



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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JUNE SPEAKER: JOHN SALVENTI OF PARKSIDE ORCHID NURSERY



Join John Salventi as he presents a topic near and dear to every orchid grower: how to take care of those precious roots! Roots are the lifeblood of our orchids. He will discuss all the methodologies to take care of our orchid root systems. One of the founders and owners Parkside Orchid Nursery in Pennsylvania, John began as hobbyists in 1986 and entered the commercial orchid world. John is now part of Salventi-Purviance Enterprises, LLC which provides orchid consultation, lecturing and teaching, and sales of greenhouses. (material from AOS Orchids Magazine)

June Program

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Van. Colmarie 'Merlot' -Luanne Betz
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Den. Chrysotoxum -Marlene Isaacs
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Mark Your Calendar

- June 12—Keiki Club at the home of Edna Rosen, be sure to sign up for meeting by contacting Tony Millet or Edna Rosen (see page 2)
- June 13—John Salventi: Demystifying Roots
- July 11—Movie Night
- August 8—Bill Thoms on Bulbophyllum
- September 12—Thanh Nguyen from Springwater Orchids
- October 10—FLOS Annual Auction

MAY SPEAKER: LUIS DEL PINO BY LOREN COLBURN

The FLOS May speaker was Luis Del Pino from Rio Orchid. Luis purchased Rio Orchids from Ruben Sauleda and continues Rubens work. Rio Orchid is one of two labs in the US that produces flasks of plants for many of the growers where we buy our orchids. They grow their plants from seeds they have produced or client seeds, the flasks are then sold to growers.



Luis's talk took us from the pollination of a flower to a new flowering plant. He outlined the process from the amount of time each step can take and the issues that can happen to kill the plant. The first step is the pollination of the flower, once pollinated the seed pod will begin to grow. This process can take up to 18 months for some varieties, and face many hazards before getting to the lab as a healthy pod. Then once in the lab millions of seeds are transferred to the in nature 1 to 2 plants will reach germination, in Luis lab they have 98% success rate. The flasking is a time consuming and detailed process over the next 26 to 28 months till the plants will be ready to come out of the flasks. Once ready they are taken and moved to more regular growing area – not potted but on a bed of hydronic media – once larger they will be potted then 3 -5 years they will flower.

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The steps to clone a plant were also covered – 5000 clones can be made from a single award winning plant that will be exactly like the parent plant. This process, like the growing from seed, takes almost 2 years before a plant is large enough to pot and then several more years to a flowering plant. The only difference is that you know exactly what you will be getting.

Luis treated everyone to a small just out of the flask plant, with detailed instructions on

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society “Keiki Club”

CoChairs: Tony Millet & Edna Rosen

The Keiki Club is a social group for new members of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society. After joining FLOS, you belong to the Keiki Club for the first 24 months of your membership.

Goals: Learn what kind of orchids experienced local growers grow and how they grow them
Meet other FLOS members and get more involved with orchids and the society
Have fun!

After 24 months in FLOS you are no longer eligible to attend Keiki Club meetings. We need to make room for new newcomers! Maybe you can volunteer to host a meeting.

Meetings: Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month from 2pm to 4pm, unless the day conflicts with a holiday or other FLOS activity. Normally the meeting is not held in December. Upcoming Keiki Club events will be posted on flos.org and included in our newsletter.

Meetings will generally be in backyards or greenhouses of society members. The host will share experiences with different varieties, potting and growing techniques, and other topics of interest to new orchid growers. There will be lots of time for questions and answers and viewing the owner's plants.

Topics that may be covered:

- Dividing and repotting
- Mounting orchids
- Disease and insect control
- Light, water, and wind (environmental concerns)
- How to read a label
- Commonly grown orchid genera and species
- Native orchids
- Naturalizing orchids
- Sources of orchid information online
- How to build a personal collection
- Preparing a plant to show at a FLOS meeting or show

Signing Up: You'll need to sign up in advance to come to Keiki Club events so we know how many folks are coming. Some private homes have limited parking and it may be necessary to cap the number of participants for any given event. For the same reason, guests and non-members are not allowed.

The chair of the Keiki Club will keep sign-up lists for each event. Contact information will be available wherever the event descriptions and schedule are posted.

If you sign up and cannot make it, please be courteous and let the chair know. Someone else might want to take your place.

Welcome to our new member:

Rosemary Stamm

MAY RIBBONS

<i>Ascocentrum miniatum</i>	Rick Bellas	Blue
Brassia Longlen 'Bill Switzer'	Glen James	Blue
Bro. Jamaica Senorita	Vicki Hallock	Blue
<i>C. aclandiae</i> 'Super Dark'	Roby Tannenbaum	Blue
<i>Den. chrysotoxum</i>	Marlene Isaacs	Blue
<i>Den. cretaceum</i>	Chris Crepage	Blue
Den. Violet...	Roby Tannenbaum	Blue
Epc. Charlie Brown	Richard/Julius	Blue
Epc. Kyoguchi x L. Seagulls tangerine	Luanne Betz	Blue
Grm. Jumbo Grand	Winston Bliss	Blue
Onc. "HomeDepotiana"	Rich Ackerman	Blue
Paph. Tony Semple	Roby Tannenbaum	Blue
Phal. Brother Purple x Phal. China Girl	Rick Bellas	Blue
Phal. Chang Maw Evergreen	Roby Tannenbaum	Blue
Phal. Tinkerbell	Roby Tannenbaum	Blue
<i>Pleurothallis barboselloides</i>	Tony Millet	Blue
<i>Rl. digbyana</i>	Loren Colburn	Blue
<i>Sedirea japonica</i>	Claire Garrett	Blue
V. Adelaide Skoglund x Ascda. Barbara Hanck	Roby Tannenbaum	Blue
<i>Ascocentrum miniatum</i>	Luanne Betz	Cultural
Brs. Rex 'Waiomoa Spotless'	Roby Tannenbaum	Cultural
C. Tripp Johnston	Tony Millet	Cultural
Cym. Little Black Sambo	Randy Clyde	Cultural
<i>Den. aggregatum</i>	Marlene Isaacs	Cultural
Den. Mini Snowflake	Richard/Julius	Cultural
<i>Den. smiliae</i>	Carol Jones	Cultural
Enc. Moonlight Shadows	Randy Clyde	Cultural
<i>Enc. stellate x Enc. bractescens</i>	Rich Ackerman	Cultural
Enc. Tiny Pixie	Luanne Betz	Cultural
<i>Gram. elegans</i>	Zoe Bejar	Cultural
<i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	Chris Crepage	Cultural
Paph. Saint Swithin	Glen James	Cultural
Phal. Ken Avant 'Krull Smith'	Jeff Tucker	Cultural
Van. Colmarie 'Merlot	Luanne Betz	Cultural
Zygo. Conway's Choice	Claire Garrett	Cultural
Ascocenda Doctor Leopard	Roby Tannenbaum	Red
Bl. Andrienna Arsh ?	Dolores Hurst	Red
Bllr. Marfitch 'Howard Dean'	Richard/Julius	Red
<i>Bro. sanguinea</i>	Roby Tannenbaum	Red
<i>Den. chrysotoxum</i>	Norma Jeanne Flack	Red
<i>Enc. bractescens</i>	Richard/Julius	Red
<i>Enc. stellate x Enc. bractescens</i>	Susan Muho	Red
<i>Onc. ampliatum</i>	Rich Ackerman	Red
<i>Paph. chamberlainianum</i>	Roby Tannenbaum	Red
Phal. Maria Theresa	Roby Tannenbaum	Red
Phal. Orchidview x Krull's Red Hot	John/Ann Bernard	Red

Opportunities To Get Involved

- October is auction month. A great way to contribute to your society is by donating plants, divisions, potting materials, and other orchid/gardening materials. Spring is the perfect time to get organized and to pick something from your collection you'd like to prepare to share.

MEMBERS' PAGE

Keiki Club Launch

The first meeting of the FLOS Newcomers Group, also known as the Keiki Club, was held at Tony Millet's on April 24th. Tony provided the group with a lively presentation touching on many topics of orchid cultivation, including flasking, watering, repotting and the different types of medium used for various types of plants. Everyone happily departed with a seedling, compliments of Tony.

We had 38 members in attendance which translates as a resounding success! Thank you, Tony, for being such a gracious host and thanks, too, to those who brought refreshments! Our next meeting will be at the home of Edna Rosen on Sunday, June 12th from 2—4PM at 2424 Andros Lane, Fort Lauderdale, 33312. To confirm your attendance at this meeting call: 954-261-1966. We hope to see you there!

See page 2 to learn more about the Keiki Club.



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New Members

May Ribbons

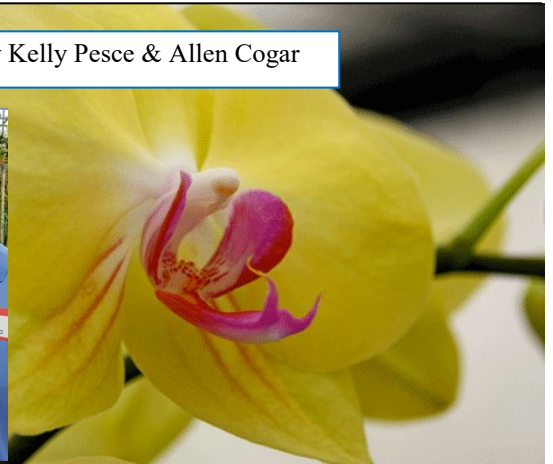
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Keiki Club First Meeting

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APRIL RAMBLE

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What initially seemed to be a throwback trip to the growing region of Homestead, Florida (and I must qualify throwback by saying that we have certainly visited all of this ramble's destinations previously) did happen to magically morph into one of the most exciting excursions that one could imagine by virtue of visiting an array of well respected and renowned growers in the orchid world, not to mention setting foot into the most magnificently groomed oasis of greenhouses, lush landscapes, orchidscapes, and perfectly groomed orchid gardens on planet earth. Those of us who have visited these familiar destinations prior were most certainly dazzled by the vast array of orchid blooms and specimen size plants that seemingly transformed a greenhouse we had visited many times before into what appeared to be a new and unexplored Eden of tempting rarities that begged for adoption. Combined with the unexpected bloom of many, many new faces attending this semi-annual pilgrimage to the ground zero of all things orchid.

An artist could not have drawn a more idyllic setting as we settled into a tranquil midday meal amongst the rare plantscape, the steady rush of the waterfall into crystal clear springs loaded with an array of creatures of the not so deep, but nonetheless armed with beaks, spikes, and teeth in abundance. The biggest decision of the day seemed not which plant to purchase, but should one take advantage of the perfect nap opportunity, or wade through the myriad of plant choices. The notion of shopping is a powerful tendency, it is on the same level as hunger in my eyes, and the gravitational pull of that addiction won the battle and successfully broke the suction of our luncheon chairs, which in turn enabled the search to continue.



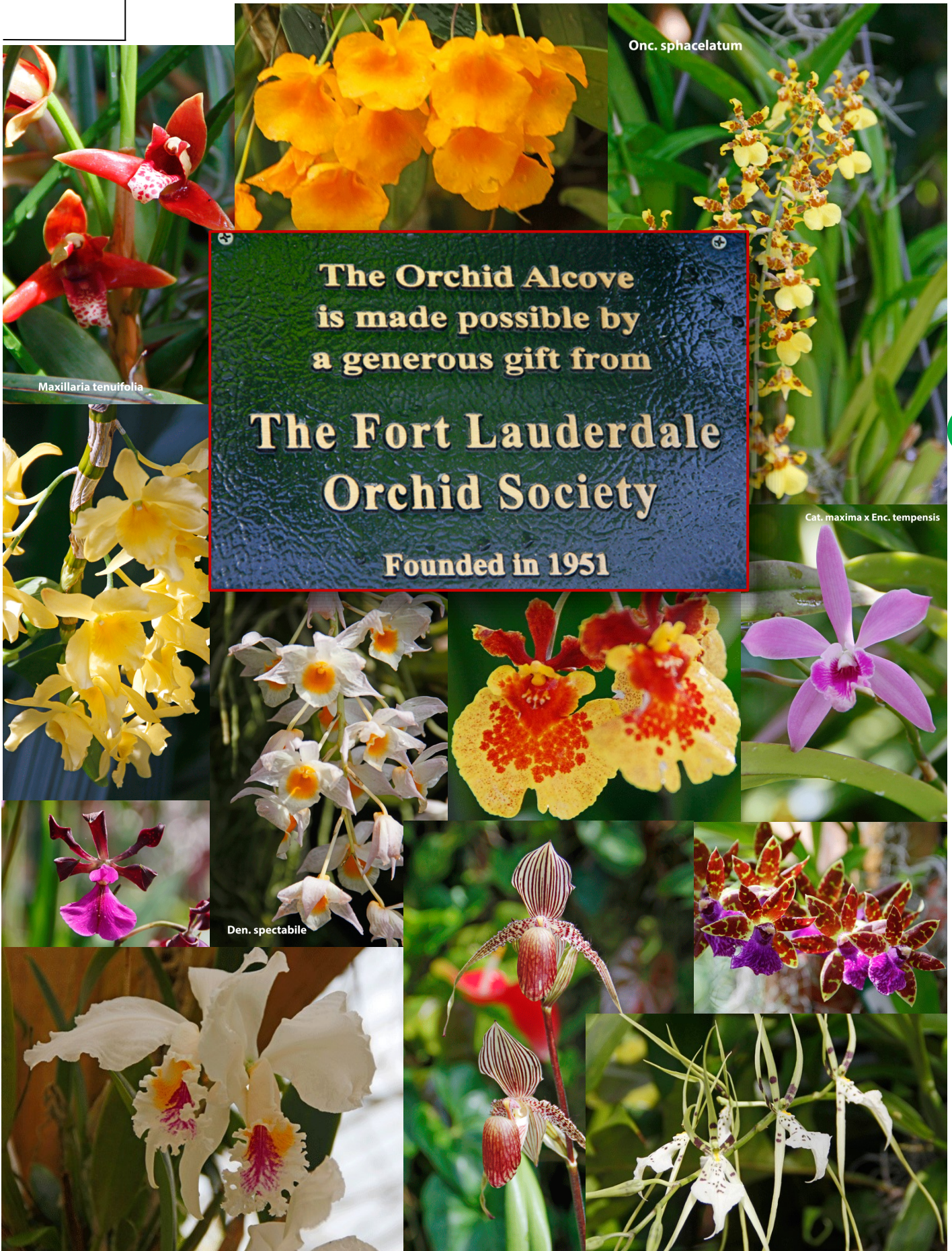
The day was a success in so many ways and the sum of this grateful fraternity converted into a perfect day of exploring for new plants, making new friends, hanging with old ones, competing for the best deals, and the overall satisfaction that all of the world's problems seemed to disappear for a day. Priceless!

Thanks to all for making the day a success!

Capt. Allen



MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS



Onc. sphacelatum

Maxillaria tenuifolia

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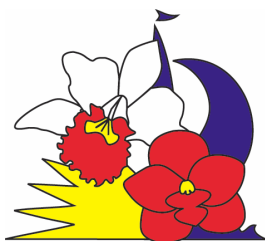
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Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month

Time: 7:30 pm

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