



November

Orchid View

OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING November 7, 2017

MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS

Great Room by the Bay, The Activities Center,

811 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL

6:00 Door Opens

6:15 No Culture class "this meeting only"

7:00 Business Meeting

Speaker: Rafael Romeo on Brassovola Hybrids

Members Only' Silent Auction

Members' Plant Table

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.

Show Notes;

2018 Show Volunteer Sign-up

Laurie Stoner will bring the sign-up book to the November Meeting, but if you can't make the meeting or prefer a particular volunteer committee and time, please contact one of the chairperson's via email.

Chairperson	email	Committee
Patti Quinnelly:	quinnelly@yahoo.com	2018 Show Hospitality (Jan.5, 11-2, 2-6, Jan. 6, 8-12, 12-4:30, Jan. 7., 8:30-12, 12-4:30)
Roy Krueger:	RDK2901@tampabay.rr.com	2018 Front Door (Jan. 6, 2 or 3 hour shifts 9-5, Jan. 7, 10-5)
Marta Hudson:	martadiazhudson@gmail.com	2018 Information & Membership (Jan. 6, 2 or 3 hour shifts 9-5, Jan. 7, 10-5)
Al Langdon:	alangdon4@verizon.net	2018 Plant Hotel (Jan. 6, 2 or 3 hour shifts 9-5, Jan. 7, 10-5)
Jane Shapiro:	ejane1120@gmail.com	2018 Raffle Ticket Sales (Jan. 6, 2 or 3 hour shifts 9-5, Jan. 7, 10-5)
Alan Marlor:	ajmarlor@verizon.net	2018 Show Clerks (Jan. 5, 5:00 PM)
Norm Hillstrom:	normnursula@hotmail.com	2018 Show Set-up (Jan. 5, 7:00 AM), 2018 Show Tear-down (Jan. 7, 5:00 PM)
Jack Knuese:	knuese25@gmail.com	2018 SOS Exhibit Set-up & Tear-down (Jan. 5, 9:00 AM, Jan. 7, 5:00 PM),

Please enjoy our annual show by participating on one of these committees!
Only volunteers will be admitted to the show at no charge.

October 2017 SOS Meeting Minutes - Final

Dennis Pavlock called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

- 2 plants on the Silent Auction Table from Susan Gerhardt
 - Remember each month, you can bring in a couple of plants, just email Dennis Pavlock ahead of time with the Plant's Name

Announcements:

- The SOS meeting will be on the first Tuesday, Nov 7th
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- Laurie Stoner will be passing around the Volunteer Sign Up book for the 2017 Show. **Please ... SIGN UP** for one of the Committees; You will see in the book that is being sent around there are shifts for most of the volunteer work. A couple hours for most committee. Also to remind members, if you volunteer, you get into the Show free; If you do not, you pay to come in.
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- **Show Food** – Food for SOS members and Vendors, Please have food at auditorium Suggestions: salads, chili, soups, casseroles. You must take your dish & utensils home the SAME DAY
- **Front Door** -- Welcome people to show; Collect \$5 entrance fee; Monitor front door
- **Information & Membership**: Inform guest of value of SOS membership including pass out SOS brochure, answer general questions, sell Motes Orchid Books (\$20.00), Culture Books (\$1.00)
- **Judges Dinner** on Friday Night -- Help serve dinner, setup and cleanup
- **Judging clerks** -- Locate plants for judges, note judges' decisions, place ribbons on plants. – Learn how plants are judged by teams of AOS judges
- **Plant Hotel** -- Give tickets to guests who want their items held
- **Plant Raffle** – Sell raffle tickets at the Show for the hourly Plant Raffle
- **Show Hospitality Area** – work in the area where the food is being served for the 2 days of the Show.
- **Show Setup and Teardown** – Help load the Rental Truck with all the materials that are needed for the Show that we have in the storage shed; Breakdown and transport all the Show materials from the Show back to the Storage shed
- **SOS Show Display** – Help set up the SOS Display for the Show – Explain
- **Show Marketing and Publicity** -- Mostly emailing various publications and calendars to get the word out about the Show
- Each year, each SOS member is responsible to selling or buying 10 Plant Raffle tickets for the annual show in January. Patti Quinnelly is the coordinator for that project. Tonight, she has many of the ticket packages prepared for you. Please see her before you leave so we don't have to spend extra money mailing the materials to you
- Please vote for the best species, hybrid, and novice plants on the display table.
- Please purchase raffle tickets
- Please buy plants from our Speaker

Plants provided by our speaker this month, Dr. Kristen Uthus

- Dr. Uthus has brought some wonderful plants to sell to our members.
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- 15 minute break
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- After break:
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 - Introduce Roy Krueger to introduce Dr. Kristen Uthus, owner of New World Orchids in Manchester, MI 48158 (Southwest of Ann Arbor, MI)
- Dr. Uthus chose a Speaker's Choice Award
- Roy Krueger and Cathy Lewis will go through the display table

Monthly Plant Awards

For those who bring plants to show at the meeting, the plants are awarded ribbons by the members and the speaker. If you receive one of the ribbons please don't leave until you and your orchid are photographed. Thank you for your cooperation- Karen



Best Species, Cathy Lewis-Habenaria medusa (Right)

Speakers Choice, Cathy Lewis-Den Hibiki 'Tiny Bubles' (Left)



Best Hybrid, Pattie Quinnelly-Cat. hybrid

Best Novice, Helen Hammerman-Den. Hybrid purple (no photo)

ORCHIDS WE SHOULD ALL GROW

By Roy Kreugor



GRAMMATOPHYLLUM scriptum

If you are ready to take a big step in adding to your collection, this may be the plant for you. Perhaps this isn't a plant we should all grow, because we all don't have 100 or so square feet of space for a single plant. This species holds the record for being the largest orchid in the world. Specimen plants have been recorded weighing over one ton and having more than 4000 blooming flowers, 50 or more per spike on inflorescences of 10 feet long. A mature specimen can reach 3-7' tall with a spread of 12-20'. Alas, though spectacular not really the plant for the windowsill grower.

The genus Grammatophyllum hails from the South Pacific islands and surrounding areas. It lives near sea level where it is hot and hotter. Did I mention humid as well? Typically 85-90 degrees and 90% humidity year around.

There are about a dozen species in the genus with two distinct growth patterns, One group has long canes with alternating leaves giving it the appearance of a palm frond. Canes can be up to ten feet long. The other growth pattern is a thick somewhat stocky pseudobulb with a cluster of several leaves emerging from the top.

Both types put out long pendulous inflorescence with up to 50 flowers, 3-4" across.

Gram. scriptum is found from New Guinea to Indonesia, growing near the coast. It can grow in nearly full sun light if properly acclimated. It blooms during the summer months

in the northern hemisphere, typically, June and July. Flowers are yellow with brown markings although alba types such as the one shown above are common though slightly smaller in stature and flower size.

This plant is a rapid grower that can almost double in size each year. It is normally propagated by division. A caution when dividing. The division will likely not bloom the first year as the plant takes time to stabilize and put down root growth.

I try to keep the plants in a clay pot, no more than 8-10" before splitting them. Otherwise, they get too large for my growing space and too hard to handle.

When the plant is in active growth, fertilize heavily and keep constantly wet and humid. If this sounds like a recipe for fungal and bacterial problems, you are correct. Two constants are required to minimize water borne pathogens. First, I use a systemic fungicide several times each growing season. Start in early spring and apply about once every six weeks. Second, air movement is a must. Don't put this plant in a corner where air will swirl, but not reach it. Keep it in the open and blow air across it with a fan if necessary. If you do use a fan, remember that will drop the humidity, so extra misting or spray will be necessary.

You will also need to protect this species from cold temperatures. It does not like temperatures below 60 degrees. At 50, I move it close to the house where the structure adds warmth and the pool water temperature gives me a couple degrees and some added humidity. If it gets really cold, I move it inside to the garage.

Grow the plant in a pot or basket with room for several years of growth. I grow it in large bark, charcoal and perlite. Every several years, I split the plant in early spring just as new roots are emerging. In two or three years, you will have several plants. Several years later, you will have many plants and you can gift your Society's raffle table with magnificent specimens.

Announcements

LOCAL ORCHID VENDORS FALL SALES SCHEDULE

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

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

Sarasota Ikebana 50th Anniversary "Golden Moon Celebration" Nov. 7,8,9, 2017. To see events go to <http://www.iisarasota.com/> Or contact johnadri@comcast.net

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

Our Sponsors

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.