# 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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# SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: Roy Tokunaga



Roy Tokunaga is one of the world's great orchid hybridizers. He grew up on Maui, in the Hawaiian Island chain, and attended University of Hawaii on Oahu. His favorite mentor in the honors program, Dr. Yoneo Sagawa, introduced him to orchids and the emerging technology of orchid seed germination and cloning. After earning a Bachelors in Education, he started work at an orchid cloning laboratory, E&R Orchids. For seven years he honed his skills in seed germination and cloning. In 1981, he partnered with Harry Akagi to start H&R Nurseries in Waimanalo, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. He has been hybridizing, cloning, and germinating seeds for more than 40 years. He is an accredited judge for the

American Orchid Society as well as the Honolulu Orchid Society.

Roy's program will be on Dendrobium Sec. Latouria. He has many unique breeding lines within this section, described in his article published in last month's Orchids magazine. This section includes warm growing orchids that do well in South Florida like D. alexandrae, D. atroviolaceum, D. bifalce, D. convolutum, D. eximium, D. johnsoniae, D. macrophyllum, D. polysema, and D. spectabile.



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FLOS member may preorder plants at a 20% discount for delivery at our September 11 meeting. Contact: richackerman@gmail.com for more information. (FLOS.org)

## Mark Your Calendar

September 11—Roy Tokunaga—H&R Orchids in Hawaii

October 10—FLOS Annual Auction (page 3)

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November 4 & 5—Deerfield Orchid Soc. Annual Show & Sale (page 4)

November 11—Homestead Ramble (page 2)

November 13—Our Annual Show, the planning stages. This will be a great meeting. Possible topics, based on The American Orchid Society standards:

- -How show exhibits are designed and judged
- -Preparing your plants for judging
- -How plants are judged

December 10—Holiday Party

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President's Message

By Gigi Granger Volunteering

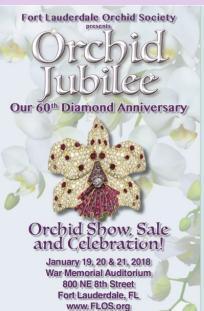


I began volunteering for FLOS in the kitchen. Ginny Salus and I set up and cleaned up after the members meeting for a couple years together. That was over ten years ago. Since then, I have moved through positions on the board and be-

came the current president of our great society. I continue to volunteer for community outreach opportunities, the shows and any extra task within my abilities and time. I believe volunteering is a source of enjoyment and a chance to share your skills. That being said, I am looking to fill some volunteer positions that help the society run smoothly:

-First, I would like to thank John and Ann Bernard for their volunteer efforts leading the House Committee and setting up the hall every month for our meetings. John has a new job. Congratulations John! However, he has to work Monday nights and won't be able to continue to help set up. So, we need more help with **set up**. We begin around 5:30.

-Bob Stroozas has done a great job mailing the FLOS monthly newsletter but he is stepping down. We need a volunteer to send out the monthly newsletter. It is about 2 hours of work (but is vital to the society), including picking up the newsletters from the printer and dropping off at the post office. See me for the specific tasks involved. (cont. on





Dendrochillum magnum



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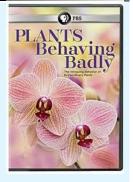
Barbara Ainsley Estate Jewelry Sale

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## AUGUST PROGRAM

## MOVIE NIGHT

Our August meeting was an evening at the movies. We saw 'Plants Behaving Badly: Sex & Lies' while having popcorn and candy provided by the FLOS. PBS describes the movie: Darwin's book "On the Origin of Species" shook the scientific world and far beyond. Yet it was his next book, devoted entirely to orchids, which filled in gaps and firmed up his revolutionary ideas. Orchids have an ethereal beauty,



whether growing hundreds of feet up in a misty rainforest or along the verges of busy suburban roads. But their exotic flowers are shaped for just one purpose: to draw in pollinators. (PBS)

There is a second film in the series ('Murder & Mayhem') and my guess is that most of us in attendance have already sought it out. David Attenborough is great! If you would like to see the movie again or if you were not able to attend Monday night our library has two DVD copies you can check out. Both movies are also available on YouTube.

It was great!

## Day's Tier Benches For Sale

All of my orchid collection is happily growing on the trees now, so I'm offering my versatile light weight, non-aging, design friendly, and space saving Day's Tier Benches to you.



No longer manufactured, these desirable growing benches hold approximately 40, 6" clay pots on 5 stepped tiers; the benches are 3' 4" wide and the tiers are 5' long. An Orchardist's bargain at \$150 each (a discount on multiples).

Please contact Patsy West at: 954 383-8752; or westpatsy@aol.com

## Barbara Ainsley Estate Jewelry for Sale

Barbara was a long time FLOS Board Member, member, and an avid collector. Some of her jewelry is being offered at a discount to FLOS members who identify themselves to the staff of Carrol's Jewelers where it is being sold.

Carrol's Jewelers is located at 915 E. Las Olas Boulevard in Ft. Lauderdale. There are some orchid pieces and also some more whimsical frog and other designs. GO check it out!

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-Another fun opportunity to help out is newsletter photographer. Ginny Salus has been our photographer for years, however as the holiday party nears and show season kicks in, Ginny will be performing other duties. We need a photographer to help with the shots for the FLOS Newsletter. See Ginny for formatting needed for the newsletter.

-If you like to write, we need a monthly note taker. At each monthly meeting we take notes and summarize the program for the newsletter. This is another fun job I have done, and I have continued to benefit from. **Summarizing the programs** builds knowledge of species and hybrids as well as orchid care. We need three or four people rotating to do this job. Please contact me for scheduling and details.

-Finally, as I mentioned the **kitchen** is a great way to begin volunteering. Kathy, Fran and Deb always appreciate help and they are a lot of fun to just hang out with.

As always, I am honored to be the leader of such a great group of people.

## November Ramble

Cap't Allen is arranging another fun ramble to the southern reaches of our fair peninsula. Free grub (lunch PLUS bus snacks and drinks) is included in the how-can-you-go-wrong price of \$35.

WHEN: Saturday, November 11

WHERE: Meet at Christ Lutheran Church

TIME: Leave at 8:00am and return between 4:00 and 5:00pm. We are headed for three or four nurseries... details still being worked out. We know there will be a delicious lunch provided at Soroa Orchids. There will also be informative talks along the way, so we can shop and learn at the same time!

We are sure to stop in at:

- Carib Orchids
- Soroa
- Whimsy Orchids

You can sign up now at <a href="https://members.flos.org">https://members.flos.org</a>; and pay online:

- -go to https://members.flos.org
- -log in (only members can log in)
- -click on Events
- -click on Ramble and follow the directions

Get your seat while you can! Our recent rambles have had waiting lists!

If you have question please contact Allen Cogar at 954-553-1351 or email <a href="mailto:tacogar@gmail.com">tacogar@gmail.com</a>



V. Assda Arunee Honey Moon x V. Tessellata— Carolyn Perez



Seidenfadenia mitrata
—Mac Rivenbark



Miltassia Charles Marden Fitch Claire Garrett



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# MEMBERS' PAGE

## Welcome to our new member:

Bud Romboli

## **AUGUST RIBBONS**

Aeridovanda Somsri Sunlight	Lori Cervenec	Blue
B. Jimminey Cricket	Dolores Hurst	Blue
Blc. Chia Lin	Chris Binder	Blue
Bulb. bicolor	Steven White	Blue
Ctsm. Karen Armstrong*	Rich Ackerman	Blue
Miltassia Charles Marden Fitch	Claire Garrett	Blue
Phal. pulcherrima	John Wrench	Blue
B. Little Stars	Chris Binder	Cultural
Bc. Adrienne Arsht	?	Cultural
Ctsm. planiceps x Ctsm. gladi- atorium	Rich Ackerman	Cultural
Den. thyrisflorum	Mac's Orchids	Cultural
Dendrochillum magnum	Carol Jones	Cultural
Psh. Radia-Cochlea	Chuck McCartney	Cultural
Den. Hibiki	Red	Red
Trichogottis philippinensis var brachiata	Roby Tannenbaum	Red
Papillonanda Siwalatri*	Steven White	Red

indicates a change to hybrid name

## FLOS October Auction – getting ready!

Our annual auction will be held October the 10<sup>th</sup>. Early in August we mail out letters to orchid growers asking for plant donations. It is also time to look in our personal collections and potting areas for items to donate for the auction. Orchids and orchid materials: pots, potting medium, hangers, benches, books, etc. are welcome.

## Keiki Club News

Sunday, August 20th dawned with thunder, lightning and downpours all over South Florida but "Can do Sue" and "Good Luck Chuck" Grieg said the Keikis would meet, rain or shine--and shine it did! By 2PM the sun was out and so were the FLOS Keikis, as well as a wonderful support group of seasoned members! First of all, KUDOS to Chuck and Sue-the first Keikis ever to host a meeting! Their hospitality was over the top, with lots of snacks and amazing beverages of all persuasions, as well as the perfect venue for our gathering. Our Resident Orchid Surgeon, Scott Peplin, was center stage to show everyone how to divide a monstrous Oncidium, carefully, appropriately and with as little damage as possible. Armed with his battery powered saw, the process of divide and conquer commenced and was soon assisted by Lydia Davis and our host Chuck. The Keikis were all awarded with divisions of this amazing plant as well as some pretty sad looking phals and dendrobiums, raffled off (for free, of course) as opportunities for all to nurture and maybe (hopefully?) rebloom! It was truly a great afternoon with lots of laughs and everyone walking away with new orchids and more orchid knowledge to absorb! A warm thank you to Chuck and Sue for having us and also to Scott Peplin, Rich Ackerman, Zoe Bejar, Les Corbin, Luanne Betz, Dave Thompson and Gerry Smith for your support.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Jesse and Dee Vance, the folks who provide us with the opportunity to purchase beautiful mounts of natural cypress wood for our plants -Nature's Relics. This gathering will be on Saturday morning, September 16th at 10AM. They will talk about how they get these beautiful pieces of cypress and show us how to mount orchids on them. Mounts will be available for purchase and if you bring a plant and buy a mount, we'll help you get started with the process. Their place is glorious and it is sure to be another terrific meeting. An email will be sent out a week prior to the meeting with more information.

Tony Millet (axxmillet@gmail.com)
Jill Smith (jsmith8146@comcast.net)







# Message From FLOS Show Chair Michael Schaberl



Preparations are well underway for our January 19-21, 2018 Orchid Show. We have contracted once again with the War Memorial Auditorium, invited back our vendors, prepared a beautiful show poster and have begun to advertise the event. Once again, we will be asking you to also advertise this special show by passing out posters and save the date cards, picking up and

selling your presale tickets (available at our September meeting), and letting all your social media friends know about this unique event.

There are other orchid fairs, festivals and sales, but ONLY the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society is permitted to call our event an Orchid SHOW. We are a show (and the 2nd largest in the continental US) because we require all our orchid vendors to build floor displays of

at least 100 square feet. We are proud of this very special distinction and proud, with your volunteer help, to present our beautiful show to the public.

The FLOS Program Committee is planning on having a presentation by AOS Judges to help us understand how to prepare our plants for judging, what judges look for and how they evaluate every orchid flower. They will also be showing you how these magnificent displays are created with the show's theme in mind. Remember, there is a \$250.00 prize for the orchid judged as the best grown by a hobbyist and we would love that to be a FLOS member!

More information will be coming in the next couple of months on the show and just how you can help. if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, the Show Chair at: <a href="michaelschaberl@comcast.net">michaelschaberl@comcast.net</a>

#### Las Olas Art Festival

An Opportunity To Advertise Our Orchid Jubilee Show And Spread Your Orchid Fever

We have the opportunity to set up a table at the Las Olas Art Festival October 21st and 22nd and promote our 60th Diamond Jubilee Orchid Show in January. This semi-annual show is normally very well attended and would give us a chance to let people know about our annual show and our great society as well. We will supply posters and discount "save the date" cards for the show and other information about our meetings and orchids.

The show is open both days from 10 AM until 6 PM so I am asking for volunteers to come, and spread your orchid fever to the attendees. We participated last year and attracted a lot of fun and interesting people and got some new members as well. Hoping you can sign up for either 10am-2pm or 2pm-6pm. If you are attending the Art show come spend a few hours with us and if you have never attended, it's a great event with beautiful art and crafts. Please contact Michael Schaberl to volunteer and Spread your Fever!! <a href="michaelschaberl@comcast.net">michaelschaberl@comcast.net</a>



Trichogottis philippinensis var brachiate-Roby Tannenbaum



BLC Robert Ferguson Florida Sunset—Roby Tannenbaum



Ctsm. Karen Armstrong Rich Ackerman



B. Little Stars-Chris Binder



Papillonanda Siwalatri-Stephen White

## LOCAL SOCIETIES' SHOWS THIS FALL







# FROM THE AOS

## Monthly Checklist for September and October

#### Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from Cattleya labiata breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the look-out for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

#### **Cycnoches**

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

## **Cymbidium**

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

#### **Dendrobium**

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium* canaliculatum types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. Dendrobium phalaenopsis can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

## Rhynchostele bictoniensis

Both Rhynchostele bictoniensis and its hybrids bloom in this season. Rhynchostele bictoniensis, formerly known as Lemboglossum, Odonto-glossum) is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: sulphureum (green with white lip), album (brown with white lip) and roseum (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in Odcdm. Bittersweet and Odm. bicross) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for odontoglossum beginners and advanced alike.

#### **Paphiopedilum**

Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

#### **Phalaenopsis**

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

## Rossioglossum grande

Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay. (and we thank the AOS)





Dendrobium Burana Stripe is a popular and easy phalaenopsistype hybrid. AOS Photo



Rossioglossum grande shows off its large, dramatic flowers AOS Photo

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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month

Time: 7:30 pm

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