



ORCHID VIEW

MONTHLY MEETING ♦ JUNE 2, 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

“Movin’ Time.....A New Home for Your Orchids”

A RePotting and Mounting Session

Please see page 3 for further information.

8:30 pm Discussion & Ribbon Awards on Members’ Plant Table

A Plant Raffle completes our meeting!

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



HOSPITALITY

COMMITTEE

June 2, 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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| Halima Farsun | Light Refreshment |
| Jacqueline Fitzgerald | Light Refreshment |
| Gayle Fortin, Carl Paugh | 2 one-gallon Iced Tea |
| Maria Gaffar | Light Refreshment |
| Susan Gerhardt | 3 one-liter soft drinks |
| Irena Gwaltney | Light Refreshment |
| Joan & Steven Haber | Light Refreshment |
| Jane Hagerstrom | Light Refreshment |
| Jean Hamilton | Light Refreshment |
| Donna Heffner | Light Refreshment |
| Rick Helmuth | Light Refreshment |

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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Clean-up Volunteers

To put away Chairs & Clean the Tables at the end of the June 2nd Meeting:
 Susan Gerhardt, Betty & Ben Smith

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Joining
 The Sarasota Orchid Society in May

Barbara Tye & Adam Richert

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

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“Movin’ Time....A New Home for Your Orchids” Monday Evening

The June 2nd meeting will be a **“hands on” repotting session**. If you have an orchid or two that you haven’t repotted yet because you’re concerned you don’t have the skills or strength to do so, please bring it in to the meeting along with the pot or mount and medium you would like to use. Experienced members from our society will be on hand to guide and assist you in repotting or mounting your orchid.

Note: Limited tools, plastic pots & medium will be available for those in need.

May 5, 2014 SOS Meeting Minutes

Laurie Stoner called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Jo Davis introduced new members and guests and announced the new 2014 membership Books.

Old Business:

We still need volunteers to stay after our meetings to help clean-up!

New Business:

At the board meeting last Monday, the slate of officers for this year were approved. Laurie will remain as president, Denny as Treasurer, and Jo as Secretary. The only change is Roy Krueger will be the new V.P., so if you have any ideas for programs, please let him know.

I hope everyone received the email that we are a Challenge Partner helping Selby Gardens earn donations and a share of the \$660,000 in matching funds for nonprofits in our area. It starts tomorrow at noon and runs for 24 hours. Any questions about how to make donations, share on Facebook or Tweet with a hashtag of #loveselby? You are all invited to the victory party on Wednesday whether you contribute or not. It will be a nice opportunity to be in the Gardens, have a glass of wine, a little something to eat... and with no agenda!

I’m looking for members who willing to show off their growing areas and discuss how they grow for a profile article in our newsletter. You don’t need to have hundreds of plants.

Any other new business?

Announcements:

- All members and guests please visit the display table and vote for your favorite species, hybrid, and novice plants.
- We have an extra-large selection of plants on the raffle table because of a donation so please buy your tickets.

After the break Roy Krueger, will help us all of us growers to know who we are so we can purchase and grow the healthiest orchids possible!

Roy and Laurie went over the display table. Al and Carolyn Langdon and Mecky Kreissle ran the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



**HYBRID
OF THE MONTH**
*Epicyclia Serena
O'Neill*
(*Epy. Mabel Kanda
x E. cordigera*)

**Grown by
Hazell Miller**



**2014 MAY
MEMBERS' PLANT TABLE
"SHOW & TELL"
AWARDS**



**NOVICE
OF THE MONTH
and
SPEAKER'S
CHOICE**

Angraecum sesquipedale

**Grown by
Bill Quinn**



**BEST SPECIES
OF THE MONTH**
Cymbidiella pardalina
**Grown by
Cathy Lewis**



The Sarasota Orchid Society, Inc. (SOS) meets on the first Monday of each month at Selby Gardens. The SOS, an affiliate of the American Orchid Society, is a non-profit association with the aims of promoting the development, improvement and preservation of orchids through the dissemination of information concerning the culture, hybridization or development of orchids, and generally to extend the knowledge of orchids.

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.

“Orchid View” our Orchid Society newsletter, is published monthly by the Sarasota Orchid Society. It is included via e-mail at no charge for members. For those who prefer to receive their monthly newsletter (in black & white) via the U.S. Postal Service, they are available for an additional \$15/year to cover the cost of the postage.

Deadline for articles, photos and information for the newsletter is the 15th of the previous month.

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Oh, the orchids I've killed – and what I've learned along the way.**by Laurie Stoner**

After Roy Krueger's talk, "Grower Know Thyself", I started thinking about what I've learned growing orchids in Sarasota over the last 13 years. I believe the greatest breakthrough I've had is "Know how you grow" – and for gosh sakes, don't get carried away with too many plants. Easy to say, hard to do. The minute I moved here I became a typical kid in the candy store. I created a list of what I wanted and the treasure hunt was on. Since I decided to keep good records from the start, I can even share with you, my fellow orchid enthusiasts, a few of my insights as to why some of my orchids (455 to be exact) landed on my "Lost Orchids List" -- my catchall for all those I culled, gave away, that died (usually of root death), were chewed on by rodents, virused, or that simply "failed to thrive" over time in my growing environment and with my cultural habits.

Back in 2001, I bought several popular books on orchid growing, assembled a bunch of multi-tiered racks on my lanai and went to town. My first casualties were a number of phalaenopsis that moved with me from up North. You guessed it. Crown rot because rainwater accumulated on the new growth, something that rarely happened on my windowsill in South Dakota. Then I gradually started to lose a number of newly acquired plants, mostly in the cattleya alliance, due to pythium root rot. In fairness, a few had no roots to begin with because I made the mistake of scooping up a lot of bare root divisions that were beyond their "sell by" date or beyond my skill level. I gradually began to lose a small number of cooler growing hybrids, such as Aliceara Marfitch and Lycaste Shoalhaven that suffered in the heat or possibly from my culture and a few, like Cynoches loddigesii, that were watered when they were resting. I also lost a few dendrobiums, probably because I'd put them in large pots when they were perfectly happy being rootbound. Scanning down my list, I lost most of the plants in the summer months after I'd repotted them, either because I watered them too soon or because they received too much rainwater on the lanai. I also lost a number of plants that were in porr shape from the outset – such as those I picked up on sales tables, from raffles, or those thrust upon me by well-meaning neighbors. Note: I also got a number of great plants this way. Definitely, a luck of the draw!

Despite my ever-lengthening "Lost Orchids List", a lot of my plants actually flourished and rebloomed. I took pictures of them, catalogued everything they did and everything I did to them, brought them in for the display table and entered them in orchid shows. I started winning ribbons and thought, "Wow, you're becoming a pretty good grower." So what did I do? You guessed it. I bought more and more plants until I ran out of room. Unfortunately, overcrowded and overgrown orchids provide a perfect environment for scale to proliferate and for thrips to hide. Despite going after them with pesticides, I noticed rampant scale during my spring repotting session and too many spoiled blooms and bud blast from thrips in the fall.

So, last year I decided to scale back (no pun intended) from 300 to 200 plants. I asked myself, "What orchids do well for me?" Hmm. Paphiopedilums. I even have all of the ones I brought down from up North. The small, mottled-leaf ones seem to succeed on the lower shelf of racks on my north-facing lanai (the racks are long gone) and the bigger ones, with solid green leaves, plus a couple of Phragmipediums do quite well in my little shade house. What else? Let's see. Cymbidiums do well on my lanai with 70% light, especially now that they're away from all the oak leaves and squirrels. Cattleyas, encyclias, brassavolas, and rhyncolaelias do decently well when I grow them in hanging wooden baskets, but not so well on mounts. Bulbophyllums do well in bulb pans, but not mounted, and maxallarias do well in small pots or baskets. Terrestrials like spathoglottis and phaius and Epi. radicans do extremely well in my yard and even come back after a freeze. A Myrmecophila tibicinis and a Den. nobile bloom are doing fine in one of my ligustrums. That's most of them. Plenty to try to grow into specimens.

So, as a grower, who am I now after 13 years? I'm still one who waters 2-3 times per week in the spring/summer and 1-2 times a week in the fall/winter but now only the cymbidiums and a few plants in baskets get rainwater. I'm still one who applies Dynamite 13-13-13 on my pot-grown plants in the spring and who fertilizes the mounted ones once a month. I've settled in as one who grows intermediate orchids that can tolerate the cool nights in the winter and the warm nights in the summer. I only cover my shade house or bring in the plants on my lanai if there's a frost warning. I'm becoming someone who is more vigilant looking for and treating pests. In fact, I've decided to adopt a firm schedule of preventive treatment – soon. Very soon.

In case you're wondering about what else is lurking in my records, I've listed it below. I also have the potting and blooming times in a spreadsheet so I can print it out and have it handy on a clipboard for when I repot or do an inventory – and yes, for when I need to make a note of the date and reason why one of them needs to go on the "Lost Orchid List." Alas, dear orchid, I enjoyed our time together, but all good things come to an end.

ORCHIDS GROWN BY LAURIE STONER



Mcp. tibicinis peaking out of ligustrum



Rhyocolaelias hanging in the shade house



cymbidiums on the lanai



Den. lindleyi sunbathing






Myrmecophila and dendrobiums in ligustrum



Cart with paph's on lower shelf

Photographs by Laurie Stoner

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">JUNE 2014</h1> 						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 JUNE SOS MEETING “Re-Potting and Mounting Orchids” for all Members.	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 JUNE AOS JUDGING Orlando Area Judging Maitland Civic Center, 641 S. Maitland Ave, Maitland, FL 352-735-2898 http:// venueonthelake.com
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	1 JULY		3	4	5
6	7 JULY SOS MEETING JIM ROBERTS “Florida SunCoast Orchids” “Hybridization”	8	9	10	11	12
 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 June & July SOS Meetings. 