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The purpose of the society is to stimulate interest, provide education, and enable exchange of information among those interested in all aspects of orchid culture.

JULY SPEAKER

Dr. Mary Mancini

***Stanhopeas*
and Related Genera**



Please join us via Zoom on July 12 at 7:30 p.m. for Dr. Mary Mancini's talk on *Stanhopeas*. Mary, a surgeon from Shreveport, LA.. is an AOS Judge in the Shreveport Judging Center and AOS National Training Coordinator. Mary has been growing orchids for nearly 20 years, specializing in *Cymbidiums*, *Encyclias*, *Stanhopeas*, and *Schomburgkias* and has won numerous AOS awards. If you are interested in reading up on *Stanhopeas* ahead of time, please see the FLOS Newsletters [November 2020](#), [December 2020](#), and [January 2021](#) for our own Olivier Turpin's three part series

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

- Joan Connors



We are all anxious to gather with our fellow orchid growers.

Unfortunately, there are still restrictions set by the Parrish Hall where the meeting is held.

- Our July meeting will be another Zoom meeting with speaker Mary Mancini, talking on "Stanhopeas and Related Genera" from California. There will be a "Pandemic Edition" virtual ribbon judging for the last time.
- At the August meeting, our first hybrid meeting, members and guests will have to register

Olivier Tuma's three-part series.
Old newsletter issues are always
available on our website FLOS.org.

beforehand on our website
(Thank you Rich), and
refreshments will be pre-
packaged, with live plants
ribbon judging, only. *We
encourage you to come,
but emphasize that if you
are not feeling well, please
attend via Zoom.*

- Rich and his MOP committee are continuing to obtain plants to fulfill our obligations to our partners and will also make some available on our website for purchase.
- FLOS will sponsor a Broward College Student with 100 native species plants for installation at Heritage Park, along the Anne Kolb Memorial Trail. (Thank you to our Scholarship committee).
- Keiki Club had their first in person meeting at Vicki Hallock's and it was a huge success (Thank you Vicki).
- There are still tickets left for the AOS Centennial Celebration at the Biltmore. They can be purchase on our website.
- We have a new newsletter editor and until she can get acquainted with us, this month the newsletter will only be distributed on-line. Please get the word out to all your friends that receive a print copy of the newsletter.

As always, thank you for your
help and support.

CARAVAN

FLOS Sponsored Trip to

Mac's Orchids

6800 Appaloosa Trail
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

Saturday, July 10, 2021

Doors open at 10 a.m.

Discounts for Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society members

'Free' Plant Raffle at 11 a.m. Courtesy of Mac's

Meet Capt. Allen at the Gate for Discount Coupons

Call 954-553-1351 / TACogar@gmail.com for Sign-Up

Awards from our June Meeting

<i>Bc. Spotted Clown</i>	Roger Triplett	Blue
<i>Brasidostele</i> Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'	Jill Smith	Blue
<i>Bulb. aestivale</i>	Joan Connors	Blue
<i>C. gaskelliana</i> var. <i>coerulea</i>	Arthur Clark	Blue
<i>C. intermedia</i> var. <i>orlata</i> "Rio" AM/AOS	Nanette Olsen	Blue
<i>Cattleya</i> Hawaiian Wedding Song	Nanette Olsen	Blue
<i>Cattleya forbesii</i>	Scott Peplin	Blue
<i>Den. archipelagense</i>	Claire Garrett	Blue
<i>Den. lindleyi</i> a.k.a <i>aggregatum</i>	Craig Barry	Blue
<i>Dendrobium lawesii</i>	Vicki Hallock	Blue
<i>Dendrophylax</i> Little Ghost (<i>Dendrophylaxsallei</i> x <i>lindenii</i>)	Rich Ackerman	Blue
<i>Lc. Canhamiana</i> 'Azure Skies'	Vicki Hallock	Blue
<i>Maxillariella tenuifolia</i>	Shelly Jones	Blue
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Deperle (<i>primulinum</i> x <i>delenatii</i>)	John Wrench	Blue
<i>Phrag. Giganteum</i> (Grande 4N 'gatea x caudatum)	Jill Smith	Blue
<i>Rby. Copper Queen</i>	John Wrench	Blue

<i>Vanda tessellata</i>	Zoe Bejar	Blue
<i>Den. crumenatum</i>	Rich Ackerman	Culture
<i>Den. Lowana Nioka</i>	Olivier Turina	Culture
<i>Dendrobium wallisii</i>	Craig Barry	Culture
<i>Encyclia cordigera</i>	Laura Metrick	Culture
<i>Maxillariella</i> (syn. <i>Maxillaria</i>) <i>tenuifolia</i> 'Yamada' AM/AOS	Olivier Turina	Culture
<i>Rhynchoaelia digbyana</i>	Claire Garrett	Culture
<i>C. Quest's Super Spots</i>	Zoe Bejar	Red
<i>Pot. Love Avenue 'Serenade'</i>	Steven Turowski	Red
<i>Pot. Twenty-Four Carat 'Lea' x R/c. Hawaiian Discovery 'Fluorescent Orange'</i>	Timothy Russo	Red
<i>R/c. Toshie's Magic 'Doris'</i>	Steven Turowski	Red
<i>Rth. Gabriel Antich*</i> (Rubescent Fire x Al Thanhauser)	Timothy Russo	Red

(*) Denotes Registered Hybrid

Some Awarded Orchids from our June Meeting



Phrag. Giganteum
(Grande 4N 'gatea x
caudatum)
Jill Smith



Aerides houletiana
Scott Peplin



Dendrobium lawesii
Vicki Hallock



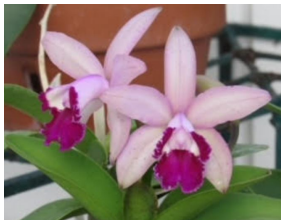
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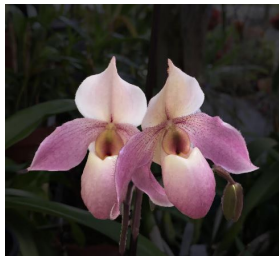
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Ghost*
(*Dendrophylaxsallei* x
lindenii)
Rich Ackerman



Lc. Canhamiana
'Azure Skies'
Vicki Hallock



C. intermedia var. *orlata*
"Rio" AM/AOS
Nanette Olsen



Paphiopedilum
Deperle (*primulinum* x
delenatii)
John Wrench



Den. Lowana Nioka
Olivier Turina



Den. crumenatum
Rich Ackerman



Bulb. aestivale
Joan Connors



Vanda tessellata
Zoe Bejar



Rhynchoaelia digbyana
Claire Garrett

"Show Table - Pandemic Edition"

Deadline: End of Day Sat, July 5

Members may submit up to two pictures for ribbon judging after each monthly meeting. This is a great opportunity to share your orchids that are too large to bring in physically or are permanently mounted. Email photos only. Send to:

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Welcome! New Members

Doreen Christensen

Lori Aronson

Keiki Club

Upcoming Keiki Club Dates

Coming Soon!

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Keiki News

The Keiki Club is for new members of our society. We usually meet at a member's house and learn how they grow orchids and what they grow.

June Keiki Event



Saturday morning, June 12th found a total of 20 enthusiastic Keikis in two separate groups, gathered at Vicki Hallock's glorious growing areas for a lively presentation! Vicki gave everyone a tour of her extensive collection of orchids, air plants and succulents, all displayed in amazing and innovative ways—in pots, hanging on unusual mounts on fences, walls, bamboo and, Yep, the side of her house. Although we all recognize Vicki as an avid grower of mini orchids, she also has a large number of monster plants that are pretty remarkable. But what is most impressive are her three biorbs, all containing tiny, unique orchids and lush greenery, creatively arranged and beautifully displayed. She took small groups inside and explained the concept of growing orchids in these special terrariums, LED lit, with fans and misting systems, designed to recreate conditions found in tropical forests. Vicki loves to experiment with different methods of cultivating orchids, and she talked about some of the ways she has succeeded in producing sturdy roots on plant cuttings and growing semi-hydroponically.

Before adjourning we had a free raffle, and everyone left with an "orchid treat!" It was genuinely exciting and most rewarding to hear so many of the Keikis exclaiming, "I'm learning SO MUCH!" and committee member, Karen Fleisher, commented that everyone looked so happy!

Thank you, Vicki, for your gracious hospitality! And thank you to Karen, Kate, Sara and Olivier for joining us and helping to facilitate. What a great morning!





Our schedule for the next few months is going to be tweaked a bit, but all the information will be sent in an email in plenty of time for planning ahead. We are excited that the Keikis are back up and running and we hope that more of you will be joining us to learn more about orchid cultivation!

Winner in our 2020, new member bonus plant ‘First to bloom’



Roger Triplett
Bc. Spotted Clown

Mark Your Calendar

July 12:

Dr. Mary Mancini
Stanhopeas

August 9:

Marni Turkel
“Show Me the Plant”

September 13:

Ron Parsons, “The
Genus *Dendrobium*”

Zoom links are always
available on our
website www.flos.org,
or click [here](#) to
register.

Meeting ID:

898 8704 6755

Password: orchids

August Speaker:

Marni Turkel - *Show Me The Plant*

How many of us have been disappointed when we finally bloom that plant we bought because the picture of the flower was so beautiful? It turned out to be a very small flower on a very long spike on an ungainly plant.

"Show Me the Plant" is a presentation that uses images of blooming specimen plants as well as close-ups to consider the whole plant for a sense of proportion and relationship and not the flower in isolation. Marni will be talking about many of her favorite plants and will cover some basic information, as well as specific needs for individual plants and strategies for growing specimen plants. This is a chance to see some of the best of her collection and learn how she grows it.

September Speaker:

Ron Parsons - The Genus Dendrobium

The Australasian genus Dendrobium is one of the largest genera in the most species rich flowering plant family of the world. More than 1800 species have been described (with likely many more to be discovered), and they are found anywhere from the lowland tropics to cool to cold high elevations. They occur from Japan and China to Australia in the south, and from India in the west to some of the islands of the south Pacific in the east. They occur in a vast variety of habitats too, but they tend to generally grow as epiphytes and lithophytes with comparatively few growing terrestrially. My talk is a brief synopsis of this amazing genus that nearly every orchid enthusiast grows.

Feature Articles

OLIVIER SHARES EXPERIENCES

By Olivier Turina



Orchid Journaling

Today I wanted to talk about how I keep records of my orchids. There are hundreds of ways to do so and there are also software programs available. So, my approach is just one example and probably a bit of an extreme one, but I am obsessed with my "babies".

If you have a collection of 20 orchids you probably don't need to do that at all. After all, as long as you keep your tags, you are in good shape. The problem with tags is that they fade away, they break, they get lost etc.... If you don't have any back up, you are out of luck, especially if it's a hybrid with a convoluted name. Then again, some people don't even care about the exact ID of their plant. All they care about is how pretty it is and that is OK as well!

I started using an excel spreadsheet because I have known "Excel" since the early days of the program and I feel comfortable using it. It is versatile and I can "program" my database the way I want to and it was really not much of a database for the first 4 years!

Initially my excel spreadsheet had one single tab with a list of all my plants and date of purchase, not even who I bought it from. I made a big mistake in those early days: I wanted my collection to have identical looking tags because I thought it looked better and hence every time, I replaced the original tag with a yellow tag that I transcribed. The problem is that the day I decided to start keeping track of who I bought them from, I had no idea because the original tag was gone. Lesson learned: keep your original tags if possible.

Then, gradually, I started adding more information: when it blooms, how many flowers each plant has, where they grow, description of color, fragrance, cultural notes for each of my plants individually etc....

Then I started creating new tabs to separate each genus or alliances (Cattleya alliance, Vandaceous etc..) because some have different characteristics and I needed a different layout for each.

Eventually I started adding cultural notes about any subject I found interesting through reading, lectures, video etc...

I also started keeping stats on my collection with breakdown of genera, species/hybrids, mounted plants etc.... The only stats I never even tried to start is how much I paid for each orchid. I REALLY don't want to know and I do not know!

Today this excel spreadsheet has become my "Orchid Bible" (that is the nickname I gave it). It has anything relevant on my collection but also on any type of orchid I have some remote interest in. I improve it constantly, every time I read something relevant.

Since repetition is the mother of learning, I read my notes on a regular basis. Sometimes, my notes don't match what I observe in real life. Then I change my notes....

Orchid growing is never an exact science and you get contradicting advice on many subjects. This is not to say that there are no good practices, but specific needs for a specific orchid are not absolute. Of course, a shade loving plant will fry in full sun but sometimes you might realize that a plant that you acclimatize gradually to higher light will do great with more light than it is supposed to thrive in....

This is just my own approach which is a bit extreme because I am REALLY into this hobby, but keeping records of some sort is good practice if you have a collection of 50 or more orchids. Usually when you get to 50, it means you will usually end up with hundreds of them at some point LOL. That's why....



Catasetum Double Down



By Rich Ackerman

Summer is here and we are planting native orchids all over Broward County. Quite a few 2019 seedlings bloomed this spring - very exciting! Maybe next year they will set seed capsules. We post volunteer opportunities on www.flos.org so you can help at installations. There is no login required to register for these events. Hope to see you there!



Trichocentrum undulatum
Photo: Chuck McCartney

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AOS Webinars

Online video webinars are added every month. Visit AOS.org/webinars to register for an upcoming webinar or watch recorded webinars at your convenience. Some are member only, just another reason for joining AOS.



AOS Library Volunteers Needed



Please contact Claire Garrett (954-684-1062 or clairgarr@aol.com) if you can volunteer a few hours a month. We will train you. The library is a beautiful place to hang

Flamingo Gardens
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AOS Judging

Saturday, July 24, at
Flamingo Gardens. See
details below. Please
contact our AOS
Representative, [Joan
Connors](#), with any
questions.



Greenhouse Chat

Ron McHatton

Orchid Q&A

Tuesday, July 6,
8:30 pm

(Open to the Public)

beautiful place to hang
out, you get to interact
with other orchid lovers,
PLUS you can peruse all
the books in our
extensive library!



Judges Forum

CBM to CBR & CHM
Botanical awards,
what's the difference?

Jean Allen-Ikeson and
Peter Poot

Monday, July 12,
8:30 pm

(Members only)



Cyrtorchilum, A Little Gem

Leslie Ee

Thursday, July 15,
8:30 pm

(Members only)



AOS Centennial Celebration October 28-30, 2021 The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables

Join us at the beautiful and historic Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida, for three days of camaraderie, orchids, and jubilee as we reminisce about our past and look forward to the next 100 years!

Click [here](#) to find out more and register for this exciting event.

We still have a few seats available at our FLOS reserved tables for the Gala and Banquet on October 30. Cost: \$250. Purchase your tickets online at members.flos.org homepage. Scroll to the bottom for the link under Upcoming Events.

West Palm Beach Judging Center is Open

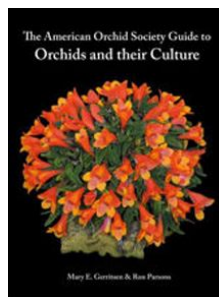
Flamingo Gardens
3750 South Flamingo Road,
Davie, FL 33330

Saturday, July 24

Judging has returned to the Flamingo Gallery. If you plan to attend, please contact bocaorchidlady@aol.com or sblockfl@bellsouth.net for instructions on how to gain access to Flamingo Gardens.

Plant registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. with judging at 2:00 p.m.. All plants must be **pre-registered** by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 23, by email to: bocaorchidlady@aol.com. Please provide the name of the plant, parents (if a hybrid), and your name and contact information.

Masks are requested, but not required for those who have been fully vaccinated. No food will be served, but you are welcome to bring your own. Please refer to our website for specifics (wpbjc.org) or contact our AOS representative [Joan Connors](#).



FLOS still has a few copies of The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture for \$15, half the AOS price. Pick-up only. Shipping not available. Contact richackerman@gmail.com

Copies will also be available at Keiki events. Cash only.

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Join the FLOS Facebook Group: Connect with other FLOS members, see what they are doing, learn about orchid culture. Open to all members and invited guests. Join [here](#).

Check Out Members.flos.org: Log on at members.flos.org. Choose “Edit Profile” to update your information. You can even choose a fun Avatar and upload your orchid photos to your own album! You can opt out of the print version of the newsletter to save us \$\$\$ on printing and mailing costs (every member gets the online version). You can contact a member directly through the public profile member directory. In the [FLOS Store](#), you can purchase plants, supplies, books, and any items we have for sale, buy tickets to events, and register for Rambles. Under “Downloads,” you can access official society documents.

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Zoom links are always available on our website www.flos.org

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