



The Orchid Sentinel



Basic Orchid Culture Speaker: Jose Exposito

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Jose Exposito is President of Soroa Orchids. Inc., which is located in the heart of the Redland Orchid growing area in Homestead. In 2005, the company expanded its business into Canada, opening Soroa Orchids Canada in Toronto. Jose is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society and was recently elected Chair of his judging center. He travels around the world selling orchids and lecturing about orchid breeding and culture. Jose has done presentations at the World Orchid Conferences in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Jose was born in Cuba, but immigrated to the United States in 1980 during the Mariel exodus. He is an accomplished writer, considered to this day to be the youngest published writer in Cuba where he won national prizes for literature when he was only 16 years old.

Jose is a founding member of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, past president of the East Everglades Orchid Society, past president of The Coalition of Orchid Species, past member of the AOS Education committee and he served several years as a board member of the South Florida Orchid Society. Currently he is Vice President of the Redland Orchid Growers Association and Redland Orchid Festival, Inc.

Jose will be speaking about Basic Orchid Culture and will be bringing plants for sale as well as plants for our raffle table.



See you at the meeting,
 Jackie Wood, Program Chair



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Calendar of Events

- Thur July 8 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Speaker:
 Wed July 14 7:30pm BROS Board Meeting - Karen Kahn's Home
 Thur Aug 12 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Broward Orchid Supply
 will talk about Orchid Pests and Diseases
 Wed Aug 18 7:30pm BROS Board Meeting

President's Message:

I don't want to be a "Debbie Downer" but, everyone else is talking Hurricane preparation. Hurricane Season officially began June 1st. and runs until November 30th.

Forecasters are predicting a very active hurricane season. Most experts have predicted a busier than normal hurricane season, with as many as 18 named storms in the Atlantic basin, which includes the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.

With predictions the way they are, we should not put off getting our orchids prepared.

First, take a good look at your yard. Start by removing projectiles and trimming trees; both are good preparation for the stormy season. If there are things that can easily become airborne in a strong wind, put them away for safe keeping. If you have low-lying or dead branches, get those taken care of and removed before the storm arrives.

Now, with all that being said, if you have few enough and space is available, the obvious solution is to bring them all in. If you choose to and are able to bring your plants inside, be sure to water the plants thoroughly two or three times a few minutes apart and allow enough time for them to drip dry before bringing them in to the house or garage.

For many of us this is clearly not an option. Larger collections that cannot be moved inside present a host of issues. I am sorry to say there is no magic wand that can be waived to protect all of our plants all the time but a few steps can help mitigate a host of issues. Although, it may be hard to get your head around the idea of watering your plants to the point of saturation, this will make them much heavier and less likely to blow around or away. Power is frequently an issue for days following a storm and you may not be able to water for an extended period of time. It is recommended to spray a general fungicide to protect your plants from the disease that may be blowing in and attaching to the plants at their most vulnerable; being overly wet as well as beaten up by the wind. Plants should be placed as low as possible and not be left hanging. Placing your plants on concrete floors is preferred to lawns which may flood and bring numerous soil borne pathogens into contact with your plants.

Once you have made the preparations for your plants, take a look at your greenhouse structure. It is important to minimize any structural damage, because you are going to need this after the storm. Sunshine can return rapidly, bringing with it the potential to burn exposed orchid plants. Sunburn is very often the most severe damage to plants that results from storms. Nothing will be of more value after the storm than getting your plants in a shaded area.

If we are unfortunately hit by a storm this year, the few weeks that follow are as important as the preparation before the storm. Keep your plants as dry as possible. Keep an eye on them for developing disease and tackle the issues as they arise.

Wishing you a safe and uneventful Hurricane Season,
 Corrine Juliano
 President



American Orchid Society

American Orchid Society News:

Judging at the AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden

The West Palm Beach judging center holds its monthly meetings at the AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden. On the fourth Saturday of each month at 2 pm, the judges get together to evaluate the flowers brought in for their consideration. This is a wonderful opportunity for orchid lovers to observe the judging process.

The Orchid Doctor is In,

Wednesday, Saturday, and Sundays

Having problems growing your orchids? Blooms fall off? Are your plants sick? You can find the answers to your questions by bringing the invalid plant to the AOS Visitor's Center and talking with the "Orchid Doctor". Experts are on hand Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Saturdays, 1 – 4 pm and Sundays 1 – 4 pm.

Check out more AOS events & news online at <http://www.aos.org>

Mark your Calendars:

September, 2010

18-19 - Ridge Orchid Society Show, Lake Mirror Center, 121 S. Lake Ave., Lakeland, FL. Contact: Jack Henry, 112 Holmes Pl., Winter Haven, FL 33884; (863) 324-3198; jacthel@juno.com.

October, 2010

1-3 - Florida West Coast Orchid Society Show, Minnreg Hall, 6340 126th Ave, Largo, FL 33773. Contact: Brent Finke, 2961 La Concha Dr., Clearwater, FL 33762; (727) 460-4606; bfinke90@tampabay.rr.com.

2-3 - Gainesville Orchid Society Show, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville, FL. Contact: Joan MacLeod, 4411 NW 15th Pl., Gainesville, FL 32605; (352) 375-6744; neilmacleod@bellsouth.net.

16-17 - Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show, Fort Pierce Community Center, Veterans Memorial Park, Fort Pierce, FL. Contact: Denise Thomas, 243 SE Fallen Dr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34983; (561) 236-8813; d.thomas40@att.net.

29-31 - Delray Beach Orchid Society Show, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL. Contact: Annette Jackson, 7283 Via Genova, Delray Beach, FL 33446; (561) 638-9014; aojax@comcast.net.

30-31 - Brevard County Orchid Society Show, Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, FL. Contact: Julie A. Zepf, (321) 777-9837; jfzepf@aol.com.



Coming Soon...Fall Ramble

We are looking for homes to feature during our Annual House Ramble this October. It would be great to show our members a variety of growing set-ups. Orchid lovers make the most of their space and we hope you would consider letting us visit your home. We all love new ideas.

Never been on a Ramble? Call and find out about how much fun we have visiting different homes. Oh.. and did I mention there is food at the end???

For more information:

Contact Lorraine Conover 561-395-2145 or Karen Khan 561-394-



Calling on all BROS members:

- *Do you have any tips or articles you would like to share that could be included in the monthly newsletter?*
- *Is anyone looking for a particular Orchid?*
- *Does anyone want to share a cutting from a favorite Orchid?*
- *Do you have an announcement to share with the members?*

Please contact Marian McElligott at marianmce@comcast.net or 561.367.9731 if you wish to include any announcements or articles in the BROS monthly newsletter.



Some Orchids are just too BIG to bring in for showing - check out this monster growing in the back garden of one of the BROS members.

Coalition for Orchid Species
Symposium
Sunday
August 1, 2010
8 am to 4 pm

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
In the Garden Room
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, FL

Tickets:

\$45.00 for COS members

\$50.00 for non-COS members

Price includes lectures, continental
 breakfast, and homemade buffet
 luncheon.

**Orchid sales will be available
 during the day, as well as AOS
 judging.**

**Space is limited! Purchase your
 tickets now for this exciting event!**

Tickets can be obtained from:

Mrs. Erna Maxwell
 14736 SW 85th Lane
 Miami, FL 33193
 305 382-3055

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Agenda

8:00- 8:30am- Continental Breakfast

8:30- 8:45am- Mirta Russis-Heineman, VP, COS

9:00- 9:45am- Linda Wilhelm

Woodland Orchids, AOS Judge & Trustee

"The Wonderful World of Oncidiums."

Linda Wilhelm has been growing orchids since 1980 when she bought her first orchid here in Florida while on vacation. She and her husband own Woodland Orchids and specialize in warm tolerant Oncidiinae. Linda is also an accredited AOS Judge, is the Chair of the Carolinas Judging Center and sits on the AOS Board of Directors as a Trustee.

10:00-11:00am- Paul Storm

Meke Aloha Orchids

"Schombo Love - Schombolaelisa and Myrmecophila"

It all started with a division of Schomburgkia tibicinis! Paul and his wife, Mary, own Meke Aloha Orchids and own the largest and most diverse collection of this group in the world. They have set out on a mission of 'Schomboconversion' to orchidists everywhere.

11:15- 12 Noon- AOS Judging (Noon- 1pm- Lunch)

1:00- 2:00pm- Tom Mirenda

Smithsonian Institute, AOS Judge

"Species Orchids, Their Pollinators and Symbionts:

A Conservationist's Approach"

Tom is in his 9th year as the Museum Specialist for the Orchid Collection at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. An orchid grower since his childhood, Tom is now an accredited AOS Judge and a monthly contributor to the AOS magazine, *Orchids*.

2:00- 3:00pm- Lynn O'Shaughnessy

AOS Judge

"Those Strange Pleurothallid Species!"

Lynn O'Shaughnessy has been an orchid addict since 1997. She currently has over 3,000 plants in her personal collection in nearly every genera of Pleurothallids. She is the newsletter editor and webmaster for the Pleurothallid Alliance. Additionally, she is an accredited AOS Judge with over 310 AOS Awards - nearly all to Pleurothallids!

3:15- 4:00pm- Select Species Auction

Refreshments are needed for our July 2010 Meeting

These refreshments can be: Cookies, cakes, punch, soft drinks, vegetables & dip, cut up fruit, fruit salad , nuts, chips or anything tasty to share with the other members during the break.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN SO WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE YOU IN THE NEWSLETTER.

Thank You to Carolyn Huckshorn, Marina Kruse, Marian McElligott, Donna Edwards & Jane Walthers for bringing those delicious goodies to share at our June meeting.



Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering at one of the monthly meetings or help organize one of the many events the BROS hosts - we need volunteers. Contact a board member for more information.

Boca Raton Orchid Society Plant Table

Judge: Tom Kuligowski - June 2010

Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name	Owner
Species	BLue	Maxillaria / Tenufolia	Danve & Amy Hogaboom
Other Vandaceous	Blue	Rhychostylis refusa var gigantea	Shirley Wilde
Ascocentrum & Ascocenda	Blue	Ascocenda Motes / Buring Sands HCE/AOS	Shirley Wilde
Species	Blue	Rhyncholaelia	Denise Libby

B.R.O.S Plant Table Registration Instructions.

1. You must have owned your plant for at least 6 months.
2. Absolutely NO INSECTS.
3. Your orchid must have a name.
4. It must be in the correct category. (Ask if you don't know.)
5. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY the name of the Orchid and your name on the Registration Form.
6. Try to place your plant in an attractive container to enhance the orchids beauty.



IF THESE CRITERIA ARE NOT MET, YOUR PLANT MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.

Help all members enjoy your beautiful orchids by displaying them correctly.

BONUS: Each plant registered will receive a FREE raffle ticket for the plant draw.

If you would like to view the pictures of these winning Orchids, Please visit our web site at:

www.BocaRatonOrchidSociety.org

EDITOR'S POSITION AVAILABLE:

BROS is looking for someone to take over the Newsletter Editor position.

Please contact Marian McElligott @ marianmce@comcast.net OR

Tel: 561.367.9731.

Training and transitional help will be provided.



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BROS Meetings are Held the
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