

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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MAY SPEAKER: CAROL HOLDREN



Carol Holdren is a long time orchid lover with a history of willing participation in the affairs and activities of orchid societies. She bought a purple Vanda at a local botanical garden show. That plant led to several others as well as membership and participation in the local orchid society. As her collection grew she and some of her orchid friends took a class in Orchidology at the University of Florida. Carol also began attending the West Palm Beach Judging Center and became an accredited judge in 2003. She is presently Vice-Chair of the West Palm Beach Judging Center. Carol is also a director of the International Orchid Foundation whose free web site is orchids.org.

Carol's program will be: "Ten Orchids You Should Own", this program evolved from discussions with orchid professionals and hobbyists. There will be something for new growers as well as long time hobbyists so we hope to see you there.



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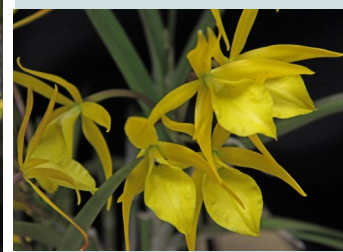
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Den. thysiflorum - Winston Bliss



Bc. Sunny Delight 'Maj' - Rick Ackerman

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

FLOS

June - movie, The Judge, the Hunter, the Thief, and the Black Orchid NO REFRESHMENTS—they will be supplied by the FLOS

July - Mark Margolis on Catasetum

August - Glen Decker on Paphiopedilums

COMMUNITY

May 9 & 10—Museum of Science and Discovery—4th annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration— **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS TO WORK**—See 'Opportunities to Get Involved'

May 15-17 -REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL Admission \$10—Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th. Ave., Homestead, FL—10 AM—5 PM



Bro. sanguinea -Tony Millet

APRIL PROGRAM: DR. VENDRAME



Prof. Wagner A. Vendrame, Ph.D. from the Tropical Research & Education Center of the University of Florida spoke about Sex, Crime and Hollywood – A Brief History of Orchids. Orchid names are constantly changing. The name “orchids” come from the Greek because the first orchids had tubers that resembled testicles and the Greek name for testicles was “orches”, so they got the name orchids. Orchids have been referred to as the Signature of God, because the plants were associated with human body and their healing & aphrodisiac properties. About 70% of orchids are largely epiphytes, meaning they live on top of other plants but don’t kill them. 20% are terrestrial and the last 5% live in rocks, etc. Most orchids live in the tropics but can be found everywhere except 2 places in the world they don’t exist –which are Antarctica and the Sahara desert.



C. schroederiae x *C. lueddemanniana* concolor - Tony Millet

Mystery, variety and beauty are some of the things that bring people together to study the approximately 25,000 to 30,000 species of orchids and the 100,000 hybrids. Some of the earliest mentions of orchids are found in Far East Asia, where orchids are admired for their fragrance and flowers. Fast forward to more modern times and we have the Orchid Judging system that was created in 1966.



C. skinneri var. *alba*—Omar Gonzalez

Orchid Fever is a book written in 2001 about orchids. It is both beautiful and poetic, describing those who collect orchids as having an actual fever. The rare ghost orchid has been stolen from the Fakahatchee Strand which is a Federal crime. During the Victorian period in England women were not allowed to have or look at or touch orchids because it was thought the orchid would “awaken women’s feelings, i.e. arouse them. Darwin was actually writing about orchids, pollination & fertilizing, but then put that book on hold and wrote his Origin of Species. During his research he found an Orchid that had such a long spur so he came to hypothesis that there must be an insect that has a long enough tongue to be able to fertilize the plant. It took about 40 years to find the moth that that did the job, and the proof of his theory.

POTTING CLASS: SCOTT PEPLIN



FLOS MEMBERS' CORNER

Welcome to April's New Members: Cindy Murfey and Joe Berger, Denise Addison.

Ribbon Winners For April

Bc. Sunny Delight 'Maj'	Rick Ackerman	Blue
Bro. <i>sanguinea</i>	Tony Millet	Blue
<i>C. schroederiae</i> x <i>C. lueddemanniana concolor</i>	Tony Millet	Blue
<i>C. skinneri</i> var. <i>alba</i>	Omar Gonzalez	Blue
Den. <i>aggregatum</i>	Rubben Howe	Blue
Den. <i>thysiflorum</i>	Winston Bliss	Blue
Enc. Tiny Pixie	Luanne Betz	Blue
Eplc. Jackie Bright 'Hilo Stars'	Luanne Betz	Blue
Iwanagara Appleblossom	Joan Connors	Blue
<i>L. alaoarii</i> x <i>C. intermedia</i>	Tony Millet	Blue
<i>Neofinetia falcata</i>	Claire Garrett	Blue
Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'	Gage Simmons	Blue
Onc. <i>twinkle</i>	Zoe Bejar	Blue
Phal. Shiny Diamond #2 x Phal. Ching Ruey Princess	Roby Tannenbaum	Blue
<i>Sarcoglottis sceptrodes</i> 'Lime Galaxy'	Michael Schaberl	Blue
V. Robert Delight 'Blue'	Les Corbin	Blue
<i>V. testacea</i> x Asctm. Garajii	Rick Bellas	Blue
Zygopetalum	Sue Zimmer	Blue
Den. <i>pieradi</i>	Collins/Peplin	Culture
Enc. <i>cordigera</i> x Gay Rabbit	Tony Millet	Culture
Gram. <i>tigrinum</i>	Rick Ackerman	Culture
Lc. Cosmic Fire	Luanne Betz	Culture
<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	Collins/Peplin	Culture
Phal. Hybrid	Collins/Peplin	Culture
V. Cindy Banks	Roby Tannenbaum	Culture
Enc. <i>Cordigera</i> var. <i>Randii</i> 'Heart Felt'	Norma Jeanne Flack	Red
Onc. Rosy Sunset	Claire Garrett	Red
Phal. Romance Rose x Phal. Brother Purple Brother	Roby Tannenbaum	Red
Rlc. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora'	Jeff Tucker	Red
V. Josephine Van Brero	Sue Dohn	Red
V. Pracha Delight	Roby Tannenbaum	Red
Zygopetalum Conway's Choice	Claire Garrett	Red



Gram. *tigrinum* – Rick Ackerman



Iwanagara Appleblossom – Joan Connors

Opportunities To Get Involved

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY— MAY 9 & 10

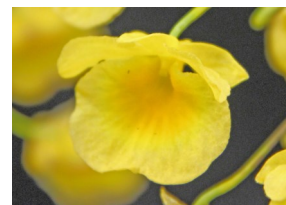
4th ANNUAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

This event is one of the tasks of the Society to accomplish our commitment to education. Volunteers are needed because we need people at the museum to answer questions about orchids and help get younger people interested!

It is a fun time! We also distribute information about our society. To do this successfully we need volunteers. Please contact Craig Barry: 954-525-6926 or barrycraig@bellsouth.net.

RAFFLE TABLE

At our monthly meetings we all have a great deal of fun awaiting the winning numbers for the plants on the raffle table to be drawn and I have a great time selling raffle tickets and conversing with society members. But sometimes it can be overwhelming trying to do it alone. I need a few reliable volunteers to assist in handing out the bonus tickets so if you see that I'm doing it by myself please step up to the plate and offer to help. It's an easy task and time well spent.



Den. *aggregatum* – Rubben Howe



Zygopetalum – Sue Zimmer

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AOS Monthly Checklist for May and June

From THE AOS ORCHIDS MAGAZINE

Cattleya The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudo bulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudo bulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudo bulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudo bulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

Paphiopedilum The *Paphiopedilum* Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in *Paphiopedilum* fairrieanum-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multi-floral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.



Cattleya purpurata, formerly in the s *Laelia*, is without a



Paphiopedilum Maudiae is a perennial favorite slipper orchid. © G. Allikas

Phalaenopsis Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on *Doritis* background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.

APRIL 2015 HOMESTEAD RAMBLE

Some of the stops on the ramble were: Hennington Farms, Stelmar Gardens and "On The Rocks"



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Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Christ Lutheran Church Social Hall
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Directions: From I 95 take East Oakland Park Blvd. for 2.4 miles, turn left on NE 20th Ave.
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