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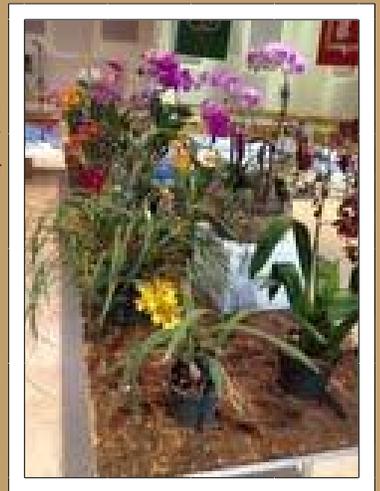
From the President

Dear PAOS Members and Friends;

Hard to believe the first quarter of the year has come and gone, and what a busy one it has been.

We started the year off with two great speakers, first Alan Koch and then the infamous Roger Hammer in February, (we ran out of seating in the Red Room). March came and brought the 10th annual Fairchild International Orchid Show on the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. Pan American entered and WON FIRST PLACE for a single table orchid society display—see cover picture. I hope many members got a chance to enjoy the show and see our Society's beautiful display. A big thank you to the members who assisted with that display.

But March was still coming up Orchids and on Saturday, March 24th we had our Annual Auction. The Auction was a HUGE success, even though less than half of our members attended. A giant thank you to the community and to those members who did attend for making this, our big fundraiser for the year successful. Raising of these funds allows YOUR CLUB to continue to attract interesting, informative speakers and beautiful raffle tables, month after month. It allows YOUR CLUB to reward full attending members TWO beautiful plants at the end of the year holiday party. Your board has been discussing only giving one plant to members who do not support and attend the auction since it is considered a mandatory meeting. I certainly hope all members will consider this and be supportive next year. We may continue to hold the Auction on a Saturday in replacement of our March Tuesday general meeting. If we do we have been talking about holding it in the afternoon rather than the morning hours. Please give the board your feedback.



Next on the agenda is The Redland International Orchid Festival on May 18th, 19th and 20th. Please look for the signup sheet during the April meeting. We have a coke concession and are short a few volunteers. You still have a chance this year to add one volunteer day for a missed meeting.

Also coming up is the slate for next year's board. There will be a sheet passed around at the April meeting for a new slate of officers. This is your chance to get involved, have fun, and make some decisions to run things the way you would like to see them run!!!

See you at the meeting!

Gail Weber, President

From the Editor

My personal apologies to the whole group for not producing PAOS News last month. It was a matter of technical difficulties: my Publisher software became corrupted and I was unable to produce the material as usual.

That, however, is not an insurmountable problem when you have a charismatic and determined group of individuals at the helm. We prepared a summary, concentrated on the most important issues and delivered as usual. Our Annual Auction was a success and we are grateful to all who came forward to help.

This issue will be a little longer than usual since we do have some material from last March to share with you.

Thank you for your support and patience.

The Editor.

PAOS Next Meeting

Christ the King
Lutheran Church

11295 Southwest 57th
Avenue Miami, FL
33156

Tuesday, April 17, at
7:30 p.m.



16th Annual REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL

May 18-20, 2012

9:00AM - 5:00PM

Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187th Ave.
Homestead, Florida
*America's Favorite
Orchid Festival!*

admission - only \$10

NEW! Weekend pass, only \$25
Admittance for all three days
Available at all park ticket
locations on Friday.

A Heartfelt Thank You!

SUCCESS does not just happen, it requires involvement, determination and hard work. We are grateful to all members who helped with our 2012 PAOS auction:

- ☞ Wrote and mailed over 50 letters of solicitation as well as thank you letters to vendors who donated, updated flyers for distribution, and designed, placed and removed banner announcing the auction: Gail Weber
- ☞ Solicited donations, picked up and cleaned up orchids, baby sat them, transported and set up orchids for the auction: Gail Weber, Georgia Ruiz, Jean Tress, Michelle Hammer, Shirley Berckmans, Sue Samuels
- ☞ Assisted with the auction set up: Bob and Audrey Hartwell, Candy McDonald
- ☞ Solicited orchids for auction: Cathy Pariser and Pat Chen
- ☞ Prepared A-frame auction sign outside auction site: Roger Hammer
- ☞ Prepared and sent out e-mail blasts about the auction: Gio Lester
- ☞ Prepared plates for bidding and board for recording bids, check attendees into auction and collected payments from bidders: Carmen Segrera and Shirley Berckmans
- ☞ Purchased refreshment items for the hospitality tables: Catherine Pendelbury
- ☞ Refreshment coordinators: Bob and Audrey Hartwell
- ☞ Served as auctioneer: Katria Whitfield
- ☞ Served as runners: Carlos Segrera and Michelle Hammer
- ☞ Recorded bids during the auction: Candy McDonald, Gail Weber, Georgia Ruiz, Jean Tress

Finally, a very big thank you goes out to Gail Weber, our president, for being the driving force behind our very successful orchid auction!.

Thank you to all the members who supported the auction by attending and buying the beautiful orchids we had for sale. Thank you also to members who donated an orchid for the auction and members who brought items for the hospitality tables. If I have forgotten anyone, know that your help is appreciated and that it was an unintentional oversight.

Georgia Ruiz, Vice-President



This Month At Paos

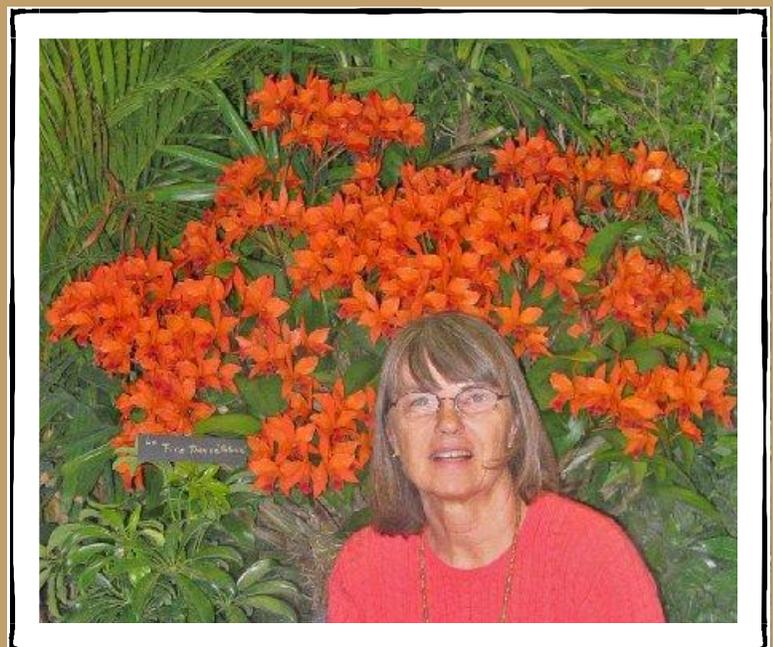
Who at PAOS is not familiar with Jean Wilson? Most of us wish we were just as capable at handling our little friends as she does, but we are happy to enjoy her prized orchids and, sometimes, even acquire some.

This month Jean will be addressing our group, talking about "How to Grow Specimen Plants in South Florida"

Jean has been growing orchids for a long time. As a teenager living in New York, she used to visit her Grandmother in South Miami over winter breaks and went to Orchid Jungle. She soon had a collection of windowsill Cattleyas.

A move to Hawaii for 5 years in the 1970's reawakened that interest, and she took orchid growing classes from a Mr. Aoki, possibly the same Aoki that named the famous Blc Toshie Aoki. About 30 of her orchids moved with her to New Haven, Ct. for 5 years before coming to Miami, where they were soon joined by an ever increasing number of others. Jean likes specimen plants with lots of flowers. Most of these bloom just once a year but put on a big show when they do! She buys plants with the right genetics to have masses of flowers and then waits for them to get big. She has several AOS awards for flower quality as well as CCM's for culture. Her biggest triumphs are an AOS FCC for C violacea 'Jean Wilson' and two CCE's, the highest cultural award given by the AOS, for specimen plants Bc Sunny Delight 'Maj' and Lc Fire Dance 'Patricia'.

Jean has belonged for many years to several orchid clubs and presently takes pictures for the newsletters for four societies. She enjoys landscape photography and photographing orchids and other flowers. She and her husband plan to move to Charlotte, North Carolina this summer to live near family and grandchildren. Sadly for Jean, almost all the orchids are in the process of moving to new homes. If you are interested in purchasing any, contact her immediately!



AOS Corner

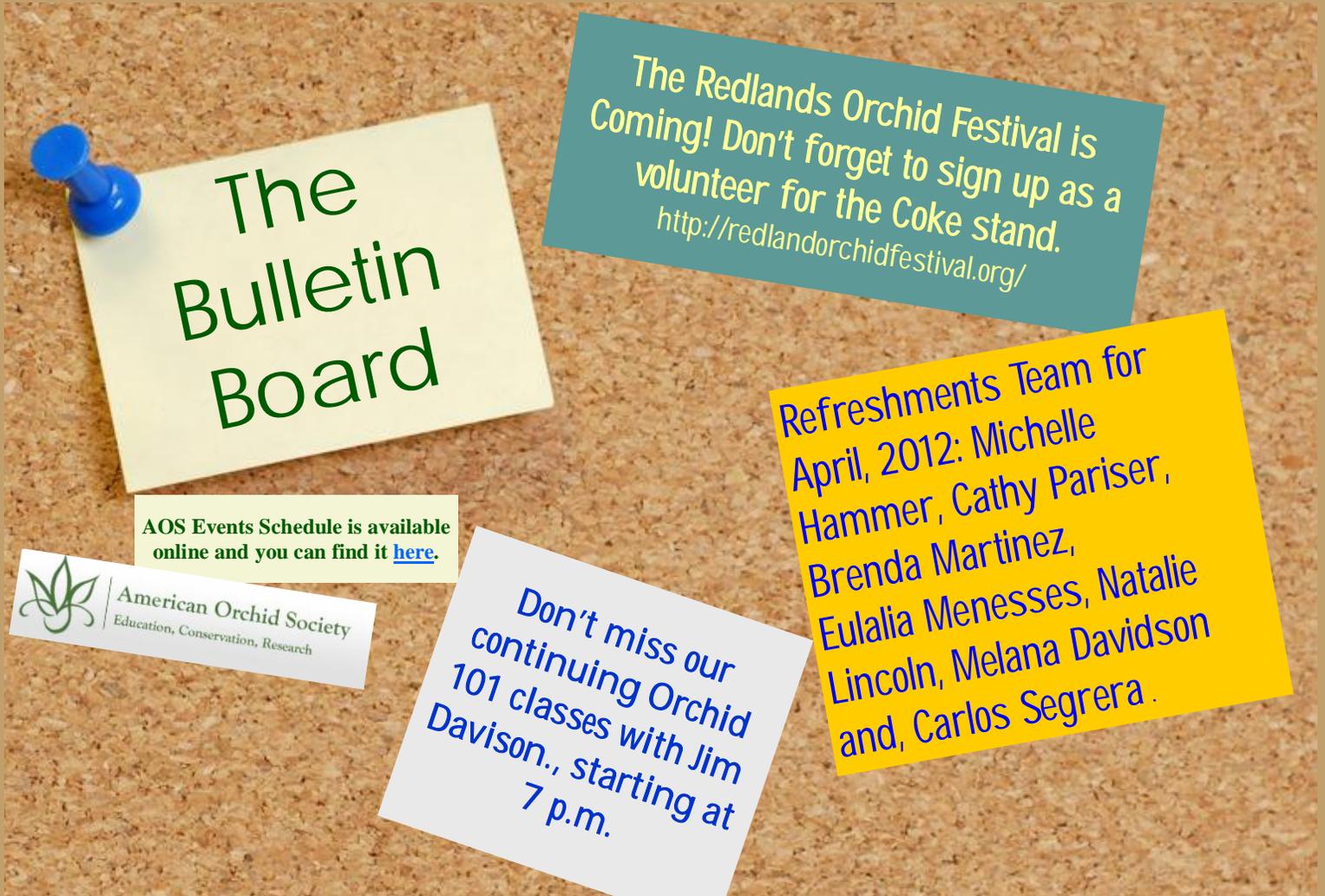
One of the more interesting advantages of being the AOS Affiliated Societies Chair is that some of the societies send me their newsletters. I scan those that I directly get as well as on go to the AOS forum and read some of the newsletters that are posted there. By going through these newsletters, I realize how active, vibrant and healthy many of our affiliated societies are. Through their commitment and love of orchids, they manage to share their knowledge and passion with other like-minded individuals. Through the advancement of social media and computerized publishing programs, these newsletters are filled with great photographs of orchids of their shows and meeting show tables, more regional cultural information. Through these AOS Corners, I provide information for the societies to use in their newsletters about the American Orchid Society and its programs, activities and resources. I appreciate it when I see them posted in these newsletters.

The Kansas Orchid Society will be hosting the AOS Annual Members meeting at its annual orchid show April 25 – 30, 2012 in Wichita. SWROGA and other alliances will be holding their meetings as part of this meeting. These national and regional meetings provide the opportunity to shop, meet the vendors and others in the orchid world face to face, talk about what is new in the orchid world or have someone just listen to your own theories and tips. The speakers for the AOS Members Meeting and Kansas Orchid Society Show are diverse and definitely provide something for everyone. They are Dr. Leonid Averyanov, Keynote Speaker, Senior Researcher and Professor of the Herbarium of Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences (St. Petersburg, Russia), and Vice President of the All-Russian Botanical Society. He will be speaking on '*Orchids of Vietnam: Ecology of Ornamental Species*'. Dr. Raymond A. Cloyd, Professor and Extension Specialist in Ornamental Entomology/Integrated Pest Management, Department of Entomology, Kansas State University, who will be speaking on '*Pests of Orchids*'. Robert Fuchs, R.F. Orchids, who will be speaking on '*Vandaceous Intergeneric Hybrids*'. Patricia Harding, AOS judge and Author, speaking on '*Brazilian Oncidiums*'. Norito Hasegawa, of Paphanatics, Unlimited and an 'over extended hobbyist presenting '*What's New in Paphs?*'. Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids speaking about '*Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture*' and Bryon Rinke, presenting a presentation on '*Phalaenopsis lobbii and parishii, the species and hybrids*'.

There are many other regional orchid events going on and they are listed on the AOS website under Events. If your society is hosting a show as an affiliated society, make sure to have it posted under the AOS Events Calendar.

If there is some information your society would be interested in through these AOS Corners, please let me know. I am open for any suggestions. I can be reached through affiliated_societies@aos.org or directly at mfuller@comcast.net.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



The Bulletin Board

The Redlands Orchid Festival is Coming! Don't forget to sign up as a volunteer for the Coke stand.
<http://redlandorchidfestival.org/>

Refreshments Team for April, 2012: Michelle Hammer, Cathy Pariser, Brenda Martinez, Eulalia Menesses, Natalie Lincoln, Melana Davidson and, Carlos Segrera .

Don't miss our continuing Orchid 101 classes with Jim Davison., starting at 7 p.m.

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



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February Ribbon Winners

First Place

Slc. Wendy's Redstone x Pot.

- (Yellow Imp. X Hazel Boyd)..... Jorge Casandoumecq
Bc. Helecio Huerta 'Senor Perfecto' Jim & Melana Davison
Bc. Mem. Bill Worsely Jim & Melana Davison
C. Twenty-Four Carat 'Lea' Jim & Melana Davison
C. Zul..... Jim & Melana Davison
Chistensania vietnamica Jim & Melana Davison
Chistensania vietnamica x Asctm. aurantiacum Jim & Melana Davison
Den. smilliae var. alba Jim & Melana Davison
L. anceps x C. skinneri Jim & Melana Davison
Lc. Mem. George Lindenberger Jim & Melana Davison
Lc. Tropical Chip 'Andromeda' Jim & Melana Davison
Lyc. Chita Sunset x Lyc. macrophylla Jim & Melana Davison
Oerstedella centradenia Jim & Melana Davison
Paph. glaucephyllum x Paph. rothschildianum.. Jim & Melana Davison
Paph. Lady Isabel..... Jim & Melana Davison
Paph. Prime Child x Paph rothschildianum Jim & Melana Davison
Slc. Fire Magic 'Solar Flare'..... Jim & Melana Davison

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February Ribbon Winners

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Onc. splendidum – species	Dave Foster
Gongora Truncata bracarensis	Bill Harward
Dendrochilum glumaceum.....	Mirta Heineman
Dendrophylax funalis	Mirta Heineman
Epi. centradenium.....	Mirta Heineman
Epi. Wedding Valley.....	Mirta Heineman
Max. sanguinia	Mirta Heineman
Phal. amabilis.....	Mirta Heineman
C. Zul (Susana Ortiz)	Mirta Heineman
Phal. melody.....	Mirta Heineman
Angraecum leonis.....	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Paph. Pinochio x Paph. Espulrolel	Ivis & Jorge Rodriguez
Ascocentrum aurantiacum.....	Carmen Segrera
C. Pradit Spot 'Black Prince' AM/AOS	Carmen Segrera
Encyclia cordigera var. rosea	Renate Van Kempema
Epc. Rene Marques 'Tyler'	Renate Van Kempema
Oncidium Sweet Ear	Renate Van Kempema
Blc. Dan O'Neil x C. skinneri.....	Jean Wilson
C aurantiaca 'Spotted Queen' x self	Jean Wilson



Second Place

Lc. Fire Dance 'Patricia'	Ketty
Bergouignan	
Lc. schilleriana (L. purpurata x C. intermedia)	Jim & Melana
Davison	
Blc. Tutankamen	Mirta Heineman



Annual Auction Galery

