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NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, August 20
at 7:00 p.m.

[Pinecrest Gardens](#)

Hibiscus Room

11000 Red Road
Pinecrest, Florida 33156

From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

This month's meeting should be an informative one. I hope everyone will be able to make it. In addition to a great speaker, our raffle table is being supplied by Dr. Ruben Saucedo, an honorary member of Pan American and a local grower specializing in Cattleya and Encyclia species and hybrids. If you have not visited Ruben In Orchids, they are located at 22585 SW 187th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33170; it is well worth the trip. I have seen the plants for this month's table and can tell you that you will definitely want to purchase raffle tickets.

Many of you are aware that my daughter is a new mother and has relocated from Brazil to New York City. Because of this I will be spending more and more time in New York. So I am now ...the outgoing President. Your organization is searching for the right motivated Orchid Lover to continue on in my place for this orchid year. We have a wonderful, capable board and active committee heads, with good friendships. Our lively monthly board meeting is held the first Thursday of the month, except for the summer months when we do not meet. Our board meeting includes a delicious dinner, wine, and fun sharing of our growing habits and plants. If you enjoy our group, please give back by joining our board and perhaps be brave enough to take the helm. You will have plenty of support, a lot of fun, and I can tell you from a personal perspective, growth in leadership skills and confidence.



Bill Capps will be leading this month's general meeting so he will not be running the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will be run by Jenny Wheeler. Jenny is a new member who stepped right up to being a working member of the club. Thank you Jenny!!

Gail

President



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This Month At Paos

“What’s Light Got To Do With It?” “Everything... “

Tom Kuligowski has been growing orchids for a little over twenty years. Like so many hobbyists, he started with one plant. Six months later, he had 83 growing on a third story balcony in a condominium. Over the last thirteen years, he has concentrated on the Angraecoid genera. This genera of orchids requires very specific types of culture; in other words a generic culture sheet doesn't really keep too many of the plants alive long enough to bloom. There are very specific requirements.

We are all aware of the variables when it comes to orchid culture. Water, how much? Medium, what size and type? Fertilizers, fungicides, insecticides and yes LIGHT. Being a professional photographer made Tom start thinking about how he could explain and demonstrate to the average person how to evaluate LIGHT. Understanding it, working with it and taking advantage of it as a photographer isn't really any different from doing so as an orchid grower.

Through a series of still images, videos and diagrams, Tom can help the hobbyist as well as the professional grower better understand the one aspect that we can control but cannot hold or touch. This program is geared to read, understand, evaluate and then take advantage of LIGHT. Remember though, to every positive there is a negative. Realizing the downfall when too much LIGHT is used or harnessed can save a number of plants from becoming the slice of bread that has been in the toaster too long.



Enjoy the program.



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AOS Corner

The Houston Orchid Society and SWROGA have been featuring kid friendly activities at their orchid shows. The AOS Education Committee, through Sandy Stubbings and Susan Dally, has started posting a 'Kids Corner' on the AOS Website. The May and June postings can now be found under the News and Archive sections of the website (link to the June article <http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=687>). These articles are worth mentioning because they talk about their efforts in engaging children. I had the opportunity to see the featured photo wall at the Portland Orchid Society show last November and can attest that it is just not for kids! The 'Kids Corner' hopes to continue throughout the year. They would be interested in hearing how your society has 'shared your love of orchids with kids.' If your society has had success with some kid-oriented activity, let them know at education_committee@aos.org.

The Fall Members and Trustees meetings will be held between the Courtyard Miami Coconut Grove and the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, November 15-17. Special AOS rates apply for the hotel and will be available only through October 15. A link for registration for the meeting and hotel registration should be on the AOS website shortly, as well as more information on the featured speakers and vendors.

Over the summer, the Affiliated Societies Committee will be updating the information to be published in the Orchid Source Directory. We hope to contact all societies either by email or phone to confirm or update each society's record.

I hope you have all been enjoying the electronic *Orchids*.



Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



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AUGUST RIBBON WINNERS

First Place

B. cordata x B. cordata
 Broughtonia sanguinea x Schomburkia tibicinis
 C. dowiana
 Christensoniana
 E. argentinensis
 Phal. Cornu-servi
 Stanhopea tigrina
 Bc. Little Mermaid 'Janet'
 Blc. Keowee Newberry
 Ctsm. Frilly Doris x Ctsm. Voodoo Dragon Vampire
 Tolumnia Phyllis Envy
 Bulbophyllum silvii

David Foster
 David Foster
 Mirta Heineman
 Mirta Heineman
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 Mirta Heineman
 Mirta Heineman
 Gilda Nolasco
 Gilda Nolasco
 Millie Rodriguez
 Millie Rodriguez
 Sue Samuels

Second Place

C. aelandiae
 Dendrobium oligophyllum
 Dendrobium dearei
 Bulbophyllum makoyanum
 Dendrobium goldschmidtianum

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