



FORT LAUDERDALE ORCHIDS 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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Presidents Message

by Gigi Granger

I am humbled and honored to be the leader of our great organization.

I would like to begin my term by expressing my gratitude for all the volunteers who helped make our participation in the Museum of Discovery and Science annual spring events a success. In April, Rich, Craig, Claire, Vicki, Loren, Tony, Rosemarie, Paul, Sue and Chuck, Chris and Bill taught kids and their parents about our orchids during the Amazon Adventure. Although it did not go along with the featured Amazon theme, MODS had mummies and artifacts from Egypt a few yards away from our table. What a treat, the jungle and the dessert all in one day!



By May, we had a full volunteer list for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration. Rich, Craig, Claire, Les and Karen, Luanne, Loren, Richard, Eric, Stephen, Bob, and Omar all lent a hand in running the display table and showing off our orchids. The volunteers enjoyed the entertainment (Polynesian and fire dancers) and interactive displays of the museum. I am thankful for all your efforts and time.

July's Speakers Melana & Jim Davison

Melana and Jim Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the current Vice - President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim's appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. He works as a Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva." They have just started their own retail nursery.

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Mark Your Calendar!

- July 11—Marlena Davidson
 - August 10—Movie Night
 - September 11—Roy Tokunaga
 - October 10—FLOS Annual Auction
 - November 13—Our Annual Show, the planning stages.
 - This will be a great meeting: Possible topics are:
 - How show exhibits are designed and judged, AOS
 - Preparing your plants for judging, AOS
 - How plants are judged, AOS
 - AOS stands for: American Orchid Society
 - December 10—Holiday Party
- Sounds like a great line up. Thank you FLOS team!**

Where to Cut the Spike

Where do I cut the flower spike when it is finished blooming? from the AOS.org website

Of all of the more commonly available orchids, only Phalaenopsis (the moth orchid) will re-bloom from its old spike. Phalaenopsis will generally re-bloom given a little extra care. When the last flower fades, you can leave the spike (stem) on and it will still continue flowering but the stem gets very ungainly and the flowers get smaller. Some people believe it is best to cut off the stem entirely at the base where it comes out of the leaves, and it will bloom again in several months. You can also cut off the stem leaving two nodes (those little brown lines on the stem below where the flowers were) on the stem. One of these nodes will then initiate and generally produce flowers within eight to 12 weeks. Younger or weaker plants may not rebloom and some Phalaenopsis are genetically incapable of reblooming from the old spike. These are usually those that flower with branched spikes. It's always worth a try. Orchids, like animals, are susceptible to viruses, so whenever cutting an orchid plant always use a sterile tool to prevent the spread of virus. A straight edged razor blade is a good tool to use for cutting flower spikes.



Recognizing Orchid Virus Symptoms

The symptoms that are caused by viruses are variable and difficult to pinpoint. Sometimes, infected plants are asymptomatic, but still experience a reduction in vigor. Common symptoms on leaves of most orchid genera are irregular chlorotic or necrotic lesions of various sizes. Yellow stripes may also occur. Circular ringspots, yellow to red lesions, with or without necrotic centers, can be observed in some hybrids. Laelia plants tend to exhibit purplish blotches on their leaves. Less common but observed in Phalaenopsis is the downward leaf curling. Flowers, mainly those of Cattleya and Phalaenopsis, often exhibit necrosis or color break (variations in the color of the petals). Cymbidium flowers rarely display viral symptoms. Some 30 different viruses have been reported infecting orchids in various regions of the world.



Cattleya with a virus

The various orchid viruses strike a note of fear among orchid growers new or old. And for good reason; virus in orchids is incurable. It is most often spread by poor orchid maintenance practices. There is a lot more about orchid viruses as well as videos on AOS.org.

July's Speakers from cover story

The Davison's new nursery is called 'Jim-N-I Orchids' and they hope to expand later this year. They live in Homestead with their 4 dogs, 4 grandchildren and 3,000 plus orchids.

They specialize in *L. anceps*, *C. walkeriana*, and *C. aclandiae*. Their "Four Horseman" presentation will showcase four *Cattleyas* that like especially to be mounted! In fact, they thrive on being in a basket or mounted so much, they really do not do well in pots at all. *C. aclandiae*, *C. walkeriana*, *C. nobilior*, and *C. schilleriana* make up the 4 horseman and their culture will be discussed, along with tips for mounting and basket growing.



Jim and Melana Davison

June's Program

Rafael Romero

by Omar Gonzales

Plantio de la Orquidea, proprietors, Rafael Romero shared with us his presentation of *Schomburgkia* Species and their Hybrids. This brief introduction was purposely less technical for the body of knowledge in this genus. Currently reclassified into *Laelia* and *Myrmecophila*. Add to dictionary, the cultural requirements are the same as before, for example.

These are hardy plants able to tolerate high light, drought (*Mcp humboldtii* was found on a cactus), and extreme temperatures. They need to dry out between watering. Thus mounting and baskets are suitable, and there was one using a 24" wire. The minimum light is that which is given to *Cattleyas*, 50% shade, avoiding the late morning to early afternoon direct light for a new purchase.

Fertilizing will depend on your water quality but they recommend alternating Cal-Mag with a 20-10-20 fertilizer. Some of the species that were presented were *Schm. tibicinis*, *Schm. lyonsii*, *Schm. superbis*, *Schm. splendida*, *Mcp. wendlandii*, *Mcp. humboldtii*, and others. A key difference between the two is that *Shomburgkia* have full pseudobulbs, whilst *Myrmecophila* are hollowed out by ants (with no harm to the plant).

The species presented flowers with a ruffled appearance that are sequential bloomers on spikes that, on some species, reach 9 feet in length. When crossed with a different genus, the flower shape may change but the ruffled appearance and orientation of petals and sepals remains *Schomburkia*. Once the hybrid is less than 50% *Schomburkia*, the orientation of petals resemble that of other *Cattleyas*.

June Ribbon Winners

Orchid	Member	Ribbon
<i>C. Blushing Boy</i>	Tony Millett	Blue
<i>C. violacea tipo</i>	Tony Millett	Blue
Den. Kaneohe Beauty	Ann Bernard	Blue
E. Thomas Fennel	Rich Ackerman	Blue
Encyclia Green Hornet	Claire Garrett	Blue
Eplc. Mae Bly 'Chin Hua Splash'	Fran Renguso	Blue
<i>Phalaenopsis equestris f. cyanochila</i>	Olivier Turina	Blue
Pot. Waianae Appeal 'Aloha'	Marlene Isaacs	Blue
<i>Rhynchostylis retusa</i>	Richard/Julius	Blue
Vandachostylis Herbert Kurihara	Connie Walker	Blue
<i>Broughtonia sanguinea</i>	Bob Bekoff	Cultural
<i>Broughtonia sanguinea</i> 'Splash'	Chris Crepage	Cultural
<i>Bulb. phalaenopsis</i>	Chris Crepage	Cultural
<i>Den. crumentatum</i>	Craig Barry	Cultural
V. Ladda Gold	Marissa Gittelman	Cultural
<i>C. violacea semi-alba</i>	Tony Millett	Red
E. Thomas Fennel	Jill Smith	Red
<i>Encyclia cochleata</i>	Rosemary Stamm	Red
Max. Ben Berliner 'Yellow Cape'	Rich Ackerman	Red
V. Chartreuse Gold* x V Betty May Steel	Zoe Bejar	Red

7th Annual Cattleya Symposium

by Sandra Block-Brezner

If you are a Cattleya lover, or a lover of any species in the Cattleya Alliance, mark your calendar to attend the 7th Annual Cattleya Symposium sponsored by Odom's Orchids! This year the symposium will be held on August 3rd, 4th, & 5th at the Indian River Research and Education Center in Ft. Pierce, FL. The symposium begins bright and early at 8 a.m. on Friday and continue on Saturday. There are four nationally acclaimed speakers each day.

This year's speakers will be:

- Jeff Bradley, TX:** Rare and Historic Cattleyas, Their History In the Orchid World
- Linden Burzell, CA:** Cattleya trianaei
- Garima Kakkar, FL:** Thrips
- Alan Koch, CA:** Laelia sincorana
- Luiz Hamilton Lima, FL:** Brazilian bifoliate
- Ron Midgett, NM:** Green With Envy-Origins of Green Cattleyas
- Brian Monk, FL:** Cattleya loddigesii and Cattleya harrisoniana
- John Odom, FL:** The top awarded encyclias

However, there are also many other notable growers who attend the conference. It's really exciting to have an opportunity to talk to them in such a relaxed and fun environment. If you are a member of FOG (Florida Orchid Growing) you will see and meet many FOG members too.

Lunch is provided both days. Friday night's dinner is on your own, hopefully with lots of new friends. Then you **MUST** return to the hotel lobby by 8:30 p.m. to see the auction. Even if you don't bid on anything, you will have a hilarious time watching everyone else.

The festivities begin about 5 p.m. Thursday, August 3rd with a pizza party in the lobby of the host hotel. This year the host hotel is the Hampton Inn & Suites 1985 Reynolds Dr., Ft. Pierce. For other housing options contact odoms.com. You have to mention the Cattleya Symposium to get special rates.

A promotional poster for the 7th Annual Cattleya Symposium. The text is centered on a dark green background with white and yellow text. It includes the dates August 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2017, from Thursday to Saturday. It features presentations from world-renowned Cattleya authorities at the Indian River Research and Education Center, 2199 South Rock Road, Fort Pierce, Florida 34945. The event is hosted by Odom's Orchids, Inc., with more details at www.odoms.com. The poster is decorated with various colorful Cattleya orchid flowers and leaves.

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After the symposium finishes about 5 p.m. on Saturday, you may leave OR to go do some last minute shopping at the over 90,000 square feet of greenhouses at Odom's Orchids. They are open just for us. John Odom has been growing orchids for over 50 years and Odom's Orchids has been at its present location for over 40 years. Odom's is one of the largest retail growers and shippers of orchids in the United States. Plus, there will be many other growers.

You can register now for the symposium at www.odoms.com. Click on Events to get to the registration page. Registration is \$175. In the past, the symposium has sold out so make up your mind as soon as you can. But don't take just my word for it... other FLOS attendees in the past have been Joan Connors and Rich Ackerman.

Hope to see you there!

BC. Golf Green 'Hair Pig' JC/AOS



Orchid Beauties

Thanks to our members



C. Blushing Boy-Tony Millet



Den. Kanoe Beauty-Ann Bernard



Den. crumenatum-Craig Barry



P. equestris f. cyanochilus-Olivier Turina



Rhynchostylis Retusa-Richard/Julius

Photos by Ginny Salus

Keiki Club News

Opportunities to get Involved

by Jill Smith

On Sunday, June 11, the Keikis met at the “Orchid Bar & Grill” with the great Scott Peplin. Here we were treated with an unbelievable potting demonstration. Scott outdid himself once again and was aided by his friend and neighbor Amazing Andy, giving the Keikis huge amounts of orchid care instruction and advice! Thank you Scott, Donna and Andy for sharing your home, knowledge and expertise! Watch your emails for information about the next meeting!

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Scott Peplin teaching potting orchids



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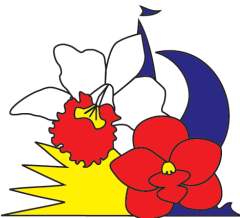
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