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## President's Message

Dear fellow orchidists,

Although many of the high elevation orchids we saw will not grow here in our environment, many others, particularly the spectacular *Cattleya maxima*, do very well here.

Congratulations to our July ribbon winners and our three SFOS Award winners. Thanks to you all for bringing such a spectacular plant display to our July meeting.

I'd like to thank Linda Curle for volunteering to serve as Library Assistant to Helen Lloyd. For those who don't know, we have a wonderful and extensive lending library available to our membership at the monthly meetings. Don't forget to browse through the great books during breaks or before the meetings.

We are now looking for a few enthused and committed SFOS members to assist on the following committees. We are hoping to get several volunteers so that no one will be required to handle these tasks EVERY time, but can trade off month-to-month:

*House Committee* – needs volunteers to assist with setting up before our meetings and returning things to the proper spot after the meeting. Since Fire Tower personnel will arrange tables and chairs, our committee members need only arrange the library, the lights for judging, and other incidental equipment. With just a few people, these tasks take only 10-15 minutes each month. Please volunteer to help!

*Program Committee* – needs volunteers to house

and/or escort our out-of-town speakers. This is your chance to become personally acquainted with some of the world's foremost orchidists. Please volunteer to either house a speaker (generally one person, occasionally with a spouse, for one night), or if the speaker opts to stay in a nearby hotel, take them to dinner and transport them to/from airport, hotel, or meeting location. Again, we are not expecting one person to handle this EVERY month. We hope to have a committee of volunteers that can share this task. To volunteer please contact Michael Coronado, who is Chairman of both committees, at 305-245-4570 or [rforchids@aol.com](mailto:rforchids@aol.com). You may also contact Ellen at the SFOS office, 305-255-3656.

Now is the time to sign up to attend our October Speakers Day. We have the best speaker lineup yet – an absolutely world class program! So be on hand for AOS judging, plant sales, good food and a day of outstanding orchid programs. (AOS Judges will receive continuing education credit, as well). Contact Ellen at the SFOS office.

I know we'll all be looking forward to seeing Frank Smith, of Krull-Smith, at our coming meeting. There's no doubt that Frank will provide wonderful raffle plants, sales table and terrific program.

So, get out of the summer heat and join us! I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,

Robert Fuchs  
President

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## August Program: Growing and Exhibiting Paphiopedilums in Florida

By Frank Smith

This month we have a real treat in store - a fabulous opportunity to learn all the tricks and techniques for growing Paphiopedilums in our own Florida environment from the acknowledged master of this genre, Frank Smith of Krull-Smith.

As you probably know, Frank is a regular and very popular exhibitor at our Miami International Orchid Show. I know you'll all remember seeing the fabulous Paphiopedilums in his displays which have won so many show trophies, medal and American Orchid Society awards each year.

Frank was born and raised on a small tobacco farm in rural eastern North Carolina. He co-founded Krull-Smith Orchids with Jim Krull in 1977 and became a student judge of the American Orchid Society in 1980. He previously served 8 years in the United States Navy on nuclear submarines before moving to Central Florida in 1977.

Frank is now an Accredited Judge of the American Orchid Society. His primary interests in orchids have been hybridizing cattleyas, Paphiopedilums and phalaenopsis.

For our meeting, Frank will be providing our raffle table and will be bringing a selection of fabulous Krull-Smith plants to sell, as well. Don't miss out on this wonderful evening - be there on August 17th.

Our sincere thanks go to Robert and Diana Randall of Carib Plants for the superb raffle table they provided for our July meeting. Thank you for supporting your Society.

Mike Coronado  
Program Chairman

### IN MEMORY OF REBECCA SAULEDA

Our thoughts and prayers go out to past president Ruben Sauleda and his family on the recent passing of his mother.



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SFOS will host its annual Speakers' Day on Sunday, October 2, 2005 at the Fire Fighters' Memorial Building, 8000 N.W. 21 Street, Miami. We have a wonderful panel of highly respected speakers presenting an enjoyable and educational program. Speakers' Day also includes AOS judging and SFOS Ribbon Judging (all points for Ribbon Judging will be doubled for this event). Plants for judging must be registered by 10:00 A.M. and can be picked up starting at 12:00 P.M. Speakers' Day has AOS approval for judging seminar credits as well. Several of our speakers will have plants to sell. Sales will be open only to registered seminar participants. This year's speakers are:

David Banks (Australia) will speak on lesser-known genera in the Sarcanthinae. David P. Banks has been growing orchids for over 30 years, having started at the age of five. David has had over 200 papers relating to orchids published since 1980. David lectures extensively throughout Australia and overseas at various workshops, society meetings and Orchid Conferences. He has already conducted ten successful international lecture tours. David's first book, *Tropical Orchids of Southeast Asia*, was published in 1999. His second book, *Growing Orchids*, was published by Kangaroo Press (an imprint of Simon & Schuster) and released in August 2001. It is now out-of-print, having sold out in less than two years. His third effort, the first of a planned series of four instalments - *Orchids of Australia, Volume 1* by John J. Riley and David P. Banks was released in October 2002, being published by University of New

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South Wales Press. David wrote the orchid text for the major botanical opus, *Flora* – published in 2003. His latest book, *Orchid Growers Companion* was released in early 2005 through Timber Press.

Art Chadwick (Virginia, USA) will speak on large-flowered *Cattleyas*. Chadwicks, the orchid business he founded in 1989 with his father who has been growing orchids since 1945, currently operates nine greenhouses of orchids selling retail, wholesale, and boarding over 10,000 plants at their Powhatan nursery. Last year, they opened a retail orchid store in the museum district of Richmond. The company was also featured in the March 2005 issue of *Southern Living* magazine. Chadwicks has named *Cattleya* hybrids after many high profile women including the wives of the last three U.S. Presidents, as well as a Vice President, a Prime Minister (Margaret Thatcher), and the late Princess Diana. In most cases, Art has personally presented the flowers to the honored recipients. Art is the narrator of the popular video, 'Orchids are for Everyone' and his orchid advice column appears monthly in the *Richmond Times Dispatch*. He spoke at the 2005 World Orchid Conference in France. Art's father is an authority on *Cattleya* species having written 28 articles for the *American Orchid Society* and a book entitled *Classic Cattleyas* to be released Jan 2006.

Alex Hirtz (Ecuador) will speak on habitats and new species in Ecuador. Alexander Hirtz is currently president of *Harmony Tours*; a travel agency specialized in eco-tourism, sport fishing and orchid safaris in Ecuador and Peru. He is also Regional President for South American of the *Species Survival Commission* for orchids of

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the IUCN since 1999, President of the Latin American Orchid Council since 1992, Andean representative to the Conservation Committee of the *American Orchid Society* since 1992, President and co-founder of the *Botanical Garden of Quito*, President of the *Botanic Foundation of the Andes* and *Fundacion Tropica 2000*, vice-president of the *Network of Botanic Gardens of Ecuador*, honorary member of the *Academic Section of the Biological and Natural Sciences of the Ecuadorian Casa de Cultura* and vice-president and co-founder of the *Quito Orchid Society*. He is co-discoverer of more than a thousand species of orchids, bromeliads and gesneriads and co-author of the descriptions of more than 600 new species.

Ken Roberts (Florida, USA) will speak on new *Paphiopedilum* species. Ken is a retired government official who has been growing orchids for more than 55 years. He is a member of the *American Orchid Society*, an AOS judge in the *Florida North-Central Judging Center*, and the *Training Coordinator* for that Center. He is one of the North American representatives of the *Orchid Species Group (OSG)*, *Species Survival Commission* of the *International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)*. In his youth he worked for two commercial orchid growers, *Earl Small Orchids* in St. Petersburg, FL and *Bob Wilson's Fantastic Gardens* in Miami, FL. Ken is a former AOS Trustee and Chairman of the *Historical Committee*. He specializes in growing and line breeding species *cattleyas*.

Joyce Stewart (Great Britain) will speak on *Angraecoid* orchids. Joyce Stewart is a botanist with a special interest in orchids and their cultivation. She spent 22 years in Africa, where she held various positions in botanical research and teaching, both at the *East African Herbarium* in Nairobi and at the *University of Natal* in Pietermaritzburg. From 1985 to 1995 Joyce was the first *Sainsbury Orchid Fellow* at the *Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew*. Her last post was with the *Royal Horticultural Society* where she was *Director of Horticulture, Science and Education* for seven years, retiring in 2003. Since 'retirement' she has been working on a book

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about Angraecoid orchids for Timber Press, which will be published next year. Joyce is the Chairman of the International Orchid Commission, a Trustee of the World Orchid Conference Trust and President of the British Orchid Council. She has been a member of the American Orchid Society since 1968 and was thrilled to receive their Gold Medal of Achievement in 1993.

**- Please see page 7 for the Speaker's Day Registration Form -**

## About Labels and Spelling

When you purchase plants make sure that you have a name for the plant. Before putting the plant in your growing area, try tattooing or labeling your new plant with a number or another label. This helps when you grow outdoors and the birds or other pests take your labels out of the pots or when you go to shows or meetings and well meaning orchid lovers borrow your labels.

Make sure when you write a new label that you copy the spelling correctly. One common example of incorrect spelling passed along from one collection to another is *S. oculata* – so often misspelled as *S. occulata*. Don't pass incorrect spelling along to your friends.

### Thank You

A big thank you goes out to Marlene Clark for the wonderful food she serves us at every meeting.

## SFOS Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, August 17th, 2005

**Fire Fighters Memorial Building**  
**8000 N.W. 21st Street**  
**Miami, Florida 33122**

- 7:30 pm - Registration & Judging of Plants
- 7:45 pm - Announcements
- 8:00 pm - Program
- 8:45 pm - Orchid Clinic & Refreshments
- 9:00 pm - Awarded Plants Discussed
- 9:15 pm - Raffle

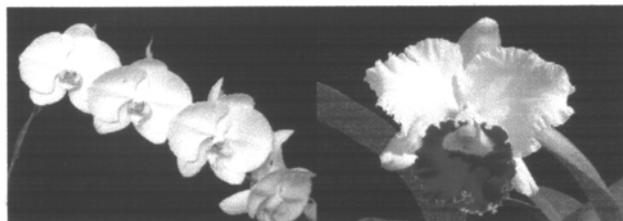
## Orchid Tidbits

Orchids inhabit almost every habitat on earth except oceans and ice caps. The flowers come in every color but black and the odors they produce to attract pollinators, ranges from wonderful to rotten liver.

How Long Must you Wait For that Plant to Bloom? *Reprinted from The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society*

Joyce Skelly found this good information in a 1982 Jones & Scully catalog. Pot size in standard size plants can help you guess when the plants may bloom. This is part of that chart:

<u>Pot Size</u>	<u>Years 'till Flowering</u>
2"	3-3 ½
2 ½"	2-2 ½
3"	1 ½ - 2
4"	1 – 1 ½
4 ½"	6 months – 1 year
5"	6 months – 1 year
6 "	flowering size



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## Cattleya aclandiae

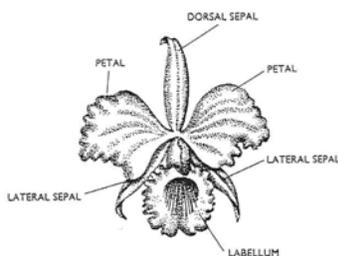
By Jerry Stephens

**HISTORY:** Discovered in 1839 in the Bahia State of Brazil. First flowered in the greenhouse of Sir Thomas Acland, and John Lindley named the plant in honor of Lady Acland (who supplied the illustration for publication in the Botanical Register).



**PLANT HABIT:** *Cattleya aclandiae* grows in a very warm, moderately dry area as an epiphytic plant. It is a short-growing plant with pseudobulbs 7 to 12 cms. Tall and is bifoliate – the leaves being 2 to 9 cms. Long and somewhat rounded on the ends. In very bright light and leaves may develop reddish-brown spots.

**FLOWERS:** One or two flowers of large size compared to the size of the plant. Flowers are generally 8 to 10 cms. in diameter with light greenish-yellow background and irregular mahogany spotting or barring. If the plant is grown in very bright light, the background may be overlaid with a light reddish-brown suffusion of anthocyanins. The lip is 3-lobed, spade-shaped and does not enclose the column. Flowering occurs from the apex of the pseudobulb between the maturing leaves. There is no sheath and blooming follows the maturation of each new growth. The most common blooming season is spring, but it may bloom anytime. The main variety other than the standard is a so-called “alba” variety that has green unspotted petals and a pure white lip. It is not found in nature and is probably the result of a sib-crossing.



## HUGE AUGUST VIDEO SALE!

Now is the time to start or add to your orchid video collection! The American Orchid Society is offering videos at 25% off the retail price. These videos are chock-full of excellent ideas and informative demonstrations that will enhance your ability to grow your orchids! Sale prices are good during August only – so act now! The following is the list of the videos on sale for this month.

### Potting and Mounting Orchids:

Warm Temperatures \$14.95

### Potting and Mounting Orchids:

Cool Temperatures \$14.95

Orchid Pests & Diseases \$14.95

The Many Worlds of Orchids \$14.95

Growing Orchids Under Lights \$14.95

An Introduction to Orchids \$14.95

You can also checkout many other things are the American Orchid Society website at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org). If you are not a member of the AOS, your AOS representative will have applications forms for you to fill out at the next meeting.



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## Orchid Growth Types

### Epiphytes, Lithophytes, Terrestrials

People who are new to orchids sometimes think that orchids are parasitic plants because the pictures of them growing in the wild often show the plants growing in trees. It is this unusual growth habit that separates orchids from most plants generally grown in the home and why it is important to plant in a porous medium and water carefully.

#### *Epiphytes*

Actually orchids which grow in trees are Epiphytes. The term comes from the Greek words, ipe-, meaning on and phyte, a plant. Orchids only use the tree or bush they grow on as a place to anchor their roots; all nutrients come from the air or from droppings from higher up in the branches. All their roots are exposed to the air in order to give them more opportunities to absorb water and nutrients.

The majority of orchids grown by man around the world are Epiphytes. Many are grown mounted on wooden rafts such as cork; some are grown in baskets; and some can be grown in pots in an extremely porous mixture of bark, perlite and charcoal. Cattleya, Phalaenopsis and Brassia are common examples of epiphytes.

#### *Lithophytes*

It is relatively common for epiphytes to also grow on rocks which provide no nutrients to the plant. There are also many orchids which do not grow on trees at all, but only on specific kinds of rocks. These plants are called Lithophytes. The term comes from the Greek words, litho-, meaning stone and phyte, a plant--thus a plant that lives on stones. Often they are found around the bases of trees or in crevices on rocky hillsides where pieces of debris collect.

Many of these orchids can be grown as epiphytes on cork rafts, on tree fern, or open baskets. An example of a lithophyte is Sophronitis.

#### *Terrestrial*

The last major group of orchids are referred to as Terrestrials because they grow in the ground. However, they do not grow in the same soil that most of us understand as potting soil. They grow in humus or leaf litter accumulated on a forest floor. This humus is an extremely open and porous medium which can be duplicated with a fine bark mix in cultivation. Examples of terrestrial orchids are cymbidiums and most of the slipper orchids.



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## Speakers' Day 2005 Schedule:

- 8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast, plant registration (for judging), sales open\*
- 9:00 - 10:00 David Banks will speak on lesser-known genera in the Sarcanthinae.
- 10:00 - 11:00 Art Chadwick will speak on large-flowered Cattleyas.
- 11:00 - 12:00 AOS Judging and Panel discussion, plant sales open
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 Alex Hirtz will speak on habitats and new species in Ecuador
- 2:00 - 3:00 Ken Roberts will speak on new Paphiopedilum species
- 3:00 - 4:00 Joyce Stewart will speak on Angraecoid orchids
- 4:00 - 5:00 Plant sales open

\* Plant sales area will also be open during breaks and between speakers

Tickets for Speakers' Day are \$45.00 per person. The price includes a continental breakfast and a sit-down lunch. This is one of the major orchid events held annually in South Florida! Be sure to register early since tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are not available at the door. To register, please send your check and the order form on the front of this page to the SFOS office: 10801 S.W. 124 St., Miami, FL 33176. For more information call (305) 255-3656.

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Clonal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parentage: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Awards received by this plant: \_\_\_\_\_

Has plant been submitted previously for judging of the same inflorescence?  
Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

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