



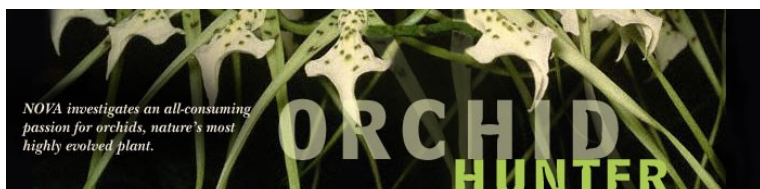
# FORT LAUDERDALE ORCHID SOCIETY

The purpose of the Society is to stimulate interest, provide education and enable exchange of information among those interested in the culture of orchids in all its aspects.

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## AUGUST: MOVIE NIGHT



FLOS Movie Night will be August 8<sup>th</sup>. In the *Orchid Hunter* NOVA investigates the all-consuming passion for orchids and what it is about orchids that inflames human desires to hunt, collect and care for these plants. Susan Orleans author of *The Orchid Thief* is an orchid fancier and amateur botanist. Tom Hart Dyke along with Greg Allikas, Andy Easton, Milton Carpenter, Kerry Herndon, Wesley Higgins, and Stig Dalstrom all appear trying to explain the passion behind the human-orchid relationship.

Do not bring refreshments - FLOS will provide the popcorn, movie candies and soda pop.

If the heat hasn't withered away your blooms, FLOS ribbons will be awarded and Carmela Orchids will supply the raffle table. Until then, stay cool. (Gigi—Program Chair)

## October Auction – getting ready!

Our annual auction will be held October the 10<sup>th</sup>. Early in August we mail out letters to orchid growers asking for plant donations. It is also time to look in our personal collections and potting areas for items to donate for the auction. Orchids and orchid materials: pots, potting medium, hangers, benches, books, etc. are welcome.



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**August 8:** Movie Night from Nova: *Orchid Hunter* Do not bring refreshments. Fran, Debbie and Kathy will bag up popcorn and lay out a candy selection that will make your teeth ache.

**August 21:** KeiKi Club Meeting at John Budree's growing area (see page 3 for details).

**September 12:** Thanh Nguyen of Springwater Orchids – Paphiopedilum culture

**October 10:** FLOS Annual Auction – Do not bring refreshments. FLOS will supply Krispy Kreme glazed donuts and coffee. (see announcement above.)

**November 14:** Brian Monk from Blu Llama Orchids - Warm growing Cymbidiums

**December 11:** FLOS Holiday Party at the Tower Club

**January 9:** Jose Esposito from Soroa Orchids. Jose's presentation will be on Phalaenopsis culture.

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Gram. scriptum f. citrinum  
Bob Stroozas

# JULY SPEAKER BILL THOMS



Bill Thoms and his wife, Doris Dukes, have been growing orchids around Central Florida for more than 40 years and have received almost every award granted by the AOS as well as more Awards for Culture than anyone else in the world, (150 in over 30 genera, including 50 in the Bulbophyllum alliance. He is the author of book *Bulbophyllum; the Incomplete Guide, From A to Why?* Thoms' book was for sale at the table along with a wide variety of his plants.

Bill also donated plants for the raffle table.

His talk started with a description of an inch worm grower. A grower that buys fertilizer but don't use it, when they do it is when the plant is dry and or in the heat of the day. Their plants grow but only in that they change shape not getting bigger. With his tips we can all become starfish growers: bigger plants with more flowers. His method of growing is based on what he calls the waffle house rules:

W – water all sides of the plant.

A – air flow that is all around the plant all the time.

F – food, water plant before and feed half the amount every week.

L – Light, depending on the type of plant. Hold your hand 16 inches from the plant, your shadow will indicate how much light the plant will receive: fuzzy or little shadow for low light, medium will be for the Bulbophyllum and medium bright light plants, and well define shadow would be place for the Vandas and Cattleyas.

H- horizontal mounts and for growing the Bulbophyllum, place the pots in low shallow pans so the water can be slowly drawn up into the plant 'more water longer'.

S- Spray the plants in the cool of the day, even at night for feeding or bug and fungicide treatments

E – Epson Salt once a month. One tablespoon per gallon of water.

Some of his award winning Bulbophyllum were on display during the talk. The orchids along with his jokes and other bits of information made his talk informative and entertaining for all who attended.

## Correction

Carole Schwimmer's award winner at the June meeting was identified in the newsletter as *Epidendrum cillare* var. *oerstedii*. *Epidendrum oerstedii* is the correct name. We thank Chuck McCartney for pointing this out.



Bc. Sunset Glory  
Rich Ackerman

## Bonnet House Thanks FLOS for Generous Donation

The dog days of summer has us longing for those occasional winter cold snaps. But with those cold snaps comes the need to protect our warm growing orchids, and at Bonnet House it was always a dreaded ordeal to attach ill-fitting blue tarps to the greenhouses. This winter thanks to the generosity of FLOS, two of our three greenhouses will now sport custom-made winterizing panels. Designed by FLOS member Craig Barry, and cut, stitched and grommeted by Red Oaks Shutter in Pompano Beach, these translucent woven polyethylene panels are ready to be attached when the first cold snap arrives. When temperatures return to normal the panels will be rolled up and stowed in place at the top, ready to be easily lowered when needed again. Come spring they will be removed and stored indoors to prolong their useful life. Bonnet House is also grateful for many other much needed items which were purchased with last year's \$6,250 FLOS donation: 4 greenhouse fans, a fertilizer pump and digital irrigation timer for the Lath house, dozens of fogger nozzles and nozzle connectors, several two-gallon pump sprayers, max/min thermometers, electrical upgrades to operate fans in the North greenhouse and foam pool noodles to keep iguanas out of two greenhouses.



FLOS members Craig Barry and Richard Mach installing the winterizing panel on the west wall of the Lath House at Bonnet House



## Welcome to our new members:

New members: Dr. Andreu J. Richardson & J. Omar Salazar

## JULY RIBBONS

Blc. Wainae Leopard	Chris Binder	Blue
Bc. Sunset Glory*	Rich Ackerman	Red
Onc. <i>luridum</i>	Omar Gonzalez	Blue
Stellamizutaara 'Kelly Lea'*	Chris Binder	Cultural
Ascda. Moonlight x Ascda. Tubtim Velvet	Helen Rivenbark	Red
Rhynchostylis <i>retusa</i>	Helen Rivenbark	Blue
Miltassia Estrelita 'Sweet Senorita'	Sue Dohn	Blue
Tlum. Midas 'Willow Pond' Yellow	Sue Dohn	Blue
Gram. <i>scriptum f. citrinum</i>	Bob Stroozas	Cultural
Dendrobium <i>thyrsoflorum</i>	Glen J	Cultural
Broughtonia Hamlyn's Masterpiece	Tony Millet	Blue
Den. <i>secundum</i>	Rubben Howe	Cultural
Den. <i>laevifolium</i>	Omar Gonzalez	Blue
Bulb. More Than Aghast*	Jill Smith	Blue

\* indicates a change to hybrid name

## Opportunities To Get Involved

-We are looking for a few of members to assist the House Committee in setting up the room for the meetings. This involves moving the chairs and tables from how we find them to how we need them to be for our meetings and then after the meetings, replacing them. Members John and Ann Bernard have been volunteering for over 2 years and we need to let them move on to other responsibilities in FLOS. If we get 5-6 people the job is very easy and quick. It doesn't have to be every month; it can be every other month if we can attract a few good members. It is fun and there are laughs. Please see Michael Schaberl ([michaelschaberl@comcast.net](mailto:michaelschaberl@comcast.net)) with your availability and we can get you on the schedule .... You can be the difference!

-For the Newsletter, we are looking for 2-3 individuals who enjoy writing. Initially you would have the opportunity to summarize the talk of our monthly speaker and have your "by line" in the newsletter. It is a great way to share the information with members who were unable to attend the meeting in person. Again, it can be every month for a while, or every other month depending on your availability and how many "Hemmingways" we have in the society. Please contact Ginny Salus ([ginny@salus.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:ginny@salus.onmicrosoft.com)) for more information and to get started!

-We also need photographers to help with taking photos of the monthly member orchids for use in the newsletter and posting on the LFOS website. Please contact Ginny Salus ([ginny@salus.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:ginny@salus.onmicrosoft.com)).

-The Bonnet House orchid program now has room for two more volunteers. Must be available Tuesdays and Fridays for the rest of the summer and for the Bonnet House orchid classes on Saturday August 13, 20 and 27. Call Claire Garrett, Assisant Orchid Curator for more info: 954-684-1062.



# MEMBERS' PAGE

## Keiki Club News

Sunday, July 17th found more than 20 FLOS Keikis starting their "twofer" meeting at Tim and Terrie Morrison's growing area in Coral Springs. Tim has a wide variety of orchids growing in many different locations--under the pool screens, on shelves along the fence line, attached to and hanging from trees as well as a very nice pergola he recently built himself. He discussed his watering techniques and how he prefers to pot his orchids and what type of light his plants receive. His healthy, blooming plants were evidence that orchids can and do thrive in diverse spots in our yards here in South Florida.

Then we took the "show on the road" and meandered around the corner to the home of Luanne Betz and Dave Thompson where we were treated to yet other ways of cultivating and displaying glorious orchids. Luanne's collection is impressive and her beautiful yard and pool area shine with many different types of blooming plants. She talked to us about how she fertilizes and waters and shared her methods of pest control. We got to meet their kitties, bunny and bees and they were gracious enough to let us cool off and see their amazing salt water aquarium.

The Keikis really scored, being invited to see these growing areas and learning tons of information about how these experienced folks successfully cultivate their orchids. Our hosts were happy to answer the many questions posed by the Keikis and to provide the knowledge needed to grow successfully. Our hosts really knocked it out of the park and we extend our thanks to both families for hosting another terrific Keiki Club meeting--it was definitely a WOW!

Our next meeting will be at the growing area of John Budree on Sunday, August 21st from 2--4 PM at 1740 NW Sunset Strip, Sunrise, FL 33313. To rsvp, please contact Tony Millet at [axxmillet@gmail.com](mailto:axxmillet@gmail.com) or Jill Smith at

## FLOS Donation to the Broward County Library keeps on giving

Three years ago FLOS donated \$15,000 to the Broward County Library to help them acquire new materials about orchids. BCL has purchased hundreds of books and funding remains for more! Orchids are very popular in the community and the titles have been checked out many times.

Education is an important part of the FLOS mission. Each book contains a bookplate recognizing your orchid society for its donation.

(Each donated book contains the FLOS bookplate to the left)

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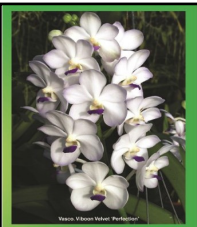
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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month

Time: 7:30 pm

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