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President's Message

Dear fellow members,

Now that we are into the peak of the heat, humidity and tropical rains of our South Florida summer, I hope that everyone is holding up well, staying cool and keeping you plants sprayed with fungicide!

I'd like to thank Lou Lodyga for a very interesting program last month. Since he's educated us on all the new names, I don't know WHAT to call my orchids! Seriously, it was wonderful to have Lou, one of our "old" members, back with us in July.

So, I will pause for a minute to invite all of you "old" members to come back to our meetings. We have a wonderful line up of programs planned, terrific events on the horizon, and don't forget the excellent refreshments and plant raffles every month. Also, by attending the SFOS meetings you'll be the first to receive information on the coming 19th World Orchid Conference in 2008 and the 62nd Miami International Orchid Show™ in 2007.

Our fabulous, annual Miami International Orchid Show™ is only 7 months away. Richard Brandon, our Show Chairman, and his various committees will be needing your help. So please plan now to volunteer. Our new location, centrally located for everyone in the Dade County area, will be the home of our shows to come, as well as the venue for the 19WOC. We will look forward to seeing all our members participating in the show and entering displays and individual entries, too.

Don't forget that our annual Speakers Day is almost here. Be sure to sign up early as tickets are going fast.

See you all at the meeting,

Sincerely,

Robert Fuchs
President

"Hands On Orchids" Potting and Mounting

presented by Michael Coronado

In the hot, rainy months of summer our thoughts turn naturally to orchid care. This month, our guest speaker will assist you by giving a hands-on demonstration on the potting and mounting of orchids as well as general tips on their care.

Michael Coronado is currently Vice President of R. F. Orchids. He literally grew up at this company, having been with them since he was 13 years old. He started out working in the greenhouses, repotting, staking fertilizing, packing and shipping. Later he became more involved with exhibiting orchids and other aspects of the business. He is now Vice President in charge of growing and hybridizing.

Mike has traveled extensively around the world to keep abreast of the newest trends in Vandaceous hybridizing, an R. F. Orchids specialty. In his career with R. F. Orchids, Mike has also participated in many domestic and international orchid shows, including several World Orchid Conferences and the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show. He is an American Orchid Society Student Judge, a Life Member of the American Orchid Society and serves on the Board of Directors of the South Florida Orchid Society.

One of Mike's favorite activities is the design of private orchid gardens. He was instrumental in developing R. F. Orchids' "Orchid Camp", a series of educational classes about growing orchids in South Florida. This month, he will share this wealth of knowledge with our members.

R. F. Orchids will provide the plant table.

Once again we have a great speaker and a very educational evening in store. We hope you'll all be inspired to greater growing!

South Florida Leadership Council Invitation

WHO: South Florida Leadership Council
WHAT: An Evening with Art Moore, President American Orchid Society
WHEN: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
WHERE: Safe School's Institute
1790 NW Spanish River Boulevard
Boca Raton, FL 33431
(driving directions follow)

The South Florida Leadership Council is proud to sponsor 'An Evening with Art Moore.' This spectacular event will feature Mr. Moore's presentation on The Japan Grand Prix. Bob Fuchs will present the latest information on the 2008 World Orchid Conference being held in Miami, and the SFLC will host an unparalleled raffle table. This is a wonderful opportunity for orchidists across the area to gather, enjoy our hobby, and our organization—The American Orchid Society.

Mr. Moore is a tremendous ambassador for the AOS. His talk will promise to be more than a travel log to an off shore show. He will compare the attitudes of the two different cultures toward the hobby. This will include the similarities and differences toward the hobby by both cultures. He will also discuss the Japanese attitudes toward orchid education.

During his first year in office, Mr. Moore represented AOS at the world's largest orchid show, The Japan Grand Prix where he served as Judging Chairman. He also represented AOS at the World Orchid Conference in Dijon, France in March 2005. By the end of his first year in office, he will have flown over 75,000 miles for AOS activities.

After the presentations, a raffle to benefit the South Florida Leadership Council's efforts will take place. SFLC is group of individuals representing the societies affiliated with the West Palm Beach Judging Center. These individuals are typically the society's president and AOS representative. Refreshments are being provided by the Boca Raton Orchid Society. There is no admission fee for the event, and all interested orchidists are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact your local society president or Will Riley at benttree@earthlink.net

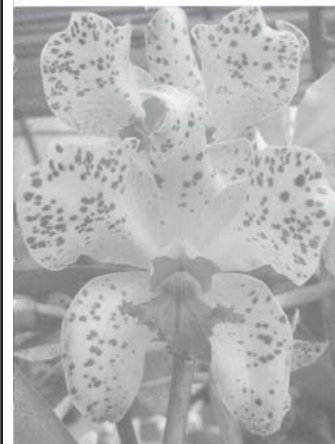
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HOME REMEDIES

Orchids in cultivation are susceptible to several viruses such as: Cymbidium mosaic virus, tobacco mosaic virus, and bean yellow mosaic virus.

While the symptoms of viral infection can be easily confused with symptoms resembling bacterial and fungal diseases, there are some tell-tale signs.

Orchid plants with yellow to black streaks on the leaves and pseudobulbs as well as color breaks in the flowers are suspect of possible viral infection, which can be confirmed by virus testing at a laboratory.

Viruses can be controlled by prevention - isolation of infected plants and scrupulous sterilization of tools used on orchids when dividing, repotting, etc. Pots should be sterilized before reuse. Eradicate aphids as soon as possible since they are known vectors for viruses.

Recent scientific discoveries have shown that extracts from green pepper (bell pepper) plant leaves contain compounds that arrest mosaic viruses in orchids.

An anti-viral Tonic is made as follows:

2 cups of leaves from a healthy green pepper plant
1/2 tsp. of liquid dish soap
2 cups of water

Put the leaves and water in a blender and liquefy the mix. Dilute the mixture 1:1 with distilled water. Add the dish soap. Pour the solution into a handheld spray bottle. Then drench your "suspect" orchids from top to bottom. And adios viruses!

Stop Aphids Dead with Orange Peels!

Take one orange peel coarsely chopped
Add 1/4 tsp. Baby Shampoo and 2 cups of water.
In a blender, blend on high for 10-15 seconds.
Strain out the pulp into a coffee filter
and then pour the liquid into a hand held mist sprayer.

FIRST - water your orchid plants thoroughly
THEN - spray the plants and it is
ADIOS APHIDS!

19th World Orchid Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

Individual Level

The Individual Level of Sponsorship offers the following benefits:

IDENTIFICATION

* Your name listed on the special Sponsor Board at the main stage

ADVERTISING AND DISPLAY

* Special Listing in the Show Program at the 19th World Orchid Conference

* Name listed on the 19th World Orchid Conference website

TICKETS

* 4 Complimentary Show tickets (one day)

* 1 Registrant to the Conference

TOTAL INVESTMENT: \$500.00

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Upcoming Programs:

August

"Hands On Orchids", Potting and Mounting
by Mike Coronado
Plant Table: R. F. Orchids

September

"Pests and Diseases" by Robert McMillan
Plant Table: Amazonia Orchids

October

"Angraecums: Madagascar Specialties"
by Max Thompson
Plant Table: Carmela Orchids

November

"Basic Orchidology – Growing Dendrobiums, Phalaenopsis,
Vandas and Cattleyas"
by Matt Godlove
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SFOS Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, August 16, 2006

Fire Fighters Memorial Building
8000 N.W. 21st Street
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- 7:30 pm - Registration & Judging of Plants
- 7:45 pm - Announcements
- 8:00 pm - Program
- 8:45 pm - Refreshments
- 9:00 pm - Awarded Plants Discussed
- 9:15 pm - Raffle



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BRING YOUR ORCHIDS IN FOR JUDGING!

You can win with your orchids by bringing them in at our next meeting August 16th. Dress your plants up and bring them in.

IN MEMORY

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Betty Eber and her family on the passing of her husband. We also extend our deepest sympathy to Robert Porlick and his family on the passing of his wife Mary Lou.

UPDATE ROOSTER

The 2006-2007 SFOS Membership Roster will be going to print very soon. If you have any changes in your phone number, address or email address or you don't want your information published in the roster, please call or email the SFOS office by August 17, 2006. The SFOS office phone number is 305-255-3656 (please leave a message) and the email address is (sforchid@bellsouth.net).

Blue Ribbon Winners

Gail Tillman	Schoenorchis fragrans
David Lafond	Dendrophylax lindenii
Sandy Schultz & Georgia Tasker	Angraecum scottianum
Lore Wigley	Paph. (kolopakingii x praestans)
Sandy Schultz & Georgia Tasker	Paph. Memoria Arthur Freed
Lore Wigley	Blc. Sherrie Styles
Lore Wigley	Blc. Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelight'
David Lafond	C. Dupreana 'Kodama'

Red Ribbon Winners

Eric Gottlieb	Bro. sanguinea
Lore Wigley	Blc. Hawaiian Passion 'Carmela'
Sandy Schultz & Georgia Tasker	Phrag. St. Peter
Lore Wigley	Brsdm. Longlen 'Bill Switzer'
Lore Wigley	Brsdm. Kenneth Bivin



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Free Admission During Community Month!

August is Community Month at the American Orchid Society Visitors Center and Botanical Garden. Throughout the month, the AOS will grant free admission to the residents of specific local communities.



Be sure to take advantage of this very cool opportunity! Experience thousands of exotic orchids and our lush botanical garden, as well as both display and production greenhouses -- including our amazing cork tree and water displays that are all drawing rave reviews!

If you haven't toured the AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden for awhile, you'll be fascinated by the new additions since your last visit! And when you're done experiencing the garden and greenhouses, the air-conditioning in the Orchid Emporium giftshop won't be the only experience that refreshes you! Check out the deals on gifts, books and orchids!

Residents of the following communities will receive free admission to the AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden on the days indicated below:

- August 5th and 6th -- Delray Beach
- August 12th and 13th -- West Palm Beach and Lake Worth
- August 19th and 20th -- Boynton Beach and Lantana
- August 26th and 27th -- Boca Raton and Deerfield Beach

We love our neighbors, and this is one way we can express our thanks for your support. Come experience the gardens and our own special brand of Southern Hospitality! We look forward to seeing you!

Refreshing Double-Melon Delight

Recipe Rating: ★★★★★

Prep Time: 10 min

Total Time: 4 hr 40 min

Makes: 10 servings

- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 pkg. (8-serving size) JELL-O Brand Lemon Flavor Gelatin
- Ice cubes
- 1 cup cold water
- 2 cups honeydew melon balls
- 2 cups cantaloupe balls
- 6 small mint leaves

STIR boiling water into dry gelatin mix in large bowl at least 2 min. until completely dissolved. Add enough ice to cold water to measure 1-1/2 cups. Add to gelatin; stir. Remove any undissolved ice. Refrigerate 30 min. or until slightly thickened (consistency of unbeaten egg whites.) STIR in melon balls and mint leaves. Spoon into 9x5-inch loaf pan. REFRIGERATE 4 hours or until firm. Unmold. Store leftover gelatin in refrigerator.

KRAFT KITCHENS TIPS

Substitute

Prepare as directed, using JELL-O Brand Lemon Flavor Sugar Free Low Calorie Gelatin.

Jazz It Up

Not a mint lover? Simply omit mint leaves.



Summer Orchid Classes

Special Offer

Sign up for 4 classes and get a 5th class for free!

Become a better orchid grower by taking orchid classes at the American Orchid Society Visitors Center and Botanical Garden. The new class schedule for July through September of 2006 has just been released and we are currently taking registrations. Classes are taught by qualified instructors. Additional benefits for attending each class are listed below.

Join the AOS



You are cordially invited to join the American Orchid Society. Membership offers many privileges to beginners and experts alike.

August - September 2006 Classes

August

19th - Watering and Fertilizing Systems
26th - Hurricanes, Black Rot and Other Calamities of Summer

September

2nd - Orchids A to Z
9th - Orchids 101
16th - How to Grow Phalaenopsis
23rd - Pediluncum Dendrobiums
30th - Orchids in the Garden

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Advance Registration Required. Refunds given up to seven days prior to class. Cost: \$25 for AOS Members; \$35 for Nonmembers. Call: 561-404-2033 Email: galarikon@aos.org Mail to: Class Registrar, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, Florida 33446 [Directions](#)



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SFOS SPEAKERS' DAY 2006

SFOS will host its annual Speakers' Day on Sunday, October 1, 2006 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:

James Rose (California) will speak on Reed-Stem Epidendrums and standards for judging them. James along with his wife Lauris own Cal Orchids, a world renowned orchid nursery providing one of the largest varieties of orchid species and hybrids in the US. Most recently, the nursery has become recognized for their superior 'Pacific' line of reed-stem Epidendrums. James has published in the AOS, Orchid Digest, and CSA magazines, and is well respected for his vast knowledge as well as his distinctive sense of humor. He lectures all over the world, at orchid shows and World Orchid Conferences. He is a Cymbidium Society of America Judge,

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former member of the AOS Conservation Committee, and active member of the Japan Grand Prix Organizing committee where he judges every year at the Tokyo Dome.

Fred Clarke (California) will speak on "New Hybrids with Catasetums, Cycnoches and Mormodes". His two programs will feature a widescreen computer slide show on some of the new hybrids and breakthroughs in the hybridization of Catasetum, Cycnoches and Mormodes. Fred has been growing orchids for 29 years and has been hybridizing for 19 of those years. With over 22 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California. His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". Fred is a Probationary Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Andy Easton (Florida) will speak on warmth-tolerant cymbidiums and standards for judging them. Andy has been a professional orchid grower since 1973, specializing in the hybridization of Cymbidium, Odontoglossum Alliance, Cattleya Alliance and Paphiopedilums. He is currently proprietor of New Horizon Orchids, which generates new orchids for Floricultura in Europe and Mukoyama Orchids in Japan as well as supplying Hatfield Orchids for North American sales. Since arriving in Florida in mid-2000, Andy has worked on a unique line of truly heat-tolerant Cymbidiums that will grow and bloom reliably in the Homestead area and all points further north, and he will share his expertise with these orchids on Speakers' Day. He is an accredited AOS judge in the West Palm Beach Center.

Patricia Harding (Oregon) will speak on Encyclias and criteria for judging them. Patricia has an undergraduate degree in Botany, and upon retiring as a physician, decided to pursue her earlier interests in science. Patricia has been growing and collecting orchids, mostly species, off and on for 30 years, intensely for 20 years. Patricia was heavily involved with Carl Withner in his last book, The Debatable Epidendrums, learning a lot in the process, and is currently working on a book covering all the known species of the Huntleya Alliance. Patricia is also an accredited AOS judge in the Pacific Northwest Center.



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8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast, plant registration (for judging), sales open*
9:00 - 10:00	James Rose will speak on Reed-Stem Epidendrums and standards for judging them
10:00 - 11:00	Fred Clarke will speak on Cycnoches and standards for judging them.
11:00 - 12:00	AOS Judging and Panel discussion, plant sales open
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Fred Clarke will speak on Mormodes and Catasetums, and standards for judging them.
2:00 - 3:00	Andy Easton will speak on warmth-tolerant cymbidiums and standards for judging them.
3:00 - 4:00	Patricia Harding will speak on Encyclias and standards for judging them.
4:00 - 5:00	Plant sales open

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

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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 order form to the SFOS office: 10801 S.W. 124 St., Miami, FL 33176. For more information call (305) 255-3656.

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