



**Pan American
Orchid Society**

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World Airways employees to share and
expand their knowledge and love of orchids.




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From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to thank all the members who made a great effort to attend our March Auction on a Saturday afternoon in Pinecrest Gardens. The event was a huge success, matching the effort put forth by Michelle Briois-Hammer, our Auction Chairperson, who worked tirelessly to make sure it would be.

It literally takes a Village to put on such an event, and there were many helping hands. It is rewarding to see so many people work and come together solely for the benefit of the club, asking nothing for themselves in return. A BIG THANK YOU to all.

The Hibiscus Room proved big enough to hold our almost standing room only crowd, auction items and refreshments table. The lighting was perhaps the best benefit of the room, showcasing all the beautiful flowers in a way we were never able to do at the Church. Members generosity span from donation items, event organization through to the plentiful array of refreshments. Once again, a BIG THANK YOU to all.

Now it is time to turn our attention to one of South Florida's premier events for Orchid lovers, the Redland Orchid Festival. For many years, Pan American has hosted the soda booths for the show and will continue to do so this year. Sue Samuels is organizing the trailers, coke and ice, and Bob and Audrey Hartwell will be making sure that everything runs smoothly throughout the event and nothing is left undone. The event runs this year Friday, May 17th through Sunday, May 19th. We need volunteers to sell the sodas and there will be a signup sheet at the April meeting. Each shift is just a little over two hours, and it really is a lot of fun. We need at least nine volunteers a day. If you have not had a chance to help the club yet this year, this is your opportunity. Get to know your fellow members better or work the booth with an old friend. Working the show will make up for a missed meeting, if you are looking forward to your holiday plant.

A few reminders, we will be in our new meeting room as of this month's meeting. Please join us on Tuesday, April 16th at Pinecrest Gardens to hear a very interesting speaker, Dr. Hong Liu. Please remember to wear your badges. You can't win the member raffle unless you are wearing your badge. If you don't have one or have misplaced it, please see Shirley to get a new one.

One last parting thought, we were once known as the friendliest orchid club around. I think we may have lost that accolade. I would like to encourage everyone to reach beyond your own circle of friends to others in the club and help them feel welcome. We are all unique and can learn something from each other. Some of us may just need a friend to share a concern with. Try being a friend to someone new, especially new members who are not familiar with how things work (silent auction, plant judging, etc.). I encourage you to reach out and share.

Our plants are beautiful, let us try and be as beautiful as our flowers.

See you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

- Gail

Gail Weber, President

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, April 16
at 7:00 p.m.
[Pinecrest Gardens](#)
Hibiscus Room
11000 Red Road



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Thank You, PAOS Members

SUCCESS does not just happen; it requires involvement, determination and hard work. PAOS is grateful to all who helped make our 2013 PAOS Auction a success:

- ✿ Michelle Briois-Hammer for doing a wonderful job as Chair, coordinating all the countless details of the Auction and having a hand in everything.
- ✿ Cathy Pariser, Javier Morejon, Sue Samuels and Bill Capps for doing a fantastic job soliciting orchids during the Fairchild Orchid Show.
- ✿ Michelle Briois-Hammer, Gail Weber, Jean Tress, Shirley Berckmans, Sue Samuels, Catherine Pendelbury, Georgia Ruiz, Javier Morejon, and Bill Capps for going to the vendors soliciting donations, picking them up, cleaning up the orchids, baby sitting them, transporting the orchids and setting them up at the auction.
- ✿ Carlos and Carmen Segrera for preparing plates for bidding and boards for recording bids, as well as their very generous donations to the auction.
- ✿ Michelle Briois-Hammer, Bill Capps, Gail Weber, Georgia Ruiz, Bob and Audrey Hartwell, Catherine Pendelbury, Candy McDonald and Jean Tress who arrived early to set up the room for the beautiful display of orchids.
- ✿ Bill Capps, Georgia Ruiz, Carlos and Carmen Segrera who checked members and guests into the auction.
- ✿ Lou Lodgya and Katria Whitfield for being our auctioneers .
- ✿ Catherine Pendelbury, Ann Perry, Gio Lester who served as runners.
- ✿ Catherine Pendelbury, Bob and Audrey Hartwell for being our refreshment coordinators.
- ✿ Gail Weber and Jean Tress for recording bids .
- ✿ Bill Capps, Gail Weber and Jean Tress for collecting payments from bidders.
- ✿ Gail Weber and Georgia Ruiz for the banners.
- ✿ Georgia Ruiz for the press.

A heartfelt thank you also to all the members who supported PAOS by attending and buying the beautiful items we had for sale, for donating items for the auction, and for stocking the hospitality tables.

Thank you also to Alana Perez, the Pinecrest Gardens Director, and all her staff for their support and help.

- *Georgia*

Georgia Ruiz
Second Vice-President



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From the Editor

Dear Members and Friends,

Even after publishing the beautiful pictures our Auction Chairperson, Michelle Briois-Hammer, sent me I was not prepared for the beauty that greeted those attending our Annual Orchid Auction.

The room was bathed in both natural and artificial light, creating the perfect backdrop for the event. The variety of colors, scents, shapes, sizes, was too much to take in on a single tour of the premises. I went around the room a few times, and still found surprises hiding in the back of the display tables.

I invite you to visit our [website](http://paosog.wordpress.com) to get a glimpse of our Flickr photostream for an idea of how beautiful the offerings were. This may whet your appetite for next year's.

Hope the nice turn in the weather has helped your flowers bloom and your plants grow. I am currently enjoying a wave of Oncidiums and Dendrobiums around my garden. That makes it hard to stay inside working...

See you at the meeting. And in the meantime, enjoy Carmen's beautiful pictures of February Ribbon winners throughout the newsletter, as well as Michelle's and Audrey's pictures of the auction.

- GLO





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This Month At Paos

April Speaker

Dr. Hong Liu is an Assistant Professor in the Earth and Environmental Studies at Florida International University, and is a Research Ecologist at the Center for Tropical Plant Conservation at Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden. Her main research interests are plant conservation and invasive species. Dr. Liu's research has resulted in over forty articles and two book chapters documenting her work and findings. Examples of her orchid research themes are: The translocation of wild orchids in southwestern China, the spreading of naturalized yellow cowhorn orchids in Florida and the challenges of climate change on wild orchids in southwest China. Her current research addresses important environmental issues such as the impact of climate change associated with extreme weather events on rare orchids, the impact of invasive pollinators, and how to conserve plant species. She is also working on rare plant restoration, especially endangered orchids.



Dr. Liu is very in demand for her presentations and we are fortunate to have her join us.

The topic of her presentation will be "Have Your Orchids and Eat Them Too: How We Conserve Chinese Medicinal Orchids".





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AOS Corner

Welcome to the newly elected members of the Board of Trustees of AOS. At the Members' meeting held in March in San Diego, California, Fred Clarke was re-elected to the Board of Trustees for a three year period and Harry Gallis, David Toyoshima and Carol Zoltowski were newly elected for the same three year period. For more information on these new Trustees' background information may be found on the AOS website. In addition, Alan Koch, Tom Etheridge and Linda Wilhelm are the outgoing Trustees.

In addition at the Trustees and Members meeting, Frank and Taylor Slaughter of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, each received separate AOS Silver Medals for their dedicated service to the AOS. Taylor for her service to the AOS judging system, as the first chair of the Governance Committee and service as a member of the Board of Trustees in various capacities for a number of years. Frank received his award for his service to the technology needs of the AOS.

Direct-mail marketing assistance for AOS Affiliated Societies' Shows is available the purpose of promoting the shows, seminars and special society events via direct mail from the AOS's Membership Services Department. Please contact AOS well in advance of your anticipated mailing with the states, countries or zip or postal code ranges you are interested in obtaining. While this service is free of charge to affiliated societies, AOS would appreciate a donation to help defray costs associated with producing and mailing these lists (if print copies are requested). Contact the Society's Membership Services Department at [305-740-2010](tel:305-740-2010).

Interesting Orchid Hybrid Trivia from AOS Website

The total number of grex names in the register is currently 154,660 (as of now). This figure increases daily. Each year The International Orchid Register adds between 3000-4000 new hybrids.

The most popular genera for hybrids are:

- ◇ Phalaenopsis — 31,382
- ◇ Paphiopedilum — 23,871
- ◇ Cymbidium — 14,688
- ◇ Dendrobium — 11,910

So far there are about 2349 hybrid generic names, but not all of these are in use.

There are about 5,600 species involved in hybridization.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee





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We at the Pan American Orchid Society are thank full to all the Vendors for their generous contributions. It is our privilege to count on your support, and we welcome the opportunity to reciprocate, as a group and individually.

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Bulletin Board

Refreshments Team for April 16:

Gail Weber, Dorrell Shepperd, Pat Chen Yin, Cathy Pariser, Renate van Kempena, and Anita Megna.

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



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 16
at 7:00 p.m.

[Pinecrest Gardens](#)

Hibiscus Room

11000 Red Road
Pinecrest, Florida 33156

Youthful Volunteers Needed To Help At The Redlands Orchid Show

Do you know high school students that would enjoy earning **community service hours**, required for graduation, by working with Pan Am during the **Redlands Orchid Show**? If the answer is yes, great!! Please have them contact **Bob and Audrey Hartwell** for information **305 233-3149**.

Did you renew your membership for 2013 yet? Don't forget to speak with Shirley and bring your membership up-to-date.



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Dear Pan American Orchid Society

Thank you for your generous donation of \$50.00 and several plants to the American Cancer Society's 2013 Pinecrest-South Miami Relay For Life. We appreciate your support of the American Cancer Society. The event was most successful raising \$140,000+ from businesses and individuals.

Your gift will support cancer research, education programs, and services provided directly to cancer patients and their families. Because of gifts like yours, one out of every two cancer patients now survives their disease, and continued advances in prevention, early detection, and treatment promise greater hope for the future.

Thank you for stepping forward and making a positive impact in our Miami-Dade Community.

Please note the banner below that acknowledged individuals and groups that donated to the Garden of Hope.

Sincerely,

Georgia Ruiz





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The logo for the Pan American Orchid Society (PAOS) is located in the top left corner. It features a stylized globe with the letters 'PAA' above it. To the right of the globe is the text 'Pan American Orchid Society' in a serif font. Below this text is a smaller line of text: 'Founded in 1954 by a group of Pan American World Airways employees to share and expand their knowledge and love of orchids.' To the right of the text is a photograph of two yellow and pink orchids. In the bottom right corner of the logo area is a circular emblem with the text 'PAN AM' and a globe.

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*We need volunteers for the trailers.
Please volunteer or recommend
someone. (check the Bulletin Board
(pg. 9) for more information.*

Redland Orchid Festivals, Inc. presents



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