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## From the President's Desk

Dear PAOS Members and Friends;

As I write this month's message I have just returned from a meeting with your board. I am thankful that I serve on a board with such kind and caring people, who also happen to be really good cooks! Our meetings, held on the first Thursday of the month, are always filled with wonderful dinners and friendly conversation. I welcome more members to get interested enough to come to the meetings and join us on the board. This month sadly, there was much reminiscing about Edythe Ropeik, who passed away on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. A grand lady, who always gave us our prayer at the Holiday Party and was a true lover of Orchids. Several of us are also handling personal or family illnesses and once again the members of the board were good listeners willing to lend a hand or hug if needed. Happily two board members are celebrating family weddings this coming weekend, and once again the members of the board were all too happy to raise their glasses and share their congratulations!



During this month of Thanks Giving, we are also thankful that our early class with Jim Davidson returns at 7:00 pm. We are thankful that we are back in our regular meeting room. Octobers' meeting was a little hectic since none of us were used to the temporary meeting quarters.

We are thankful we had a beautiful weekend at Pinecrest Gardens and so many members participated in our conservation project. Thanks to Ghislaine Greene for organizing that along with Craig Morell.

We are thankful that we will have a photographer, Ken Brook, this month as our speaker. Ken and his wife will share photographs of gardens and flowers they have taken from around the world. If you have photographed your own orchids, or are amateur photographers, please bring a picture to enter into our photo competition. Print your name on the back of the print, preferably a 5 x 7, and Ken and his wife, Dot, will judge during the refreshment break. The winning photographer will win a blooming orchid. Don't miss out.

Finally, we are thankful that our holiday party is just around the corner. Please make sure and sign up during the November meeting. Let us know if you are bringing a guest, and/or an appetizer, salad, vegetable or dessert. We always need help either setting up or cleaning up, so if you are in the mood, please sign up for that also.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Gail Weber  
President

## From the Editor

It seems that, with orchids, damage control is a constant. Mites, thrips, snails, erwina... oh, and rain, drought, too much heat, excess cold... Does it ever stop? Why did we get into this anyway?

Ah, the beauties that reward us each time a new bloom opens after so much hard work and care. Or it is after we had forgotten that plant was there and it surprises us with an extraordinary display or color and scent?

It is all of the above. And we persist because, just like a sunrise or sunset, the poetry that transcends the physical is present in every orchid we lay our eyes on.

Just to make sure you increase the odds your way, don't forget to attend Jim Davison's class at 7 p.m. This month's class will be *Getting Ready for The Winter* - and if we are lucky, a taste of *Oncidium Care*. I always recommend you bring a pad and a pen to take notes.

As we prepare for our Holiday Party next December 13, let's not forget our traditional Table Top Arrangement Competition. The rules are simple: the main component of the arrangement has to be orchids! We have had many fun moments during the judging and greatly enjoyed the creativity of our members, a high point in our celebration. And all who volunteered at the Conservation Project in Pinecrest Gardens should talk with Shirley so your attendance is updated—more flowers at the party!

South Florida October Orchid Events:

Nov 19— American Orchid Society Judging. Time: 12:00 noon Location: [Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden 10900 Old Cutler Road](#), Coral Gables. Another chance to see beautiful plants, get inspired and owed. You may also bring your own plants. Contact Jose Exposito [soroa@att.net](mailto:soroa@att.net)

Nov 26— Free Class at Motes Orchids: Growing Dendrobiums. Write them for more details: [martinmotes@gmail.com](mailto:martinmotes@gmail.com). Address: 25000 S.W. 162nd Ave., Redland, FL 33031

## Ask the Orchid Doctor

Q: I am having trouble with snails and my orchids. Any suggestions on what I should do or use to protect my orchids? Thank you, Georgia

A: Georgia, I feel your pain. There are few things more frustrating than watching buds slowly develop over months only to find them devoured overnight just after opening. Hand picking snails is the simplest course, but that becomes a continuous fight since you are not likely to find them all. Snails and slugs hide exceptionally well so you can only catch them in the act after dark. I refrain from offering other non-toxic folk remedies using traps, baits, and barriers because of limited effectiveness against an infestation. My personal favorite long-term prevention and eradication solution is a snail bait called Sluggo®. The active ingredient is iron phosphate. It interferes with the snail's digestive system so they stop feeding, dehydrate and die. The feature that puts it on the top of my list is that it is non-toxic to pets and you can handle it without gloves or a dust mask. The product comes in granular form that you can spread around, under and IN your orchids. Re-apply at the recommended interval or when snails return. Any leftover product harmlessly decomposes.



## AOS Corner

At the Trustees' Meeting in San Antonio last month, it was announced that the sale of headquarters of the American Orchid Society was approved and closing on the sale will be the end of November 2011. The Sandra C. Slomin Foundation and Family Center for Autism and Related Disabilities is purchasing the site to use as a day care facility and eventually a private elementary school to serve children with autism and related disabilities. The Board of Trustees also approved the process to enter into negotiations for a strategic partnership with Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens in Coral Gables, Florida. The move, if an acceptable partnership is approved, should be completed by the end of the first quarter 2012.

The Trustees also approved the Library Committee's report which gave the Committee the direction to thoroughly inventory the extensive art collection, rare books and manuscripts and archives of the American Orchid Society in anticipation of its headquarter change. The Library Committee has the authority to determine which items will remain property of AOS and the disposition of those items that will not be retained. If any member wishes to inquire about a specific item's disposition, they may contact the Library Committee through their email [library\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:library_committee@aos.org).

What's new at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)?

- The 2012 Calendars are available for sale – a 14 month calendar loaded with beautiful orchid photographs, free shipping for AOS members. You may purchase it on line.
- Do you enjoy writing? The Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest has been announced. The topic is: The Greatest Influence On My Orchid Passion. It's your opportunity to tell the world what person, place, event, book, magazine article, orchid or thing changed your orchid growing hobby forever. The deadline is November 30. The website has the rules and regulations as well as past winners.
- Call for Nominations. If you have ever had any interest in 'getting involved' with the AOS, or know of a shining star to recommend for consideration of the Nominating Committee, this is your opportunity. You may send an email to [nominating\\_committee@aos.org](mailto:nominating_committee@aos.org).

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee





## The Bulletin Board

### Next Regular Meeting

Date: November 15  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Christ The King Lutheran Church, 11295 57th Avenue, Pinecrest, FL

AOS Events Schedule is available online and you can find it [here](#).

Mark your calendars:  
December 13  
PAOS Holiday Party!

Orchid Care Class  
with Jim Davison  
starts at 7 p.m.  
"Getting Ready  
for the Winter"

Refreshments Team for  
November 15: Joan,  
Carmen, Ghislaine,  
Lorraine, Jean and Gail.



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## September Ribbon Winners

### First Place

Blc. Love Knot 'Carmela'	Ketty Bergouignan
Enc phoenecia x C. violacea	Ketty Bergouignan
Phal equestris 'Blue lip'	Bill Capps
Onc. Lemon Heart	Jorge Casaudoumecq
Lc. Angel Heart	Maria Cerna
Blc. Sherwood Forest'	
India Rose'	Jim & Melana Davison
Bulb. Facinator	Jim & Melana Davison
Den. Magnum 'Rochelle'	
CCM/AOS	Jim & Melana Davison
Blc. Grezaffi's Blue 'Joe'	Mirta Heineman
C bowringiana	Mirta Heineman
Cycnoches cooperi	
'Dark Chocolate'	Mirta Heineman
Phal amboinensis	Mirta Heineman
Blc. Seagulls Yellowbug	Lorraine Lee
C. Nectrasiri Beauty	Lorraine Lee
Cyc. Golden Shower	Lorraine Lee
Cyc. Robert Dickow	
'Rochelle'	Lorraine Lee

Miltonia spectabilis	Lorraine Lee
Onc. Rosy Sunset'	
Pacific Satin'	Lorraine Lee
Bulb lobbi 'Jean Webster'	Sue Samuels
Alcra. Pacific Nova	Gail Weber
Cyc cooperi 'Dark Chocolate' x cooperi 'Dark Fudge'	Gail Weber
Hunaba Fashion	Jean Wilson
Broughtonia sanguinea	Jean Wilson

### Second Place

Den. Woo Leng 'Blue Lip'	Jorge Casaudoumecq
Dimeranda emarginata	Maria Cerna
Pot. Egyptian Queen	
'Black Diamond'	Pat Chen Yin
Cadetia taylori	Jim & Melana Davison
Mormolyca ringens	Jim & Melana Davison
Den oligophyllum	Lorraine Lee
Mtssa. Vino 'Mead'	Lorraine Lee

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## October Ribbon Winners

### First Place

Bulb. Medusae	Pat Chen Yin
Sophronitis cernua	Bill Harward
C. bowringiana	Mirta Heineman
C. labiata	Mirta Heineman
Cochleanthes amazonica	Mirta Heineman
Lc. Phra Nakhon Khirt x	
Netrasiri Beauty Lake View	Mirta Heineman
Den. Oligophyllum	Lorraine Lee
Encyclia Gay Rabbit	Lorraine Lee
Epidendrum difforme	Lorraine Lee
Mesadenella Cuspidata	Lorraine Lee
Paph. liemian x Avalon	
Mist (multi)	Lorraine Lee
V. Pachara Delight	
FCC/JOGA	Christina Pascual
Bc. Spring Dawn	Gene Stevens
Blc. Prada Green Deluxe	
'Carib' AM/AOS	Gene Stevens
Blc. Brassy Gold	
Big Goldenzelle	Renate Van Kempema
Odc. Sunlight	
'Pacific Punch'	Renate Van Kempema
Lc. Lauren Oka 'Kristi'	Gail Weber

### Second Place

Oeceoclades maculata	Jorge Casadoumecq
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Photos by Bill Capps.



### PAOS Conservation Project 2011—Phase II

The Board extends its gratitude to all volunteers in the Conservation Project. It was a great experience and we look forward to future events. Please remember to see Shirley at the meeting on Nov. 15 so you can update your attendance and qualify for more plants at the Holiday Party on December 13.

