



# ORCHID VIEW

## MONTHLY MEETING ♦ AUGUST 4, 2014

Great Room by the Bay ♦ The Activities Center  
MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS  
811 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL

6:00 pm Doors open

6:15 pm Culture Class with Roy Krueger

7:00 pm Business Meeting

Light Refreshments

## MONROE KOKIN'S 2014 PICTORIAL JOURNEY THROUGH THAILAND, INDONESIA, AND MALAYSIA

Discussion & Ribbon Awards on Members' Plant Table

### A SPECIAL PLANT RAFFLE

Meda Rigatti, a recently widowed neighbor of Jane Hagerstrom, has offered her husband George's collection of well-grown cattleyas and dendrobiums to the Sarasota Orchid Society for this evening's raffle.

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

AUGUST 4, 2014

Refreshments for our meetings are provided by our members, not the society. Every member is asked to provide food or drink at least once per year. A notice of when it is a member's turn to do so, is in each newsletter. If you cannot attend that meeting, we ask you to contact Denny Pavlock, at least two weeks prior to the meeting, so he can reassign you to a different month. Please let us know if you are a seasonal resident.

We are asking those members listed below to please take their turn to help with refreshments for this month's meeting. It involves bringing in light refreshments and/or beverages, assist with setting up the buffet table and share in the clean-up process after the meeting. Doors open at 6:00 pm and all set-up, with food and beverages, ready for our members by 6:45 pm, before the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

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| <b>Cathy Lewis</b>               | <b>Light Refreshment</b>       |
| <b>James Lopez</b>               | <b>3 one-liter soft drinks</b> |
| <b>Elizabeth Lucchesi</b>        | <b>Light Refreshment</b>       |
| <b>Marisa Mangani</b>            | <b>Light Refreshment</b>       |
| <b>Yves Martin</b>               | <b>Light Refreshment</b>       |
| <b>Julie McClure</b>             | <b>Light Refreshment</b>       |
| <b>Hendrika McDowell</b>         | <b>Light Refreshment</b>       |
| <b>Steve &amp; Hazell Miller</b> | <b>1 gallon Ice Tea</b>        |
| <b>Donald Morris</b>             | <b>Light Refreshment</b>       |
| <b>Gail Mrkvicka</b>             | <b>Light Refreshment</b>       |
| <b>David Muolo</b>               | <b>Light Refreshment</b>       |
| <b>Irene Murray</b>              | <b>Light Refreshment</b>       |

Light Refreshments: Cheese & Crackers, Cookies, Desserts, Fruits, Nuts, Vegetables/Dip, etc.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please **call or email** **Dennis Pavlock**, as soon as possible, or switch with another member. Thanks so much! Judy Robertson, Hospitality

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AUGUST 4th CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS  
 To put away Chairs & Clean Tables at the end of the Meeting.  
 Lilli Overkamp

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WELCOME TO  
OUR NEW MEMBERS  
Joining the  
Sarasota Orchid Society in July

Beverly Cavazzi  
Rich Kosmacki

We welcome each of you and look forward to your active participation in our monthly meetings and activities. Being involved enhances the enjoyment you will receive from your SOS membership.



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### An Important Request to our SOS Members

Selby has asked us **NOT** to leave the gate open and unattended at the entrance to the Activity Center on our Meeting night. Therefore, if you arrive **after 7:00 pm when our meeting has started**, please call **Norm Hillstrom at 941-726-0615** or **Jo Davis at 941-228-5501** and someone will come down to open the gate for you. Your cooperation is much appreciated!

### July 2014 SOS Meeting Minutes

Laurie Stoner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.  
Jo Davis introduced new members and guests.

New Business:

Changes for upcoming meeting:

- We have canceled the September Labor Day picnic that was scheduled for the Garden Club. We will now have Alan Koch of Gold Country orchids speak in September. It will be here at Selby.
- We will have a Christmas potluck dinner at the Sarasota Garden Club on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Announcements:

- All members and guests please visit the display table and vote for your favorite species, hybrid, and novice plants.
- We have one specimen plant on the raffle table tonight grown by our speaker, Jim Roberts. He also has an excellent supply of orchids at very reasonable prices do take a look during the break!

10 Minute Break –

Jim Roberts gave a wonderful talk on the complex topic of how to choose parents for certain outcomes in hybridizing.

- Jim and Roy went through the Display table
- Mecky Kreissle and Al Langdon ran the raffle.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.



BEST HYBRID

*Bct. Jack Sloniker*  
(*B. nodosa*  
x *Ctt. Netrasiri Waxy*)

Grown by  
DENNIS PAVLOCK



2014 JULY MEMBERS' PLANT TABLE  
"SHOW & TELL" AWARDS

SPEAKER'S  
CHOICE

*E. Cindy*  
(*E. tampensis* x *E. alata*)

Grown by  
CATHY LEWIS



BEST  
SPECIES

*Psb. cochleata*

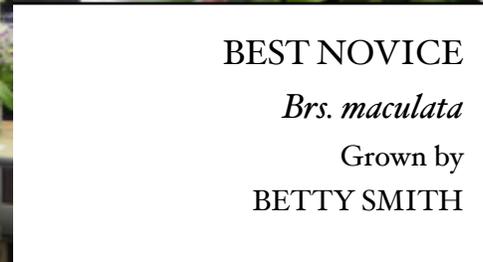
Grown by  
ROY  
KRUEGER

Photography by  
Carolyn Langdon



BEST NOVICE

*Brs. maculata*  
Grown by  
BETTY SMITH



## ORCHIDS WE SHOULD ALL GROW

### ONCIDIUM SPHACELATUM

by Roy Krueger

No matter what you collect, as long as you have an ample space, you need an *Onc. sphacelatum*. to provide you with a spectacular and floriferous reminder that spring is here!

Unlike most manageable, pot-sized oncidiums, *Onc. sphacelatum*. is a space-filler. Whether grown in a clay pot or mounted, it will soon become a specimen-sized monster.

The flower is typical in shape for an oncidium, with a predominantly bright yellow color highlighted with chestnut brown. Flowers are smallish, only about 1-1 ¼" in width, but their size is offset by the large number of flowers it produces. A plant awarded an AM/AOS in Tampa had over 1700 blooms. Another, awarded a CCM/AOS in Ohio, had over 3500!



The pseudobulb is typically 8-10" long, somewhat flat and oval-shaped. Leaves can be up to 30" long and are narrow, less than 1" wide. Inflorescences can be up to 4' long and branch readily.

*Onc. sphacelatum*. is found throughout Central America, from Mexico to Venezuela. It typically grows as an epiphyte, but is occasionally found as a terrestrial growing in humus. It is a forest dweller, usually found in low lying areas seldom over 500' in elevation.

Taking all this into consideration, one would expect *Onc. sphacelatum*. to be a warm grower that loves moisture. Although that's true, it is also a very tolerant and adaptable plant. It grows best when it's kept warm and moist under filtered, bright light but it will even survive the "Oops, I forgot to bring it in" lament when it falls below 35 degrees at night in the winter.

It is adaptable to pot culture (clay is best), but also thrives when mounted. The plant pictured above is mounted on a piece of 6"x 8" tree fern. Tree fern seems to work better than cork or cedar slats because the roots can intertwine and grow through the fibers to help support it.

Grow it moist and fertilize it on a regular basis when it's in active growth. Cut back on the fertilizer in winter and water less frequently, but don't forget it entirely.

A word on fertilizing in Florida -- our plants often continue to grow all winter long, but at a slower pace. Cutting back on fertilizer doesn't mean stopping, but rather reducing the dosage to perhaps 25% of your normal weekly application. Skipping a week is okay, but remember that even when we are sluggish, we still like to eat occasionally.

The plant pictured grows outside on an arbor and gets direct sun in the morning and late afternoon. Midday sun is filtered by oak and hickory trees. It is watered daily in growing season and fertilized weekly with a balanced 13-2-13 fertilizer supplemented with CalMag. Once a month, it receives Potassium Nitrate and Mag Sulfate.

As blooming season approaches, the plant moves into the pool cage so it can be enjoyed constantly. When the first bloom falls, it gets moved back out to the arbor because it gets messy when it sheds 500-1000 small blooms.

- Roy Krueger

## 2014 Wild Orchid Man Adventures in Bhutan

By Stig Dalström, the Wild Orchid Man

During my annual Wild Orchid Man (WOM) tour to Bhutan, in April-May of 2014, my main focus was to find lady slipper orchids (*Paphiopedilum* and *Cypripedium* species). There are three species of *Paphiopedilum* historically reported from Bhutan, although only two localities are presently known, as well as five species of *Cypripedium*, all growing on the ground or on limestone rocks in seasonally very wet areas. My intention was to make an inventory of known plant sites of these delightful orchids, hopefully discover new populations, and identify any potential environmental threats in their habitat due to planned road construction and/or power line installations which require the cutting back of vegetation, and unfortunately, negatively affect the biodiversity.

The weather was damp with frequent showers when our team, consisting of Nima Gyeltshen, Choki Gyeltshen, Dupchu Wangdi from the National Biodiversity Centre (NBC) in Serbithang, Thimphu, and I left the capitol in early May. We set off to the south, towards the Indian border, and more specifically the Royal Manas National Park. The weather and the roads became increasingly soggy as we approached the little village of Panbang. It seemed like the summer monsoon had arrived early again! Apparently, the daily (and nightly) heavy rains began the same day the team left Thimphu. Villagers informed us that the narrow road that leads to the desirable limestone areas had been blocked by landslides and was now impassable for the season. We had several unappealing alternatives to consider. Walk through heavy torrential rainfall for three hours, possibly photograph some plants that probably would not be in bloom at this time of the year anyway, and return to Panbang through another three hours of cold rain, possibly in darkness. Or we could wait in Panbang, and hope for the rain to hold up, or the road to be cleared, which might not happen until September. Our team decided to leave Panbang and head north again, while there remained a functioning 'escape road,' and search for drier areas to explore.

As it turned out, our quest for *Paphiopedilum* species was thoroughly unsuccessful, and the search for *Cypripedium* species just marginally better. We only succeeded in finding green tips that were barely above ground, and one single plant in bud. We shifted our focus to other types of orchids, which I'm happy to report, turned out remarkably successful. We documented several new species for Bhutan.

Darryl Saffer: Hello from hot, wet Florida!

Two Florida Field Journals have been posted, both featuring Sarasota county parks. Rothenbach Park is relatively new and is a story of trash to treasure, built on a former landfill. Myakka River State Park is a 24 minute video sonata that was shown several years ago at galleries and museums but has not aired on TV or been on YouTube until now. Check out <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQM-L68fNvtEDkWhQyMoZuyL7iSIcyzTe> and please spread the word.

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Our membership dues at \$20. for individuals and \$25. for families are a great value. These dues help us acquire quality speakers for our monthly meetings and pay for special events such as picnics and repotting demonstrations. Our fund raisers, Orchid Auction, Orchid Show and Raffles raise additional funds to educate the general public about orchids and their conservation, provide scholarships to local students who will study horticulture, and support orchid research programs.

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3	<b>4 AUGUST SOS MEETING</b> Monroe Kokin presenting a Pictorial Journey through Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia	5	6	7	8	<b>9 AUGUST AOS JUDGING</b> Orlando Area Judging Maitland Civic Center, 641 S. Maitland Ave, Maitland, FL 352-735-2898 <a href="http://venueonthelake.com">http:// venueonthelake.com</a>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	<b>23 AUGUST AOS JUDGING</b> West Palm Beach Judging Center, 2 pm Flamingo Gardens Davie, FL 305-245-1711
24	25	26	<b>20 AUGUST AOS JUDGING</b> Tampa North- Central Judging Center 7 pm 813-989-9357 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL	28	29	30
31	<b>1 SEPTEMBER</b> Labor Day <b>SOS MEETING</b> Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids, Lincoln, CA speaking on Cattleyas Alliances. Selby Gardens' Activities Center	2	3	4	5	6
If you have not picked up your 2014 SOS Membership Directory insert for your purple Binder, Jo Davis will have them at the Membership Desk during the August SOS Meeting.						