



# The Orchidist

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## President's Message

The South Florida Orchid Society has exciting challenges ahead. Next January, we are co-hosting the 19th World Orchid Conference here in Miami. In March, 2009, we will resume our Miami International Orchid Show which will be held again at the Sheraton. We need not only each member's support but also each member's commitment to insure the success of these formidable tasks.

I am convinced that we will succeed even in an era when the memberships of many plant societies are dwindling. Orchids have never been more popular; we are learning more about them all the time. It is our challenge to share with the general population the magic of orchids through our shows, education, speakers, research support and enthusiasm.

The Miami International Orchid Show is a regional event that is a magnificent orchid show, with beautifully detailed exhibits that present orchids in their most perfect condition. We can be enormously proud that South Florida Orchid Society has carried on this tradition for more than six decades and will continue in the years ahead.

When I look back at the rich history of SFOS, I am in awe of the caliber of the knowledge and the leadership of the individuals who have presided over this society. For this reason, I am proud to serve as your president for the next two years. Bob Fuchs has done a superb job as president for the past two years; he is a hard act to follow. However, with our talented and competent board and officers, we will meet every challenge and succeed

Sincerely,  
Sandy Schultz  
*President*

## July 18, 2007 Program: "Philippine Orchids"

*Presented by Mac Rivenbark*

Our July program will be presented by Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids. Mac's presentation will consist of a short introduction, followed by a digital slide show. He will show slides of the Philippines and a number of the more impressive species from there. Climate and culture tips will also be included.

Mac and his wife Helen started an orchid business 7 years ago after many fascinating trips to the Philippines. With extensive study Mac is becoming a specialist in Philippine species and currently grows and blooms over 200 different types. They now have a greenhouse in Fort Lauderdale and a greenhouse in the Philippines run by their family there. Mac and his wife are doing more shows and winning more awards, the best of which are the AOS show trophy's for best exhibit for the Deerfield show held at the AOS headquarters in 2004, and the Boca Show in 2006.

Currently, Mac is the president of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society. He and his wife are also members of the AOS, SFOS, Deerfield Beach Orchid society, Hilo Orchid Society, Tampa Bay Orchid society, Vero Beach Orchid Society, and the Philippine Orchid Society.

Mac's Orchids will provide the raffle table as well as have plants for sale. This will be a great program and raffle table. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Carol De Biase  
*Program Chairman*



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# AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY NEWS

**Delray Beach, FL** - August is Community Month at the American Orchid Society Visitors Center and Botanical Garden. Throughout the month, the AOS will grant free admission to residents of Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, St. Lucie and Martin Counties. Each county will have a designated week when they can come and enjoy three-and-a-half acres of lush botanical gardens, greenhouses featuring exotic orchids and waterfalls, Florida Native and Jungle gardens, a Chickee hut, a giftshop where one can find unique orchid and garden treasures, all for FREE!

The schedule is as follows: August 5-11 - Palm Beach County residents in FREE August 12-18 - Broward County residents in FREE August 19-25 - Miami-Dade County residents in FREE August 26-September 1 - St. Lucie and Martin County residents in FREE

Guests will need to present a valid driver's license or other form of identification and the \$8 admission fee will be waived. The American Orchid Society is located at 16700 A O S Lane, in Delray Beach, adjacent to the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens. For more information please call 561-404-2000 or visit [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org).

## Bring Your Friends to the AOS Botanical Garden

The American Orchid Society is happy to announce that effective July 10, AOS Members who bring a friend to the garden grant their friend a 50% off admission for that day. Members of the American Orchid Society receive a number of benefits that go beyond the impressive Orchids Magazine including free admission to the beautifully designed 3.5 acre Botanical Garden that is now part of the AOS Headquarters. Visitors who come to the garden enjoy a unique mix of exotic and native trees, bushes, plants, flowers and of course an array of orchid species. Enter the gardens by showing your membership card and then introduce us to your friend – we will happily let them enter the garden for \$4 as opposed to the general admission of \$8 so you both can enjoy.



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January 26, 2008

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For questions or more information, please call (954)683-9906 or e-mail [publicity@19woc.com](mailto:publicity@19woc.com) --Janett McMillan, Publicity Chairman.





## 2007 SFOS PERPETUAL TROPHIES

- Fennell Cultural Award** Asctm ampullaceum 'Fuchs Snow' CCA 81 pts Judy Mezey
- Jones & Scully Award** Blc. Sybil Farwell 'Hawaii' SM 83 pts Eleanor San Filippo
- Norman B. Merkel Award** Paph. Poulsbo 'Lore' SM 85 pts Lore Wigley
- Del-Ora Award** V. Laura Bush 'Blackberry Jam' SM 83 pts Mike & Angie Pitiriciu
- L. C. Vaughn Award** Dtps. Chain Xen Pearl 'Victoria' AM 81 pts Carib Plants
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- The Von Paulsen Award** Eplc Mae Bly 'Claudia' SM 84 pts Ruben in Orchids
- John D. Simmons** Phaius Dan Rosenberg 'Tropic Ice' HCC 78 pts r.f. Orchids, Inc.
- Fuchs Award** Coryanthes cataniapoensis 'Graf's Leopard' CBR Plantio la Orquidea
- Edmund S. Sharp Award** V. Laura Bush 'Blackberry Jam' SM 83 pts Mike & Angie Pitiriciu
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Lc. Hyena 'Kiaora' BM 78 pts Georgia Tasker & Sandy Schultz

Eplc. Merry Green 'Claudia' SM 82 pts Ruben in Orchids

Enc. gracilis 'Claudia' SM 82 pts Ruben in Orchids

Blc. Sybil Farwell 'Hawaii' SM 83 pts Eleanor Sanfilippio

Vanda Laura Bush 'Blackberry Jam' SM 83 pts Mike & Angie Pitiriciu

Epy. Flossies Green Fly 'Claudia' SM 84 pts Ruben in Orchids

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Paph. Poulsbo 'Lore' SM 85 pts Lore Wigley

Asctm. ampullaceum 'Fuchs Snow' CCA 81 pts Judy Mezey



## Culture Ribbons

Georgia Tasker & Sandy Schultz - Paph parishii x topperi

Lore Wigley - Ctsm integerrimum

Judy Mezey - Asctm ampullaceum 'Fuchs Snow'

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## The Nun Orchid

The genus *Phaius*, also known as the nun orchid, although not one of the treasured 'commercials,' is satisfactory and easy to grow. The plant is terrestrial and epiphytic, handsomely ornamental, and usually pseudo bulbous. It has large fine leaves from the midst of which rise tall, erect stems bearing large, showy flowers.


The coloring is odd with the frequent combination of white and yellow, while the outside of the petals, sepals, and lip is white. *Phaius* crosses readily with *Calanthe*. An intermediate house is best. Description of the Nun Orchid:

*Phaius Cooksonii*. (*P. Wallichii* x *P. tuberosus*). Handsome hybrid. *P. grandifolius*, called by Schlechter from Bletchly '*P. Tankervilleae*. Habitat China of the nun orchid: Malay Peninsula, Australia. Blooms May to July. Flowers showy, chocolate-brown inside, white outside; lip curled or trumpet-shaped, long, white, with crimson lines leading into the yellow throat. *P. grandifolius* var. *superbus*. Inside of the petals and sepals a brilliant chamois; lip bright amaranth, margined with rose. *P. Humblotti*. Habitat Madagascar of the nun orchid. Blooms June to July. Flowers large, rosy, showy; lip not tubular, but open and winged, with spreading basal lobe and white center, startlingly red. *P. maculatus*, also called flaws. Habitat China, Australia, Malay. Blooms April to May. Large pseudobulbs; leaves dark green, flecked with yellow. Bears ten to twelve flowers, yellow with chocolate-brown rolled lip. *P. tuberosus*. Habitat Madagascar. Blooms May to June, according to Schlechter; winter, according to Sanders. Odd tubular lip gives name.

Flowers large, up to 2 inches across; white sepals and broad white petals; lip yellow, spotted dark rose. *P. Wallichii* (wall'eech-i). Habitat Ceylon, India. Blooms various times. Flowers typical, white outside, orange-yellow, or buff; flushed amethyst inside.

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## William Cattley

Members of the CATTLEY family have, over the centuries, been involved in many occupations and deeds of derring-do. They have been merchants dealing in all sorts of commodities both in England and abroad - mostly in Russia - as well as the usual collection of lawyers, brokers, teachers, clergymen and farmers. Our most famous ancestor was probably William Cattley (1788-1835) who brought what has been commonly called the "Corsage Orchid" - *Cattleya labiata* - to England.

The flower was introduced to England by accident, when in 1818, William Cattley imported some tropical plants from Brazil. He noticed what looked like a kind of bulb amongst the packing material, and he decided to nurture it in his greenhouse to see if it came to anything. This gorgeous flower - known as "The Queen of Flowers" was the result.

The genus was named *Cattleya* by the plant taxonomist John Lindley. It came to his notice when, in 1820, after the death of Sir Joseph Banks for whom he had been doing library work, the then 21 year old Lindley was employed by William Cattley to illustrate and catalogue his plant collection.

## John Lindley

Born in Catton, near Norwich, England, on 5 February 1799, and died in Turnham Green, Middlesex, England, on 1 November 1865. Assistant librarian to Banks; Assistant Secretary to the Royal Horticultural Society (1822); first Professor of Botany at the University of London (1829-1860); lecturer in botany to the Apothecaries' Company (1836); later Professor of Botany at Cambridge University. It was on his Report to Treasury and Parliament that the Royal Garden at Kew was saved from destruction in 1838.

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## A Short History of Orchids

The orchid family is not only the largest but one of the most diverse plant flowering families in the world. The orchid was one of the first plants to evolve on earth, it was around in the time of the dinosaur, over 120 million years ago. Given the length of time they have been around it shouldn't be surprising that there are over 35,000 species with hundreds of thousands of hybrids.

The most famous orchid in the world is the vanilla orchid (*planifolia*). Coca Cola is the largest customer of vanilla, they use the seed for flavoring. Madagascar is the world's largest producer. Orchids are very beautiful plants and that is why so much time and care is put into growing them. Vanilla on the other hand is grown for its commercial value rather than for its appearance but it is labor intensive. The vanilla crop is the main source of income for many independent farmers in less developed countries.

## Orchis

Is a genus in the orchid family (Orchidaceae). This genus gets its name from the Greek *ὄρχις* orchis, meaning "testicle", from the appearance of subterranean tuberoïds.

This genus occurs mainly in Europe, NW Africa, and it stretches as far Tibet, Mongolia, China and Japan.

These terrestrial orchids have tubers instead of pseudobulbs. They are extremely diverse in appearance. They produce an erect stem. The inflorescence is a cylindrical to globular spike 5 - 15 cm long with yellow, red to purple flowers. They start flowering at the base, slowly progressing upwards, except the Monkey orchid (*Orchis simia*) that flowers in reverse order.

The original genus *Orchis* used to contain more than 1,300 names. Since it was polyphyletic, it has been divided by Pridgeon et al., into several new genera (see Reference): *Ponerorchis*, *Schizodium*, *Steveniella*

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Wednesday, July 18, 2007

**Fire Fighters Memorial Building**

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- 7:30 pm - Registration & Judging of Plants
- 7:45 pm - Announcements
- 8:00 pm - Program
- 8:45 pm - Refreshments
- 9:00 pm - Awarded Plants Discussed
- 9:15 pm - Raffle

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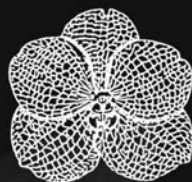
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