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# February Speaker - John Budree

Due to a family emergency, Dr. Jason Downing with the Million Orchid Project had to reschedule his presentation. I will keep everyone posted on his rescheduled date.

John Budree has graciously offered to speak at our meeting on Monday, Feb 25th. We all enjoyed his presentation last year so we are really looking forward to John's "new" presentation. He will discuss the general practices for growing better orchids. In addition we will look at details of specific types, culture secrets & strategies for problem orchids. John will also have flowering orchids for sale reasonably priced for purchase!

John was born in Trinidad, where he grew many different orchid types and took part in numerous shows. He migrated to Florida about 18 years ago. John has worked with & for many of the big names in orchids - Frank Smith (Krull-Smith Orchids), Sheldon Takasaki (Carmela Orchids), Warren Kelly (Orchid World) and Jack Schendowich.

John owns over 1500 Paphiopedilums, as well as 4000 other types of orchids. He has been growing orchids from flask to flower for more than 30 years. John has exhibited at World Orchid Conferences and has won about 45 AOS awards. He is also a FLOS member. We hope you can join us for an informative evening.

# **Upcoming Events**

Feb 25, 2019 John Budree -new presentation "growing better orchids"

Mar 18, 2019 Speaker Tom Kuligowski

April 15, 2019 Speaker John Romano

May 20, 2019 Installation of Officers & Orchid Blngo

# OUR January Ramble was held at the home of Anwar Thompson & "The Orchid Patch"

We had a fabulous time visiting Anwar's "the Orchid Patch". Anwar toured us around his property showing us his beautiful orchid collection. He shared with us his tips & tricks on growing as well as a few don'ts. We all had so many questions for him too. We enjoyed light refreshments, a free raffle & good company chatting among our members. Thank you Anwar for hosting us! .





















REMINDER! MARCH 1st IS DEADLINE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! To continue to receive all emails from the Society & be able to take part in all activities please pay your dues at the meeting Feb 25th or mail it in.

See you at the meeting!

#### **OUR MEMBER BLUE RIBBON WINNERS!**

Every month our members are encouraged to bring in their latest growing achievements for judging & possible ribbon awards! Make sure you fill out an exhibit form for your plant. It must be completed in full & *printed* so it can be read easily. All information must be completed in full for judging consideration! Make sure:

- 1. Print the full name of the orchid & your full name
- 2. The orchid must be entered in the correct category
- 3. You must have owned the orchid 6 months
- 4. Display your orchid in an attractive container
- 5. \*\*Make sure your orchid is free of pests & disease\*\*

Note on Culture Awards: This award is a reflection on the outstanding cultural practices of the grower! An eligible plant is one that stands out as grown to its fullest potential, in robust health, displaying an unusually high number of blooms. Cultural merit is not necessarily related to size; it is related to quality. This award is not necessarily given out each month.





Cattleya Percivaliana Sandra Griffith

Den Maui Jewel Ted & Dorothy Rich Dendrobium

Rhynchostylis gigantea Ted & Dorthy Rich vandaceous



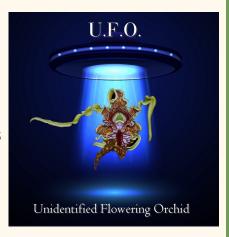
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BLC Yellow Bird Sandra Griffith Brassia

# THE "UFO" TABLE (UNIDENTIFIED FLOWERING ORCHIDS)

We now have a "UFO" table to display your unidentified flowering orchids" for judging. Winners will be awarded ribbons & possibly someone can identify your entry. UFO blue ribbon winners will appear on our website also.



## A CSOS Orchid Tree?

Yes an orchid tree!!! In the coming months, our board members have been invited to visit Flamingo Gardens in Davie to pick our CSOS Orchid Tree. Many societies have already picked their tree & have been busy mounting their orchids. Over time our members can donate orchids that will be mounted to our CSOS tree! All our members will be invited to be a part of this project! The "Orchidteers" provide weekly watering & fertilizing to all these trees with orchids. More information to come....







Some Orchidteers & society members mounting orchids in their trees while Wendy Mazuk, the Ghost Orchid Speaker shared her method of mounting.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN "ORCHIDTEER" ??

What is an "Orchidteer"? The Orchidteers are a new group of volunteers that meet monthly to help hang and care for orchids in the Flamingo Gardens. The Orchidteers usually meet the second Saturday of the month at 10am for a demonstration from an orchid expert, followed by hands-on experience hanging new orchids or caring for existing orchids. Orchidteer Questions? Contact Michelle Ennzweilerr, Volunteer Coordinator, Flamingo Gardens 954-989-5600, ext. 2015

Join the Orchidteers...Every Thursday@ Flamingo Gardens – 9:30 A.M for watering/fertilzing the orchids. The Orchidteers is a Volunteer Group Dedicated to Installing and Caring for the Orchids at Flamingo Gardens Please Come & Join Us!

### **Welcome New Members!**



CSOS would like to welcome the following new members **Bernie Dusch & Lydia Davis**. Lets all give them a great big welcome!

# **Special "Shout Outs!"**



Happy Birthday to Bob Malloy & Monica Eastep. If you know any member with a birthday/anniversary or illness, please contact *Debbie Malloy*, *yorkierambo@bellsouth.net* to mention in the newsletter.

## **Refreshment Table**

Nancy Celleti & Mary Ierubino are doing a great job with refreshments. However to make it more enjoyable we encourage members to bring any items such as cookies/brownies/soda/chips/dip or any baked goods. This is a great way to earn a free raffle ticket too! Steve is still our coffee man! (Dont forget to sign the sheet at the refreshment table when you drop off your donation!)

# **Sunshine Chairperson**

please let Ellen Donovan know of anyone who is ill or in the hospital so she can get a card right out to them. *ellro115@aol.com* 

### **DID YOU KNOW??**

#### YOU CAN EARN A FREE RAFFLE TICKET BY:

- 1) wearing your name badge at each meeting
- 2) donating a refreshment item
- 3) bringing a friend

#### **CHECK OUT OUR INFORMATION TABLE!**



Be sure to stop by & visit our information table.Bob Malloy will be able to answer any questions you might have! Check out all the latest flyers on events, upcoming speaker, member rambles & upcoming club activities!

## **DENDROBIUMS (part 1) By Olivier Turna**



For those who do not grow dendrobiums yet.....

Dendrobiums hail from SE Asia and Australia. There are some cultural features that apply to most dendrobiums:

- They hate being re-potted. Do it only when absolutely necessary and only when new roots grow (not when new canes grow). You want them to establish themselves quickly to avoid setting them back too much.
- They need as tight a pot as possible. Mounting is also often a good option especially for those with pendulous canes.
- They are heavy feeders in Summer. Usually they should not be fed -except for a few sections- in the Winter months (December through April)
- You cannot use copper fungicide on them

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# **DENDROBIUMS (part 1) By Olivier Turnier (continued)**

Besides this, Dendrobium is a tricky genus as its orchids have vastly differing growing needs within the genus. Most orchid genera have reasonably similar general growing conditions that apply across the board, not so for Dendrobiums

The main issues to focus on when buying a new dendrobium are:

- Watering needs is the biggest issue. Does it need a rest period in the Winter? Some need no rest at all while others may need months of limited to no watering.
- Light requirements also vary among the genus but a majority needs high light.
- Temperature requirements also vary tremendously. I read that plants that grow below 3,500 feet in the wild should be able to survive or thrive in South Florida.

That information is usually available on www.orchidspecies.com

• Some dendrobiums are evergreens while others drop their leaves. In the latter case, they typically grow flowers on leafless canes.

Therefore, while most hology growers usually do not pay attention to "sections" in each genus (a section is a subcategory within a genus with similar characteristics), it is a good idea to learn about sections when it comes to dendrobiums as growing conditions are pretty standard within each section. That might make life easier to understand the optimal growing conditions of a new "baby" you just bought.

I am no "specialist" of dendrobiums. What follows is just a summary of what I have learnt through various reading material and personal experience. If you achieve different results and it works, continue doing what you are doing! Orchids' growing is not an exact science!!!

What are the most common sections that will grow in South Florida and that are readily available for purchase?

- Section Callista is very popular because of the beautiful Dendrobiumaggregatum. It blooms only once per year and lasts usually only around 10 days but the spray of yellow blooms which opens all at once is so beautiful that most people have them in their collection. Section Callista is a somewhat tricky section when it comes to rest period. Those plants typically need several months of very little to no watering. Den. aggregatum will usually bloom in late March, early April and you should keep it dry starting November. Other common species in this section are Den. chrysotoxum, thyrsiflorum and farmerii. They are yellow or white.
- Section Spatulata (better known as "antelope dendrobiums") is my personal favorite as the flowers have those gorgeous colorful twisted blooms like antelope antlers and they are also perfect to grow in South Florida as they need warmth, are cold sensitive and require no rest, plenty of water and high light year round. Many are pretty tall plants and carry many flowers. Their blooms are very long lasting: 2 to 3 months is common but I have a hybrid that has been blooming practically non-stop for 2 years now! The majority of plants available are hybrids.
- Section Latouria is another section which is easy to grow. It requires no rest, needs water year round and high light. These orchids have large leaves that grow at the top of the cane and are usually compact growers. There are many hybrids available for sale and it is not uncommon for them to have blooms that last 4 to 6 months or even longer. While they need heat to thrive, they will take colder temperatures unlike the Antelope dendrobiums. Roy Tokunaga recently spoke at length about them when he came to our FLOS meeting.

MARCH NEWSLETTER WILL FEATURE PART 2 ON DENDROBIUMS

# DENDROBIUMS By Tom Kuligowski (our March speaker)



#### CHOP, CHOP, CHOP

What I usually do right after my pendant type Dendrobiums bloom is wrap a small length of the green elastic tape around the top of the cane showing me which one(s) have recently flowered. The canes that had bloomed the year before are cut off and prepped to become the next batch of new plants. As the plant matures over the years you can end up with numerous canes that can last several years. By removing them and placing them in damp moss you can end with plants that will usually bloom the following year. Share them with friends, sell them or donate them to your society for plant table raffles or auctions.



Starting with a small pair of sharp pruning shears (that have been sterilized), I cut the previous year's canes off as close to the base as possible. It is best to do an individual species one at a time especially if you have a large variety of species. Using a new single sided razor blade, I begin to cut the canes into pieces. The thicker part of the cane I will leave two bracts or nodes in between cuts. The thinner part of the cane (the end tip), I will leave at least three bracts or nodes in between the cuts.



# **DENDROBIUMS** By Tom Kuligowski (continued)

Once the new plants have developed roots about two inches long, I will very carefully harvest them from the trays and place the new plants in two or three inch clay pots with new moss. You may have to trim the ends of the cut canes slightly to get them into the new containers; be sure to use a clean sharp blade. I always put at least two cutting into each pot so that the plants eventually produce multiple pendant canes and produce numerous flowers. You can also take the new plants and mount them to various materials. When I do mount them, I will usually keep them flat as the new plant's canes grow. It keeps the roots exposed to the moisture for a longer period of time during the active growing season. I have had second year plants of Dendrobium pierardii grow canes close to seven feet long because of the amount of water and fertilizer I use.



# DONATION BOX FOR HUMANE SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

Each meeting there will be a donation box by the information table for anyone to drop off any pet supplies ex: blankets/towels/cat litter/dog & cat food/harness/leashes etc.

All donations will be given to the HSBC in the name of CSOS. Lets help those who cant help theirselves.

#### REMEMBER YOU ARE ALWAYS INVITED...

Society members are always invited to sit in on the West Palm Beach Judging Center meeting. They hold monthly judging on the 4th Saturday of the month (3rd Saturday in December) at Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S. Flamingo Rd., Davie, FL.

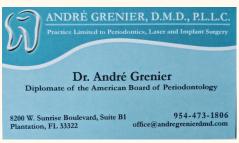
Training begins at 12:30 PM Nominations begin at 2:00 PM Judging begins at 2:30 PM

The public is invited to observe the judging process. The West Palm Beach Judging Center of the American Orchid Society encourages everyone to bring orchids in for judging. It's a great way to learn about orchids, and most monthly meetings also include educational presentations. American Orchid Society & Flamingo Gardens Members are admitted free; complimentary participation for non-members with paid admission to Flamingo Gardens.

#### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS & SPONSORS!

Your sponsorship will make it possible for us to expand our programming with more orchid related speakers as well as organize additional educational activities for the Society & the orchid community at large. Your advertisement will appear on our website through the newsletter, which is also distributed monthly to our members. **NEW! There is also a special section on our website where your business card will be displayed with the ability when one clicks on the business card it will direct you to your company's website!** You are also welcome to provide business cards or promotional material for display on our information table set up at each meeting!

If you would you like to advertise your business or services to our members and community for \$25 per year per business card, please contact RoseMarie, realtorz@bellsouthnet. or Debbie, yorkierambo@bellsouth.net













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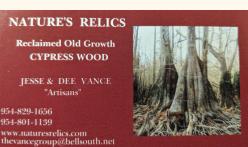


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Fairchild Gardens, 16th Annual International Orchid Festival, Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. Boca Raton, FL, March 8-10, 2019.

Sawgrass Nature Center Orchid & Plant Festival, 3000 Sportsplex Dr, Coral Springs, FL 33065, 9:30am - 4:30pm, Admission \$7.00

Bonnet House Orchid & Plant Festival, 900 N. Birch Rd, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33304, April 6th & 7th, 9am -4:00pm

Orchid & Bromeliad Show, Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL, April 20 & 21, 2019, 8:30am - 4:30pm.

Redland Internation Orchid Festival, Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave, Homestead, FL 33031, May 17-19, 2019, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Admission \$10.00

# CORAL SPRINGS ORCHID SOCIETY HAS AGAIN BEEN INVITED TO HAVE AN INFORMATION BOOTH TO PROMOTE OUR SOCIETY AT THE SAWGRASS NATURE CENTER ORCHID SHOW!





This is a great way to introduce our Society to all the visitors attending the show. We will have a free raffle to win a beautiful orchid. In addition we will have a few freebies to give away. We will have a member sign up sheet available for anyone wishing to join. It's alot of fun & you can attend the orchid show before or after your shift & visit all the vendors.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE SELECT A TIME BELOW & SIGN UP TO HELP OUR SOCIETY CONTINUE TO GROW! DETAILS & SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING OR EMAIL DEBBIE MALLOY: yorkierambo@bellsouth.net

SATURDAY - APRIL 6th

**SUNDAY - APRIL 7th** 

 9:30-12:00
 9:30-12:00

 12:00-2:30
 12:00-2:30

 2:30-4:30
 2:30-4:30

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



# A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS MONICA EASTEP



My name is Monica Eastep and in 2004, I was diagnosed with MS. Since then, I've been walking for a cure. Together with your support, we have raised close to \$50,000 for the South Florida Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS)! Money that is being used to find a cure for MS and help with programs for people living with this crazy disease like me!!

With your help, I know we can make 2019 even bigger and better!

This year we'll be again walking at both Walk MS: Ft. Lauderdale & Walk MS: Boca Raton. Join us Saturday, March 23rd at George English Park Ft Lauderdale 33304 & Sunday, March 31st at CSL Plasma, Boca Raton 33487

MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION! To make a donation, visit our Team page at: http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/EastepsTeamImagine and click "Donate to our team". For details on how you can become a business sponsor, please contact Monica Eastep at Monica@theparkgroup.com.

Add a little hit of hody text

MONICA WILL HAVE HER FLYERS AVAILABLE AT OUR MEETING FEB 25th ON THE INFORMATION TABLE.

#### **BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE!**

Be sure to stop by our website & check it out! We think you will find it very informative. Be sure to check out the growing tip tab & be sure to click on each of the flowers. Love the butterflies??? click on them! Check our our ramble videos - orchid videos - calendar of events & more! Don't forget the sponsor page! If you click on the business card, it takes you to that business's website. Its a great way to advertise your business for only \$25 for the year!

www.coralspringsorchidsociety.org / check us out on Facebook & Youtube too!



Do you have something you would like to submit to the newsletter? We love to hear from our members!

Please submit to Debbie Malloy: yorkierambo@bellsouth.net