



# Pan American Orchid Society

Founded in 1954 by a group of Pan American  
World Airways employees to share and  
expand their knowledge and love of orchids.




# PAOS News 2013



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## From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. May you be blessed with health, prosperity, and happiness as you go into 2013.

Let me start by reminding the board and chairman that they are the refreshment team for the January general meeting. All members are looking forward to yummy refreshments!

In reminiscing, our Holiday Party was a nice affair and enjoyed, I hope, by all. The Chinese raffle plants were beautiful and the raffle was very successful. The holiday plants were gorgeous, fragrant, all in bloom, and I hear from some members – still blooming. The vendors who supplied our plants were Carib, RF Orchids, Whimsy, Amazonia and St. Germain Orchids. We thank those vendors very much for making our holiday party very special.

The Board would like to bring the following to all members' attention; our bylaws have previously stated that if you have 100% attendance for the year, meaning all 11 meetings, you receive two plants. AND IF you have not made 11 meetings you can make one up by volunteering at either the Redland Show or the Conservation Project THUS giving you 100% attendance and two plants. The Annual Auction is a mandatory event and can't be made up. If you are a member who receives two plants you have joined the club and paid \$25.00 dollars for the year and have received a gift valued WAY over the price of your membership. (In effect, we are paying people to join.) Therefore, in order to keep the club solvent and have funds to draw new and interesting speakers, the board proposes to put to a vote during the January meeting the following options:

- Raise dues to \$30.00 for an individual, \$40.00 per family for the year. Still making membership a REALLY GOOD DEAL. OR
- Keep dues the same but charge \$5.00 per member for the Holiday Party. This will help to partially offset our costs.

We will put this to a vote during the January meeting. Please review, think about it and be prepared to state your opinion.

Pan American Orchid Society is one of the oldest orchids clubs; it carries a lot of Miami history which we should be proud of. We all have a responsibility to help this club grow and thrive. Our main goal in



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2013 is to grow membership as well as beautiful orchids. The board has also proposed that an existing member who attends at least 5 meetings, the Auction being mandatory, and brings in a new dues paying member will also receive two plants at the Holiday Party.

Have a great week. See you at the meeting.

- Gail

## From the Editor

Dear Members and Friends,

I am very happy to bring to you an old friend that I believe some of you may have been missing. Our old logo is back.

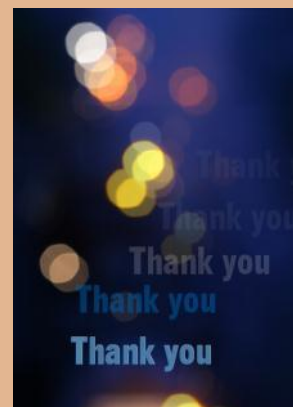
Javier and I will be working closely together on the newsletter. We do listen to our members, so write to us, send us contributions, let us know of events you have learned about, send us pictures—there are so many ways for you to be part of PAOS!

On a personal note, I was very touched by the Certificate of Appreciation and my beautiful vanda. Once again, thank you for your generosity and for understanding my special circumstances in 2012. Life is getting back to normal and I feel I can enjoy my orchids and your company again.

Our party was a success and everyone had so much fun that they forgot what cell phones are for: I only got two pictures of the actual party. So, if you have one lurking around, please do send it to us.

Have a great week. See you at the meeting.

- GLO







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## This Month At Paos

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 Speaker

We are pleased that our January speaker is a long time PAOS member and an enthusiastic orchid lover. Javier Morejon, a life time resident of Miami- Dade, discovered his interest in orchids when introduced to them at the age of 15. The rest, as they say, is history. Javier has graciously agreed to speak to us about one of his favorite topics,

“The Weird, Wild and Wonderful world of Stanhopeas”. He will provide culture tips and will list the 25 species that do the best in our area.

Looking forward to learning something new about orchids.

Thanks Javier!

- Georgia



Mark Your  
Calendars:

January 15  
at 7:00 p.m.

Christ the King  
Lutheran Church

11295 Southwest  
57th Avenue  
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## AOS Corner

AOS has gone digital. Starting with the January issue, Orchids is available for download to your computer, smart phone, pad or tablet. All you need is a valid email address connected to your membership and your personal login. If you have explored the members only section of the AOS website, you are all set! If not, there are instructions on the site how to set up your own account.

The Spring Trustees and members' meeting (including the annual elections) will be held in tandem with the San Diego Orchid Show in San Diego, California, March 21-23 at the Scottish Rite Temple. Meeting will be held between the Sheraton Mission Valley Hotel and the Show. More information and registration will be available on the AOS website soon.

The AOS proxy card for the annual elections was included in the January issue of Orchids. If you are not planning to attend the meeting in San Diego in March, please return your vote to AOS Headquarters at your earliest convenience so your vote may be counted at that meeting. An important part of membership is the privilege of voting.

The Affiliated Societies Committee would like your tips, suggestions and/or ideas on how you grow your societies' membership and methods you have to keep your society's members active and engaged. Please send them to the [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org) email address and we will organize and catalogue them on the Affiliated Societies section of the AOS website so we can all share your successes.

Best wishes and happy growing for 2013.

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



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