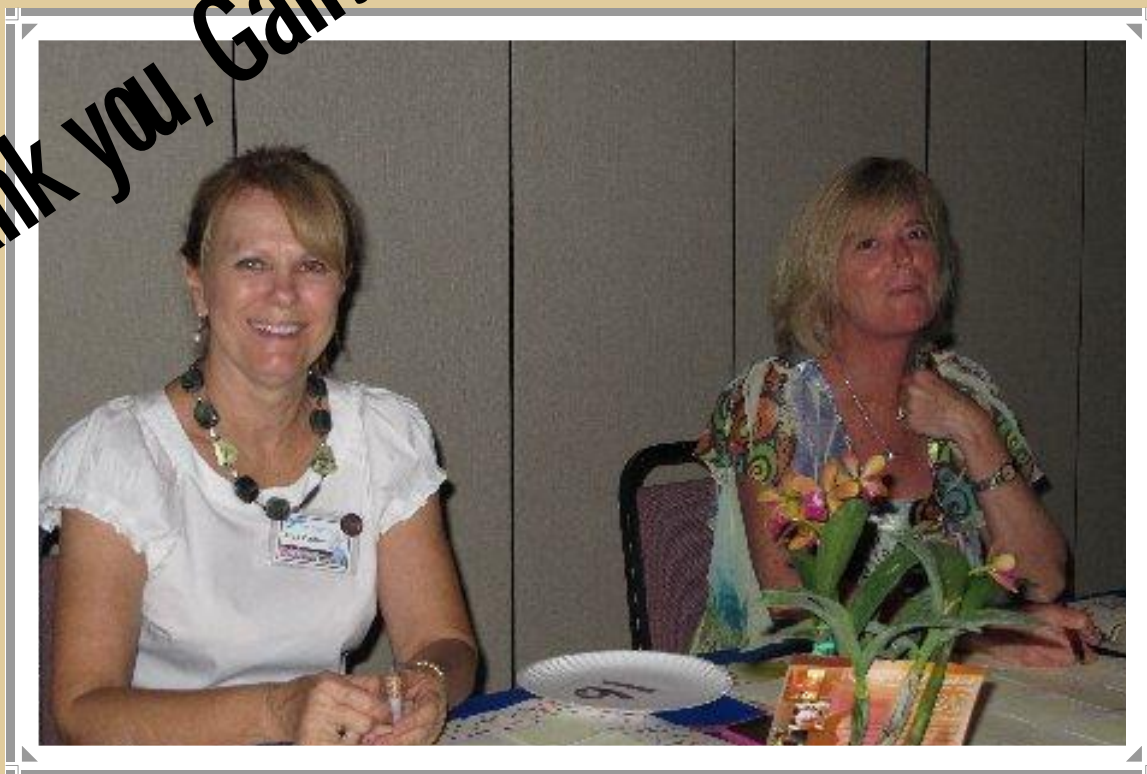


Thank you, Gail!



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From the Editor

Spring is here!

There are a few very special things about spring. The sense of renewal it brings, the pleasure of watching the bursts of colors and scents around town, a livelihood in our steps that says "Life is good! Again." Except for those pesky slugs that keep plaguing my garden... My garden grounds me and is my escape from the grind of work and real life. I am always grateful to my husband for introducing me to orchids and to Sue Samuels for introducing me to PAOS.

Another good thing about spring is the [Redland International Orchid Festival](#). We need volunteers for the PAOS trailer. Volunteering in events outside PAOS (1) strengthens PAOS presence in the local orchid growing community, (2) counts for attendance points for the awards at the end of the year, (3) is fun, (4) our presence attracts more members, and (5)... - you may add your own reason here, mine is it brings me closer to my family since we usually volunteer together. So don't forget to contact Carlos Segrera (csegrera@aol.com) with your availability schedule. The Redland International Orchid Festival will be held this weekend, May 13-15, at the Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Avenue, Homestead-FL.

As for taking care of your own orchids, maintain a watch over those plants. The beginning of May is usually dry and requires more watering, but since we are in a period of water restriction in South Florida, you need to make sure to follow the rules. You should find information about watering restriction at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/drought/>.

And we want to thank all our members and volunteers who helped make the PAOS Annual Auction a success. Gail Weber and her team did a superb job organizing the event and the turn out of members and friends translated into financial success to PAOS.

Enjoy your newsletter!

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Redland Orchid Festivals, Inc. presents



**15th Annual
REDLAND
INTERNATIONAL
ORCHID FESTIVAL**
May 13-15, 2011
9:00AM - 5:00PM

Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187th Ave.
Homestead, Florida
*America's Favorite
Orchid Festival!*
admission - only \$10

Featuring over 60 vendors from all over the World and The U.S
below is the list of invited vendors based on 2010 - click vendor's name for contact info
list will be updated as vendors confirm

Amazonia Orchids - Homestead, FL	Miller's Tropicals - Homestead, FL
Andy's Orchids - Encinitas, CA	Miles Orchids - Homestead, FL
Bela Vista Orchids - Sao Paulo, Brazil	Oakhill Gardens, Dundee, IL
Best of Thai Orchids - Bangkok, Thailand	Odom's Orchids - Fort Pierce, FL
Blossom Planting Supplies, El Monte, CA	OPE International - Miami, FL
Broward Orchid Supply, Hollywood, FL	Ooi Leng Sun Orchids - Penang, Malaysia
Cal Orchid - Santa Barbara, California	Orchid Acres - Lake Worth, FL
Canaima Orchids - Elberton, Florida	Orchids by Del Rai - Hastings, FL
Carb Plants - Homestead, FL	Orquidarios Venezolanos - Maracay, VZ
Carolina Orchids - Fort Mill, South Carolina	Orquídeas Del Valle - Cali, Colombia
Carter & Holmes Orchids - Newberry, SC	Orquifoliaes Orchid Growers - Envigado, Colombia
Centro De Jardineria Manrique, Peru	Out on a Limb Orchids - Camano Island, WA
China Hua Orchids - Taiwan	PCK Orchids - Miami, FL
Eco Orchids - Sao Paulo, Brazil	Pelican Coast Farms - Fort Meyers, FL
Eousgenara CIA - Cuenca, Ecuador	Planto La Orquidea - Caracas, Venezuela
EFG Orchids - Deland, FL	Purification Orchids - Queenz City, Philippines
Far East Agribusiness - Selangor, Malaysia	Quest Orchids - Miami, FL
Featherstone Orchids - Danellon, FL	RF Orchids - Homestead, FL
Floralla Orquidarios Reunidos - Niteroi, Brazil	Ruben In Orchids - Miami, FL
Gold Country Orchids - Lincoln, CA	Sedona Orchids - Homestead, FL
H&R Orchids - Waimanalo, HI	Serra Orchids - Homestead, FL
Hankin Orchids Ltd. - Jamaica	Spartanorchid Orchids - Melbourne, FL
Indian River Orchids - Vero Beach, FL	St. Germain Orchids - Homestead, FL
Kaler Orchids - Fort Lauderdale, FL	Stelmar Gardens - Homestead, FL
Kawamoto Orchid Nursery - Honolulu	Taida Horticultural - Taiwan
Kraft-Smith Orchids - Appleton, WI	Vivera Nueva Orquidea - Moabamba, Peru
Kogachi Orchids - Wailana, HI	Waldir Orchids - Linwood, NJ
Laurel Orchids - Jupiter, FL	Whimsy Orchids - Homestead, FL
Louis Del Favero Orchids - Tampa, FL	Woodland Orchids - Charlotte, NC
Louisiana Orchid Connection - Baton Rouge, LA	Joseph Wu Orchids, Taiwan
Mac's Orchids - Fort Lauderdale	

This is an AOS-judged event!
Entries will be received at the Show Tent in the park on
Thursday May 12th between 8:00am and 3:00 p.m.
Judging begins at 3:00 p.m.

Also featured:

Walking Tours - NEW!

Educational tours led by knowledgeable orchidists.

Orchid supplies - Two vendors to provide all you need to plant and grow orchids.

Lectures and Demonstrations - Interesting and informative talks from orchid experts

featuring the care and culture of species and hybrids suited to South Florida's climate.

Crafts - Attractive and unusual orchid and/or garden related items from several vendors.

Walking Tours of the Park - conducted by park personnel at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:30

p.m. each day. Learn about all the interesting and exotic fruit and spice plants growing there.

Fitting & Storage Tent - Store your purchases while you continue to stroll around or have

your bare root purchases repotted. Both services are provided by Orchidomania and the modest

fees are devoted entirely to the care of children with AIDS.

US Department of Agriculture - Inspectors will be on hand to provide phytosanitary

certificates and CITES documentation for those wishing to take plants out of the country.

Rest Areas - Where you can sit and relax in the shade.

The Park Store - Near the entrance, offers a unique choice of preserves and bottled juices,

as well as a variety of interesting books on plants and gardening.

An ATM - Just in case you forget your wallet/purse.

Food and drink - A wide range of food vendors to satisfy every taste. Relax and refresh in

clean, spacious tents!

Festival Photo Gallery

(if you have never been, see what you have missed!)

[Gallery 1](#) - [Gallery 2](#) - [Gallery 3](#)

take a trip down memory lane.

the FIRST Redland International Orchid Festival!



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NOTE: the park layout has changed!

You can download and print a handy PDF map of the vendor tent locations [here](#)

Noteworthy



Pan American Orchid Society

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

Next Regular Meeting
Date: May 18
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Christ The King Lutheran Church, 11295 57th Avenue, Pinecrest, FL

Dear Society:

When I said I would be the Annual Auction Chair the one thing they did not tell me was Auction Chair = WORK! Yes, it was a lot of work but it was rewarding, and a huge success. The room was covered with many, many beautiful orchids, the colors were stunning and the fragrances delightful. The room was filled with members and people from the community. Refreshments were yummy, and plentiful, all donated by members.

I would like to thank Cathy Pariser who begged vendors for donations of plants at the Fairchild Show. Georgia Ruiz, Catherine Pendlebury, and Candace McDonald for going with me to the Redlands to pick up more plants. Candace, again for helping to make orchid arrangements, which seemed to be popular with members and Mr. G, our most active bidder. Mirta Heineman, for picking up more plants and auction items from Martin Motes, and Carmen and Carlos Segrera, Javier Morejon, and Jorge Fernandez for also asking vendors for donations. Many thanks to Shirley Berckmans for donating an orchid bench and hundreds of clay pots. Jean Wilson for securing the Orchid Wiz program.

I would also like to thank the members who delivered plants to my home, Jean Tress, Brenda Martinez, David Foster, and Marion Beveridge and thanks goes to Erna Maxwell who called to tell me what she was bringing. I must say, I was also pleasantly surprised to see so many members coming in the night of the auction carrying beautiful blooming plants they were donating from their collections. I know it is not easy to part with your babies, especially if not all your thumbs are green.

The room would have been empty the night of the auction if it weren't for Bob and Audrey Hartwell, and Candace McDonald who came to my house and helped transport EVERYTHING to the church. Thanks again to Georgia Ruiz and Catherine Pendlebury for meeting us there and helping to set up the room while they also set up the refreshment area.

And how could we have a successful auction without our marvelous auctioneer Lou assisted by our very capable John Johnston and lovely Michelle Briois. They kept us bidding and did a superior job. Cathy Pariser, Carlos Segrera for helping me keep track of the bidding and Shirley Berckmans for doing a very efficient job at check in and check out time.

Thanks to Jean Tress for coordinating the church and Gio Lester for doing such a beautiful newsletter and keeping all of us informed. Last but not least, thank you to those responsible for past auctions, did I mention it is a lot of work! I apologize if I missed anyone. Thank you to all.

Gail Weber
Auction Chair

The Bulletin Board

May 14th - American Orchid Society Judging at Fairchild Tropical Gardens 10901 Old Cutler Rd. Coral Gables 12:30

Free Orchid classes at Motes Orchids starting on May 29. 25000 SW 162 Ave, that's just south of Coconut Palm Drive (248 St) and SW 162 Ave. Contacting them for more details: 305-247-4398

COS Orchid Growers Bus Trip Enjoy a visit to various orchid nurseries in Florida. Saturday, June 11.

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8 am to 4 pm

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This Month at PAOS

Architect Anna Ruth Purificacion-Conde

Ms. Anna Ruth Purificacion-Conde is the Marketing Manager of Purificacion Orchids, Philippines. It is a company that specializes in Philippine Orchid Species. She helps the company realize its goal of conserving, propagating and promoting the beautiful orchids of the Philippines to the world.

She is the Auditor /member of the Philippine Orchid Society.

She is an architect by profession and is also a landscape exhibit designer of orchids. She has received numerous awards for her landscape exhibits in both Philippine and International orchid shows. She has been assisting her mother, Mrs. Corazon Purificacion, in the business even as a young girl, and has grown up exposed to orchids and other exotic plants.

With knowledge brought by experience and the help of professionals and other orchid fanatics, she has mastered most of the most widely-known Philippine Orchid Species and is also knowledgeable in the newly discovered ones. And because of this, she has been invited to give lectures about the Philippine orchids in most of the International shows they have attended.



Our Orchid Care classes with Jim Davison will resume at our next meeting, May 18.

Support our supporters!

PAOS is grateful to and encourages our members to extend their patronage to our supporters. You will find their contact information throughout our newsletter.

Thank you!

PAOS is looking for volunteers to man our trailer at the **Redland Orchid Festival**. Please contact Carlos Segrera (csegrera@aol.com) to let him know of your availability. PAOS earns a cash reward for each volunteer at the festival.



