD  
to the Miracles of Orchids  
By Milton Carpenter

## Warm growing Cymbidiums

by Milton O. Carpenter

These are small plants and flowers with delightful fragrance and excellent heat tolerance.

**LIGHT:** Probably the most important factor in the flowering of Cymbidiums. A good rule is to give as much light as possible, short of injuring the leaves. Proper intensity is indicated when the leaves are a grassy yellow-green color.

**WATER:** During their most active growth period, March through September, cymbidiums require much more water, in fact, with good drainage (a necessity at all times) the compost should be kept moist. During the Winter months, cymbidiums should be thoroughly drenched and then allowed to become almost dry before watering again. Never allow the potting medium to become "bone" dry however!

**FERTILIZER:** During the growing season April through August here use a high nitrogen e.g. (30-10-10) water soluble fertilizer at the rate of one teaspoon to a gallon every two weeks if in fir bark, or balanced e.g. (20-20-20) if in an inorganic media.

**AIR:** Good air movement is a necessity at all times and the plants should be potted somewhat high in the pot to allow good air movement around the base of the bulbs.

**POTTING MEDIUM:** For the past several years we have been using "Rock Wool", an inert material made from molten, spun, rock. Do not press down the media as this removes the natural air spaces which are between the fibers and which are beneficial to the roots.

**CONTAINERS:** Experience leads us to believe that plastic pots are best for these cymbidiums as they have better moisture retention, roots do not stick as much as with clay.

**REPOTTING:** The best time to repot is after the plant has just finished blooming. Repotting is necessary when (1) the plant has reached the edge of the pot.

For more information go to [www.evergladesorchids.com](http://www.evergladesorchids.com)



Photo by Milton Carpenter



Cym. Giselle 'Ballerina'  
Photo by Milton Carpenter

# FLOS MEMBER'S PAGE

New Members: Doug & Pam Dicks

## RIBBON WINNERS FOR AUGUST

<i>B. nodosa</i>	BLUE	Rich Ackerman
<i>Catasetum sanguineum</i> x <i>vinaceum</i>	BLUE	Garfield Gilchrest
Beallara Tropic Dawn 'Paleface'	BLUE	Nanette Rudolf
<i>Epidendrum ciliare</i>	BLUE	Claire Garrett
<i>B. nodosa</i>	BLUE & CULTURE	Chris Binder
Marriottara Golden Anna BLC x Golden Tang x <i>C. schilleriana</i>	BLUE	Dr. Norma Jean Flack
<i>Trichoglottis brachtiana</i>	BLUE	Garfield Gilchrest
Vanda Pachara's delight 'Pacharca'	BLUE	Garfield Gilchrest
<i>Den. bractescens</i>	BLUE	Chris Crepage
<i>Doritis pulcherrima</i> 'Snow Queen' x <i>Phal. equestris</i> var. alba	BLUE	Chris Crepage
Schom. <i>splendida</i>	BLUE	Rich Ackerman
Lc. Angel Love x Ctna. Why Not 'Lake View'	RED	Chris Crepage

## HELP DESK

Starting in August there will be a help desk open from 7:00 to 7:20 before our monthly meetings.

Ask questions or bring in a plant. Sick plant? Black leaves? Little mysterious dots? Bring your sick, your tired, your weary orchids and the FLOS Help Desk will suggest solutions.

The HELP DESK will be staffed by some of our knowledgeable members and offer suggestions and diagnoses.

If you bring in a plant with pests or disease be sure to put it in a zip lock bag so that we do not spread pests and disease to other plants in the room.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

### October is our Auction

While you're repotting, think about donating a division to your society. The proceeds from the sale goes to reducing the cost for the holiday party. Here are some tips:

- Donate healthy, pest and disease free, named divisions. Bare root or potted.
- Include a picture of the orchid in bloom, if you can. (One of your own or one from the internet. Just Google the name for an image.)
- If you can't get a picture, tell us what it looked like, such as "Big white Cattleya with yellow lip" or "Blooms in winter around the holidays"
- Do you have extra pots or supplies that are taking up room in your grow area that would make a great donation?

Remember we will be getting plants from vendors but we also need your participation



Cym. (Green Pastures x Applejack 4n) 'Shapely'  
by Milton Carpenter



Cym. (Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron' x Peter Pan 'GS') 'Everglades' 4n by Milton Carpenter



by Milton Carpenter

Fort Lauderdale  
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Come To Our  
Orchid Auction  
Monday October 14, 2013  
Preview at 6:30, Begins at 7:00

Christ Lutheran Church  
Parrish Hall  
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

The auction is FREE and open to all.  
more info at [www.FLOS.org](http://www.FLOS.org)

One way for all of us to GET INVOLVED is to PICK UP and DISTRIBUTE auction postcards !!!

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Vicki Trank, Carrie Ackerman, Norma Jean Flack, Zoe Bejar



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*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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