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From the President

Dear PAOS Members and Friends,

It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Mirta Heineman's husband, Tom Heineman. I had the opportunity to meet him at Mirta's home some years ago when she was hosting our Society's board meetings. I will always remember him as a kind and generous Gentleman. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mirta at this very sad and difficult time.

There will be a memorial held in his honor on Saturday, August 23rd at 11:00 AM at Olympia Heights Methodist Church, 3801 SW 97th Avenue, Miami, FL 33165. Mirta is well known and loved by many in our Orchid community. I hope all of the love and support she is given will help to heal her heart.

In happier news, our own Jim Davison will be the speaker this month on Tuesday, August 19th. Jim will give the talk he did not get to give at the Redland Festival on Catasetums. If you are new to Catasetums, as I am, come and learn about them. They are easily grown in warm to intermediate temperatures in medium to high light making them perfect for South Florida!

If you missed last month, shame on you! Mac Rivenbark's talk on exotic Orchids of Asia was as lively, and entertaining, as Mac himself. His sale table was wonderful. I bought my first black orchid, Monn. Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft' AM/AOS and it is doing very well.

Our own David Foster said the talk was "Fabulous".

Speaking of David, we are trying to set a date for a morning field trip to his home to see his beautiful orchids. More to follow on this.

Do mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8th for a luncheon field trip to Patsy West's home in Ft. Lauderdale. Details and sign up in next month's newsletter.

Have a beautiful rest of the month. Keep a close eye on your orchids for fabulous blooms and any pests or problems that may occur. Remember *good air circulation* and *proper watering* are the keys to problem prevention and continue an anti-fungal spray regimen throughout this month. See you at the meetings!

Gail

President

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, Aug 19
at 7:00 p.m.
Pinecrest Gardens
Hibiscus Room
11000 Red Road
Pinecrest, FL 33156

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This Month at PAOS



Jim Davison is no stranger to PAOS members. He is not only a colleague and a friend, he is also an instructor to many of us. Who doesn't recall his beginner classes? In our next meeting Jim will guide us through the mysterious world of the Cattasetum.

He was 17 when the orchid fever took. That's when Jim learned what those beautiful flowers growing on his neighbor's tree in California were. He got his first orchid and promptly killed it: *"It dried up and died,"* he said, *"but you're not a real grower if you haven't killed an orchid or two."*

Besides being an orchid man, Davison is a nuclear chemistry supervisor at Florida Power and Light Plant at Turkey Point. He is also First Vice-President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables, and the proud co-owner of a very large orchid collection he shares with his lovely wife, Melana.

Jim will be providing the raffle table **and** he will be also doing a sale table. Translation: bring your questions, your note pads and your wallets! This is going to be a great meeting.



Gio

Editor



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AOS CORNER

Things are sizzling this month!

I encourage all of you to plan to attend the AOS Fall Members' Meeting October 29th through November 2nd in conjunction with the 16th International Slipper Symposium, along with special Meetings and Events for the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, the Pleurothallid Alliance, and the Slipper Orchid Alliance. Check out the extraordinary list of speakers and topics! [Editor's Note: visit <https://www.aos.org/store/eventregistration.aspx> for more details and to register]

Not only is it a great function for learning, it is also an excellent time to visit with old friends and to meet new Orchid Friends! So, come join us in Florida.

Check out both our website www.aos.org (under the Fall Meeting tab on the home page) and www.slippersymposium.com for full details.

The webinars are a great way to learn about Orchids from the comfort of your home. On August 21st at 8:30pm EDT, Lois Cinert will host "Phragmipedium Species and Hybrids.

**This one is for Members only, so if you aren't a member yet, now's the time to join and with the new digital membership of only \$40, it's a steal!

If you cannot join us on this date, keep in mind that all of the webinars are recorded and can be found on the website for listening whenever it's convenient for you.

I always learn something new in every issue of Orchids Magazine. This month's issue has an interesting letter written to our resident expert Thomas Mirenda, on how to keep up humidity in your growing area. Meena Divakaran has a couple of great ideas, she places carpet padding on her benches and also hangs burlap with a soaker hose, which sound like great ideas to me.

I personally don't own any *Miltoniopsis*, but David Rosenfeld's article and the beautiful photos, also found in this month's magazine, have convinced me that I should give them a try. He covers everything from the history to the culture, so check it out!

In keeping with the "Hot" theme this month...Did you know that we have a monthly checklist on the website (Just look under the All About Orchids heading tab)? It provides great information for the major genera, with info on how to deal with the dog days of summer.

And finally...Have you ever thought about hosting an AOS Members' Meeting? There are two a year (Spring and Fall) and we are always looking for new and exciting cities to visit!

We already have sponsors for both of the 2015 meetings, but it takes some planning, so if you are interested, now is the time to get the ball rolling.

Growing our membership, one Orchid lover at a time,

Laura Newton

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South Florida Orchid Scene

Mark your calendar

Caribbean Judging Center

When: Sat, July 19, 1pm – 4pm

Where: Fairchild Tropical Garden, Corbin Bldg., Room A,
10901 Old Cutler Rd., Coral Gables, FL

Description Send cut flowers to: Richard Fulford c/o Rafco Enterprise Inc. 8900 SW 107th Ave., Suite 312 Miami, FL 33176

Tampa North Central Judging Center

When: Wed, July 23, 7pm – 10pm

Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, McLaughlin Center, Room C,
821 S. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, FL

Description: Send cut flowers to Patricia Cartwright 6108 Grape Fern Ct. Temple Terrace, FL 33617

The Coalition for Orchid Species Symposium

When: Sunday, July 27, 2014 at Fairchild Tropical Garden.

Speakers: Manolo Arias on the Orchids of Peru — **Alan Koch:** Unusual Species for the Cattleya
Grower — **Bruce Rogers** on Sobralias — **Ron Kaufman** on Orchid Conservation

Some of the growers will have plants for sale. There will also be AOS judging, breakfast and lunch included in the ticket.

Tickets are \$45.00 for members and \$50. 00 for non-members.

Time: 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM

For tickets: Erna Maxwell at 305-382-3055

AOS Members Meeting

FALL 2014 -- October 29 - November 2, 2014

Host: The 16th International Slipper Symposium

Location: Sheraton Orlando North
600 N. Lake Destiny Rd.

Orlando, FL 32751

Details to Follow

PAOS Luncheon Visit to Patsy West's Garden

November 8, 2014—details to come

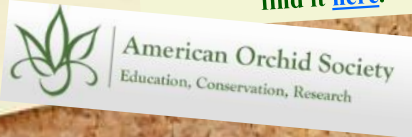
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Bulletin Board

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



Refreshments Team for August 19

Annie Perry, Gail Weber, Georgia Ruiz, Renate Van Kempema, Erna Maxwell, Marion Beveridge
Thank you!

Guests are welcome!

Tuesday,
August 19

Pinecrest Gardens

Hibiscus Room
11000 Red Road
Pinecrest, FL 33156

Visit our website to stay abreast of orchid related events in South Florida.

You can find us at www.panamorhids.com and the calendar is under "Orchid Scene"

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