



September

Orchid View

OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING September 4, 2017

MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS

Great Room by the Bay, The Activities Center,

811 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL

7:00 Labor Day/Pot Luck Dinner

Doors open at 5:30 PM.

All food must arrive by 6:30 PM

Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 PM

Members Plant Table Judging and Awards

Members Only' Silent Auction

Be sure to let Dennis know if you are bringing plants

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.

No New Members for August

For our Pot Luck Dinner the following is a suggestion for bringing food

A – E: appetizers and/or salads

F – M: desserts

N – Z: entries such as; casseroles, mac and cheese, lasagna, enchiladas, meatballs, meat trays, etc.

Be sure to bring a serving utensil for you food and put your name on the container.

August 2017 SOS Monthly meeting notes ...

Invite Marta Hudson up to introduce new members and June guests

During 2017 a priority is to get as many position “helpers” that turn into replacements.

The next set of positions are

Take home and bring back extra snacks for monthly Meeting – Ria agreed to help out

Meeting Plant Raffle – Greg Wirth agreed to help out

President – Still looking for my replacement

I wanted to check ...

How many members did not receive an email from me, about 10 days ago, (email comes from the SOS) announcing the meeting and the email had a link to the to the newsletter

How many people saw the email about the SOS Member directory

Of the people with they hands up, how many downloaded the file to your PC?

Did you find that Directory helpful?

How many saw in the cover email and/or August Newsletter that we were planning to have a potluck dinner as part pf the September, Labor Day, meeting?

Doors open at 5:30 PM.

All food must arrive by 6:30 PM

Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 PM.

Other details ...

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 your own 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

Suggested potluck items, by Last Name of member:

A - E: appetizers, cheese trays, chips and dip, salads, veggies, fruit, etc.

F – M: desserts

N - Z: casseroles such as mac and cheese, lasagna, enchiladas, meatballs, meat trays, etc.

For those coming, can you all help with organizing the food at the September meeting?

We have some beautiful raffle plants from Francisco Miranda 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 7:20

After break:

Introduce Roy to introduce Francisco Miranda

Francisco gave a wonderful presentation on " **Brazilian Orchid Habitats** – Francisco's presentation will travel throughout the coastal types of environments, from the beach and sand dunes to swampy areas and up into the coastal mountains. There are several main ecosystems shown and a lot of very interesting and showy orchids
Francisco chose a Speaker's Choice Award

Roy Krueger and Jim Roberts went through the display table

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Monthly Plant Awards



Speakers Choice and Best Hybrid

C. Susan Fender 'Cinnamon Stick'-Cora Sanders



Best Species

Gram. Scriptum Alba—Roy Krueger

Orchids we should all grow by Roy Krueger



CATTLEYA CALLISTOGLOSSA

In all of the orchid kingdom, there is perhaps nothing more spectacular than a full sized white Cattleya. When you cross two of the most loved alba forms the result can only be exceptional. Such is the case of this particular C. Callistoglossa cross.

Callistoglossa was first crossed by the firm of Veitch & Co. and registered in 1882, making it one of the earliest Cattleya crosses. It is a cross of C. purpurata and C. warscewiczii. All of the early color forms were lavender or pink.

The interesting part of this hybrid traces its origins to a warscewiczii specimen found and shipped to England in the early 1900's, an impressive specimen named Firmin Lambeau. It was the first true alba form of warscewiczii ever found. So impressive was it that it sold in 1910 for the sum of \$5000 (\$50,000 in today's dollars).

Years later a selfing of that plant was created by Armacost & Royston and named for their head grower and hybridizer, Leo Holguin. Like it's predecessor, it was awarded a FCC/AOS in 1985.

Soon after, Holguin crossed his namesake with a true alba form of purpurata, and the plant pictured above was the result.

Purpurata blooms in May-June. Warscewiczii blooms later in the summer. Callistoglossa blooms between them, in July, and puts on a spectacular show with multiple flowers on each inflorescence. Flowers last almost three weeks, a rare feat for a summer blooming Cattleya.

The flower form has the typical rounded elongated petals of the warscewiczii parent and

the narrow sepals of purpurata. The lip is single lobed and somewhat ruffled with a typical yellow center.

Grow it like any other large catt. in well drained coarse mix. Let it dry before re-watering. Fertilize heavily when in active growth, then moderately for the rest of the year. It likes bright Cattleya light. I grow mine in the pool cage with about 70% direct sunlight. The mix is coarse bark, charcoal, and inorganic like lava rock or Sta-lite.

Since there are so many color forms of purpurata, it is obvious that there could be many color forms of Callistoglossa. The rub is, all of the crosses with warscewiczii that were made with other than alba specimens came out pink. However, if the cross was made with an alba form of warscewiczii, the color of the purpurata dominated. Thus, if you used a semi alba purpurata, the likelihood was that you would get a good share of semi alba Callistoglossas, many with the stunning purpurata lip.

An acquaintance, Fred Missbach, of Atlanta who is President of Orchid Digest had a beautiful semi alba Callistoglossa awarded in 2012 with an incredible purple lip.

Others crossed with Striata or Rubra forms of purpurata carried those characteristics.

If you like big Catts and have room for one more summer bloomer, this is a wonderful choice.

LOCAL ORCHID VENDORS FALL SALES SCHEDULE

Three of SOS show vendors and local growers are planning fall sales events. Please come out and support them.

September 23 (Saturday), 9am – 4pm. Florida SunCoast Orchids Fall Sale. 8211 Verna Bethany Rd., Myakka City, FL 34251. www.floridasuncoastorchids.com

November 3-4 (Saturday-Sunday), 9am – 4pm. Plantio La Orquidea Fall Sale. 3480 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota, FL 34243. www.plantiolaorquidea.com

November 17, 18, 19 (Friday – Sunday), 9am – 4pm. Palmer Orchids Fall Sale. 22700 Taylor Dr. Bradenton, FL 34211. www.palmerorchids.com

2018 ORCHID SHOW SCHEDULE

Sarasota Orchid Society Show (January 2018)

Saturday Jan 6th - 9am - 5pm

Sunday Jan 7th - 10am - 5pm

Set Up: Friday Jan 5th - 9am - 5pm

Location: Sarasota Municipal Auditorium: 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Venice Area Orchid Society Show (February 2018)

Saturday Feb 3rd - 10am - 5pm

Sunday Feb 4th - 10am - 4pm

Set Up: Friday Feb 2nd - 1pm - 8pm

Location: Venice Community Center: 326 So. Nokomis Ave., Venice

Englewood Area Orchid Society Show (March 2018)

Friday March 2nd - 10am - 5pm

Saturday March 3rd - 10am - 5pm

Set Up: Thursday March 1st - 10am - 5pm

Location: Englewood United Methodist Church: 700 E. Dearborn St.,
Englewood, FL

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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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Silent Auction Guidelines:

We will limit the total number of plants to 4 or 5 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 request.

If you do not have pic, SOS will provide one, if plant is not blooming

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

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

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

Member will receive the total amount of the sale and is responsible for returning 25% (cash or check) plus the Silent Auction Form to the SOS Treasurer at the conclusion of the meeting.