

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER

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January Speaker: Sheldon Takasaki

Sheldon Takasaki is well known as a breeder of beautiful Hawaiian orchid hybrids and species. Sheldon owns Carmela Orchids and will be our speaker for January 13, 2014.

Sheldon grew up picking field orchids – the ones used in leis and drinks. After high school he went to college and began working in an orchid propagation lab. These beginnings led to his intense interest in orchids.

Carmela Orchids, in Hakalua, Hawaii (near Hilo), was founded in 1960 and has developed over the years from a small collection of orchids being grown on top of a bomb shelter to a multi greenhouse operation with an in-house lab.

Sheldon Takasaki is a frequent visitor to Florida and seen at many orchid affairs including our own upcoming Exotic Orchids Show & Sale! Don't miss this excellent orchidist!!!



Photo by Kelsie Takasaki



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Thank you to our FLOS Members for all the wonderful photos for this news letter.



V. Pachara Delight "Pachara" photo from Carmela site



Blc. Memoria Mickey Boatwright 'Carmela' photo from Carmela site



Photo by John Wrench

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

January 13: Sheldon Takasaki from Carmela Orchids

January 15: Bring individual orchid plants to show for judging 3 - 8 pm

January 17-19: FLOS Show & Sale

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

March 10: Guillermo Salazar—Miniatures for South Florida

March 29: Home Ramble

April 14: Mac Rivenbark—Dendrobiums



Blc. Laura Bush 'Carmela' Photo by Brian Boyle

AOS CORNER

The Trustees and Members meeting was held in Coral Gables with most of the meetings being held at Fairchild Botanic Gardens (the new home of the AOS). It was a great opportunity to get to know Fairchild and for Fairchild to see what the AOS is about. A nice show was arranged by the Coral Gables Orchid Society and at the AOS judging, awards were given to many local orchidists. In conjunction with the meetings, a number of AOS awards were presented. The Distinguished Affiliated Society Award (DSSA) was given to the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania for their volunteer commitment to Phipps Conservatory in Pittsburgh. An article will be forthcoming in Orchids about their joint project whereby they will be assisting in the establishment of an historic slipper orchid collection. An AOS Gold Medal was given to Harold Koopowitz for his dedication to orchids in conservation, biology, hybridizing and publishing; Two AOS Silver Medals were bestowed upon Aileen Garrison and Jose Izquierdo in recognition of their service to the AOS judging system. Leon Glicenstein was recognized with an AOS Fellow for his outstanding scientific, horticultural and hybridizing in addition, Leonid Averyanov was recognized with an AOS Fellow for his work on Vietnam orchids. Two Hybridizing awards were presented to Milton Carpenter for his work with Oncidiinae and warmth-tolerant cymbidiums and to Gene Crocker of Carter and Holmes for his art-shade cattlesays.

Anyone wishing to be considered for judging at the 21st WOC in South Africa, must submit their application to do so by December 31, 2013. There will be no late registrations considered. In addition, discounted registration ends on December 31, 2013. For more information or to register, go to www.woc21.org.

Save the date for the Spring Members and Trustees meeting to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 30 through May 4, 2014 in conjunction with their show - Orchids - A Growing Obsession. This event will be held in conjunction with meetings of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, the Slipper Orchid Alliance, the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Pleurothallid Alliance and Angraecoid Alliance.

Wishing you all the best during this holiday season and for a happy 2014. Lynn Fuller, Chair AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

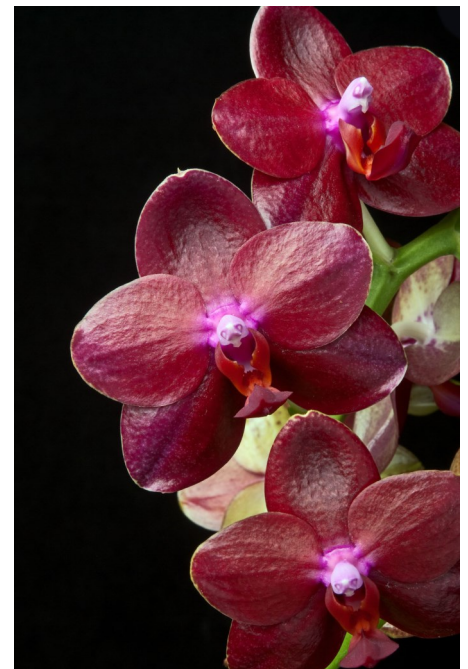
2014 HOME RAMBLE

GET READY TO RAMBLE

As we get closer to the New Year, we look forward to our upcoming Ft Lauderdale Orchid Show, but that's not the only event we get to look forward to in 2014. Next year we are going to bring back The Ft Lauderdale Orchid Society Home Ramble! If you would like to show off your orchid collection and you have the gift of hospitality, we would love for you to volunteer your home for this event. The date will be, Saturday, March 29th. Please contact Scott Peplin at either scott@tyestudios.com or 954-629-3627 for more information and to sign up.



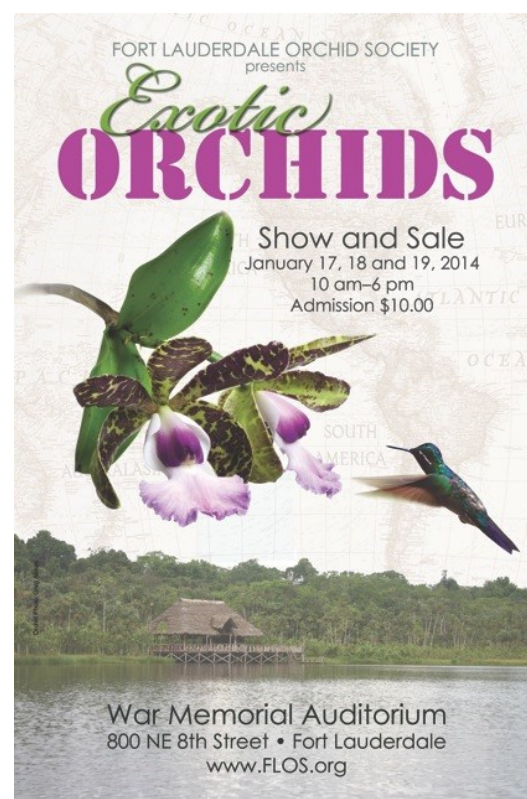
Photo by Scott Peplin—Home Ramble Sights!!!



2014 SHOW NEWS

Two Champion “Best in Show” Awards

New to our FLOS Show, for the first time, this year we will be awarding two Grand Champions for best Orchid Flower in the show: one for Best Hobbyist's Orchid Flower and one for best Commercial Grower's Orchid Flower. Each will be singled out by the official American Orchid Society judges and awarded a Grand Price Rosette Ribbon with a check for \$250.00! Hobbyist's 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!



Member Jewel Case Exhibits

There is one spot left for a FLOS member to design an exhibit in the Jewel Cases. Each area is only 2' wide x 2' deep x 4' high. The exhibits sit back to back on a 4' x 4' table about 36" high from the floor with a black skirt around the table bottom. **If anyone is interested please contact John Wrench at 954-812-2231 to sign up or for more details.**

FLOS MEMBER'S PAGE

The FLOS Holiday Party at the Tower Club was a success!!!



OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Volunteers Are Needed For Our Show

We still have several shifts available for volunteers at our next Orchid Show. You can sign up online at <http://www.flos.org/wp/signup> or call John Wrench at 954-812-2231. Volunteers get into the show for free and are welcome to shop and browse after their shift is completed. Last minute walk-in volunteers are welcome. Sign-in sheets will be available at the War Memorial Box Office during the show. All volunteers will receive a nice orchid at our February meeting. Thank you all for signing up and helping out again this year. This promises to be one of the best shows FLOS has put together and we can only do it with your help.

FLOS at Yellow Orchid Gift Shop



FLOS was invited to the Yellow Orchid gift shop in Wilton Manors. Members Joan Connors, Michael Schaberl, Rich Ackerman, Chris & Bill Crepage manned the event, passed out culture sheets/show flyers/FLOS pamphlets and did repotting demos. They also sold almost all (62 of 75) the orchids purchased for this event. John Wrench loaned us his truck to transport the tables we used to and from the church.



FLOS at Museum of Science & Discovery

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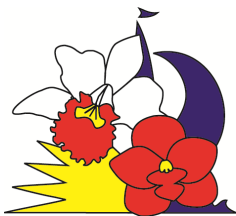


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Time: *7:30 pm*

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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.

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