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From the President's Desk

Dear PAOS Members and Friends,

Finally, fall is in the air. Maybe imperceptible, but true -- If you are a native you may be quicker than your neighbors to smell and feel the change. A little bit dryer and little bit fresher air but the change of season is coming.

Hooray! Fall is one of my favorite times of year. Colors seem more saturated, dancing ladies are blooming vibrantly, everything feels fresh, out come the fall and harvest decorations, and best of all -time to plant the vegetable garden or start thinking about it. Most of us orchid hobbyist are gardeners at heart so you know what I'm talking about.

Summer actually went fairly fast. I am sure you agree if you have children or grandchildren in school. Lazy days of summer, if there is such a thing are over. Back to routines, classes and morning traffic. For me, my beautiful, pregnant daughter has gone back to Brazil -- her home for a few more years--sigh.



have had
soon.

For PAOS, our second vice president, Georgia Ruiz and Mirta Heine- man, advisor to the board, have been busy lining up a lecture sched- ule for the year that you will enjoy. New and interesting speakers are on the way so you won't want to miss any meetings. Speaking of which, now is a good time to check with Shirley and see if you are on target for attendance and getting your beautiful holiday plants.

Jean Tress has worked hard putting together our new directories and they will be available at our September meeting so be sure to check in with Jean and get yours.

Gio has talked Jim Davidson into writing an ASK JIM column for our news- letter. If you have questions or problems with you plants you can write in and ASK JIM.

Also, coming October 1st and 2nd to the Bank United Center at the University of Miami will be the NEW South Florida Orchid Society ORCHID SHOW. Put it on your calendar. Exciting to have a show in the fall.

Once again, I send prayers and get well wishes to any of our members who any health or personal challenges this summer and hope you will be smiling

See you at the meetings,

Gail Weber
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From the Editor

In August Jim picked Laelias as the subject of his class. They are lovely and poetic in their coloration and petal display – my personal opinion.



Laelias are also a bit picky when it comes to their environment. They do like great – not good – great drainage and air movement in the root area. The best media for growing them is inorganic – Jim is partial to 50/50 charcoal and Stalight. That brings us to their watering requirements: water in the growing season and reduce your watering routine in the cooler, drier season. They really do not like being wet. Laelias light requirements are different from Cattleyas, they prefer brighter light.

These beauties call Central America home, especially Mexico, but they can be found also in Brazil. Laelias come in a variety of colors: lavender, true alba, alba, cerulean... And they have special characteristics: stripes in the throat, a yellow crest – these are passed on to their hybrids; their flower stems usually produce 3-4 flowers and vary in length from 2-4 feet. They normally bloom from November to January, but in our weather they can start blooming earlier, especially if we have a heat wave. Off season blooming usually yield smaller stems and smaller flowers.

Do you want to learn more about the beauties in your garden or the one you plan to purchase? Come to our classes at 7 p.m. The environment is friendly and Jim will answer your questions to ensure that you are on the right track.

Ask the Orchid Doctor

Q: Dear Doc, my prized Sharry Baby seems to be dying. I have had it for about 4 years and it was a beauty, flowering non-stop from May-January, with over 8 stems in bloom all at once... Well, that was then. Now I find that the pseudobulbs are brownish, watery and the leaves in those are yellowish. What do I do?

A: Unfortunately, those brownish pseudobulbs are bad news. To save your plant you will have to cut them off. The plant will be smaller, but healthier with a chance of making a full recovery. And make sure you have good drainage. Let me know how things turn out.



AOS Corner

As I write this, summer is winding down. AOS has had a busy summer and this AOS Corner is devoting it's time to a few of the newer projects that were developed over the last few months. First, I hope you have had an opportunity to check out the new AOS website (www.aos.org). Some of the projects discussed below are featured prominently on the website. In addition, if you are an individual member be sure to register and log in for access to the members' only section which is growing daily. You may also edit your individual profile, manage your membership and any individual membership add-ons. If you are not an individual member in the AOS, check out the benefits of being a part of us and join.

Myrtle Head Savanna Conservation Project

The AOS is working with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to assist them with a management project of property TNC owns in North Carolina known as the Myrtle Head Savanna, a part of the ecologically rich Green Swamp. This is a remarkable and ecologically important area in which our collective support can help to resuscitate and sustain a critical habitat for native orchids, as well as numerous other plant and animal species. AOS has a goal to raise \$10,040.

I hope that you as individuals or your society as a group will be able to support this effort generously and be able to take pride in protecting orchids in the wild. To support this project, go to the AOS webpage (www.aos.org) and there is a tab marked "Myrtle Head Savana" on the home page has more information and instructions on giving. You do not have to be a member of AOS to support this project. Even small amounts add up to large numbers when it comes to conservation!

Orchid Photo of the Week

Do your friends and family tell you how beautiful your photos of your orchids are? Do you think they deserve recognition? Do you have what it takes to go up against the very best? Then maybe it's time for you to submit something to "Photo of the Week" it your best shot!

Each week one image from the Flickr® group, Orchid Photo of the Week, will be featured on the website homepage of the AOS. The very best will be selected for a feature in Orchids magazine. Be sure to read the complete instructions here. And remember, we are looking for the cream of the crop of orchid photography. So fire up your digital camera and get shooting!

Orchid Fangdango

The AOS Fall Members' and Trustees meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas, October 26 – 30, 2011. It is being sponsored and organized by the Alamo Orchid Society. Speakers include Martin Motes, Bill Thoms, Tom Miranda, Gene Crocker, Fred Clarke, Steve Frowine and Jeff Bradley. Lots of vendors will be available as well – 18 in all – including Brazil, Taiwan, Florida, Hawaii and many areas in between. For a complete listing of vendors and further information on the show, check out their website at www.alamoorchidsociety.org.

Please support your local orchid shows.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee





The Bulletin Board

Next Regular Meeting

Date: September 20
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Christ The King Lutheran
Church, 11295 57th Avenue,
Pinecrest, FL

September 20
Refreshments
Team :
Michelle Briois, Shirley
Berckmans, Maria
Cerna, Doris Maguire,
Renate Van Kempema
&
Linda Bell

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meeting.

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online and you can find it [here](#).

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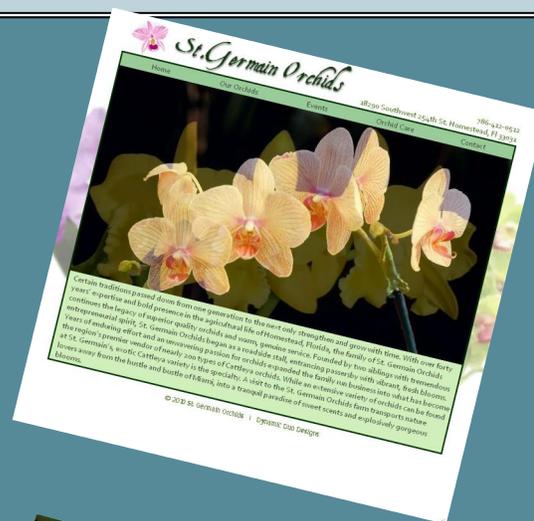
This Month at PAOS

St. Germain Orchids

Our September 20th speaker will be Kathy Whalen from St. Germain Orchids. Kathy will be discussing dividing and repotting Cattleyas.

St. Germain Orchids is a family business located in Homestead, Florida. With over 40 years of experience, St. Germain is known as a premier vendor of nearly 200 types of Cattleyas with exotic Cattleyas being their specialty. In addition, they have an extensive variety of other orchids.

Kathy will be sharing her extensive knowledge with us so be prepared with your questions. She will also be bringing a sales table.



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August Ribbon Winners

First Place

Brassavola cucullata
Epc. Middleburg "MAJ" AM/AOS
Bepi Gordon Vickens
Blc. Everett Dickenson
Oececlades rosea variegata x monophylla
Phal. Violecea
Phal. Jungo viotris x violacea
Phal. Lueddemanniana
Blc. Hillary Clinton
Aerides laurenceana x claribetatum
Bulb. Carunculatum
Vascostylis Pine Rivers
Trichoglottis bracteata (species)
Schom. Tibicinus
Onc. Sharry Baby
Onc. Sweet Ears
Epc. Plicaboa
Brassidium Wild Warrior 'Chieftain'
C. Candy Tuft
Enc. Plicata
Milt. Moreliana 'Lizzie' AM/AOS

Maria Cerna
Maria Cerna
Mirta Heineman
Jim & Melana Davison
David Foster
David Foster
Javier Morejon
Renate Van Kempema
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Renate Van Kempema
Gail Weber
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Jean Wilson
Jean Wilson

Second Place

Den. Cullminatum
Bulb. Carunculatum
Trichoglottis bracteata
Aero. Kinnarree Redland Gold AM/AOS
Milt. moreliana division St. Paul CCM/AOS

Bill Capps
Jim & Melana Davison
Mirta Heineman
Mirta Heineman
Gail Weber

