



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

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APRIL SPEAKER: ALLEN BLACK

Allen Black, our April 10th speaker will be presenting hybridizing *Brassavola nodosa* with other *Cattleya Alliance* species and hybrids. Allen is a hobbyist grower and breeder from



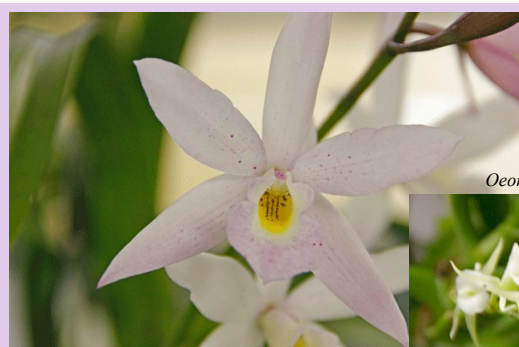
Richmond Virginia. He has been growing and hybridizing orchids for over 20 years. Allen has crossed and registered over 70 of his hybrids. His orchid goals are to have fun and to create new, unusual orchid hybrids. Allen was a featured speaker at the 2014 *Cattleya Symposium*. His program is not to be missed, especially if you love *B. nodosa*s.



Image by Allen Black



Phal. Chia E Yenlin—Zoe Bejar



Gerberara Snow Ballet—Richard/Julius

Oeoniella polystachys—Claire Garrett



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- April 8:** Spring Ramble (see page 3)
- April 10:** Allen Black—hybridizing *Brassavola nodosa* with other *Cattleya Alliance* species and hybrids
- April 29 & 30:** Museum of Science & Discovery—Amazon Adventure (see page 2)
- May 13 & 14:** Museum of Science & Discovery—Asian Pacific American Heritage (see page 2)
- May 19-21:** Redland International Orchid Festival
- May 20:** FLOS Bus Trip to Redland International Orchid Festival (see page 2)
- June 12:** Raphael Romero from Plantio La Orquidea

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Our March speaker was Tomas Bejza, his talk was 'Giant World of Miniature Orchids' and how to grow cool in Florida. Tomas came to Miami 15 years ago, and started growing orchids about 10 years ago, with warehouse store orchids. While in an orchid user group he read about a Lepanthopsis astrophora, his first miniature orchid. He soon was hooked on micro and miniature orchids, he also did not follow the general rule of what orchids can grow in South Florida. He purchased and killed many plants until he figured out the tricks to cool growing and miniature orchids. Tomas grows many of the orchids in glass containers and on bonsai trees to create some truly beautiful and unusual orchid displays.

The orchids species which grow well in glass are moisture loving species. He uses living sphagnum moss in the bottom of the glass to start and then mounts all the orchids. He uses multiple types of mounting material, cork, dense cork or wood, the only mounting material that should be avoided is tree fern which stays too wet. Watering and feeding is just like the big plants but with 1/4 strength food. Using these steps Tomas can grow many cool loving miniatures in his apartment in Miami, he has a large glass container with over 45 plants on a single mount.

For the miniatures that are cool loving Tomas had multiple tricks to get the orchids to grow and bloom. He keeps them in air-conditioning - very cool at night 60's. Then when the cool weather comes he takes them camping. The orchids live outside for the cool months of the year. The cool nights even down to the 40's will work. He then identified some that he grows this way:

- Dendrobium gregulus - miniature cool loving dendrobium from Thailand;
- Lepanthes telipogoniflora grows inside year around so that it doesn't get eaten;
- Lepanthopsis Astrophora with beautiful glittery blooms grows great mounted in a glass container.

Tomas had a table of the miniatures for sale, some mounted and in glass, he will also have a table at the Redland show if you missed him at the meeting. (Loren Colburn)

FLOS Member Renewal

This is a friendly reminder that your Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society membership expired on Sunday, January 01, 2017 (unless you already renewed!).



All memberships run January through December so it is time to renew! This year you can do it online at our new membership website <http://members.flos.org> Your email address on file with us is your login ID. Use "Forgot password" to get a new password sent to you. Along with renewing you can also update your address or phone number while you are there! Need help? Email richackerman@gmail.com

Thank you for your membership in our Society!

Museum of Science & Discovery Events

Every spring the Museum of Discovery and Science invites us to a couple of their special events. This year we are pleased to be apart of the Amazon Adventure and the Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebrations. These invitations are always a great way to get parents and children interested in orchids and orchid organizations. Spending a couple hours talking to others about our amazing orchid society helps membership grow, educates the public and sparks interest in orchids. Our sign-up sheets (see below) have a few more slots to fill.

Parking and lunch is provided for the volunteers by the museum.

Please contact **Gigi Granger at 954-675-3570** to get involved and get the "orchid" word out.

Museum Of Discovery and Science Sign up sheet

Amazon Adventure - April 29th and 30th

April 29	10:30- 1:00	Craig Barry	Open
	12:00 – 2:00	Tony Millet	Open
	2:00- 4:00	Vicki Hallock	Les and Karen Corbin
April 30	11:00-1:00	Claire Garrett	Open
	12:00 – 2:00	Paul Gumos	Open
	2:00- 4:30	Open	Open

Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration - May 13th & 14th

May 13	10:30- 1:00	Claire Garrett	Open
	12:00 – 2:00	Open	Open
	2:00- 4:00	Open	Open
May 14	11:00-1:00	Open	Open
	12:00 – 2:00	Open	Open
	2:00- 4:30	Open	Open

FLOS Bus Trip to Redland International Orchid Festival Saturday May 20, 2017

Meet: Christ Lutheran Church
1955 E. Oakland Park Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

Bus departs: 9:00 AM Sharp

Bus departs Fruit & Spice Park: 3:00 PM

Cost: \$39,00 Per Person (Free Admission to show for all bus riders)

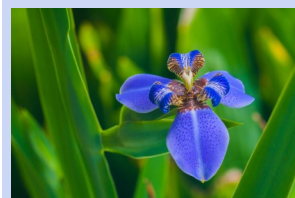
What to bring: Lunch

Box or crate to hold purchases

Water & juices will be available on the bus.

You may want to bring snacks for the ride.

To reserve your place: Contact Capt. Allen—
54-553-1351 or tacogar@gmail.com



Photos from Redland Orchid Festival website

MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our new members:

Ronni Warshaw and Deborah Beaudoin-Zaki

MARCH RIBBONS

<i>Den. fimbriatm</i>	Norma Jeanne Flack	Blue
Den. Yellow Chinsai*	Les Corbin	Blue
Den. Yukiaruma 'King' AM/AOS	Norma Jeanne Flack	Blue
<i>Oeoniella polystachys</i>	Claire Garrett	Blue
<i>Paph. bellatulum</i>	Omar Gonzalez	Blue
Paph. Belle Royale x St. Swithin ?	Glen J	Blue
Phal. Black Cherry*	Zoe Bejar	Blue
Phal. Chia E Yenlin	Zoe Bejar	Blue
Phal. Rio's Sparkle*	Luanne Betz	Blue
Vasco. Pine River 'Pink'	Zoe Bejar	Blue
<i>Den. secundum</i>	Andi Cioffe/Carol Jones	Culture
Dpts. George Molor	Luanne Betz	Culture
<i>Epi. secundum</i>	Rich Ackerman	Culture
Gerberara Snow Ballet	Richard/Julius	Culture
Lc. Trick or Treat	Luanne Betz	Culture
<i>Ornithocephalus bicornis</i>	Vicki Hallock	Culture
<i>C. lawrenceana</i>	Tony Millet	Red
<i>Enc. bractescens</i> (Belize species)	Richard/Julius	Red
Phal. Sogo Vinie ?	Tena Swiller	Red
Rth. Love Passion 'Orange Bird'	Richard/Julius	Red

Note: ? = Unregistered Hybrid, * = Registered Hybrid



Rich Ackerman

Keiki Club News

On Saturday afternoon, March 18th, the Keikis gathered at the home of Chris and Bill Crepage for another opportunity to enhance their growing capabilities! In addition to being a most gracious hostess, Chris was able to provide the group with some excellent growing tips as well as organizational skills. She focused on the importance of keeping an accurate log of information about each plant in a collection in a specially designated notebook, including photographs, data on acquisition, price, where the plant came from, when it blooms and how to properly tag it. She showed us how she uses the Orchid Whiz program on her laptop as well. After showing us her orchids and sharing many tips on how she likes to grow her plants, Chris raffled off a number of lovely orchids--all cuttings from her wonderful collection. The Keikis had many questions and learned a great deal while enjoying a spectacular sunny afternoon rife with information as well as a lot of laughs! Thank you so much for having us, Chris! We are so grateful for your support and generosity!

Our next meeting will be at the growing area of John Budree in Sunrise on Sunday, April 30th at 11 AM. This is a different time than we usually meet so be sure to mark your calendars. More information, including the location and address, will follow the week before. John will be selling cuttings of some of his orchids so plan to spend some cash and add to your collections! It's sure to be fun!

Tony Millet (axxmillet@gmail.com)

Jill Smith (jsmith8146@comcast.net)

SPRING RAMBLE—April 8

Meet: Christ Lutheran Church
1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

Departs: 8:15 AM Sharp

Returns: 4-5:00 PM

Destinations: Quest Orchids

Caribe Orchids

Soroa Orchids—Cuban style lunch will be

provided by Jose' Esposito and Sora Orchids

RF Orchids

Cost: \$30 per person

What to bring:

Box or crate to hold purchases

Personal beverages (water and juices

will be available on the bus).

You may want snacks for the ride

Free plant Raffle on the bus!

Contact: Capt. Allen: 954-553-1351 or

tacogar@gmail.com



Opportunities To Get Involved

Member participation drives the FLOS! Your involvement is what keeps the society going. When just a few people do most of the work they get tired. We all need to be involved in ways that are important to us.

- **The Membership Committee needs volunteers** to help distribute and collect badges. Contact Zoe Bejar - 954-817-3285 or zorbejar1@msn.com
- **Attend an AOS monthly judging.** Judging occurs the 4th Saturday of each month at Flamingo Gardens. (Use the back entrance to avoid paying for entrance fee to the park.) For more information contact Joan Connors - 954-336-4948 or jmconnors25@gmail.com
- **How would you like to be involved in the society?** What are your skills? Passions? Interests? Let a board member know and they will help you get to the right person to get involved!
- **Are there programs** you would like FLOS to present at our monthly meetings? People? Topics? Speak to Rich Ackerman at our next meeting
- For our April meeting we need a photographer to take photos of orchids brought in for judging. Please contact Ginny Salus if you are available to help with this job. ginnysalus@salus.onmicrosoft.com or 954-532-7637

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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 Oak-
land Park Blvd. and NE 20th Ave.

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