



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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MAY SPEAKER: LUIS DEL PINO OF RIO ORCHIDS

In this day and age, all over the orchid community, we see long time growers and nursery owners retiring or just going out of business. We are delighted to report the presence of a young couple, Luis del Pino and Angie Villanueva, right in our own backyard who are ready to take on the challenge of turning their dreams of being collectors into a commercial nursery operation.

Villanueva and Del Pino purchased Ruben Sauleda's nursery, Ruben in Orchids, and from the beginning they started to add their own touch. The couple added new offices, remodeled the greenhouses, and brought the beautiful grounds back to life. Also, they changed the name to Rio Orchids. Day-to-day management at the nursery is run by Richard, who worked with Ruben for over 30 years.

Villanueva and Del Pino specialize in orchid flasking. At Rio Orchids they cross their own amazing hybrids, which they sell to growers worldwide. They also maintain a supply of native species as well as species from all over the world. They have one of the largest assortment of orchids for sale in Florida. Rio's orchids are grown locally to thrive in our South Florida environment.

Luis del Pino of Rio Orchids, will focus his presentation on Orchid Propagation methods that have been in place for over 50 years. He will cover orchid pollination, flasking, seedlings, divisions, off shoots, back bulbs, and cuttings.



Richard, Ruben Sauleda, Angie Villanueva and Luis del Pino



Onc. Splendidum—Nanette Olson



Zygo. Advance Australia—Sue Dohn

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Bulb. Grandiflorum
Stephen White



C. skinneri alba
Rich Ackerman



Tolunnia bahamensis
Vivki Hallock

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MARCH SPEAKER:

ROGER HAMMER BY LOREN COLBURN



The subject of the meeting was *Wild Orchids of Florida - The Most Enchanting Family of Wildflowers of Florida* by Roger L. Hammer, an award-winning professional naturalist, author, botanist and photographer. A native Floridian who grew up in South Florida Roger was the first recipient of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award, he also has an honorary doctorate from Florida International University. Roger is considered to be among world's most accomplished botanists of the American tropics. He has published multiple books featuring his photography of wildflowers, the Everglades National Park and other Florida icons and a series of photo identification guides for Florida wildflowers and trees.

Roger's talk was an entertaining combination of stories and photos of some of our 108 species of native orchids. He started with some history and photos of the 1920's when orchids were found by the 1000's in the everglades, and moved to present time and how the destruction of habitat has been the biggest killer of native

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Orchid Walk Celebration

orchids.

Roger Hammer had lovely photos of the common native orchids that can be found by the side of I 95 like the Lace Lip Ladies Tresses in St John county or the Water Spider Orchid that lives along the highway exit catch basins in Jupiter. He also showed us the rarer varieties like the Rat Tail Orchid (4 or 5 plants found only in Cuba and the Fakahatchee Strand) a small flower 2 -4 mm that took him five days in the swamp to get the photo. The photo of Carter's Orchid (*Basiphylaea coralicola*) was almost more rare since the orchid is a self-pollinator and so it rarely ever blooms, he only got the photo because a friend had one that bloomed. He reminded us that even our *Encyclia tampensis*, the Butterfly Orchid which only grows naturally in Florida, is a rarity in the global sense.

Before and after the talk Roger was available to chat and was sell and sign his books.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea ORCHID WALK CELEBRATION

The Orchid Walk Celebration on Thursday, April 7th, was a huge success. An estimated 300 people turned out for the event. Each of the plazas featured music. The Town attached more than 250 orchids to the trees along Commercial between State Road A1A and the Intracoastal Waterway. The idea to feature orchids along the street was made by the **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Garden Club**, the second largest garden club in Broward County. Featured in the photo are FLOS members, Yolanda Bernadini, Joan Connors, Claire Garrett and Tony Millett. Yolanda was the liaison with the garden club and Tony supervised the installation of the orchids. Thank you both for your continued community involvement.



Orchid Annual Cattleya Symposium

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

The **6th Annual Cattleya Symposium** in Fort Pierce will be held on Friday August 5th and Saturday August 6th at the Indian River Research and Education Center in Fort Pierce, Florida from 8 am – 5pm each day. Registration is required at <http://www.odoms.com/cattleya-symposium-august-5-6-2016/>. Early bird pricing (\$150) goes up to \$175 after April 30. Hotel rooms are available at block rates. The program this year looks exceptional, including Roy Tokunaga, Bob Scully, and Francisco Miranda along with other cattleya luminaries. FLOS always has a large contingent at this event so you WILL know people there! Ask Rich, Zoe, Joan, or Gigi for more information.



Platanthera ciliary—Roger Hammer



Sacoila lanceolate—Roger Hammer



Den. farmeri--Zoe Bejar

Welcome to our new members:

Gail Albohn, Carole Carolan, Alina Cendoya, Karen Konen, Roderick Lewis, Peggy Mazzoni, Renee Miles, Dennise Rocha, Paul Thorpe & Al Lichtenberger, and Lupita Wiggans

APRIL RIBBONS

<i>Aerangis fastuosa</i>	Rick Bellas	Blue
<i>C. skinneri alba</i>	Rich Ackerman	Blue
<i>C. skinneri var. alba</i>	Tin Ly	Blue
<i>Den. aggregatum</i>	Olivier Turina	Blue
<i>Den. anceps</i>	Carol Jones	Blue
<i>Enc. bractescens v. alba</i>	Doloras Hurst	Blue
<i>Macradenia brassavola</i>	Stephen White	Blue
<i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	Rick Ackerman	Blue
<i>Max. variabilis</i>	Vicki Hallock	Blue
Miltonia Beethoven	Mrs. Matt Wells	Blue
<i>Onc. splendidum</i>	Nanette Olson	Blue
Paph. Makuli x Maudiae	Richard Julius	Blue
Phal. Confetti Burst x Brother Love Rosa x Yu Pin Panda	Roby Tannenbaum	Blue
Ren. Scarlet Yuca	Carol Jones	Blue
Sl. Love Fresh	Tony Millet	Blue
<i>Tolumnia bahamensis</i>	Vivki Hallock	Blue
<i>V. christensoniana x V. ampullacea</i>	Norm Jeanne Flack	Blue
V. Ratchaburi Red	John Bourassa	Blue
Zygo. Advance Australia	Sue Dohn	Blue
<i>Bulb. grandiflorum</i>	Stephen White	Cultural
<i>Den. aggregatum</i>	Zoe Bejar	Cultural
<i>Den. anosmum</i>	Rich Ackerman	Cultural
<i>Den. farmeri</i>	Bob Stroozas	Cultural
<i>Den. nobile</i>	Chris Binder	Cultural
Onc. Kahili	Jill Smith	Cultural
Otara 'Hidden Gold'	Claire Garrett	Cultural
<i>Den. aggregatum</i>	Glen James	Red
<i>Den. farmeri</i>	Zoe Bejar	Red
<i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	Glen James	Red
<i>Oncidium splendidum</i>	Roby Tanenbaum	Red
Pot. William Farrell 'Dawn Light'	Tin Ly	Red

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Den. Aussie chip—Eugenia Johnson



Den. Aggregatum—Zoe Bejar



Den. Anosmum—Rich Ackerman

Opportunities To Get Involved

- YOUR HELP is NEEDED!** The MODS- Museum of Discovery and Science is hosting their 5th Annual Asian-Pacific Heritage Month Celebration on May 14th and 15th. We have been invited to showcase our society with a display and the opportunity to interact with the public. We will display native orchids and basic orchid care, as well as featuring our members' plants. We need volunteers to monitor the plants, and share any special features of the plants on display e.g. scents, color, or growing conditions. Remember, you are an orchid expert in the eyes of the public, regardless of how much you know. We will have 6 two-hour shifts and need volunteers for each.

Saturday: Set up 11:00 am – 1:00, Mid Day 12 - 2:00, and Afternoon 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Sunday: 12:00 – 2:00, Mid Day 1:00 - 3:00 and Tear down 3:00-4:30.

Interested Volunteers **PLEASE** contact Gigi Granger @ 954-675-3570 or gigigator@aol.com.
- October is auction month. A great way to contribute to your society is by donating plants, divisions, potting materials, and other orchid/gardening materials. Spring is the perfect time to get organized and to pick something from your collection you'd like to prepare to share.
- Per the guidelines in our bylaws the Finance committee will hold an internal audit of our year end Financial Reports in July and invites any interested member to join the process. To be invited please contact Brian Boyle at bossarts@gmail.com

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Refreshments for April were provided by: Kathy Homann, Deb Johnson, Fran Renguso, Barbara Barry, Carrie Ackerman, Barbara Martin, James Deemer, Tina Swiller, Carol James, Norma Jeanne Flack, & Luna Nichols



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Regular Meetings: Second Monday of each month

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