



# ORCHID VIEW

## MONTHLY MEETING JUNE 4, 2015

### MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS

Great Room by the Bay, The Activities Center, 811 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL

6:00 pm **Doors Open**

6:15 pm **Culture Study with Roy Krueger**

7:00 pm **Business Meeting**

7:15 pm **“Mounted Orchids and Basket Culture”**

### MIKE POLEN

Art Stone Orchids, St. Petersburg, FL

Mike will be bringing with him Orchid Plants for sale.

8:15 pm **Members' Plant Table**, Discussion & Ribbon Awards

**A Plant Raffle** completes our Meeting!

Guests are always welcome!

***Please note:***

*Should you arrive to our Monthly SOS Meeting **after 7:00 pm**, when the Gate to the Selby Activities Center is locked, please call the cell phone of one of our members in the meeting, as listed on the Gate. Someone will come down to let you in. Selby's Rules are such that the Gate must be locked once our meeting has started, at which time no one is available to continue to sit by the gate.*



**HOSPITALITY**

To make setup and cleanup easier, members at the March 2nd Meeting voted to end the practice of bringing in snacks. The Hospitality Committee, led by Judy Robertson, will continue to provide coffee, ice tea, water and soft drinks.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Joining The Sarasota Orchid Society  
**May 2015**

- CHARLES CASTLE**
- NICOLE DUKE**
- TERI FISHER**
- TOM ZAHN**

**Sarasota Orchid Society  
2015 Dues**

will remain the same.

**\$20.00 Individual Membership**  
**\$25.00 Family Membership**

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may be mailed to

**Sarasota Orchid Society**

**PO Box 19895**

**Sarasota, FL 34276-2895**

or dropped off at the Membership Table during our June 1st Meeting.

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Per the discussion at the May meeting ... **Big Earth Landscaping**, on Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, **will be bringing Orchid Products for potting and spraying**, such as some of the items which Roy Krueger discusses during his monthly “Learn to Grow Orchids” sessions at 6:15 pm, prior to the Sarasota Orchid Society Monthly Meetings.

### May 2015 SOS Meeting Minutes

Laurie Stoner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Jo Davis introduced new members and guests.

**Old Business:** Questions on the Treasurer’s Report?

**New Business:** The society’s board met on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Your **Officers** for the next two years are:

Denny Pavlock: **President**,

Roy Krueger: **Vice President**

Laurie Stoner: **Treasurer and Past President**

Jo Davis: **Recording Secretary and Memberships Chairperson**

Your **Members-at-Large** are:

Carolyn Langdon, our Newsletter editor, Monroe Kokin, Lory Boyce, Norm Hillstrom, Patti Quinnelly, Jane Hagerstrom and Judy Robertson.

Laurie turned the meeting over to Denny.

#### Announcements:

**Denny thanked Laurie** for her many years of Service to the SOS and last 3 as our President.

**Selby** has sent a letter requesting the SOS to pick an evening for their **Lights in Bloom** program.

Laurie reviewed the responsibilities for members who volunteer for this Selby activity. Denny asked for a show of hands to how many people could help us on the evening of **Friday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**? There were more than 20 people.

The **Redlands Orchid Festival** is coming up next weekend, May 15<sup>th</sup> thru May 17<sup>th</sup>

The SOS is working with **Big Earth Landscaping Supply** to offer SOS members Orchid supplies that they can either pick up at the Bee Ridge store or they will bring products to the monthly meetings. There should be a special mailing going out in later May.

Please vote for the best species, hybrid, and novice plants on the display table. Denny asked ribbon winners to see **Karen Bird-Lister** so we can get a picture of members with their awarded plants for the SOS website.

Welcomed members to purchase raffle tickets. Plants provided by Jim Roberts, Florida Suncoast Orchids.

Roy Krueger gave a talk on **“How to Prevent and Treat Pests in Your Orchid Collection”**

Roy will choose a speaker’s plant.

Roy and Cathy Lewis reviewed all the plants on the display table.

Mecky was the plant raffle announcer.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:20 pm





2015  
MAY

MEMBERS'  
PLANT  
TABLE

“SHOW & TELL”

Photography by  
Karen Bird-Lister

SPECIES  
OF THE MONTH  
***Den. chrysotoxum***  
Grown by  
LAURIE STONER

BEST NOVICE  
OF THE MONTH  
***Den. bullenianum***  
Grown by  
ED BUSTAMANTE





BEST HYBRID  
OF THE MONTH

***Catasetum Ten Dragons***  
**(*Ctsm. Dragon's Teeth***  
**x *Ctsm. tenebrosum*)**

Grown by  
JACK KNUESE

SPEAKER'S CHOICE

***Den. convolutum***

Grown by  
GREG WIRTH



## MIKE POLEN

Art Stone Orchids  
St. Petersburg, FL



Michael was born in St. Petersburg, FL, where he has lived his entire life. He and his wife, Paula, became interested in orchids through their mothers, who both grew them. In the early 1980's, during a trip to the Florida Keys, Paula and Mike shopped for orchids for their mothers on their way home. It wasn't too long before Paula and Mike were buying orchids for themselves.

They put orchids around their fountains to enhance the fountain sales and their orchids became so popular the customers focused on shopping for orchids. Thus, in 1984, their orchid business began! Aunt Kay, another relative, was also a grower of orchids and a founding member of FWCOS. Michael joined the Florida West Coast Orchid Society in 1986 and served as President in 1992-1993. Now he enjoys growing orchids, lecturing at various Orchid Societies around the state, as well as doing workshops and Orchid Shows.

Photo by Roy Krueger



**STIG DALSTROM****First Report 2015**

The first ever National Flower Festival in the city of Paro, that my Swedish collaborator Thomas H ijer and I assisted the staff at the National Biodiversity Centre (NBC) to participate in (by Royal decree), turned out to be a great success. In order to celebrate this, the NBC organized a traditional 'bone fire party' in the botanical garden. Unfortunately we had to skip the fire due to heavy rain and spent the festivities inside instead. The Minister of Agriculture Lyonpo (title) Yeshey Dorji came together with an entourage from the government and we all had a good time. It turns out that the Lyonpo is a trained botanist and taxonomist so we had much to talk about and more to come. There were also people from the governmental tourist 'department' who were interested in learning more about the Wild Orchid Man project...

Due to participation in many *ad hoc* activities, the grounds of the botanic garden has been neglected to some extent. And when the spring arrives and all the happy weeds realize they are not threatened by lawn mowers and weed whackers... they go wild! So there is some serious work to be done in order to get the grounds back in shape again. This work has begun and the situation will be under control pretty soon. The orchidarium, on the other hand, looks stellar as usual! Thanks to a slightly higher temperature in the house during this past winter (heating fans) the orchids and other plants have responded very well and we see more flowers, buds and undamaged green leaves this season than ever before. Particularly the dendrobiums and vandas look great.

The production of artificially propagated orchid species is continuing. Two steps forward and one step back, as with most other things in life. We have lost some seedlings due to contamination in the flasks, which was expected, but the overall result looks promising. We have now 9 species in flasks. Some of the newly sowed seed seemed immature, however, and may not germinate. Time will tell. But we get good training on the technique in any case. Once the seedlings come out of the flasks they will need a new growing area. For this reason we have begun the construction of a new back-up orchid house. This will also house some of the rescue orchids that we receive on a more or less continuous basis. The funding for this construction was generously donated by the company that constructs the hydro electric power dams in the Mangde Chhu river, where the plants were rescued from (on the construction company's request!). Imagine that in the rest of the world!

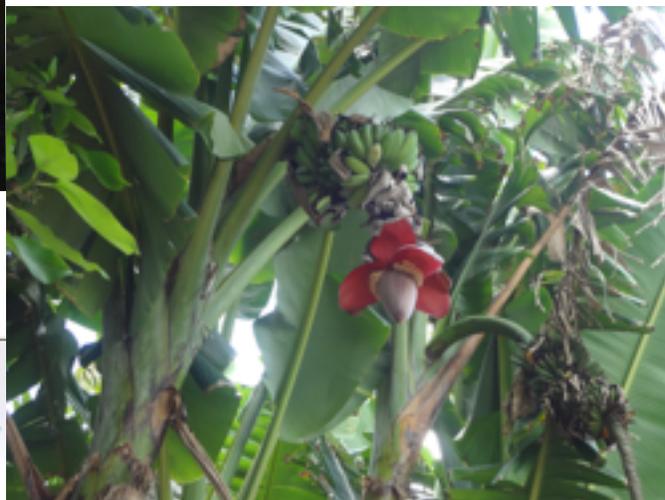
As a result of a meeting with the Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay last December, we are now assembling a powerful team of collaborators in order to initiate the construction of "The Finest Orchidarium in the World". This major project is likely to restructure the entire Royal Botanic Garden and we are looking into possible sources for funding and expertise and training of staff. This project is a collaboration between the Government of Bhutan, The Bhutan Foundation, WWF of Bhutan, National Biodiversity Centre and many highly skilled private individuals. The sky is virtually the limit!

On Monday morning, we are setting out into the field, looking for yet another scientifically new *Chiloschista* species (an orchid of course). We already have found three un-described ones in Bhutan, but I suspect there are more out there. All the best from Thimphu, Bhutan.

**Stig**



**ROY KREUGER**  
ON THE HUNT  
FOR BEAUTIFUL ORCHIDS  
DURING THE  
**2015 REDLAND**  
**INTERNATIONAL ORCHID**  
**FESTIVAL**



**2015  
International  
Redland  
Orchid  
Festival**



Photography  
by Roy Krueger

## ORCHIDS WE SHOULD ALL GROW



### VANDA JOSEPHINE VAN BRERO

Several years ago I had the chance to acquire a few plants from a local grower who was moving to Colorado and couldn't take his big warm growers. I traded a severely under performing Maxillaria for a huge Vanda Josephine van Brero (commonly known as JVB). It stood over six feet tip top to root tips and had at least four side growths coming off of the main plant.

Since then, I've split off three blooming sized divisions and given or traded them with friends. The remaining plant today has four heads of flowers, three now blooming and one in bud, stands over eight feet top to tip and has about eight side growths, most blooming size.

Did I mention the flowers are a delightful pink/sunset color and long lasting. It is also good for at least three bloom cycles each year.

Flowers are about four inches across and quite well formed. Clusters of six to ten on a spike. Almost every new leaf growth produces a spike.

For about five years, I grew it hanging from my rear fence where it got about six hours of direct sun each day. One winter, the temperature fell to 31 degrees F. but since I couldn't detach it from the fence, it stayed out. Other than a few black spots on some exposed leaves, it is still thriving.

Today it resides on a new Vanda rack still getting several hours of direct sunlight.

Like all Vandas, it needs water daily and fertilizer (heavily when in active growth). Remember that Vanda's grow all year long so they need some fertilizer even even you are withholding it from other genera.

JVB is a cross of two Vanda species, insignis X teres. Insignis comes from northern India, Bhutan, Thailand to the low countries of Laos, Vietnam and China. It grows in intense heat to cool nights in winter and from high elevations to near sea level. The other parent, teres, is from the Indonesian island group, including Timor and Java. It is a warm grower.

JVB is remarkably tolerant of growing conditions, provided you feed it and keep it wet. It gets more water than any other Vanda I own. Maybe if I watered them all that much, they would all surprise me and prosper.

JVB is a breeders delight, having been used for over 300 crosses including over 150 primary hybrids. Surprisingly, it has never received an AOS award. Never the less, it is one of the most enjoyable plants to own. Pictured above are two views, one of the flower head and the other of the plant hanging on a rack which stands over eight feet tall.

By Roy Krueger

**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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 JUNE</b> <b>SOS MEETING</b> 7 PM Speaker: <b>MIKE POLEN</b> Mounted Orchids and Basket Culture	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	<b>13 JUNE</b> <b>AOS JUDGING</b> <b>Florida North Central</b> 1:30 pm Mid- Florida Research & Education Center, 2725 S. Binion Rd, <b>Apopka, FL</b> ArthurKatz 407-870-3407 <a href="mailto:arthurkatz@me.com">arthurkatz@me.com</a>
14  FLAG DAY	15	16	17	18	19	<b>20 JUNE</b> <b>AOS JUDGING</b> <b>Florida Caribbean Judging</b> Center 1:00 pm Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Corbin Bldg. Rm A, 10901 Old Cutler Rd. <b>Coral Gables, FL</b> 786-293-6924 Wojciech Klikunas Ph.D.
21	22	24	<b>24 JUNE</b> <b>AOS JUDGING</b> <b>Florida North Central</b> 7 pm Christ the King Church, 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy McLaughlin Center - Rm C., <b>Tampa, FL</b> 813- 989-9357 Patricia Cartwright	25	26	<b>27 JUNE</b> <b>AOS JUDGING</b> <b>West Palm Beach Judging</b> Center 2 pm Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S. Flamingo Rd, <b>Davie, FL</b> Bonnie Rile, 305-245-1711 <a href="mailto:benttree1@att.net">benttree1@att.net</a>
28	29	30	<b>1 JULY</b>	2	3	
5	<b>MONDAY, JULY 6th, SOS MEETING</b> <b>KEITH EMIG, Winter Haven Orchids</b> Topic: <b>the genus habeniara</b>					