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From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

THE YEAR is quickly advancing, August is already upon us. Now is the time to check in with Shirley and make sure you have attended enough meetings (5) and are on track to receive your beautiful holiday plant. There are only four more meetings before our holiday party which is the second Tuesday in December.

COMING UP Ghislaine Greene will be working with Pinecrest Gardens again this year establishing the conservation project we do in tandem with the garden. This is in October when the weather cools down. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow members better and spend a delightful morning in the garden mounting orchids. Be on the lookout for the sign -up sheet, or see Ghislaine.

IF YOU are a refreshment volunteer and have a wonderful recipe you would like to share, please bring a copy of your recipe to the club. You can turn your recipe in to me, Gail Weber, or to Jean Tress. Some of you are excellent cooks and bakers, and I imagine may even have some old Florida secret recipes up your sleeves. It might be a great idea to print up our own Pan American Orchid Society Cookbook. If the response is good we can attempt this project for the New Year.

YOUR VICE President has been busy putting an interesting speaker slate together for the year, but if there is someone you are interested in hearing or specific growing or culture information you would like to learn about, please let me, or Georgia Ruiz know. We realize you can't please all the people all the time, but, we really want this to be an interesting, informative, fun club for everyone -so we do need your input.

IF YOU REMEMBER I wrote you last month from North Carolina and at that time there was not an orchid to be found - but believe it or not, while hiking in the woods on Georgia Ruiz's property at an elevation of about 4000 feet, her husband pointed out to me many native terrestrial orchids. They looked very similar to our own Florida native "jewel orchid". It was very exciting to see so many in the woods.



See you at the meeting.

Gail Weber, President

From the Editor

I really love it when I can make it out of the house, after a long day at work, to meet with my friends at PAOS.



I make a point of getting there early to take Jim's class. It not only the beautiful flowers he brings or his delivery, it is also that he is humble enough to share his mistakes and make us all feel like it is okay, we learn through trial and error and that is just the way it is.

This time we learned about *Catleya intermedia*, a species whose name made me think of Goldie Locks: not too big, not too small, just right. And it demands "just right" conditions too: not too much light, not too much water, not too much dryness either. This Brazilian beauty prefers non-organic media, is generous with its blooms and considered

a hardy plant.

Our last speaker was Carlos from OFE. We got a lecture on orchid maintenance, media selection, pesticides, fertilizers, you name it! He brought gorgeous wooden baskets – all sizes, including shallow giant ones. The selection of plants for the raffle table was one of the most beautiful we have had. All who were awarded plants were happy with their selection, but they also brought some orchid care implements for the raffle.

We had a very interesting and fun evening.

The Editor.



PAOS Next Meeting
Christ the King
Lutheran Church

11295 Southwest 57th
Avenue Miami, FL
33156

Tuesday, August 21, at
7:30 p.m.



The Silent Auction Table



Audrey and Bob
receive a well
deserved award for
their generosity and
commitment to PAOS
- June 2012

PAOS Thanks YOU!

Photographer

We are thankful to Carmen Segrera for taking over photographer duties. Some of her beautiful pictures illustrate the pages of this issue.
Georgia Ruiz.

Monthly Volunteers

Our refreshments team this month will be: Mirta Heineman, Elizabeth Pettit, Gio Lester, Christiana Pascual, Carmen Segrera, Ralph Hernandez, and Ghislaine Greene. Let's remember that the set up and clean up chores: invite your friends to assist!



Don't forget to check your attendance with Shirley. There are still a few opportunities for volunteering also. Thank you!

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This Month At Paos



Aaron J. Palmateer is an Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology at the University of Florida's Tropical Research and Education Center where he provides leadership for the Florida Extension Plant Diagnostic Clinic.

His research program focuses on the etiology, epidemiology and management of diseases affecting economically important ornamentals.

He is a strong advocate of integrated pest management and encourages growers to use the diagnostic clinic to identify the problem before attempting to control it.

Dr. Palmateer has a lot of experience diagnosing and managing diseases and disorders of orchids. His presentation will cover how to recognize symptoms associated with common diseases and disorders and address current disease management options. For additional information about Dr. Palmateer visit his ornamental plant pathology website at <http://trec.ifas.ufl.edu/ornpathology/>.



FUTURE SPEAKERS FOR 2012

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

I hope your summer has been going well. Gearing up for the upcoming fall season, I thought I would focus on a few news items and reminders from AOS Headquarters.

1. The special supplement this year is on the genus *Cycnoches*, its species and hybrids. This special supplement is becoming a favorite tradition and extra benefit of being a member of the American Orchid Society. The supplement is underwritten by a combination of advertising and members' donations. More information about the supplement, its costs and your opportunity to underwrite some of the expense of its publication and distribution may be found on the AOS website (<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=226>). Donations of any size are appreciated. The continuation of this supplement on an annual basis will be dependent on its appeal to and the support of AOS members. Please be generous in your support of these special supplements.

2. Did you know that liability coverage for your meetings and shows is available through the AOS at a competitive fee? We are pleased to announce that we are again able to offer this benefit of affiliation for \$250. As last year, a single fee can now cover both your society meetings and your show. More information about this benefit and the procedure for procuring it may be found on the website under the Affiliated Societies tab (<http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=44>).

3. Another benefit of being an affiliated society is that your society can host one of the two meetings per year of the American Orchid Society's members and trustees meetings. Hosting the AOS as part of your annual show can be a rewarding experience for your society as well as taking your show to the 'next level' having international or national prominence. AOS is looking for locations for upcoming meetings starting in the Fall of 2014 and beyond. Other orchid Alliances that often join the AOS at many of these shows are the Orchid Digest, the Slipper Orchid Alliance and the Phalaenopsis Alliance. These joint meetings are an incredible opportunity to learn about the fascinating world of orchids.

4. As fall is approaching, the AOS is getting this year's Orchid Source Directory ready for printing. Each affiliated society will be listed at no cost with the information on file with the AOS. If your society has changed your meeting locations, dates, times, addresses, website or email, please let Membership Services (theAOS@aos.org) at AOS know so the most up-to-date information is printed. In addition if you have an orchid related business and want to be included in the directory contact John Wrench at AOS (jwrench@aos.org) for the form. The cost for a business listing is \$150 and includes both the printed listing as well as our online directory. August 31 is the deadline for these listings.

5. Do you know what your society's renewal date is? Starting three months prior to expiration, a renewal notice for all membership levels is included in the magazine polybag. If you or your society happened to have missed these, we'd love to have you back. Please contact the office at theAOS@aos.org or by phone at 205-740-2010 to inquire about expiration dates.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



The Bulletin Board

August Refreshments Volunteers: Mirta Heineman, Elizabeth Pettit, Gio Lester, Christiana Pascual, Carmen Segrera, Ralph Hernandez, and Ghislaine Greene.

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

The Conservation Project at Pinecrest Gardens will be on the way soon. Sing-up with Ghislaine

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

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