



September

Orchid View

OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING September 5, 2016

Sarasota Garden Club

1131 Boulevard of the Arts

6:00 Door Opens
6:15 Culture class with Roy Krueger
7:00 Dinner, Business Meeting to follow
Speaker: Jim Roberts
'Members Only' Silent Auction
Members' Plant Table

A Plant Raffle completes our Meeting!

Guests are always welcome!

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

NOTE ... Until further notice, beginning in August, 2016, the monthly meeting of the Sarasota Orchid Society will be held at the **Sarasota Garden Club** located at 1131 Boulevard of the Arts in Sarasota, Florida. Signs will point you to the meeting.

Welcome New Members:

Chalise Bourque & John Borges

Georgia Nicholson

SOS Potluck on September 5th, Labor Day, at the Sarasota Garden Club –

Doors open at 5:30 PM. All food must arrive by 6:30 PM. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 PM.

The society will provide table cloths, napkins, plates, silverware, cups, ice, sweet and unsweet ice tea, diet Coke, Coke, coffee, and water.

Since we are NOT asking you to RSVP, please limit guests to one additional person.

You may bring in wine and glasses, if you wish.

Please provide an appetizer, casserole, or dessert that would comfortably serve 8-12 people. Label the dish with an index card. (If the name of the dish is not self-explanatory, list the main ingredients or note that it is gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, etc.) Provide a serving spoon or fork. Note: Since the kitchen at the Garden Club is undergoing a remodel, do not plan to use the oven or refrigerator.

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If you have any questions or concerns, call or email a board member.

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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August 2016 SOS Monthly meeting notes ...

- I'd like to ask everyone to please silence your cell phones
- Invite Marta Hudson up to introduce new members and June guests
- During 2016 a priority is to get as many position "helpers" that turn into replacements.
 - The next set of positions are
 - Meeting Plant Raffle
 - President
- I wanted to check ... How many members did not receive an email from me (email comes from the SOS) announcing the meeting and the email had a link to the newsletter
- **Quick Update on the 2017 SOS Annual Show ...**
 - It will be an AOS Judged Show
 - The theme is ... A Symphony of Orchids
 - We will be contacting you to volunteer very soon ... ☺
- There is no Silent Auction tonight.
- How many saw in the cover email and/or August Newsletter that we were planning to have a potluck dinner as part of the September, Labor Day, meeting?
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Can I get a show of hands for how many in each group are thinking of coming?

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- We have some beautiful raffle plants from Alan Koch this evening, please don't forget to buy your plant raffle tickets
- Don't forget to vote for the best species, hybrid, and novice plants on the display table.
- 15 minute break. We resumes the meeting at 7:30

After break:

- Introduce Roy to introduce Alan Koch
 - Alan gave a wonderful presentation on "**Unusual Species the Cattleya Grower Can Grow**". Alan chose a Speaker's Choice Award

● Roy and Cathy Lewis went through the display table

● Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Monthly Plant Awards



Kathy Lewis-Co Best Species *Dendrobium bracteosum* (white)

Best Hybrid- *Dendrobium Hibiki* 'Tiny Bubbles' (red)

Speaker's Choice- *Dendrobium laevifolium* (dark pink)



Co Best Species-Susan Gerhardt
Trichoglottis atropurpurea (syn. *Trichoglottis brachiata*)

Best Novice



Ann Fletcher- *Oncostele* (syn. *Colmanara*) *Succubus* 'Night Shift'

ORCHIDS WE SHOULD ALL GROW



Rlc. Alma Kee 'Tipmalee'

There are cattleyas for every style and taste. There are splendid white forms, albas and semi albas with brilliant colored lips. If pink is your choice, there are hundreds to pick from. The same is true with lavenders and purples. Only on rare occasions does a yellow Cattleya arrive on the scene. Rarer still is the brilliant knockout yellow. Now add to the brilliant yellow a truly spectacular blood-red lip! There it is, none other than *Rlc Alma Kee 'Tipmalee'*.

The parents are Lc Alma and *Rlc Cheah Bean-Kee*. The 14 ancestors in Lc Alma's pedigree reads like a "Who's Who" of regal *Laelias* and *Cattleyas*, *Dowiana*, *gaskelliana cinnabara*, and *warscewiczii*. *Rlc Cheah Bean-Kee* goes back six generations, with the last three representing 14 ancestors that were and are rather nondescript.

Suddenly, BINGO, magic appears in the form of a 6" brilliant yellow with a vibrant red lip. Flowers are borne, two three or even four on an inflorescence. Normal blooming season is early fall, and a second season often occurs in mid winter. The later the plant blooms in fall, the longer the bloom will last.

Foliar growth starts in early spring with sheaths appearing after full growth and a short rest. Buds fill the sheaths about a month later and take seemingly forever to burst forth. Sometimes, the plant will put up a second growth. When this happens, after the first growth forms a sheath and goes into a rest period, the first sheath will often turn brown and seem to dry up.

Who among us as Cattleya growers have not looked with despair at a dry brown sheath, thinking and muttering that we've lost a bloom cycle? **DO NOT TOUCH THAT DRY SHEATH!**

We can often see new buds forming through the new green sheath when we hold it up to the light. The dry brown sheath does not allow light to pass through and hides the nascent buds as they form. If you squeeze the sheath you risk bruising the bud.

The picture above shows such a dry sheath. The other picture, taken two weeks later, shows the splendid result of patiently waiting.

The young plants need shade, with mature plants liking more bright light. They grow well in pots or baskets. I have grown them mounted with tree fern or course bark bearing the best results. You can grow them to a large specimen size, or split when you can derive two or three five bulb divisions, each with a new lead. I find smaller plants tend to throw larger flowers and more per growth.

Grow plants warm and bright. Fertilize weekly weakly during active growth. Let the plant rest a few weeks after flowering by withholding fertilizer and water sparingly. Normal watering should be soak, then soak again. Then let the plant dry thoroughly before

repeating. The plant roots are fairly long and thick, so a coarse mix with good air space seems to work best.

While the plant is fairly disease resistant, it pays to be proactive. Anti bacterial and Safer soap prevent most topical pests if used regularly. An occasional chemical treatment for mold or fungus may be necessary. Treat like any other medium to large sized Cattleya.

SPECIAL OFFER TO FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETIES

The Florida West Coast Orchid Society will hold its annual Orchid Sale & Exhibition on Saturday and Sunday, September 10th & 11th, 2016 from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Ave N, Pinellas Park 33781. The venue is only a few minutes from interstate 275. Enjoy a free wine tasting while you shop! Parking is free.

Admission is \$5. However, if TEN or more people from your society attend the show and arrive as a group, admission is FREE. Note that the ten or more will have to arrive as a group at the same time to receive free admission.

If you have any questions or need more info, call Stuart Fraser at 727-742-0461 or email at SFraser0326@aol.com.

From the AOS

Save the Date!

Remember to save the dates from October 21-23, 2016 and join us for the AOS Fall 2016 Members' Meeting being held at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in beautiful San Marino, California. The meeting will include presentations by internationally renowned speakers and is being held in conjunction with the Huntington Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show where some of the best orchids in Southern California will be on display along with vendors of orchids and supplies from around the world. It's sure to be an event you won't want to miss.

Check it out now and register on this link: [AOS Fall 2016 Meeting](#)

EVENT REGISTRATION

Event registration is \$99.00, and includes five days of admission to the Huntington, the orchid show—including the shop-early preview party—and orchid lectures. Check <https://www.aosfall2016.com/meeting-registration/> for complete details about what's included in registration.

For details about the Doubletree, alternative nearby hotels and other travel information, please visit www.aosfall2016.com.

P.S. To whet your appetite, here's a list of the world-renowned speakers who will be participating at the Members Meeting and Orchid Show (visit <http://www.aosfall2016.com/speakers/> for their bios).

- Alfredo Manrique: *Phragmipedium kovachii* Culture
- Fred Clarke: *Catasetum* Species, Hybrids and Their Culture
- Dr. Harold Koopowitz: *Evolution of the Slipper Orchids*
- Janet Lamborn: *Don't Put on the Virus Blinders, Your Collection Is Depending on You*
- Dr. Daniel L. Geiger: *Growing Orchids in a Terrarium*
- Carri Raven-Riemann: *Phalaenopsis* Species: From Mega to Micro
- Garry Clark and Graham Wood: *Award Winning Growers Choose Orchids*
- Gustavo A. Aguirre: *Colombian Cattleyas*
- Peter T. Lin: *Small Vanda Species and Their Hybrids*
- Hadley Cash: *Marriott Orchids...The Other Side of the Story!*
- Hilmar Bauch: *Cattleya: Botanic Jewels, with an Overview on Cattleya (Laelia) purpurata*
- Andy Cameron: *Genes and Ploidy in Cymbidiums*

The Florida Field Journal has several new stories to be broadcast on Comcast and Frontier in the Sarasota County area over the next several months. They are all online at <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQM-L68fNvtEDkWhQyM0ZuyL7iSIcyzTe>

The new episodes:

Two Sarasota County Florida Wildlife Commission hearings on Critical Wildlife Areas (CWA) are covered in 4 stories.

A timely insight into our states most famous animal is the subject of Alligator!!

An entertaining interview with Tampa Bay Times environmental journalist Craig Pittman is also posted.

The people of Florida have repeatedly voted to support acquiring and sustaining environmentally sensitive lands. These precious natural resources have not gone unnoticed by those who could profit from them. An ongoing battle pits private profit against public parks.

Last year, Florida Field Journal - Not Long Ago took a hard look at the political maneuvers in the state focused on increasing revenue from protected lands. Now, a year later, the show is still relevant and is being screened at the Central Florida Film Festival on

September 2nd. (<http://www.centralfloridafilmfestival.com/>)

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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.