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From the 2nd Vice-President

Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to give you a brief synopsis of what to expect for the next few months.

We are entering a wonderful season in South Florida. The humidity is low, the mosquitos are gone, the air will be turning cooler and the sky will be beautiful and crisp. For the most part, our orchids are happy because they are not drowning in water and the weather, generally speaking, is becoming more moderate. So go outside and enjoy yourselves and smell the orchids!

This month, October, we have Georgia Tasker as a speaker and she will be sharing her life long experiences and knowledge about orchids plus she will be sharing all the exciting and wonderful additions to the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

Next month, November, we will have our annual conservation project when we give back to the community. Ghi Greene is the project coordinator. It will take place at Pinecrest Gardens, November 3rd. We will also have Mark Benson as our monthly speaker. Mark is a native Floridian and an avid gardener and orchid enthusiast. You can hear Mark on a live weekly gardening radio show. Thank you Carmen for discovering Mark.

November is also important to us because individually we have the opportunity to step back and give thanks for all of our past and present blessings in our lives.

December is the month for our annual Holiday party. We enjoy great company, delicious food and of course beautiful orchids. It is also the month when Christmas, Chanukkah, Kwanza and other faith filled holidays are celebrated. A time of great joy with family and friends.

Lastly, in January we have new beginnings and opportunities starting with our New Year. It is a time for reflection. As the beginning of the year, it is also an opportunity to discuss what we would like to hear or do with the PAOS so speak up!

See you at the meeting

**PLEASE NOTE:
WE WILL BE MEETING IN
THE RED ROOM!**

From the Editor

October started on a very exciting note for me: an orchid I had for three years finally bloomed. But I have also been traveling, and that meant my plants did not get the close attention they get from me, and thrips destroyed two beautiful spikes on a dendrobium I had been waiting to bloom for two years. Oh well. Win some, lose some seems to be the prevailing rule. But there are two promising spikes on my *Angraecum*...

The amount of rain as been a surprise. And while it means we don't have to worry much about watering our plants, it also means we need to make sure they get a chance to dry, even if we have to move them.

For those members who are looking for a way to increase their attendance numbers before the holiday party, please read Ghislaine Greene's piece on the upcoming Conservation Project.

And don't forget to check with Shirley Berckmans to see how many meetings you have attended and how many plants you can receive at the holiday party.

The Editor



Coalition for Orchid Species



Orchid Auction

At the regular COS Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2012
Plant Preview at 6:15 pm
Auction starts at 6:45 pm
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
Garden Room (South Entrance)
10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami, FL

Raffles!
Refreshments!
Great Orchid Bargains!

There will be large selection of unusual and harder to find varieties of both species and hybrid orchids offered at auction. Many of the orchids for sale are either in bloom or ready to bloom! Hundreds of orchids will be auctioned, some at incredibly low prices.

Socialize with other orchid growers, have a bite to eat, join the raffles, and add a few new orchids to your collection. You don't have to be a COS member—the auction is open to the public. Bring your friends and family and enjoy evening!

For more information, call Mira at 305-469-9472 or at mruddis@bellsouth.net



PAOS Gives Back

Conservation Project at Pinecrest Gardens

Every year PAOS members donate a few hours to Pinecrest Gardens, sharing their love and passion for orchids and the community we live in. According to Craig Morell, Pinecrest Gardens Horticulturist, they are ready to receive 12 of us.

Those interested, please let [Ghislaine Greene](#) know (click on her name to send her an email). The 12 volunteers will meet at the Pinecrest Gardens gate on **Sunday, November 3 at 9:30 a.m.** Please bring with you: gloves, clippers, sun protection, water and any special snacks you might want. PAOS will provide coffee and light snacks (pastelitos and the like).

Currently we have room for 5 more volunteers. This is a great experience and volunteers will be awarded credit for one missed meeting.

We look forward to giving back to the community during our Conservation Project at Pinecrest Gardens!

The Conservation Committee

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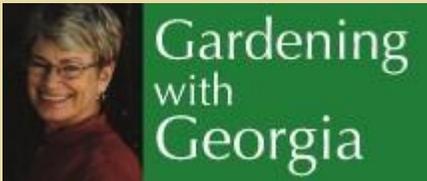
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This Month At Paos



For over 30 years Georgia Tasker was a well known and respected columnist and environmental writer for the Miami Herald . In addition, she has authored 3 garden books and is currently at

work revising "The Florida Gardener's Guide."

In 2009, she joined the staff at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (FTBG) where she writes for the quarterly magazine, blog—Gardening with Georgia— and is producing a series of gardening handbooks. She has earned numerous accolades for her work including being a Pulitzer prize finalist and a Knight Journalism fellow at Stanford University. She received the Barbour Medal from Fairchild and a lifetime achievement award from tropical Audubon Society. She is also an avid gardener and passionate traveler.

Georgia will be discussing orchids in history and in the South Florida landscape, so come prepared with questions.

Furthermore, she will give us an overview of the exciting construction going on at FTBG including the Science Pavilion and the Butterfly Conservatory.

PAOS Next Meeting

Please Note:

We will be meeting in the **Red Room**, in the back.

Christ the King
Lutheran Church

11295 Southwest
57th Avenue
Miami, FL 33156

Tuesday, 18 Sept. ,
at 7:30 p.m.

FUTURE SPEAKERS FOR 2012

November: Mark Benson, Preparing For Our Subtropical Weather, Weekly Sunday Radio Program

December: Christmas Party, no speaker



AOS Corner

What are the responsibilities of AOS Representatives? It is a requirement for affiliation with AOS that both the society and the AOS Rep be current members of the AOS. The AOS Reps are typically appointed by their society president or society board. The AOS Rep's primary responsibility is to communicate activities of the AOS to their societies. Some Reps keep up to date with the activities of AOS through the monthly magazine *Orchids* or by visiting the website on a regular basis and then pass this information on to the board, newsletter editor or the membership at a meeting. The Reps also can communicate any news or concerns of their society to the AOS through the Affiliated Society Committee at affiliated_societies@aos.org. We suggest they say something about the AOS to the entire membership at each meeting, and make sure there are AOS applications available to their members. If your society's Rep has changed this season, please communicate that change to the AOS.

Call for nominations. The AOS Nominating Committee is accepting applications for consideration as trustees in the American Orchid Society. If you know of someone who would be interested in being considered as Trustee on the Board of Trustees (or if you are interested), forward their information and background (and perhaps any reasons they might be an asset to the Board of Trustees) to the Chair of the Committee, George Hatfield at nominating_committee@aos.org. Contact George as well if you have any questions regarding the requirements or qualifications for a Trustee. The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of vetting and ranking nominations received and providing a slate of candidates for election at the Spring AOS Members' Meeting in the spring of 2013.

Celebrate Orchids, Celebrate Life! Portland Orchid Society AOS Members Meeting and Show will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Portland, Oregon, November 13-18, 2012. A great line up of speakers and vendors are planned. For more information and registration, visit www.portlandorchidsociety.com. The Affiliated Societies will be having their tradition breakfast on Friday morning. This breakfast is the societies' opportunity to discuss their activities, ask questions or get advice of a number of officers and trustees of AOS as well as enjoy the company of each other and talk of our hobby of orchids.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee





The Bulletin Board

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

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October Refreshments
Volunteers:
Erna Maxwell, JoAnn Forbes, Gio Lester, Javier Morejon, Diana Gonzalez and Natalie Lincoln.

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!
DECEMBER 11, 2012
PAOS HOLIDAY PARTY

PAOS Conservation Project
Kicks off at Pinecrest Gardens on
Sunday, NOV 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Bring:

- ☞ Garden Gloves
- ☞ Water
- ☞ Sun protection

More info on page 4.

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

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First Place

Enc. radiata

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C. India Rose 'Sherwood'

Jim & Melana Davison

C. Mark Jones

Jim & Melana Davison

Pcv. Walnut valleylime Stars 'Jean' AM/AOS

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Dendrobium magnum

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Aerides lawrenciae 'Elizabeth'

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Epi. magnoliae

David Foster

C. kavit starbright

Lorraine Lee

Colmanara Coleman Wildcat

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Lc. Robert Strait 'Lakeview'

Elizabeth Pettit

Pot. Paradise Beauty 'Golden Angel'

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Bulb. Wilbur Chang

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