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JUNE SPEAKERS: RAPHAEL AND CHRISTINE ROMERO



Raphael and Christine Romero of Plantío La Orquídea will be our June 12th speakers. Since 2003, they have been running the Sarasota location of Plantío La Orquídea. Henrique Graf started the nursery in 1952 as a very small operation. Today, still family owned and maintained, has grown into 1.5 hectares of covered greenhouses. They mainly imported and grew plants until 1986 when they began flasking and hybridizing in their laboratory. Today, they have the largest Orchid Production Laboratory in Venezuela, with more

than 3,000 flasks. Raphael's topic for our June meeting will be a summer favorite: *Myrmecophila*.

"This genus has a strong association with ants, from its very name which was derived from the Greek *myrmex*, an ant and *philos*, friend, in reference to its conical, tapering hollow pseudobulbs which provide an inviting home to these garden and household pests. It is in fact, these hollow pseudobulbs, which harbor ant colonies that are said to protect delicate parts of the plants such as root tips that distinguish *Myrmecophila* from *Schomburgkia*. The genus now consists of the following former *Schomburgkia* species: *M. albopurpurea*, *M. brysiana*, *M. christinae*, *M. exaltata*, *M. galeottiana*, *M. grandiflora*, *M. humboldtii*, *M. x laguna-guerrerae*, *M. thomsoniana*, *M. tibicinis*, and *M. wendlandii*. The most well known species are probably *M. tibicinis* and *M. brysiana*."

(<http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z/letter-m/myrmecophila.aspx>)

Mark Your Calendar

- June 12— Raphael Romero, Plantío La Orquídea, on Schomburgkias
- July 11—Marlena Davidson
- August 10—Movie Night
- September 11—Roy Tokunaga
- October 10—FLOS Annual Auction
- November 13—Showtime! Still in the planning stages but this will be a great meeting: Possible topics:
 - how show exhibits are designed and judged
 - preparing your plants for judging
 - how plants are judged
- December 10—Holiday Party



Photos from Plantío La Orquídea's web site

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Lc. Puppy Love -Les Corbin



Prosthechea trulla
Bonnie Bonneau

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MAY PROGRAM:

GEORGE HATFIELD



The FLOS May speaker was George Hatfield and he spoke on 'Cymbidium hybrids as garden plants in southern Florida'. George Hatfield is the president of the American Orchid Society and the owner and grower at Hatfield Orchids in Oxnard California. He hybrids unusual Cymbidiums with multiple patents in Japan and Holland. His belief is that flowers are Happiness and Fun.

George went over what it takes to grow the hybrid cymbidiums. Light and water -with the correct combination of these two you will be successful. The Cymbidiums take strong light 3000-5000 ft. candles for 6 to 8 hours, south Florida is 10000 Ft. Candles in full sun. The signs that the plants are not getting enough light is dark green leaves with limp and soft bent leaves. Water should be as clean as possible and is used to add the nutrients to the plants. The cymbidiums like their medium to be moist but with air around the roots.

The plants the George gave for the auction table were potted in a cypress mulch and perlite mixture. He said the medium should be good for quite some time. Cymbidiums should be bursting from their pots before they are repotted. You should match up your medium to your growing style.

Last George talked about the food needed by Cymbidium. His suggestion is to use the slow release food that is a balanced mix. This allows the food to be feed at same level that the plants will use them. The last point he made was about hybrid varieties that work best in our conditions: ensifolium, and aloifolium hybrids are two that will grow well in our heat and flower.

George then spent a few minutes going over what the AOS is trying to do now and in the future with conservation and education. He encourages everyone to join AOS and to stop by during the Redland's show. He donated a table of young potted Cymbidiums that we hope to see next year when they bloom! (Loren Colburn)



Brs. Rex 'Waiomao Spotless'
Roby Tannenbaum



Psychopsis Mariposa
Marlene Isaacs



BLC. Colorguard
Chris Binder



Den. Aggregatum—Jessie Adderley

AOS Student Judge and FLOS Scholarship recipient, Sandra Block-Brezner shares some of her learning experiences:



On November 5th, 2016, I attended the 18th International Slipper Orchid Symposium (with Joan Connors)! While I am not into growing *Paphiopedilums* or *Phragmipediums*, I am a first year student judge for the West Palm Beach Judging Center and this year Paphs and Phrags are the genera we are studying. I thought that by attending, it would be a good introduction.... and it certainly was! This one-day gathering is

an annual event for slipper orchid enthusiasts from around the world. It is sponsored by Krull-Smith and held at historic Highland Manor, a once grand private home turned into a wedding and event venue with Southern charm and elegance in Apopka, FL. The symposium consisted of a full day of speaker presentations, orchid sales by top-quality vendors, and a hot buffet lunch. After the symposium, the Krull-Smith nursery is open for browsing & shopping followed by an evening BBQ dinner & plant auction that was a lot of fun!

Some of the speakers I heard were:

Harold Koopowitz, editor-in-chief of *Orchid Digest*, author of the now out-of-print *Tropical Slipper Orchids* (it became my Paph. 'bible'), Professor Emeritus of Ecology at UC, Irvine CA, AOS judge, and founder of Paphanatics nursery (and I got him to autograph my copy of *Tropical Slipper Orchids*!)

Chen-Chung Chen, who is from Taiwan and spoke through a translator on the 'Latest *Paphiopedilum* in Taiwan.'

David Sorokowsky, aka Paph Paradise. David is a grower and breeder of top *Paphiopedilum* orchids in Northern California with over 50 awards and he spoke on '*Paphiopedilum Rothschildianum* Over the Years and Its Influence on Hybrids'. David is also an AOS judge.

Sam Tsui of **Orchid Inn, Ltd** from Bloomington, IL. Sam spoke on '*Paphiopedilum adductum*: Its Advanced Breeding and Culture'. Sam is also a hybridizer who has over 200 awards.

Alexej Popow from Popow-Orchids in Germany who talked about '*Paphiopedilum Species and New Hybrids from Germany and Europe*.'

Being I was so new to Paphs and Phrags, much of what I heard was hard to digest as I quickly scrambled to take notes and attempt to understand! But everyone was extremely nice and I had brought my homework questions with me so I was able to get some primary reference source answers and start some lively discussions! Later on as I continued working on my assignments and studies at home, much of what I had heard began to make sense with what I was learning and I realized how very informative the day really was! I even picked up some culture tips, as now I have to try growing them myself!

If you are into Paphs & Phrags, or just want to get an introduction and have a exciting and informative day, there is a 19th International Slipper Orchid Symposium! It will be held on November 4th, 2017, at the Highland Manor. Go with a friend! You'll learn a lot and have a lot of fun!

MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our new members:

Charles and Shirley James Lou and Tina Paolucci
 Rita Silverman Marge Avery
 Gustavo Valverde

MAY RIBBONS

Ascda. John De Biase 'Angela'	Zoe Bejar	Blue
Bl. Adrienne Arshnt	Dolores Hurst	Blue
BLC. Chin Lin 'New City'	Chris Binder	Blue
Brassavola <i>nodosa</i>	Zoe Bejar	Blue
Bulb. <i>maximum</i>	Vicki Hallock	Blue
Bulb. Wilbur Chan	Rich Ackerman	Blue
<i>C. forbesii</i>	Omar Gonzalez	Blue
<i>C. luteola</i>	Omar Gonzalez	Blue
C. Marcia Foster	Les Corbin	Blue
C. Sea Breeze 'Blue Ribbon' HCC/AOS	Rich Ackerman	Blue
Den. cretaceum syn. polyanthum	Bob Stroozas	Blue
E. Reese Grazaffi *	Vicki Hallock	Blue
<i>Encyclia diurna</i>	Stephen White	Blue
Gram. <i>scriptum</i> var. <i>tigrinum</i>	Rich Ackerman	Blue
Lc. Puppy Love	Les Corbin	Blue
<i>Myrmecophila thompsonian</i>	Rich Ackerman	Blue
<i>Paph. philippinense</i>	Luanne Betz	Blue
Paph. Saint Swithin	Glen J.	Blue
Phal. Ebony Sweet Gem	Roby Tannenbaum	Blue
Phal. Tying Shin Fly Eagle 'Wilson'	Omar Gonzalez	Blue
<i>Prosthechea trulla</i>	Bonnie Bonneau	Blue
Psychopsis Mariposa	Marlene Isaacs	Blue
<i>Tolumnia calochilum</i>	Dolores Hurst	Blue
<i>Trichopilia suavis</i>	Chris Crepage	Blue
BLC. Color Guard	Chris Binder	Cultural
Brs. Rex 'Waiomao Spotless'	Roby Tannenbaum	Cultural
Den. <i>bracteosum</i>	Craig Barry	Cultural
<i>Encyclia stellate</i> × <i>bractescens</i>	Susan Muho	Cultural
<i>Microterangis hariotiana</i>	Roby Tannenbaum	Cultural
<i>C. intermedia</i> f. <i>orlata</i>	Rich Ackerman	Red
Den. <i>aggregatum</i>	Jessie Adderley	Red
<i>E. cordigera</i>	Zoe Bejar	Red

Keiki Club News

On April 30, a glorious Sunday morning, the Keikis gathered and were hosted by John Budree and his lovely daughters. John's growing areas and greenhouses are equally impressive as was the incredible orchid knowledge John shared with us throughout the meeting. He touched on so many topics and fielded questions galore about fertilization, irrigation, potting and insect and fungus control. Everyone was awed by the number of paphiopedilums, many of them in full bloom, that John has in a special greenhouse and he provided us with many of his own techniques for potting them and getting them to thrive. At the end of the meeting, John gave everyone a dendrobium keiki and offered us a challenge. He will award \$50 to the first person who gets the keiki to bloom and there's no cheating because only John knows what the flowers will look like! So **GAME ON, KEIKIS!!** And many thanks to you, John, for a great meeting!



Our next meeting will take place at the home of Scott Peplin, again at **11 AM**, on Sunday June 11th. Scott will conduct a potting class but there are several caveats to the program. **ALL** Keikis are invited to attend but only the first ten rsvp's to the email that will be sent out on June 3rd or 4th, will be eligible to bring a plant for repotting--the rest of us will observe and learn from the experience. Also, Scott will be requiring those who will be repotting to bring their own sterile clipping/cutting tools and he will be providing us with a picture of what is acceptable. This information will appear in the email along with the address and any other pertinent details. Potting medium and pots will be provided. Scott is a great presenter and he has fabulous plants so it is sure to be a great meeting. He will also have plants for sale. See you all there!

There will be many other opportunities for the Keikis to become more involved, so watch closely for announcements and emails!

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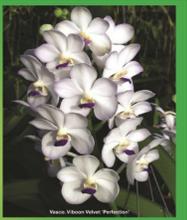
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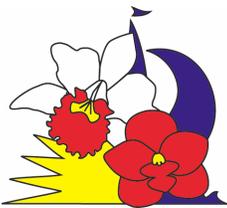


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