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From the President

Dear PAOS Members and Friends;

This is a busy time of year for your society. Your board has been actively planning all the upcoming speakers and activities. First, we will be participating in Fairchild's 10th Annual International Orchid Festival by designing a table top display in competition with other local societies. This is a premier show and one you do not want to miss attending. If you would like to assist in the display please let me know. Everyone is welcome, and we will be looking for members willing to add a blooming plant to the display. You may win an award!

Second, our own annual ORCHID AUCTION will be coming up on Saturday, March 24th at 9:30 in the morning. We are changing the format this year by having the Auction on a Saturday morning rather than on a Tuesday evening. We hope this will draw a larger group of Orchid lovers and auction bidders. It will be held in our usual meeting room at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 11295 SW 57th Avenue, Pinecrest, Florida. The auction will replace our regular March meeting. Please mark your calendar now for this important event. There is a flyer at the end of the newsletter. Please pass it around to all your friends and neighbors.

Third, we will be participating again this year at the Redland Orchid Show in May. Signup sheets will be available at the February and April meetings so make sure you add your name to work the soda concession trailers. A volunteer activity can make up for a missed meeting. We need many volunteers to make this a successful fund raiser for the club.

Finally, our meeting this month on February 21st will be held in the Red Room at the back of the church. Please enter towards the end of the building through the stained glass doors to the Chapel. Our Chinese raffle was so much fun and enjoyed by all at the Holiday Party in December so we are repeating it this month. **This month we will not have an AOS or bonus ticket. AOS has been reorganizing and moving to Fairchild Gardens and we do not yet know how many members participate. Please let your board know if you are AOS members so we can get a better idea if we need to continue this raffle ticket in the future. Purchase your raffle tickets.** Make sure the raffle salesperson (Pat Chen Yin) gives you both halves of the ticket. Place one ticket in the box (plant) of your desire, keeping the matching ticket. We will then pick one ticket in each box. GOOD LUCK!

Our speaker this month is a naturalist. . . . the director of Castellow Hammock Nature Center, a retired senior interpretive naturalist for the Miami-Dade Parks Department, a winner of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas award for service and the Charles Brookfield medal for protection of our natural resources, a director for the Tropical Audubon Society, a native Floridian, author, and husband to our own Michelle Briois, the infamous . . . Roger Hammer.

I understand there was standing room only at a recent lecture he gave in Key West. Roger is a popular speaker and full of his own witty, personal stories. Ask him about some of them. The last time he appeared as a speaker at our society he PROPOSED to Michelle in front of everyone . . . so I can't wait to see what happens this time.

See you at the meeting,
Gail Weber, President



From the Editor

I personally am thankful for this year's balmy winter. I still shudder when I think of how my orchids suffered in the 2009-2010 winter. They are still recovering from it.

But I am not the only one happy about the weather this winter. Garden pests usually thrive during warm and wet spells, such as the ones we have been enjoying sporadically. And we need to be careful. For those who do not like to use pesticides, alcohol, dishwashing detergent and organic pesticides are your best pals in this war. If you prefer to use pesticides for your peace of mind, and beautiful flowers, just make sure to follow manufacturer's directions and don't forget to protect yourself.

We had a lot of events end of January beginning of February and we end the month with one more. Every year the Redland Growers hold a sale, and the dates this year are February 24, 25, 26. Classes accompany the sales program. Visit them at <http://www.orchidworks.com/redland/>.

Jim's class this month will be on the Phalaenopsis Culture. Don't forget to bring your questions, a note pad to take down the answers.

PAOS Next Meeting

Christ the King
Lutheran Church

11295 Southwest 57th
Avenue Miami, FL
33156

Tuesday, February 21 at
7:30 p.m.

In the Red Room

We are always grateful for our Refreshments Team efforts to keep everyone fed, energized and ready for our meetings. We would like to express our gratitude in a more hands-on way. We need help with set up and clean up of the kitchen and refreshments area. Please contact Georgia and Catherine at the event to see how you can help.

PAOS is looking for a photographer. Our dear Jean Wilson, official volunteer photographer, will be moving from Florida soon and we need a replacement. So, if you are good with a camera and enjoy our meetings, please get in touch with Gio or Jean Tress.

And don't forget to tell your friends and co-workers about our upcoming auction: Make a copy of the last page and give it away!

See you at the meeting!



**ORCHID
AUCTION**

PAN AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

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The flyer features a background image of a pink orchid with green leaves. There are also small illustrations of purple and pink orchids in the corners.

This Month At Paos



Roger Hammer is an award-winning naturalist and photographer. He received the first Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award from the Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society in 1982, the prestigious Charles Brookfield Medal from Tropical Audubon Society in 1996, and the Green Palmetto Award from the Florida Native Plant Society in 2008. He was the Opening Ceremony speaker at the 11th World Orchid Conference in 1984, and gave the Keynote Address at the 19th World Orchid Conference in 2008. Roger is the author of *Everglades Wildflowers*, *Florida Keys Wildflowers*, *Exploring Everglades National Park*, and *Florida Icons: Fifty Classic Views of the Sun-*

shine State. His hobbies include gardening, canoeing, kayak fishing, birding, and wildflower photography. He lives in Homestead with his wife, Michelle.

Florida is the richest state in wild orchids in the United States and they are among the most exquisite and charming wildflowers. Some are common roadside wildflowers while others are extraordinarily rare and can only be found in the most inaccessible recesses of remote forests and swamps. This program covers nearly half of the orchids that can still today be found in the Sunshine State, from the famous Ghost Orchid of South Florida's wooded swamps, to the beautiful terrestrial Bog Torch orchids of North Florida's pine flatwoods.

Come and let Roger be your guide in this exploratory and learning adventure.



AOS Corner

Are you in need of a gift for your favorite orchid hobbyist? As a member of the American Orchid Society, you may get a 5% discount on all purchases from the following vendors as an added benefit of membership: [Exotic Orchids of Maui](#), [June's Orchid Estate](#), [Krull-Smith](#), [Orchid Doctor](#), [Orchid Inn, Ltd.](#), [Seagrove Orchids](#), [Sunset Valley Orchids](#), and [Woodstream Orchids](#). Another gift option could be to purchase an AOS gift membership or renewal -- for a 2 year renewal they will receive directly from AOS headquarters a certificate worth \$30 off of an order of \$100 or more from your choice of one of the following vendors: [Carmela Orchids](#), [Carter & Holmes](#), [Dan & Margie Orchids](#), [Exotic Orchids of Maui](#), [Gold Country Orchids](#), [Hillsview Gardens](#), [Indoor Gardening Supplies \(IGS\)](#), [June's Orchid Estate](#), [Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies](#), [Krull-Smith](#), [Little Brook Orchids](#), [Marsh Hollow Orchids](#), [Mountain View Orchids](#), [New Earth Orchids](#), [Norman's Orchids](#), [OFE International](#), [Orchid Doctor](#), [Orchid Inn Ltd.](#), [Piping Rock Orchids](#), [Quest Orchids](#), [RF Orchids](#), [Ravenvision](#), [Roberts Flower Supply](#), [Soroa Orchids, Inc.](#), [Sunset Valley Orchids](#), [Tropical Gardens Orchids](#). Some of these vendors allow these certificates to be used at the shows if they are vending (be sure to have the certificates in hand however in order to take advantage of this benefit). Information on how to contact these vendors, as well as many others, may be found in the 2012 Orchid Source Directory (OSD) which was mailed to all AOS members last fall. This directory also has a listing of the then-current Affiliated Societies of AOS (a more current updated list is on the AOS website). I have been told by some that they never leave home without their OSD and that it is a great tool for discovering local orchid 'spots' while on a road trip.



An orchid event not to miss coming up (April 25 – 29, 2012) is the AOS Trustees and Members meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, Kansas, sponsored by the Kansas Orchid Society – besides a show and all the AOS Committee meetings, the annual election of officers and trustees will take place. More detailed information and registration forms may be found on their website at www.kansasorchidsociety.com or on the AOS website under Events/Orchid Event Calendars/Members Meeting Datebook. There are also many regional local shows coming up in the near future. They are all listed in the new calendar format on the AOS website under Events/Event Calendar/Show Schedule. Be sure to check out all the possibilities in your region. Orchidists, through their affiliated societies work very hard to put these shows together and we should all support their efforts by attending or participating in the staging of the shows.



The
Bulletin
Board

Redland Growers Sale
Feb 24, 25 & 26
<http://www.orchidworks.com/redland/>
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Refreshments Team for
February, 2012: Natalie
Lincoln, Haydee Navas,
Renate Van Kempema, Joan
Gerber, Diana Gonzalez,
Shirley Berckmans.

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

Mark Your
Calendars:
PAOS Auction
Saturday, March
24 at 9:30 am at
the Church.



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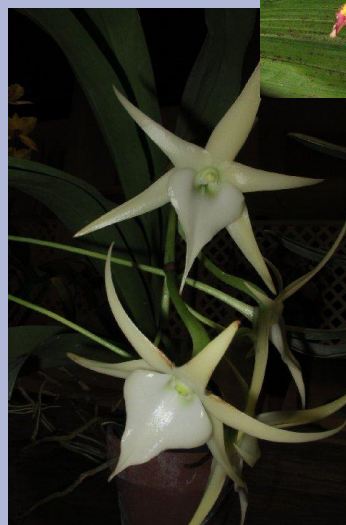
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January Ribbon Winners

First Place

Lanceps var. Gorqueniana x sibling	Ketty Bergouignan
C. Lueddemanniana coerulea	
'Clarita Azur'	Jorge Casandoumecq
Odcdm. Succubus	Jorge Casandoumecq
Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'	Jorge Casandoumecq
Onc. Twinkle China Tyz Delight	Jorge Casandoumecq
Bc. California Girl	Jim & Melana Davison
Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence' AM/AOS	Jim & Melana Davison
Bl. Martha Miller 'Susanna' AM/AOS	Jim & Melana Davison
C. Mary Lynn McKenzie	Jim & Melana Davison
Clo. Rebecca Northern x Morm.	
Igenum	Jim & Melana Davison
Gr. Jean Wilson	Jim & Melana Davison
Lc. Redglen 'Eureka' AM/AOS	Jim & Melana Davison
Lycaste lasioglossa Battr	Jim & Melana Davison
Onc. Hawaiian Sunset 'The Orchid Work'	Jim & Melana Davison
Phaiocalanthe 'Red Streak'	Jim & Melana Davison
Pyp. Kalihi var. alba 'Lynn Bradley'	
AM/AOS	Jim & Melana Davison



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January Ribbon Winners

Rhynchostylis gigantea alba	Jim & Melana Davison
Rhynchostylis gigantea orange	Jim & Melana Davison
Vanda lamellata	Jim & Melana Davison
Zygopetalum New Era	Jim & Melana Davison
Onc. Gold Dust	Mirta Heineman
Rhyn. Gigantea alba	Mirta Heineman
Rhyn. gigantea peach	Ralph Hernandez
IONopsis utricularioides	Lorraine Lee
Onc. Talku Margurite	Lorraine Lee
Onc. Twinkle Golden Fantasy	Lorraine Lee
Epc. Siam Jade	Lorraine Lee
Angraecum Crestwood tomorrow	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Angraecum sesquipedale	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Paph. Michael Koopowitz	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Blc. Hawaiian Treat x Blc. Nala	
Fireworks	Jean Wilson
Slc. Citrus Shower	Jean Wilson

Second Place

Den. Pam Tajima	Jim & Melana Davison
Lc. Caligula	Jim & Melana Davison
Paph. Kolopakingii x moquettianum	Jim & Melana Davison





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