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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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JUNE PROGRAM: NORMAN FANG

Norman's Orchids (<https://www.orchids.com>) is a family-owned business started in 1986 by Norman Fang, <https://www.facebook.com/normanorchids/> who earned a degree in ornamental horticulture at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. There he worked and managed the Raymond Burr Orchid Collection, which inspired him to get into orchids.

With more than 300 American Orchid Society awards, Norman is one of the leading experts in the field. Norman's Orchids sells everything from Paphiopedilums (Slipper Orchids) to Phalaenopsis (Moth Orchids). A good majority of the plants he grows are in moss, which can be a challenge for some people. He utilizes moss to its fullest potential and has created a system that works best for him. He travels the world educating and enlightening new orchid enthusiasts and hobbyists. (From The Blog of the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens)

Mr. Norman Fang will be our speaker on June 11, 2018. He will be talking on "New Color Forms of Phalaenopsis Species", a topic he recently wrote about in *Orchid Digest*. Mr. Fang has served as Vice President of the American Orchid Society and he is a founding member and regional director of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance.



President's Message

By Gigi Granger



What do fire dancers, pirates, drums, the Great Wall of China, and orchids have in common? They were all apart of the annual Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration at the Museum of Discovery and Science. The weekend was full of the wet weather, Mother's Day celebrations and a Pirate Festival playing out in the park across the street. Rich Ackerman, Zoe and Danielle Bejar, Luanne Betz, Bonnie Bonneau, Chris Crepage, Chuck Mitchell-Greg, Omar Gonzalez, and Stephen White all made this year's participation in the event a success.

After we set up the tables and placed all the orchids for display, Chris made orchid name tags and Rich placed ribbons on selected plants, just like we do at our meetings. It provided a talking point to draw the public in. Museumgoer's couldn't help but inquire about the ribbons. First timer museum volunteers, Luanne and Bonnie, were pleasantly surprised by the amount of interest in orchids and the high energy of the Asian celebration. Many thanks too all that made the day possible.



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- June 11-Norman Fang
- July 9-Dr. Jason Downing-Fairchild Tropical Gardens
- August 13-Movie Night
- October 8-Auction
- November 12-Francisco Miranda
- December—Holiday Party

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FLOS was happy to welcome FLOS member Chuck McCartney to speak about the Florida-Cuban connection in native orchids.

We were given a large amount of information about these Caribbean orchid species. Luckily, we don't need to travel down to Cuba or all around the state of Florida. Chuck has the knowledge and lives among us. Cuba has a larger more diverse environment than Florida with several mountain ranges, this gives Cuba more microclimates with the elevation advantage. Florida is only around 90 miles north of Cuba. There are about 103 species in Florida and Cuba has around 312 species and natural hybrids. Chuck broke his presentation into the following parts:



Good Bye - In this section were the few orchids believed to be extinct in Florida. *Bulbophyllum pachyrachis*, *Macradenia lutescens* and *Brassia caudata*.

From the Ground Up: The Oldies - Chuck discussed the areas in which we find these species, here in Florida. Some of the species he mentioned were *Calpogon*, *Bletia*, *Basphyllaea*, *Habenaria*, *Spiranthes*, *Mesadenus*, *Sacoila*, *Cranichis*, *Pelexia*, *Aspiogyne*, *Presotlia*, *Itroplectris*, *Tropidia polystachua* (the rarest orchid in Florida) *Eulophphia*, *Malaxis*, *Liparis*, *Triphora*, *Goleandra* and *Covenia*.

The Oldies - *Vanilla*: 5 species were discussed in this section: *Vanilla barbelluta* from Everglades National Park, *dilloniana* in the Brickell Hammock (Brickell Miami), *phaeantha* in Southwest Florida's Fakahatchee Strand Preserve, *planifolia*, the most common, due that is used to make vanilla extract and *Mexicana* and *Martin County*.

Reach for the Sky: Chuck started with discussing the *Epidendrum* species. There are 26 species in this genus from Cuba. Here in Florida, we have several species, that include *Epidendrum nocturnum*, *anceps*, *floridenese*, *rigudum*, *strobiliferum* and *acunae*. *Encyclia tampensis* is most common in Florida. There are 24 species of *Encyclia* from Cuba. Chuck discussed *Encyclia fucata*, *oxypelala* and *phoenica*.

Prosthechea was the next group addressed. This group has species *cochleata*, *boothiana* and *pygpymea*. *Pypleurothallis* genus group, include species *stellis*, *le-*

panthopsis, *maxillaria*, *polystachya*.

Leafless species discussed were *Campylocentrum pachyrhizus* and *dendrophylax porrecttons* and *lindenii* (the ghost orchid). Chuck ended this group with some of the more known species, *ionopsis utricularioides*, *Cyrtopodium punctatum*. *Oncidium* alliance species, *leochilus labiatus* and *ensatum*. The last species in reach for the sky were *Tolumnia variegata*, *bahamensis* and *Trichocentrum undulatum* (Mule's Ear Orchid).

Alien Invasion: These are invasive species being from throughout Florida. *zeuxina*, *oceoclades maculate*, *Epidendrum radicans*, *Phauis tankervilleae*, *Spathogltilis plicata*.

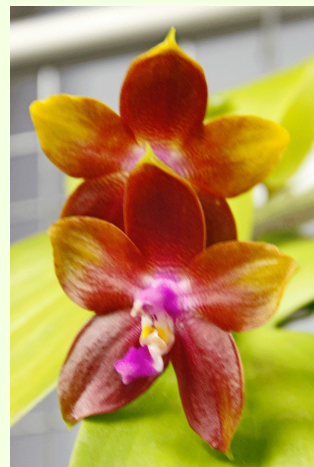
Please take advantage of Chuck being among us and approach him. There is so much to learn about our native orchid species. (Paul Gumos)



Cyrtopodium polyphyllum by Tin Ly



Asc. Lotta Gold Roby Tannenbaum



Phal. Pylo's Sensation Lambert/Gebrian



Laelia purpurata Linda Dawkins

MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our new members:

Marta and Jorge Vizcaino

MAY RIBBONS

Asc. Lotta Gold	Roby Tannenbaum	Blue
B. nodosa	Rich Bellas	Blue
Cyrtopodium <i>polyphyllum</i>	Tin Ly	Blue
Phal. Pylo's Sensation *	Lambert/Gebrian	Blue
Vanda <i>denisoniana</i>	Zoe Bejar	Blue
E. x profuse (natural hybrid)	Roderick Lewis	Cultural
Laelia <i>purpurata</i>	Linda Dawkins	Cultural
Pholidota <i>imbricata</i>	Ann Bernard	Cultural
V. Portia Doolittle	Roby Tannenbaum	Cultural
Bulb. <i>barbigerum</i>	Chris Crepage	Red
Encyclia Borincana *	Chris Crepage	Red
Myrmecophila ?	Luanne Betz	Red

(*) Denotes Registered Hybrid



Vanda *denisoniana*
Zoe Bejar



V. Portia Doolittle
Roby Tannenbaum



Vanda tri-color
Bud Romboli

Keiki Club News

Another fabulous meeting was enjoyed by both Keikis and seasoned FLOS members on the picture perfect morning of April 21st at the home of Jesse and Dee Vance at their “world renowned” Cypress Lounge! Although we did not partake in “lounge fare” we had a most enjoyable and educational visit and welcomed several brand new Keikis to our group. Jesse and Dee’s back yard is a wonderland of paths, ponds, pergolas and patios with huge live oaks and other shade trees, as well as hundreds of pieces of their amazing cypress creations, all festooned with bromeliads, air plants and of course, orchids. Bird feeders welcome buntings, jays, cardinals and other winged specimens to this beautiful and restful retreat.

Our hosts were incredibly gracious, starting with Jesse, guitar in tow, greeting us at the curb and showing us where to park and proceed. At the beginning of the meeting he treated the group singing us a rendition of his original composition “Old Growth Wood,” about the cypress wood that they lovingly transform into pieces of art. Dee explained in great detail about how they get their cypress pieces and she gave us a fascinating accounting of their approximate age and origin. After this incredibly interesting presentation, Jesse and Dee then provided us with a demonstration on how to properly fasten orchids on to these lovely mounts. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the morning and of course, availed themselves of purchasing pieces for their orchid collections. Thank you so much, Jesse and Dee, for hosting the FLOS Keikis and sharing your wealth of knowledge and expertise with all.

Although May was a month off from our regularly scheduled Keiki meetings, we’re sure everyone took advantage of the many other “orchid opportunities” that were available throughout the month, especially attending the Redlands festival and buying new plants. Our next meeting will take place at the beautiful growing area of FLOS member Bob Stroozas on Saturday, June 16th at 1 PM. Details will follow in an email about a week before so mark your calendars! (cont. on page 4)

April Orchid Ramble

(Keiki Club News cont from page 3)

The Keiki Club would also like to recognize Sue Mitchell Grieg as an additional chairperson for our amazing group!

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Sue Mitchell Grieg (smg05kw@gmail.com)



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E. x profuse (natural hybrid)
Roderick Lewis

Our October Auction is Coming!

The Program Committee is already planning this year's auction. We want to highlight some terrific plants on a "FLOS Choice" list, so if you have a monster taking up way too much space on your bench consider donating it to the auction! Let Rich or Omar know about it and we will help make it happen.

No monsters yet? While you're repotting, set aside the back bulbs to make a division. It's an easy and reliable means of propagation. Drop the back bulbs into a clay pot with a little sphagnum moss on the bottom, put in a darkish corner somewhere, mist occasionally, and watch what happens!

Proceeds from the sale go toward reducing the cost of the holiday party. There will be something for everyone.

FLOS MEMBERS

WINNERS AT REDLANDS



Claire Garrett won the Angrecoid trophy for her Aerangis Elro



Mac Rivenbark won the Cymbidieae Trophy for his Grammatophyllum Broga Tiger (G. measuresianum x Tiger's Paw)



Roderick Lewis won third place ribbon for his Encyclia

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