



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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JANUARY SPEAKER: JOSE EXPOSITO



Jose Exposito of Soroa Orchids in Homestead will be our January speaker. Born and raised in Cuba, Jose arrived in Miami with only the clothes on his back, when Mariel boat lifts started in May of 1980. By 1982, Jose began working in a hospital where he met a man whose hobby was orchids. Jose became fascinated with orchids and discovered how unavailable they were. He built a greenhouse in his 30-square-foot backyard in Little Havana.

He has been growing orchids for over 35 years. Jose is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society and travels around the world selling orchids and lecturing about orchid breeding and culture. He has presented at the World Orchid Conference. Jose is a founding member of the International Orchid Alliance, past president of the East Everglades Orchid Society, past president of The Coalition for Orchid Species, past member of the Education Committee of the American Orchid Society, and he served several years as a board member of the South Florida Orchid Society. Jose will speak on Cattleya Culture



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Mark Your Calendar

January 9 : Jose Esposito from Soroa Orchids will speak on Cattleya culture.

January 20, 21 & 22: Annual FLOS Show & Sale (see the poster above)

February 13: Mike Owen, Wildlife Ranger at Fakahatchee Strand Preserve - Florida State Park. Mike will update us on the Cuban orchid re-introduction project FLOS is helping to sponsor.

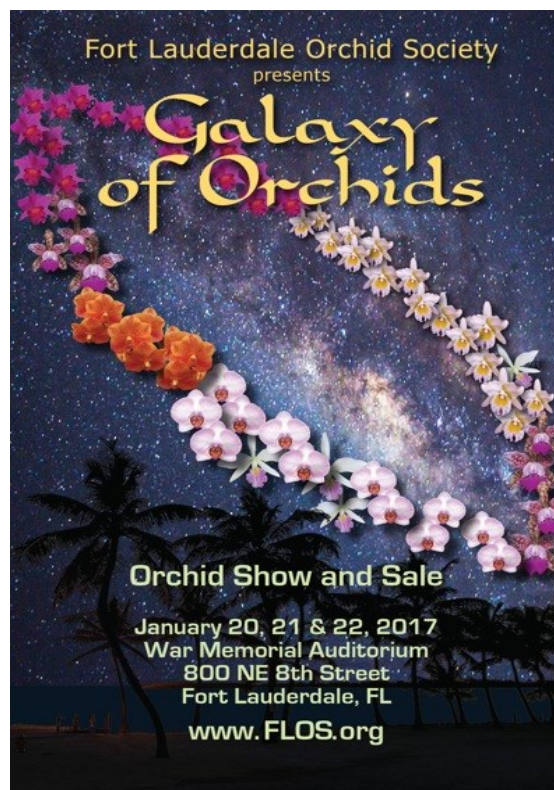
March 13: Tom Bajza—growing cool orchids in south Florida

Community Events:

January 13-15—Tamiami International Orchid Festival

February 11 & 12—Boca Raton Orchid Society Show

March 11 & 12—Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden—Garden Show



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GALAXY OF ORCHIDS

FYI BY TOM KULIGOWSKI

The Final Update

This is the last newsletter you will receive before the January show and it has some important information for you as a grower and a volunteer.

If you have any questions, please contact me:

Michaelschaberl@comcast.net or at 954-683-9615.

- We know you are proudly growing and grooming your 2017 Hobbyist Grown award winning \$250.00 Orchids. This award is open to all hobbyists but we would really like a FLOS member to win this prize. **To enter your orchid, you must bring your plant to the War Memorial on Wednesday, Jan. 18th from 3:00PM until 8:00 PM to be registered.** There will be volunteers there to assist with the process and the more information you have about your entry, the easier the process will be. It is very exciting to have one of your orchids judged the best, receive the prize money and the honor that goes with it. Don't be intimidated, join the fun, you have nothing to lose... bring in your blooming, pest and disease free orchid for judging, you just may win!
- If you have signed up to volunteer as a judging clerk, you will be contacted by Zoe Behar, our head clerk. She will provide you with detailed instructions about when you need to be at the War Memorial on Thursday Morning January 19th and what your responsibilities will be on that day. Those of you who are "first timers" will be paired with a more experienced clerk. Listening to the judges' orchid conversation and comments will be very informative.
- Those of you who have volunteered as host and hostesses should arrive at the Show 10-15 minutes before your scheduled shift. You will then see Rich Ackerman, who will issue you a volunteer badge and a green vest both of which will help patrons identify you as someone from the show where they can direct their questions. For those of you who are new to this position, you may be asked to hand out show programs or raffle tickets and act as a sentry at an exit door. Each day we provide the vendors with a different color adhesive dot that they are required to attach to all plants and merchandise that has been paid for by the patrons. If you are stationed at an exit door we ask that you look and see that the plants leaving the building have the proper colored dot. You will, by virtue of your volunteer vest and name tag, be asked about locations of bathrooms, food, our FLOS booth for information about our Society and as a raffle ticket entry point. Approximately every hour we raffle an item (orchid plant or other merchandise) donated by one of our vendors and you must be present to win. At the end of the day, all entries are included in a daily raffle for a \$100.00 shopping spree with one of our vendors. We will contact that winner by phone and ask them to return to shop on us!

Your main responsibility as a host or hostess is to be helpful and courteous to all of our patrons helping to ensure that they have a wonderful time and that they leave the show feeling positive about FLOS and our show. If you are asked a question and are not sure, you can ask any board member or myself.... I am very visible during the show and always ready to assist.

The most important thing is that we all have fun, enjoy, and be proud of our show and each other for what we have created.

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season, Michael Schaberl

Looking For A Few Good People - *VOLUNTEER*

In just a couple of weeks one of the most anticipated orchid shows in the country will open its doors for a three day orchid extravaganza; including, the night before the show opens, a phenomenal preview party before the public goes on a buying spree. In order to pull this off successfully we need to ALL get together and give a helping hand.

As members of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society, which has a membership of over three hundred hobbyists and experienced growers; we are fortunate to see and hear from renowned experts in various aspects of the orchid world throughout the year. All of this for the small membership dues we pay yearly. I see it as a great deal. We also gather monthly to share our ideas and experiences with each other. Another great perk of being a member of the society is to have our personal plants judged by a group of American Orchid Society (AOS) Judges; they come to us! Our society's show is sanctioned by the AOS.

With all of the perks and opportunities that we appreciate year round; now is the time we give back to the society. An orchid show of this magnitude takes time and a large group of volunteers to make it successful. This show will generate income which helps bring the perks to realization. Think about it, the entire year of fun and extremely valuable information for just a couple of hours of helping out.



Three years ago, I captured a photograph of Vince Dicks (presently the DBOS president) standing with a sign with the word "ORCHIDS" on it that he would twirl in the direction of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society's show. He was standing alongside of Federal Highway attracting attention to the show. Talking to him later in the day he informed me that the society was putting on this show with more than three-quarters of its members as volunteers; The amazing part of this was that he was talking about just over thirty people. Membership was at forty-one. A year later, the society's membership reached one hundred and forty-one. In recent shows, the number of volunteers has closely matched the previous shows numbers.

Take the time and give some of that back to the society. You'll meet new people, be in the presence of knowledgeable growers and have some fun while you're at it.

"We are the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and we're looking for a good few people!"

This has been a public service notice. ***VOLUNTEER!***

MEMBERS' PAGE

Opportunities To Get Involved

Contact Michael Schaberl to get a volunteer position:
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FLOS 2016 Holiday Party



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Keiki Club News

FLOS Renewal Time

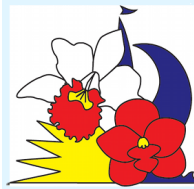
Keiki Club News

Although the Keikis will not be meeting in January, this doesn't mean that they won't be active! We are hoping the Keikis participate in some way to make our annual show extravaganza, "Galaxy of Orchids," another huge success. There are so many opportunities to be of assistance and with them comes more contact with experienced growers and time to ask questions and learn from the best. It is fascinating to watch how the intricacies of the show unfold and so rewarding to be a part of it all. And of course, we want the Keikis to sell their tickets so that they can attend the Preview Party on Thursday evening. This gala is truly one of the most spectacular events of the year and no one is ever disappointed! Michael Schaberl is the person to contact for information about participating and helping: 954-764-1239 or michaelschaberl@comcast.net.

Also, do not hesitate to bring a plant for judging if you believe it might just be a winner. (see the article about the show on page 2 for specifics on how to ready and enter your plants) Clean it up, put it in a decorative pot, bring it in and you might be surprised! Your orchids will never win ribbons sitting in your growing area!

Our February meeting will be held at the home of Zoe Bejar and the date is yet to be determined. Check the February newsletter for more details and watch your email for alerts about the first Keiki Club meeting of the new year! Happy New Year to all the Keikis!

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This is a friendly reminder that your Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society membership will be expiring on Sunday, January 01, 2017.

FLOS Member Renewal Time

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

You can also purchase pre-sales show tickets on the members' site by choosing "2017 Show Ticket Sales" in the Members menu.

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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month
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. 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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