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Our September speaker will be Wendy Mazuk. Her presentation will be on "The GHOST ORCHID". Wendy has been immersed in the orchid world since 2008. Starting from a free class on orchids from Broward Orchid Supply & quickly learning much about everything orchids that you can, then later working the large orchid shows with BOS. Throughout her time at Florida Gulf Coast University, she did many projects on the Ghost Orchid, dendrophylaxlindenii, including her senior research projects, which lead to researching the poaching of orchids in the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve. Graduating FGCU with a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Studies, Wendy also helps with camera work & collecting data every summer with park rangers & environmental scientists. She has also published articles on the Ghost Orchid





Upcoming Event: Attention CSOS Member Ramblers!

Our September CSOS Member Ramble will held Saturday, Sept 22nd at the home of Scott & Donna Peplin, Ft Lauderdale, FL from 9:30am - 11:30 am

Scott was our June speaker & we all enjoyed his slide presentation so much! He has invited us to "ramble on down" to his Orchid Bar & Grill! If you have not been there before you are in for quite a treat! Scott has a slat house full of fabulous orchid varieties as well as mounted around his property!

Scott will be speaking to us about on how to get your orchids ready for the winter months ahead!

There will be a free orchid raffle & light refreshments. If anyone would like to donate a plant for the raffle or bring a refreshment, you will receive a free raffle ticket! RSVP to Debbie Malloy by Sept 20th. See you there! (here is a peek for you!)







Past Event: August Speaker Judy Bailey!

Our August speaker was the incredible Judy Bailey! After retiring to Florida in 2006, Judy joined the AOS and entered the judging program at the West Palm Beach Judging Center. She received her AOS accreditation in 2015. Judy has served & continues to serve, the WPBJC as training coordinator, webmaster, member of the education committee, and Awards Secretary.

Judy presented us with a "Cyber Home Ramble" consisting of orchid slides submitted by our own CSOS members! Discussions centered on each orchid and/or growing areas shown followed by Q&A about how to improve any problems seen. This presentation was especially helpful to members struggling with their orchids & she gave us ideas about how to better grow them. We all really enjoyed having Judy meet with us & look forward to her return!







LAST CALL!! Bus Ramble! September 30, 2018 SEATS ARE LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!



This is our 2nd Bus Ramble to the Miami International Orchid Show, Sunday Sept 30th, 2018. The show is inside so no weather worries. Nice air conditioned bus drives us right to the door. Price \$25 per person & free entry fee to the show. For "Members only" on the day of the event - you will receive \$10 reimbursement from the society. This will be first come first served (no refunds). Leaves 10am returning 4pm. *Mail your check to CSOS, PO Box 770065, Coral Springs FI 33077* or pay at the upcoming Sept Meeting to ensure a seat on the bus. Seats limited - once the bus is filled we will start a waiting list for any cancellations. Any questions call RoseMarie 954-821-1050.

Carmela & Marie's Orchid Open House

Since there was no ramble scheduled for August due to the heat, Carmela, our President, hosted an Orchid Open House. Guests dropped in to tour her tropical gardens & see her many varieties of orchids. Although Mother Nature also decided to make her appearance with some rain showers, everyone was still able to enjoy her gardens in between showers!



DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP !

The CSOS has formed a "*Members Ramble Club!*" In addition to our monthly meetings (the third Monday of each month). we will be hosting an additional monthly "Rambles" where members will meet at an announced location (weather permitting). These Rambles will take place at various private homes of individuals & growers who would like to share with us their growing experiences & orchids in their backyards or greenhouses. It is open to members only, no guests. *If interested let Debbie Malloy know to put you on her "separate ramble email mailing list!" yorkierambo@bellsouth.net*

DID YOU KNOW?

There are several Orchid FaceBook pages you may want to join. I have listed a few below:

Newbie Florida Orchid Growers Orchaholics Anonymous Florida Orchid Growing Florida Native Orchids Scented Orchids

Don't forget to drop in & like our FaceBook page! "Coral Springs Orchid Society"



Special "Shout Outs!" No Septembers birthdays to announce

If you know any member who has a birthday, anniversary or not feeling well, please let me know so we can post it in the news letter! contact: **Debbie Malloy, yorkierambo@bellsouth.net**



Welcome New Members!



CSOS would like to welcome the following new members in August! *Andrew & Joann Frados, Nancy Celetti, Dominique Wong & Renee Bahadosingh-Eubanks*! Lets all give them a great big welcome!

Raffle Tickets Anyone?

Ellen, Barbara & RoseMarie busy selling raffle tickets! Thank you for all your help!



Our Raffle Table

Thank you to Chris & Tom Binder, Natures Relics, RoseMarie Z, Sue & Ken Weust & Bob Malloy for supporting our raffle table for our August meeting! Chris & Tom Binder will again supply plants for the September raffle table!!! Thank you!





Refreshment Table

Thank you Mary Ierubino for heading the Refreshment Table Committee & Steve Sikora our "Coffee Man" who has that hot pot of coffee ready for us! Thank you Sue Weust, Loraine Wilson, Bob Malloy & RoseMarie Z. who graciously donated to our refreshment table!

If any member would like to add to the enjoyment of the table by donating a refreshment or beverage, you will earn a free raffle ticket! (**Dont forget to sign the sheet at the table when you drop off your donation!**)



Sunshine Chairman

If you know any member who may be ill, hospitalized, etc, please let Ellen Donovan know so she can get a card right out to them from our Society! *ellro115@outlook.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 or beverage
- 3) bringing a friend to the meeting
- 4) donating a plant for the raffle table



DONT FORGET TO STOP BY OUR INFORMATION TABLE!

Be sure to stop by & visit our information table set up by Debbie & Bob Malloy. They 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! There is also a suggestion box as we love to hear from our members! Your comments/suggestions are very important to us!



MEET OUR JUDGES!!

Meet Chris Binder & Jim Rogan who do an excellent job with judging our members entries each meeting. Awards include first place, honorable mention & cultural ribbons in each category. Thank you so much Chris & Jim!!

CSOS UPCOMING SPEAKERS & EVENTS!

SEPT 17, 2018 Guest Speaker WENDY MAZUK, "the Ghost Orchid" SEPT 30, 2018 Bus Ramble to the Miami International Orchid Show OCT 15, 2018 VENDOR AUCTION Nov 19, 2018 Guest Speaker TONY MILLET Dec 17, 2018 CSOS HOLIDAY PARTY



Blue Ribbon Award Winners - August 2018



Alcra.Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold Moveta Sanchez

B. Jiminy Cricket Gee Whiz Marissa Gittelman



rlc sedona's somros rose x sedonas rubies Marissa Gittelman



Paphiopedilum wardii 'Freckies' HCC/AOS x sib Marissa Gittelman



Bpl. Golden Peacock 'Orange Beauty' Roderick Lewis



Dendrobium Caesar Maija Nemati



Mounts Botanical Garden Orchid Sale & Shady Affair, 531 North Military Trail, WPB, FL - September 16 & 17, 2018 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

2nd Miami International Orchid Show, September 29-30, 2018, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Watsco Center, University of Miami, 1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146 *Join us on the bus!*

Delray Beach Orchid Society Show "Orchids on the Square"; Friday, October 26—Sunday, October 28, 2018 at Old School Square Vintage Gymnasium, 51 North Swinton Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444. Hours - 10 am - 5 pm (4 pm Sunday). Tickets are \$5.00. Children under 6 -free - no pets.

Mounts Botanical Garden Fall Plant Sale, 531 North Military Trail, WPB, FL - November 4, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., & November 5, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Orchid Obsession 7th Annual Orchid Show & Sell, 1790 Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL, Nov 17-18, 2018 10am-5pm - \$5 cash only

Tamiami International Orchid Festival, January 11-13, 2019, 10:00am -6pm at Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Miami, FL

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show, January 25-27, 2019 War Memorial, Ft Lauderdale, FL

Boca Raton Orchid Society Annual Valentines Show & Sale, February 9 - 10, 2019

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

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





A TIP FROM JUDY BAILEY - OUR AUGUST SPEAKER!

TO CSOS MEMBERS: a number of people asked me more details about the wire baskets I talked about at the meeting. Here is some info below.

Below is the selection sometimes available at Dollar Tree—or you can buy them by the case on-line from their web site & have them delivered free to your local store.

I use the wastebasket size for my very large orchid plants (see below) and the square and round ones for all of my medium sized plants. They have gone through four repottings so far—-with no signs of wearing out.

Below are some examples of my paphiopedilums in these baskets ...and for my larger plants, the waste baskets work great!

Lots of air flow to the roots, excellent drainage, durable----and cheap. Sure works for me!Judy







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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 or mail to: CSOS PO Box 770065, Coral Springs, FL 33077



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WORLD'S LARGEST ORCHID PLANT IN BLOOM!

July 20, 2018 | Nick Snakenberg, Curator of Tropical Collections and Associate Director of Horticulture.. If you've ever wanted to see the world's largest orchid plant in bloom, now is your chance. While there are taller orchid plants and larger orchid flowers, the overall mass of Grammatophyllum speciosum has earned it recognition as the world's largest orchid and it is now in bloom in our Boettcher Memorial Tropical onservatory.





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Also known as the sugarcane orchid because of its foliage, G. speciosum is a native of Malaysia, Sumatra and New Guinea. Years ago on a trip to Malaysia, I saw specimens growing as epiphytes on tree trunks over 100 feet in the air. Many more specimens were in public and private gardens as they are popular plants for rescue when large trees are cut down.

Our plant and its blossoms are most easily viewed by entering the upper level conservatory doors off the main lobby. Walk along the north wall and about 15 feet or so in, look to the south over the ledge and you will see the sugarcane-like leaves and the maroon and white blooms.

The real plant nerds among may notice that the lowest flowers are botanically imperfect. Further up the inflorescence, the flowers become perfect. Weird and wonderful!

FUN FACTS!

a) The bottle of vanilla extract that you pour into your favorite cookie and cake recipes comes from the orchid Vanilla Planifolia. It's the only orchid that produces an edible fruit (yep, vanilla is fruit!).

b) With the exception of black, orchids sport basically every color of the rainbow. Although rare, there are even blue orchids. Orchid flowers bloom in dual color combos too

c) Orchids know just how to get insects to pollinate. Certain types, like the (really adorable) "bee orchid" closely resemble insects, which tricks the bugs into coming close. To be blunt, the insect might try to mate with the flower, and will take the pollen when it finally wises up and flies away

d) Some Varieties Look Just Like Animals. The "monkey orchid" is totally smiling at you, and some orchids have an uncanny knack for mimicking birds, like the white egret orchid and the flying duck orchid.

e) Orchid flowers aren't only found in the tropics, instead they can grow in almost any habitat and can even bloom underground! But you won't find them in icy Antarctica!



Left: the Monkey Orchid

Right: the Bee Orchid



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