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### From the President

This month we say goodbye to long time member Jean Wilson. Jean and her husband, as many of you know, are moving to North Carolina. Jean joined Pan American in 2000 and has been an asset to our club ever since. She has been an active grower, generous monthly show and tell participant, and responsible for all the beautiful photographs you see in our newsletter each month. We will sorely miss her knowledge, her photographs, her beautiful orchids and her gentle disposition very much. I know you join me in wishing her all the happiness life has to offer in her new home.

There are changes in our board this month also. At our June meeting we will be voting on the following slate of officers:

President	Gail Weber	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Bill Capps
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Georgia Ruiz	Treasurer	Shirley Berckmans
Secretary	Jean Tress	Newsletter Editors	Gio Lester with Javier Morejon
Annual Auction	Michelle Briois-Hammer	Silent Auction	Jorge Rodriquez
AOS Rep	Lynn Corson	Conservation	Ghislaine Greene
Judging	Erna Maxwell	Raffle	Carmen Segrera with Pat Chen Yin and Carlos San Martin
Refreshments	Catherine Pendlebury with Bob and Audrey Hartwell	Special Events	Gene Stevens
RPOG	Bob and Audrey Hartwell	Sunshine	Doris Maguire

New Silent Auction Procedures: For each plant that you want to offer for bidding in the Silent Auction, please pay the Silent Auction Chairman, Jorge Rodriquez, \$2.00. When the Silent Auction is declared CLOSED, near the end of the refreshment break, go to the silent auction table and settle your accounts with whoever was the highest bidder on your plant. If no one bid on your plant, simply show your Silent Auction bid less slip to Jorge and the \$2.00 will be refunded.

Finally, the Redland Show Refreshment Stands were once again a success. We have Bob and Audrey Hartwell to thank for being there every day from the startup on Thursday to the final day on Sunday. Under their watchful eyes, the booths were manned, the drinks were stocked and the ice, although a challenge, was kept from melting in our sweltering summer heat. They worked above and beyond the call of club duty. Make sure you say thank you to them. With the assistance of Sue Samuels who put the wheels in motion, to John Johnston, his brother in law Richard, and Jorge Rodriquez who assisted as able bodied men—Hey, someone had to lift and carry all those cases of drinks and bags of ice!!!—to each and every one of you who signed up to volunteer and sell for Pan American, THANK YOU. We raised over \$1200.00 dollars. Give yourselves a big pat on the back for being a great volunteer for your organization.

Thanks again for all the good work!

See you at the meeting.

Gail Weber, President

## From the Editor

Many say that there is no seasonal change in Florida—it is summer through and through. I have to disagree. We have our color changes just like the rest of the country, it is just not in as grandiose a style as the turning leaves in the northeastern section of the country.

We have our royal poincianas with their spectacular show of colors welcoming the summer, the banyans turning golden, beautiful bromeliads and cactus flowers...

Yes, our seasons also change. Right now we are in the middle of a heavy rainy season called summer and I am enjoying my oncidiums in full bloom: Spider, Shary Baby, and one unnamed pink-golden-bloom plant that surprised me after two years without inflorescences.

Enjoy your summer but don't forget that the heavy rains bring with them the perfect breeding environment for fungi and snails. It is also important to let your plants dry well before watering to help nature in caring for them.

The Editor.



## South Florida Orchid Events Calendar

JUNE 23- American Orchid Society Judging at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler, Coral Gables, from 12:30 to 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 24 Coalition on Orchid Species Symposium Come and learn from four international experts on Orchid species. There will also be plants for sale. Location: Fairchild Tropical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler, Coral Gables . Starts at 7:30 p.m

PAOS Next Meeting

Christ the King  
Lutheran Church

11295 Southwest 57th  
Avenue Miami, FL  
33156

Tuesday, June 19, at  
7:30 p.m.

## PAOS Needs YOU!

### Photographer

We are looking for someone who enjoys taking pictures to volunteer to be the PAOS photographer for our monthly meetings and club events. Jean Wilson, who has been a long time member and photographer for the club is moving and beginning a new chapter in her life. (See president's message).

Those who have smart phones will find the job easy to do. When we ask for a photographer volunteer at this month's meeting, won't you raise your hand?

Georgia Ruiz.

### Monthly Volunteers

We know that our organization depends on the valuable and generous contribution of our volunteers, and you are appreciated.

We want to specially thank Bob and Audry Hartwell for their commitment to PAOS. It will be a pleasure to work with you again in the Refreshments Team. To the other Refreshment Team volunteers, remember the set up and clean up chores: invite your friends to assist!

Have you paid your dues yet? No?  
Bring your check to the meeting and  
drop it off with Shirley at registration.  
Thank you!

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## This Month At Paos

### Flower Arrangements Made Easy

Have you ever wanted to do more with your cut flowers or plants other than put them in a vase or pot? Want to learn how to create your own floral arrangement? Rosario Silveira, head florist for Field of Flowers (FOF) will be the speaker at his month's meeting and she will be showing us the basics of balance, color, layering and design so we can create our own beautiful arrangements. Rosario has over 20 years of floral experience and can frequently be found teaching classes at Miami Dade College in floral arrangement.



Field of Flowers generously agreed to have Rosario show us the right way to do floral arrangements, which will be part of our raffle for the evening. Field of Flowers has retail stores in Broward County that resemble flower markets with 10,000 square feet of retail space filled with fresh flowers. Their faithful customers are free to browse and buy as much or as little as they would like. Everything is in plain view. In Miami, they currently operate a design and delivery studio in the Falls area with plans to open a full scale retail store in the very near future.

The founder of Field of Flowers, Donn Flipse, has learned his trade from his family. Flowers have been a part of his family for close to 100 years. The interest in flowers began with his grandfather in Scotland and has continued since then in Miami.

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### FUTURE SPEAKERS FOR 2012

- July: Carlos Cahiz, Introduction to supplies that you can use with your orchids (OFE Int'l)
- August: Aaron Palmateer, University of Florida, Plant disease and how to treat them
- September: Georgia Tasker: Fairchild and orchids, Fairchild Tropical Garden
- October: To Be Announced
- November: Mark Benson, Preparing For Our Subtropical Weather, Weekly Sunday Radio Program
- December: Christmas Party, no speaker

## AOS Corner

This month I thought I would give a sampling of some of the information one can obtain from the AOS website. More in depth information is available to AOS members by logging into the webpage with your own name and password. Below, however, is an excerpt from the monthly checklist section – probably one of the more widely visited areas of the website.

*Cattleya* - Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

*Paphiopedilum* - Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

*Cymbidium* - Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

-- Taken from the American Orchid Society Website – All About Orchids – Monthly Checklist – July and August

There are also a number of videos and articles that are available to the public and many more to the AOS Members.

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



The  
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Board

Thank You to the volunteers  
who worked at the  
Redlands Orchid Festival.

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



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

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