

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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AN ORCHID ADVENTURE 2015 FLOS Show & Sale



The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society proudly presents our annual Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show, "An Orchid Adventure" for 2015. Come and enjoy!

Our show features:

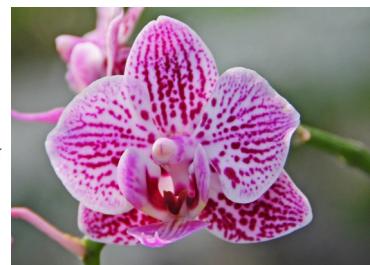
- ✦ Beautiful huge vendor exhibits
 - ✦ Local orchid society display tables
 - ✦ Raffles - win orchids!
 - ✦ Orchid artwork from local schools
 - ✦ International plant vendors
 - ✦ Potting and growing supplies
 - ✦ American Orchid Society accredited judging
 - ✦ Hospitality table – store plants, get help taking purchases to your car
- Free parking

Friday, January 23, 2015: 10 AM – 6 PM
Saturday, January 24, 2015: 10 AM – 6 PM
Sunday, January 25, 2014: 10 AM – 6 PM

SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE SHOW INFORMATION

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

FLOS Monthly Meeting - Dr. Paul Wetter- January 12, 2015
FLOS Annual Show & Sale -Jan. 23, 24 & 25
OFE International Orchid Supplies – Repotting – Feb 9



HOMESTEAD RAMBLE

The November Ramble was a great success for the orchid growers who went and the orchid growers who sold!!! The next Homestead Ramble will be in April 2015. Put it on your calendar!

When: April 11, 2015
Meet: Christ Lutheran Church
 1955 East Oakland Park Blvd
 Fort Lauderdale FL 33306
Departs: 8:00 AM Sharp
Returns: 4:00 PM
Destinations: Hennington Farms (John Sherwood) and others
Cost: \$30.00 Per Person
What to bring: Bagged Lunch, box or crate to hold your purchases, water and juices will be available on board bus. You may want to bring snacks for the ride.
 Drawings for FREE plants on the bus!
Contact: Capt. Allen – 954.553.1351 or tacogar@gmail.com

2014 FLOS HOLIDAY PARTY



FLOS MEMBERS' CORNER

There was one new dual membership at the 11/13 meeting Stephen White and Brian Faqua. A second membership was purchased as a holiday gift for Mark Snyder.

January is renewal month. Our 2015 membership dues can be paid in several ways:

- ◆ online via flos.org
- ◆ by mail P.O. Box 4677
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
- ◆ at the January 12th meeting.
- ◆ at the "Orchid Adventure" our 2014 Show

We are looking forward to another fabulous year of acquiring new members and sharing our wonderful group of people with others.

Happy Holidays from Membership.



Opportunities To Get Involved

A Message from the Membership Committee!

January is membership month. Volunteers can help make membership packets during our regular meetings.

Best wishes for the New Year.



January Program: "Five Cattleyas for a Heritage Collection"



Paul Alan Wetter, MD will be our January speaker. He is Chairman and Executive Director of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS), an organization he founded in 1989 and a Professor Emeritus of the University Of Miami School Of Medicine. Miami has been his home since childhood where Paul developed

his interest in orchids the late 1960's when he was studying the natural history of South Florida. He has been growing orchids, as a hobby ever since, with a special interest in epiphytic orchids in the subtropical garden.

In 2003 Paul joined the West Palm Beach Judging Center where he is an Accredited AOS Judge. In 2011 he was a guest lecturer and Judge at the World Orchid Conference in Singapore.

His program on "Five Cattleyas for a Heritage Collection" was presented at the 30th WOC. It covers the history of Cattleya Hybridization in the 20th Century and how it was linked to the fashion world. Also includes an overview of how AOS judges Cattleyas.



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More 2015 Show Information

Many more volunteers are still needed. The chart below identifies jobs, days the number of volunteers needed. Go to FLOS.org to sign up!!! Your favorite vendors will be there!

POSITIONS	DATE	# OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Show Setup & General Help	January 20, 2015	12
Exhibits / Vendors Volunteers	January 20, 2015	14
Exhibits / Vendor Volunteers	January 21, 2015	41
Judging Clerks	January 22, 2015	2
Greeters / Hosts / Hostesses	January 23, 2015	20
Will Call Volunteers	January 23, 2015	28
FLOS Booth	January 23, 2015	27
Greeters / Hosts / Hostesses	January 24, 2015	19
Will Call Volunteers	January 24, 2015	28
FLOS Booth	January 24, 2015	26
Greeters / Hosts / Hostesses	January 25, 2015	19
Will Call Volunteers	January 25, 2015	30
FLOS Booth	January 25, 2015	24
End of Show Jobs	January 25, 2015	47

2015 VENDORS

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Orchid Treasures

2014 FLOS SHOW & SALE PHOTOS



The Preview Party is always fun (we get to buy orchids first!!!)

PREVIEW PARTY

Want first shot at the amazing plants available during our show while mingling with a select group of orchid lovers at a fabulous party? Come to our PREVIEW PARTY on Thursday before the show opens to the public!

Enjoy a full buffet with champagne, hors d'oeuvres, beverages and dessert with live entertainment. The displays are the freshest, vendors will be present, and attendees will get first chance to buy orchids that may be in limited quantities.

- Thursday, January 22, 2015
- 7:00pm to 10:00pm
- Tickets are \$70 per person
- Purchase in advance – call Joan at 954-336-4948.
- If you are a member who has sold eight pre-sales tickets, contact Joan for your free Preview Party Ticket(s).



FYI COLUMN by Tom Kuligowski

Red Lava in South Florida

South Florida doesn't really have lava flowing through it anywhere; but red lava rock is flowing and becoming a popular medium for potting orchids. One reason is that it is readily available in different sizes. For example, pieces that are ¾" to 1 ¼" in size gives plants with a thick root system the opportunity to breathe, grow with minimal resistance and allows a faster drainage when watering. I am presently growing four *Angcm.* *Memoria* George Kennedys in clay pots and cedar baskets using the ¾" to 1 ¼" red lava rock chunks. The root systems have developed very well and the plants have almost doubled in size in just a year.

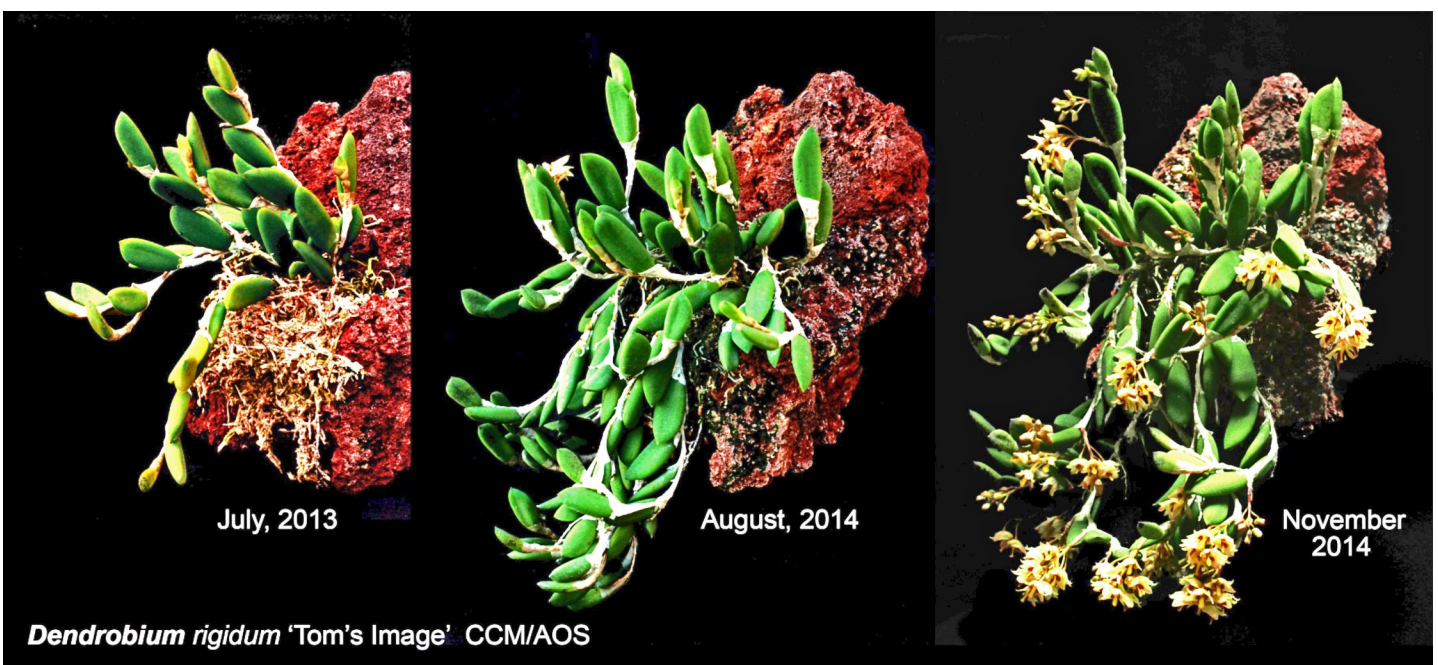
I am constantly experimenting with culture and trying to get my plants to flourish more than they normally would. Other *Angraecoids* that I am testing in red lava rock are; *Angcm. leonis* (just started two plants), *Angranthus* Grand Star, *Angcm. longicalcar* (one plant that has a phenomenal root system) and *Angcm. Longiscott*. With the success that I have seen over the last year or so, additional genera will be added to the list.

I mentioned the benefits of how the size of the rock affects the root system; there is more to the story. Over the last couple of years I have researched red lava rock, talking to several horticulturalists, a botanist and most definitely gathering information from a geologist. When we use a balanced fertilizer to feed our plants, we usually use a balanced mixture; such as Jack's 20-20-20 (just an example). Those numbers represent nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Red lava rock contains these same chemical elements as well as zinc, **iron**, magnesium, calcium, manganese, boron (small amounts of this chemical element play a strengthening role in the cell wall of our plants), copper, sodium, and sulfate.

These minerals or chemical elements, while in the rock are in a form the plants cannot absorb. The plant's root system secretes organic acids such as citric acid and oxalic acid. These acids break down the minerals into a form that can be absorbed and become beneficial in the growth of the plant. Many believe that the iron in the rock is the added boost which helps the plants thrive. However, it is an ongoing study.

My first attempt in using red lava rock was for a mounting project (which has been extremely successful). I mounted *Dendrobium rigidum* to a piece of lava rock in July of 2013. As you can see in the photographs, the plant nearly tripled in size in just thirteen months. *Den. rigidum* is known as a slow grower. During our extremely warm South Florida days, the plant was watered every morning and misted late afternoons. The fertilizer was a balanced amount every week; no other chemicals were used in the feeding of the plant. In November of 2014, the plant became *Dendrobium rigidum* 'Tom's Image' being awarded a CCM/AOS. No complaints on my part.

I am not a geologist let alone a chemist. Just a hobbyist who likes to push parameters. Please, do the research before putting a plant's mortality on the line. What works for me may not work for you!



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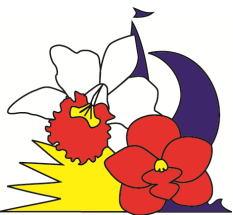
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Regular Meetings: *Second Monday of each month*

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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