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From the President's Desk

Dear PAOS Members and Friends,

As I assume the position of President, I can't help but reminisce and acknowledge that our society is celebrating its 57th year. We are one of the oldest, if not the oldest, societies in Miami. We were founded in 1954 just three years after the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society, by a group of Pan American World Airway employees who wanted to share and expand their knowledge and love of orchids.

Many of you might be new to Miami and have perhaps never heard of Pan American World Airways. Pan Am was a pioneer, it was the first airline to operate an international air service, the first to operate land airplanes over water, the first to use radio communications, the first to use multiple flight crews and serve meals, the first to use instrument flight techniques, the first to develop and operate flying boats and it was right here in Miami. All this and the year was only 1927-1928! The list of firsts goes on and on, in the 50's the first to schedule round-the-world jet service, in the 60's the first to schedule service in Russian airspace, in the 70's the first round the world Polar flight.

Our membership indeed has heritage to be PROUD of. We should continue the tradition and be a society of firsts!

For me there is additional meaning. In that 1954 group of employees, the man that would take over the presidency for the society's very first year was William T. Mabry.

Mr. Mabry lived right across the street from me on Riviera Drive in Coral Gables. I was too young to remember much, but I do remember his back yard full of orchids, a large Poinciana tree and a Myna bird that could be heard anywhere on the street. Miami was a small town then and everyone looked out for each other. You could always smell back yard BBQ's and hear the sound of a basket ball game. I can't help hoping that Mr. Mabry would be proud that the little girl across the street would one day, 57 years later find herself in the pilot's seat, still trying to share and expand the knowledge and love of orchids.

One last aside, my aunt Elizabeth Idema Malone McDonnell was one of the early Pan American stewardesses that flew the overseas flights.

See you at the meetings,

Gail Weber, President



From the Editor

It is hot, hot, hot!

Can you feel this heat? I am watering my plants more often than ever before. We seem to be in the middle of a drought this beginning of June. Usually our June concerns have to do with too much water and finding drying time for our plants. Well, 2011 will be different, it seems.

Next Regular Meeting

Date: June 21

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Christ The King Lutheran Church, 11295 57th Avenue, Pincrest, FL

So, keep an eye on your plants actual needs instead of historical data, make sure they are spaced properly to allow for air circulation, and don't forget your fertilizer routine.

Last month Jim gave a very educational class on Encyclias. After having killed a few of them, I had to be there. I needed to find out what I had been doing wrong. It seems the answer was *everything!* The media I used did not allow for good drainage, the lighting conditions weren't appropriate either... Well, I feel more confident now and may add another Encyclia to my collection in the near future.

Don't forget to check what Jim will be teaching this month. You will have fun and learn to keep you beauties in good health and blooming.

This month we get back to our regular refreshments schedule. Catherine Pendlebury is coordinating the efforts, and our volunteers for June are Haydee Navas, Joan Gerber, Juan Vals, Erna Maxwell and Georgia Ruiz.

Enjoy your newsletter!

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!

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Noteworthy

The 20th World Orchid Conference Fast Approaches!

**[Don't Miss Early Bird Registration Rates!](#)
[- They go away August 1, 2011](#)**



SINGAPORE, with the support of The World Orchid Conference Trust, Singapore Orchid Society, National Parks Board of Singapore, and the Singapore Exhibition and Convention Bureau, welcomes you with the greatest pleasure to the 20th World Orchid Conference in 2011. The 20th WOC, "Where New and Old World Orchids Meet", with its strong scientific program, complemented by a series of symposia and forums that will meet the needs of both commercial growers and hobbyists, and a stunning Orchid Show will be held from 13-20 November 2011 at Marina Bay. It promises to be a spectacular showcase of the finest species and hybrids from the region and beyond.

The venues for the various meetings, exhibitions, conference programs, social events and the show will all be in amazing new projects that are currently under development in the Marina Bay area. Within easy walking distance of these venues in Singapore's new downtown are exciting choices for dining, shopping, recreation and lodging. Not the least of these attractions is the newest addition to the award-winning Botanic Gardens of Singapore, the fast-evolving Gardens by the Bay. This state-of-art botanic and horticultural project will open its doors to participants of the 20th WOC to preview its Phase in November 2011.

If you are going to the WOC and intend to judge and haven't filed an application time is really running out. Applications close on June 1, 2011! [Click here to submit an application form.](#)

To Learn more about the American Orchid Society, visit their website at www.aos.org



The Bulletin Board

June 18 — AOS Judging at Fairchild Tropical Gardens—10901 Old Cutler Rd. Coral Gables The fun will start at 12:30 p.m. You can bring your own orchids or just come to admire the beautiful plants brought in by your colleagues. The support will be appreciated.

Saturdays and Sundays in June—AOS Summer Lecture Series. Special rates for AOS members. Location: 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33446. For registration, call 561-404-2063 or send an email to etorgersen@aos.org. Tom Wells and Sandi Jones are the instructors.

Orchid 101 with
Jim Davison
Classes start at
7 p.m.

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Sunday
July 24, 2011
8 am to 4 pm

Five Fantastic Speakers:

- Peter Lin, Big Leaf Orchids**, - Phalaenopsis Species
Greg Allikas, Orchidworks.com, AOS Photographer -
Four Pairs of Eight of a Kind: The Confused Bifoliates
Prem Subrahmanyam, FLNativeOrchids.com -
Orchids in Our Backyard: Florida's Wild Orchids
Roy Tokunaga, H&R Nurseries, AOS Judge -
Dendrobium Species: Growing and Flowering
Specimen Plants
Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, AOS Judge -
The Species of Catasetum, Cycnoches, & Mormodes

Coalition for Orchid Species Symposium

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
In the Garden Room
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, FL

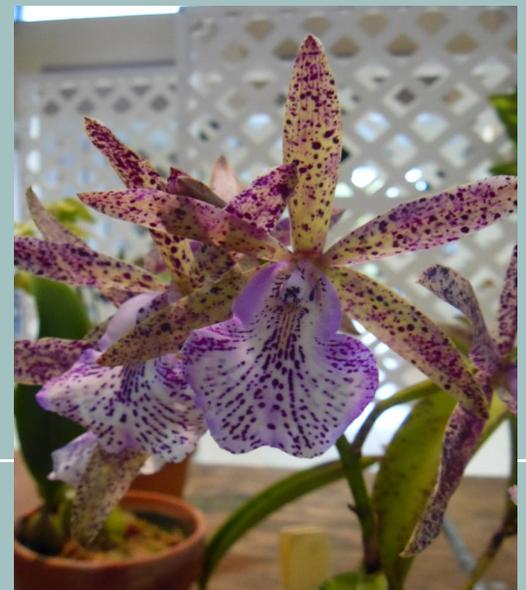
Tickets:

\$45.00 for COS members
\$50.00 for non-COS members
Price includes lectures, raffles,
continental breakfast,
and buffet lunch.

Orchid sales will be available during the day,
as well as AOS judging.

Contact Erna Maxwell at 305-382-3055 or emaxwell6635@bellsouth.net to reserve your space now!

Mr. Roy Tokunaga will be at the COS Symposium on July 24, Sunday, at Fairchild Botanical Gardens. Members of orchid societies in the area who pre-order their plants will receive a discount – no S&H charges. For more details and to pre-order send an email to: greenthumb808@aol.com.



This Month at PAOS

Dan and Margie Orchids

Dan & Margie Orchids is a family owned business. They have been growing orchids first as hobbyists for over 30 years and as Commercial Growers for just over twelve years. Dan & Margie's business name is Dan & Margie Orchids located in West Broward just 3 miles west of I-75, approximately ¼ mile North of the intersection of Sheridan Street & 185th Way.

The nursery specializes in growing Vanda/Ascda. Crosses, Cattleya hybrids, warm growing Oncidium, Dendrobium, and some species.

Dan Christensen has been speaking on general orchid culture, Vanda culture and various subjects related to orchids for over 20 years. He uses the 'common sense' approach to growing. He has been guest lecturer at all local orchid societies and the American Orchid Society (AOS). Margie runs the day-to-day business and is an accomplished pottery artist. Together they run the business, participate in local shows from Tampa to South Miami.

Dan has been a member of the South Florida Orchid Society Board of Directors for over 10 years and has served as the president of SFOS for two consecutive terms. He has served as a board member of several local societies, Miramar, Gold Coast & South Florida serving in various capacities. He has also auctioneered at SFOS, North Dade, Gold Coast, Sunrise, Plantation, Coral Springs & Flamingo Orchid societies for several years.



Cattleya of the Month

by Mirta Heineman



This Cattleya, also known as gigas, was found for the first time in Colombia, in the province of Medellin. It is an epiphyte (growing on trees, not as a parasite). The plant is found on trees near streams, often growing in full sun. The orchid's inflorescence has three to eight flowers. Its flowers are very large and showy, and can be up to 20 cm in diameter. Sepals and petals can be rose-pink (also white in the alba form); the lip can be carmine with yellow in the throat.

It is perfect for growing in baskets or on trees.

AOS Corner

AOS is on the move. At the members meeting held in April, it was announced that all members with email addresses would receive an invitation in early May to explore the AOS web site that has been under development which also included the new Orchids Plus program and to provide feedback. During that time, both web sites will run simultaneously. When the new site is made active you'll notice a new, fresh look to the AOS website. Its more than a cosmetic change. Along with upgrades and added material, the new Orchids Plus program will be available. If you are a current subscriber to AQ+, you will need to re-register in the new program. AOS also anticipates a 'social network' component to the website and it is currently under development.

In addition, at the Members meeting, the Board of Trustees announced that a committee has been formed to assess the future strategic partners for the AOS. Possible strategic partners are Huntington Gardens in California, Fairchild Botanical Garden in Florida and Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. The current AOS property in Delray is under contract for purchase and the potential purchaser is going through some local zoning change requirements. It is anticipated that sale will be completed in the last quarter of 2011.

The traditional Affiliated Societies breakfast was well attended. We had a conversation of what the AOS means to the affiliated societies and what can the societies do to further promote the AOS. The AOS reps present at the meeting asked for more communication between the AOS and the affiliated societies. The Affiliated Societies Committee members will be reaching out to the societies throughout the upcoming months with the goal of getting all the contact information corrected and updated.

Does your society have any special members that they would like to recognize? If so, AOS can provide Certificates of Appreciation for your society to use in recognizing them for their outstanding achievements or contributions. If you have a need for these certificates or if you have any questions or concerns regarding the AOS in general, please feel to contact me through affiliated_societies@aos.org.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

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May Ribbon Winners

FIRST PLACE

Lc. Canhamiana
B. nodosa
Bulb. Frostii
Bulb. Frank Smith x Bulb Claptonense
Bulb. Jersey x Bulb. Echinolabium
Stan. embreei
C. White diamond 'MU'
C. gaskelliana
Max. tenuifolia
Bc. Hippodamia 'Mihimanu'
Wilsonara Tropic Breeze
Den. Amabile species
Den Wasselii species
Asctm. Ampullaceum 'Alba'
Mtssa. Charles Fitch x Onc. leucochilum
Den. Aussie Chip
Protechea cochleata 'Alba'
Paph. Bridegoni x Pinocchio
Paph. Avalon Mist x liemianum
Paph. Jogjae
Meiracyllum trinasutum
Psychillis truncata
Orchid Jungle x Phoenicea
Stanwardii x Stan. Tricornis
L. purpurata Carnea
Bulb. Mandebulsae x Bulb. Echenolabium
Bc. Mrs. J. Leeman (B. digbyana x C. dowiana)

Kelly Bergouignan
Jim & Melana Davison
David Foster
David Foster
David Foster
Mirta Heineman
Javier Morejon
Susan Ortiz
Sue Samuels
Lori Sell



May Ribbon Winners

Grammatophylum Elegans

Gail Weber

Grammatophylum martae

Gail Weber

Den. Amabile Species

Gail Weber

SECOND PLACE

L. purpurata var Werkhauseri x Lc. Canhamiana
Coerulea'

Bob Hartwell

Lipotes bicolor

Mirta Heineman

