



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

VOLUME 67 ISSUE 1
MARCH 2017



MARCH SPEAKER: TOMAS BAJZA



Miniature and indoor orchids growers mark your calendar for March 13th. Our speaker will be orchid hobbyist Tomas Bajza. He came to the USA about 15 years ago from the Czech Republic. Tom caught the orchid bug less than 10 years ago. Like most hobbyist, he has tried a variety of genera based on his current growing conditions, an apartment balcony



in North Miami. Tomas seems to have found his niche: miniatures and cold or intermediate growing species. Join us as we learn more about indoor orchids!



FORT LAUDERDALE ORCHID SOCIETY

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!

Mark Your Calendar

FLOS Events:

- March 13:** Tom Bajza—growing cool orchids in south Florida
- March 18:** Keiki Club (contact Tony Millet axxmillet@gmail.com or Jill Smith jsmith8146@comcast.net)
- March 25:** Home Ramble (see page 2 for details)
- April 8:** Spring Ramble (see above for details)
- April 10:** Allen Black
- May 19-21:** Redland International Orchid Festival—FLOS will have a bus for Saturday, May 20 to Fruit & Spice Park—Free Admission and Parking - Contact Allen Cogar to reserve your seat: 954-553-1351 or tacogar@gmail.com
- June 12:** Raphael Romero, Plantio La Orquídea

Community Events:

- March 11 & 12:** Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden—Garden Show
- March 25 & 26:** A Tropical Plant Fair at Equality Park Garden Club (see page 2)

SPRING RAMBLE—April 8

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

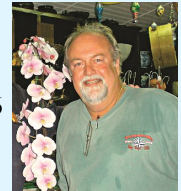
Departs: 8:15 AM Sharp
Returns: 4-5:00 PM

Destinations: Quest Orchids
Caribe Orchids
Soroa Orchids –Cuban style lunch will be provided by Jose' Esposito and Soroa Orchids
Last stop TBD

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



March Speaker

Renewal Time

1

Table of Contents

Spring Ramble

Mark Your Calendar

In This Newsletter

March Speaker: Tomas Bajza	1
Spring Ramble	1
Membership Renewal Remainder	1
Mark Your Calendar	1
February Program: Mike Owen	2
FLOS Home Ramble	2
EPGC Plant Fair (volunteer opportunity)	2
Psychopsis Display	2
Members' Page	3
Welcome New Members	3
February Ribbons	3
Keiki Club News	3
Opportunities to Get Involved	3

FEBRUARY PROGRAM:

MIKE OWEN

January Program

FLOS Home Ramble

2

EPGC Plant Fair

Psychopsis Display



Our February speaker was Mike Owen, Fakahatchee Strand Park Biologist, speaking on the Lost Orchids of Florida. Mike has spent the last 23 years at Fakahatchee keeping track of the orchids and other plants in the Park. For the past decade, he and biologist Dennis Giardina have been working to bring back 4 orchids to the Strand and Florida, the Cow Horned Orchid, Dollar Orchid, Rat Tail Orchid and Epidendrum acunae. Mike started with a description of the Fakahatchee and the history of the what has been done in the park in the past: the removal of most of the old growth Bald Cypress in the 40's and 50's, in the 60's a draining of the area for a large housing development, and how these things changed the makeup of the Strand.

Mike then moved to the present day and the work that is being done to bring the Strand back to its natural state. The canals for the housing complex have been filled and the parts of the park are burned to bring back the natural diversity. The orchid project started a decade ago with the Cow Horned Orchid, plants were pollinated and seed pods were the results. The seed pods were sent to Atlanta and the seed were germinated and grown. Once the plants were old enough they were sent back to the park where they were placed back on trees where the original plants were found. This project and the Dollar Orchid project that was also going on have been successful; from 17 plants 10 years ago to 100s of plants growing and thriving today.

With the success of the Cow Horn and Dollar Orchid plan Mike then went on to focus on the two lost orchids – the Rat Tail Orchid, *Bulbophyllum pachyrachis* and *Epidendrum acunae*. Neither have not been seen in Florida since the 60's but both still exist in Cuba. So Mike and Dennis went to a conference in Cuba and have started a conservation project with the botanists in Cuba to collaborate in bringing these plants back to Florida. While visiting the plants in the greenhouses in Cuba the plants had seed pods So close but because of the laws of both countries it was possible to bring it back. The work continues and Mike is hopeful that one day both orchids will be back and thriving in Florida. Mike ended his talk with some lovely images from Cuba and an offer to lead a tour of Fakahatchee for our members in the fall. (Loren Colburn)

FLOS HOME RAMBLE

The FLOS Home Ramble will provide a tour of 5 outstanding private orchid collections of FLOS members living in the greater Fort Lauderdale area. Each collection is unique based on the grower's individual interests and specific growing conditions. See how these accomplished growers nurture a broad range of different orchids and discover some new types of orchids that you may become inspired to try yourself. Get ideas for different ways to pot, mount and display your own orchids. Get acquainted with fellow FLOS members as you make each stop along the way. Due to limited parking at the sites, attendees will be required to leave some cars at the church and carpool. Map and addresses will be provided on the morning of the event.



MEET: Christ Lutheran Church

1955 East Oakland Park Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

DEPART: 9:30 AM Sharp

RETURNS: 4:30 PM

COST: no charge but attendees must register in advance as space is limited

SUSTENANCE: Light refreshments provided at each home.

There will be a break for lunch with your carpool group at a place of your choosing along the way.

CONTACT: Claire Garrett (clairegarr@aol.com) to sign up for what promises to be a great experience.

EPGC EQUALITY PARK GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS
A TROPICAL PLANT FAIR
SATURDAY MARCH 25 • 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
SUNDAY MARCH 26 • 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM
2017
AT THE PRIDE CENTER, 2040 NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY, WILTON MANORS, FL 33305

Represent FLOS at A Tropical Plant Fair !!

We have the opportunity to have a booth at the Equality Park Garden Club Plant Fair Saturday March 25th & Sunday March 26th. You would be representing FLOS, talking about and answering questions that the public may ask and invite them to attend our meetings and get to know us ! We can provide you with promotional materials, a tent, chairs and a banner. It's a great way to help FLOS grow and hang out with other Plant lovers. All we need is 4-5 members to be at the booth for the weekend. It's fun !! Call / email if you have any questions ... 954-683-9615 michaelschaberl@comcast.net



The Educational Display on Psychopsis, at FLOS Annual Show & Sale

The display was done by Dr. Lynn Seucharan from Trinidad and her sister, Tara Seucharan from Toronto. The two came to Ft. Lauderdale 2 years ago to help at the show and then came back this year to put in the educational display. This is the third educational award that Lynn has won from AOS. (Trinidad & Tobago has an AOS judged show every year.)

Lynn is a veterinarian in Trinidad and Tara does water quality control in Toronto. They were a pleasure to have visit and Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society was a very gracious host. When there wasn't a trophy for the display Nora Dyke came up

with some very special awards. And Michael Schaberl went out of his way to assist the sisters.

It was a touching testament to the kindness of the orchid community. (Carol Holdren)



MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our new members:

Laurie Lowen	David Sherman & Roberto Benitez	Robert Clark
Janet Klendworth	Carolyn Perez & Mercedes Rodriguez	Robin Petit
Janyce Forster	Hulo Chilo & Dr. Amy Urdaneta	Randy Czerenda
Robert Cassidy	Ildiko Toth & Keith Ball	Martha Luzinski
Debbie Solos	Jackie & Eddy Beauzil	Yeni Logan
Robert Trainor	Kevin & Mariette Merrigan	Kurt Storkel
Amanda Helg	Leonard & Melanie Cohen	Lucy Matow Lodato
Erick Petrusha	Stephanie Allen & Xavier Becquer	Carlton Adams
Kate M Donohue	Barbara Holmes & Martha Santomassimo	Arthur Clark
Lisa Kessler	Terrance Michael & Patrick Walsh	Ruth Light
Yanet Rivero	Becky Cerny & Ray Palecek	Fredericl Gomes
Maurice & Sara Forelle	Rose White & Genie Alonso	

Keiki Club News

On February 19th, another glorious, sunny South Florida afternoon, the Keikis hit a home run launching their second year at the beautiful home of Zoe Bejar! With a record attendance of 36 Keikis and 5 facilitators, we toured Zoe's grounds and growing areas. Oohs and Aahs were audible as we observed the incredible number of Phals peeking out from the foliage and spraying from the trees. Zoe also had many Cattleyas, Oncidiums, Vandas and Dendrobiums blooming in strategic locations. Zoe conducted a wonderful tour with detailed descriptions of all her plants, how she grows and fertilizes them and how she grafts them to the huge trees on her property. She was able to answer a myriad of questions and everyone learned a ton of great orchid information and growing tips. Thank you, Zoe, for a truly amazing afternoon!



It was especially nice to welcome all the brand new Keikis who joined the FLOS at the show in January! We hope they will continue to attend our meetings and assimilate into veteran orchid growers and possibly "orchidolics!" And thanks to the Keikis who have been with us for a while now--they warmly welcomed the newcomers and we look forward to a year of orchid camaraderie and another huge success!

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Chris Crepage on Saturday, March 18th. More information will follow in an email. See you all there!

Tony Millet (axxmillet@gmail.com)

Jill Smith (jsmith8146@comcast.net)

FEBRUARY RIBBONS

Bc. Hawaiian Agenda 'Florida Winter'	Rich Ackerman	Red
<i>Den. senile</i>	Vicki Hallock	Red
Blc. Mildred Hollingsworth	Carol Jones	Blue
C. Secret Love	Richard /Julius	Blue
Den. Country Girl	Norma Jeanne Flack	Blue
<i>Den. fasciferum</i>	Tony Millet	Blue
<i>Dendorchilum cobbianum</i>	Chris Binder	Blue
Dpts. George Moler	Claire Garrett	Blue
<i>Pararenanthera</i> NDC Singapore	Kevin Drucus	Blue
<i>V. Kultana</i> Pink *	Richard/Julius	Blue
<i>V. tessellata</i>	Zoe Bejar	Blue
Zygopetulum Conway's Choice	Claire Garrett	Blue
Ludisia	Zoe Bejar	Cultural

*Cross Registered As

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!



Please support our advertisers. They help pay for the expense of this newsletter.

MARKETPLACE

Market Place
6
Address/Directions



Green Barn Orchid Supplies
Everything you need to grow beautiful orchids
 Co-Proprietors: Lynn Lappin and Hyla Levine
 5185 Conklin Drive
 Delray Beach, FL 33484
 (561) 499-2810
 (fax) (561) 989-0850
 Web site: www.greenbarnorchid.com



Norma Jeanne Flack D.O.
 Board Certified Eye Surgeon
 Glaucoma Specialist
 Cataract & Laser Surgery
 Oculoplastics
 Eye Exams
 Botox / Fillers
 Cross Medical Building
 2334 NE 53rd Street • Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308
 954-776-0292



International Orchid Servies
Care While You're Not There
 Collection Restoration
 Transplanting & Dividing
 Adverse Weather Services
 Orchid Structure Consultant
 www.internationalorchidservices.com
 e: scott@internationalorchidservices.com
 c: 954-629-3627



Carmela Orchids
Sheldon Takasaki
 PO Box 277
 Hakalau, Hawaii 96710
 Tel. 808-963-6189
 Fax. 808-963-6125
 Web site: www.carmelaorchids.net
 Email: carmelaorchids@Hawaii.rr.com



Diana Waterous Centorino
 Attorney at Law, P.A.
Also Member of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Washington, D.C. and Nebraska Bars
 1230 Southeast 4th Avenue
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316-1912
 Tel 954.462.7760
 Fax 954.462.7761
DWC@dianawaterouscentorino.com

Thank you to our kitchen volunteers: Kathy Homann, Deb Johnson & Fran Renguso. Refreshments were provided by: Millie Pinal, Danielle, Bejar, Fran Renguso, Kathy Homann, Joan Connors, Ginny Salus, Debbie Lacek, Norma Jeanne Flack, Deb Johnson, Yeni Hayes



Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

**P.O. Box 4677
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33338**

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 Oakland Park Blvd. and NE 20th Ave.

President: Joan Connors
1st Vice President: Gigi Granger
2nd Vice President: Zoe Bejar
Recording Sec.: Vicki Hallock
Corresponding Sec.: Les Corbin
Treasurer: Brian Boyle
Newsletter: Ginny Salus, Editor - 954-532-7637
Website: www.FLOS.org

Label here