



June

Orchid View

OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING June 6th, 2016

MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS

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

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| 6:00 | Door Opens |
| 6:15 | Culture class with Roy Krueger |
| 7:00 | Business Meeting |
| 7:15 | Speaker: Fred Clarke |
| | "Breeding trends in small and mini catts" |
| 8:00 pm | 'Members Only' Silent Auction |
| 8:30 pm | Members' Plant Table |

A Plant Raffle completes our Meeting!

Guests are always welcome!

Club address; PO Box 19895, Sarasota, FL 34276-2895

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.

Welcome New Members:

Lorena Ontiveros

Anthony Evans

Mary Jomisko

Gloria Thierry

Mike Leworthy & Dana Harenda

Judy Chisholm

Big Earth Landscape Supply, on Bee Ridge Road in Sarasota, **will be selling Orchid Products for potting and spraying**, including some items which Roy Krueger discusses during his monthly “Learn to Grow Orchids” sessions at 6:15 pm, prior to the Sarasota Orchid Monthly Meetings.



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Speaker



Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 35 years and has been hybridizing for 32 of those years. With over 28 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in Vista, California, just north of San Diego. His nursery's website has considerable information, plants for sale and many beautiful pics of his award winning orchids. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Bulbophyllum and Paphiopedilum hybrids. His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received eight FCC's and 44 AM's on the first flowers shown for judging! Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region as well as a passionate fisherman.

May 2016 SOS Monthly meeting notes ...

- 2016 Scholarship Awards – Laurie
- Stoner provided background and handed out the scholarship checks. For more information ... <http://sarasotaorchidsociety.org/scholarship-awards>
 - Rachael Puleo is a senior at Pine View School for the Gifted
 - Elizabeth Pluta is a National Honors Society Member and a senior at Sarasota High School
 - Kasey Ray is a senior at Lakewood Ranch High School
- Couple of things left over from the April Members meeting
 - Cindy Auchter is joining the Board as a member at large; Randy Brodsky is joining the board as the Recording Secretary
 - There was a motion and a second to accept these two new board members
 - The following 3 people are leaving the board ... Lory Boyce, Judy Robertson and Carolyn Langdon
 - Denny thanks to them for all there many, many contributions to the SOS
 - Denny then read the 2016 BOARD MEMBER'S
 - Laurie covered the larger expenditures for 2015.
- 2017 Show Review
 - Will be an AOS event.
 - Current plans are at least 3 societies and one commercial display
 - The Show will have a similar floor layout as the 2016 show
- During 2016 a priority is to get as many position “helpers” that turn into replacements.
 - The next set of positions are
 - Norm’s position – Meeting Setup/Breakdown/Cleanup; Show Materials Transport/Storage Shed Maintenance
 - Craig Silipo volunteered to work with Norm and take over this position
 - Meeting Plant Raffle
 - 3 Shows Plant Registration, including all Excel and Label making
 - Charlie Rogg volunteered to learn this job and take it on
 - President
 - Scholarship Chair
 - Barbara Delgato and another SOS member volunteered to take over this job.
 - At the June meeting, will the second person that volunteered to work on the Scholarship Committee please come up and let Denny Pavlock know your name?
- We had four lovely plants in the Silent Auction today.
- There will be no SOS meeting in July – It would be held on July 4th. Selby room will not be available to us.

Scholarship Award Winners



Rachael Puleo is a senior at Pine View School for the Gifted who plans to major in Geoscience at the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. Her volunteer service includes working with children as a camp counselor at St. Martha's Church, tutoring preschoolers at the Brickhouse Academy, and as an education intern at Marie Selby Botanical Garden managing the Children's Rainforest Garden and Kids Corner as well as Little Sprouts events.



Elizabeth Pluta is a National Honors Society Member and a senior at Sarasota High School who plans to major in Conservation and Environmental Science at either Florida State University or the University of Central Florida. She is a member of La Sertoa Community Service Club, as well as a volunteer at Colonial Oaks Park for the Relay for Life, the Miracle League, the animal shelter, and as a summer camp counselor.



Kasey Ray is a senior at Lakewood Ranch High School who plans to major in Agriculture with an emphasis in Horticulture at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, GA. She is a Vice President of the Lakewood Ranch FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapter and has been working at Florida Suncoast Orchids for the last year learning orchid propagation and nursery management. Her volunteer service includes the Florida Parrot Rescue, the Honor Animal Sanctuary, and the Bradenton Twirling Academy.

Monthly Orchid Winners

Best Species – Jo Davis



Den. Anosmum

Speakers Choice – Ed Bustamante



Den. bullenianum

Best Hybrid (we have a tie)

Charlie Rogg



Aliceara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' (Bratonia Charles M. Fitch x Oncidium Fremar)

Greg Wirth



Prosthechea Green Hornet (Prosthechea cochleata x Prosthechea trulla)

Best Novice – Craig & Chelsea Silipo



Den. Unicum

Potting/dividing class session



ORCHIDS WE SHOULD ALL GROW



Brassia Rex



Brassia Rex "Waiomao Spotless FCC AOS"

BRASSIA REX

The genus *Brassia* consists of between 20 and 25 species found primarily in Central America. Known as the spider orchid, they are bright and showy, with their long thin petals and sepals. Some can be as large as 6" wide and over 12" long. Such is our subject shown above.

Brassia Rex is a primary hybrid, a cross of *Brs. verrucosa* X *Brs. gireoudiana*. *Brs. gireoudiana* is native to Costa Rica and Panama. A spring bloomer with long pendulous inflorescence, it is light yellow/greenish with dark markings. *Brs. verrucosa* is found ranging from Mexico to northern Venezuela. A reliable late spring bloomer, it features green to yellow petals and sepals with dark spots on the inner reaches of the petals, sepals and lip.

The cross, *Brs. Rex* dates back to 1964 and has received 48 awards around the world. It is an easy plant to grow. You can grow it in a pot with a course mix or mount it on a raft. Grow it in bright shade or filtered sunlight in intermediate to warm conditions. It will do best if you keep it in the cooler part of your intermediate growing area. The pseudobulbs are large and ovate, approximately 4-6" long. Two to three leaves emerge from the apex of each pseudobulb, each 12-15" long and 2-3" wide.

The plant should be watered and fertilized regularly when in active growth, with a modest rest period after blooming.

Brassia Rex is a reliable bloomer which should reward you with a winter bloom and another lesser bloom in mid to late summer. Additionally, once fully mature, each new pseudobulb will project two or even three inflorescence. It blooms best when mature and somewhat constricted in its container.

The traditional variety plant featured above spans 6" wide and over 14" long. Blooms are borne alternately from either side of the length of the inflorescence. They will last up to three weeks if kept cool (shorter bloom duration in the heat of summer). It is grown in a 6" plastic pot inserted in a clay outer pot. It is grown in a course mix and fertilized throughout the growing season (early spring through late fall) with 13-2-13 with Cal-Mag.

I grow another variety, "Waiomao Spotless" FCC/AOS, a clear yellow specimen in plastic in along the base of my pool cage in about 70% light. This variety, also pictured has shorter petals and sepals than the standard variety of *Rex*. It's substance is heavier and it almost appears to be a tetraploid (4N) specimen. It is a long lasting variety with the blooms holding for over three weeks. The picture above was taken almost three weeks after the last flower opened in late April.

Like most oncidiae, *Brassias* do not like to be disturbed.

When repotting, I often lift the entire root ball into the next sized pot, shaking off the loose medium after giving it a brisk spray of water. A final word of caution is be sure not to over pot. The fine roots are subject to root rot if the pot is too large and the medium stays wet too long.

Like most orchid growers, my favorite plant is usually the one in bloom today. However, if I were forced to make a list of my favorites, *Br. Rex* "Waiomao Spotless" would be certainly be among the top five if not at the very top of the list.

Check out this web site for the awards that our own Jim Roberts received from the American Orchid Society with other awards. (copy and paste if you can't get it to execute)

<http://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>

The AOS offers Webinars from time to time, you do not have to be a member to join up-----this is on their web site as well.

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. Everyone is invited. If you have a question, please submit your questions by June 12th to stillisch@cox.net.

Please send your questions, comments and feedback to: stillisch@cox.net

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Silent Auction Guidelines

◆ □ We will limit the total number of plants to 5 or 6 per month.

◆ □ By the 20th of the month, prior to the upcoming meeting, **a member will email a request** to Denny Pavlock (dpavlock@gmail.com) with the number of plants they wish to bring.

◆ □ Include the name of the plant, the approximate number of pseudo bulbs, size of the pot, basket or mount or that it is a bare root.

◆ □ If you have a jpeg picture of the flower, please include with your form.

◆ □ Plants must be clean with no scale, thrips, etc.

◆ □ If desired, specify the minimum price you will accept for each plant.

◆ □ If desired, specify an “eBay type Buy-It-Now” amount for each plant so that a member may instantly purchase the plant.

◆ □ Note: The plant will then immediately be removed from the Silent Auction Table

◆ □ The seller will receive 75% and the SOS will receive 25% of the sale’s price.

To confirm your inclusion in the Silent Auction, Denny will send you, the member, a **Silent Auction Form**.