



Orchid News & Views

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Meeting Information

August 9th, 2007

7:00pm—Educational Class

Chad Whetstone—Cattleya Seedling Culture

7:30pm—Featured Speaker

Duncan Bass - Orchid Species

(<http://www.duncansflora.com>)

There **will not** be members plant sales this month!

More things to know:

- There will be a plant raffle for about 12 plants.
- Don't forget food for the break
- The meeting is back in the Extension center

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The Florida West Coast Orchid Society meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Pinellas County Cooperative Extension Service Office. 12175 125th Street North, Largo, FL at 7:30pm. Educational classes start at 7:00pm

Operating Procedures for Membership

Membership—the term of membership shall be for the calendar year. Annual dues for the first annual member in a household shall be \$18.00, each additional annual member in a household and not receiving a newsletter shall be \$12.00.

Members renewing before December 31st may receive a 10% discount for the early renewal. For new members joining from July to December these months will be prorated at \$1.50/ month in addition to the next year’s membership of \$18.00. In the case of a household with life or honorary members, they shall be considered the first annual member of a household.

Lifetime membership is \$180.00

See Page 8 for new or renewal membership application.



BLC Godenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

August 2007

09—FWCOS Monthly meeting. Pinellas County Cooperative Extension Service Office. 12175 125th Street North, Largo, FL at 7:30pm. Educational Class at 7:00pm.

11—AOS Judging Orlando, 1:30pm, Palm Room at the Harry P Leu Gardens, 1920 N Forest Ave., Orlando, FL

16—Tampa Bay Orchid Society Monthly Meeting 7:30pm at the Seminole Garden Center, 5800 Central Avenue, Tampa

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22—AOS Judging Tampa, 7:30pm at the Tampa Garden Center, 2629 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa.

September 2007

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Upcoming Shows in the State

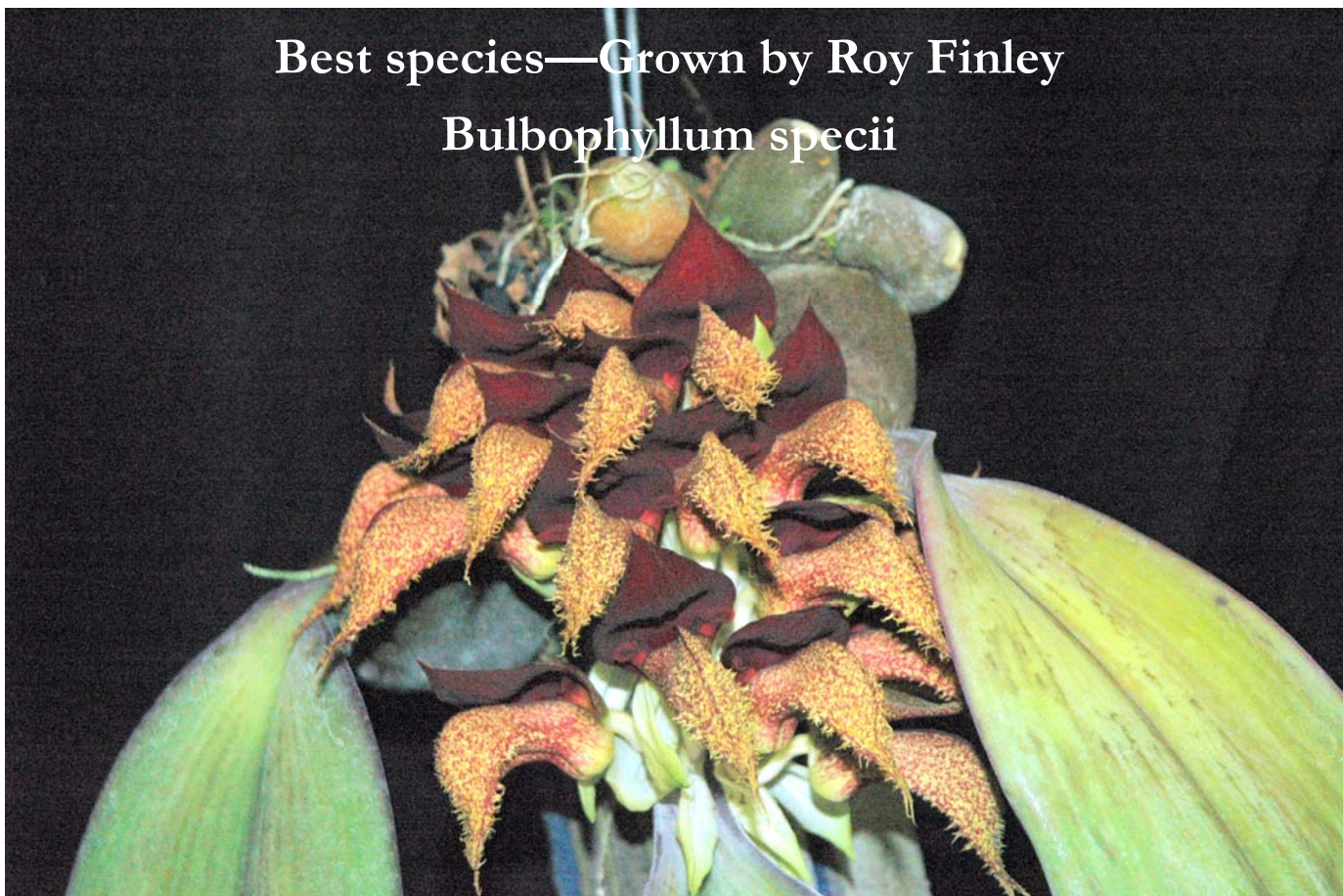
Oct 5,6 & 7—FWCOS Orchid Annual Show and Sale. The Honeywell Minnreg Building. 6340 126th Ave., Largo, FL. Located between US 19N and 66th St. N. Bring your plants in for judging on Friday by 4pm. Sales Friday 12n-4pm, Show and Sales Sat 9am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm.

January 23—27, 2008 19th World Orchid Conference and Show, Miami, Florida

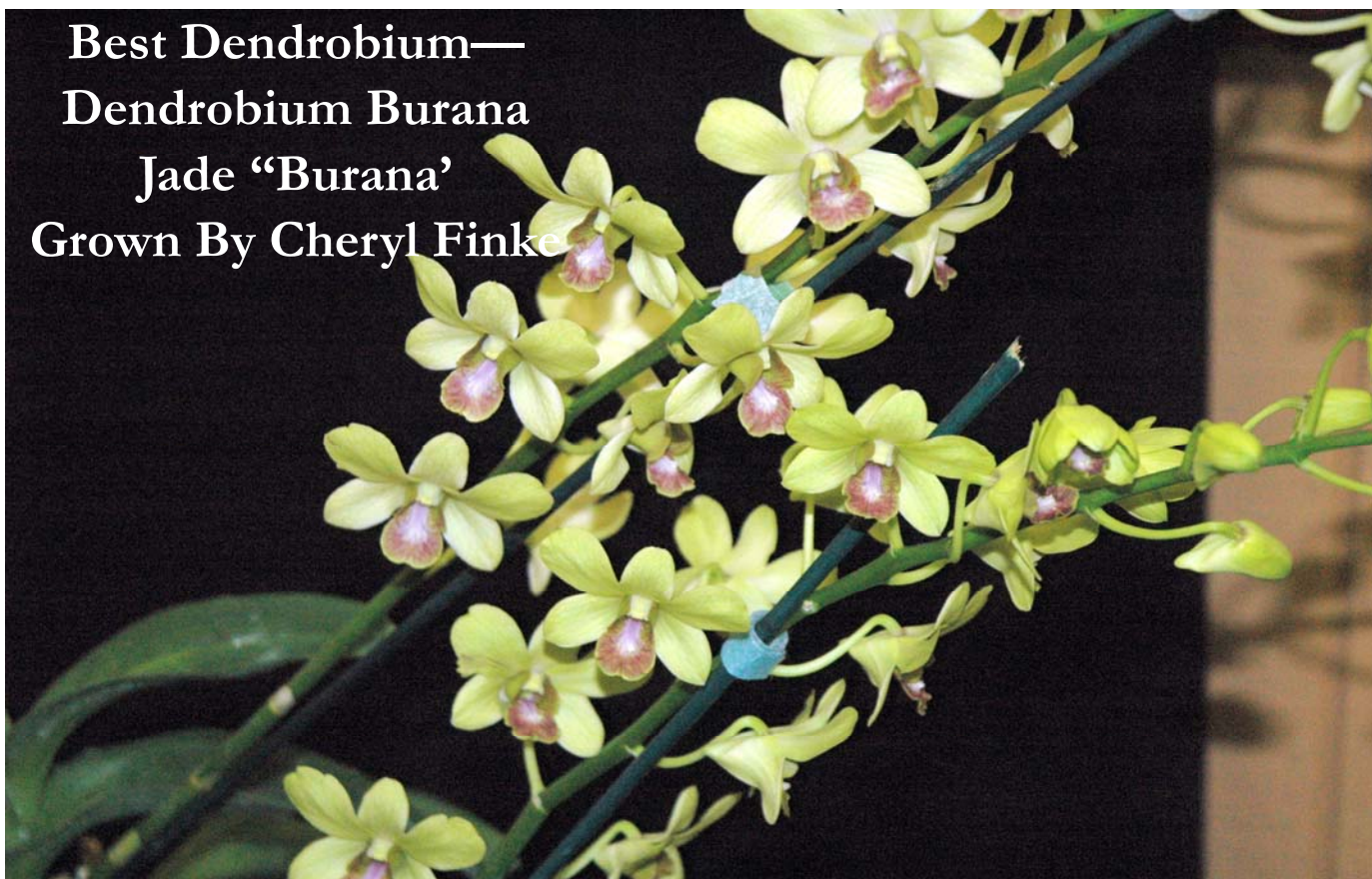
<http://www.19WOC.com> **At the August 9th FWCOS meeting, There will be a 19th WOC tickets auctioned off. The FWCOS is a sponsor of this event. There is one full conference tickets and 20 one day passes available for this rare event. Bring your checkbook.**

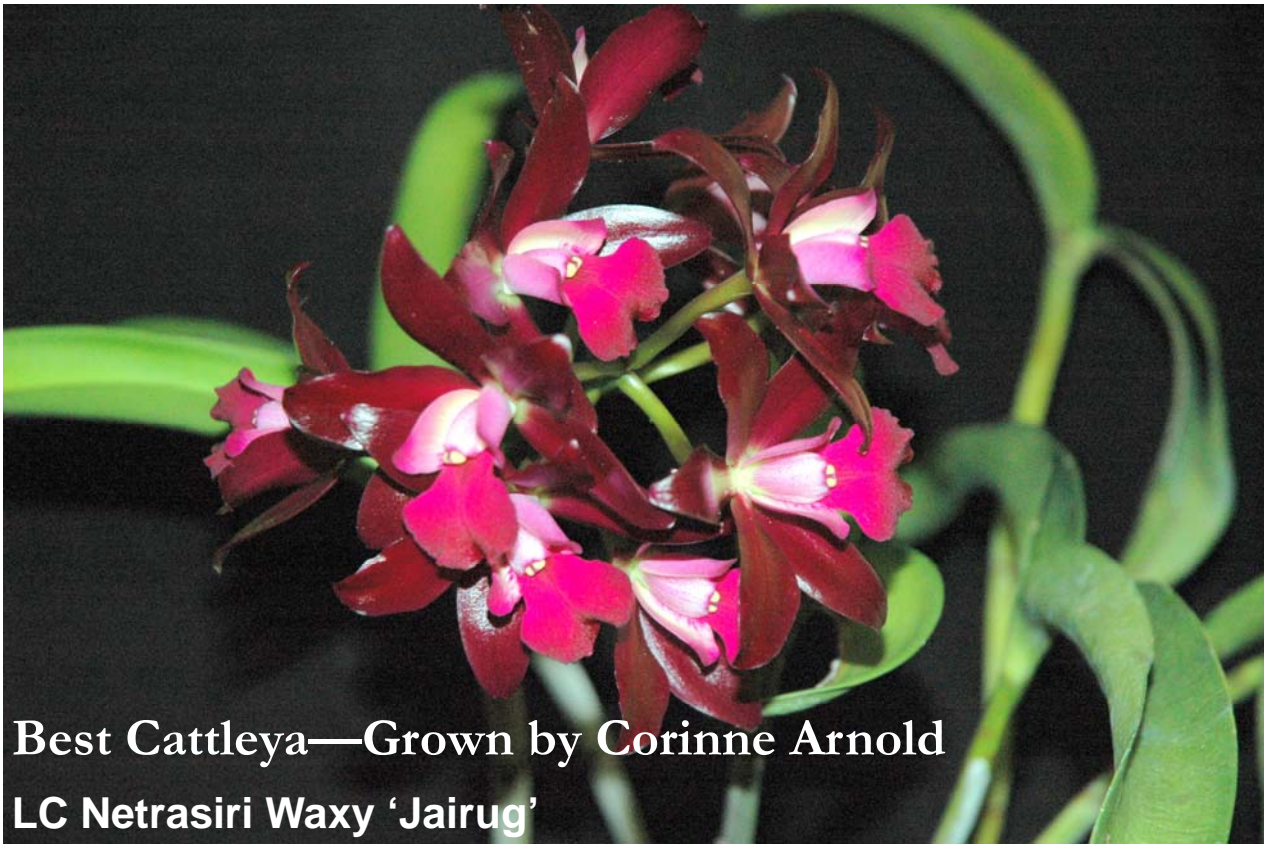
January 25 –27, 2008, Tamiami International Orchid Festival—South Florida Winter Orchid Extravaganza. 50 US and International Growers, Displays, Classes and Lectures, Raffle and Door Prizes. Friday and Saturday January 25 & 26, 2008 10am—8pm; Sunday, January 27th 10am—6pm.. Dade County Fair Expo Center, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24th ST and 109 Ave), Miami, FL. For more information call 305-247-4398or email: vandas@mindspring.com. Admission \$7 at door.

Best species—Grown by Roy Finley
Bulbophyllum specii



Best Dendrobium—
Dendrobium Burana
Jade “Burana”
Grown By Cheryl Finke





Best Cattleya—Grown by Corinne Arnold
LC Netrasiri Waxy 'Jairug'

FWCOS is a Society Sponsor of the 19th World Orchid Conference to be held in Miami next January. There is one full registration that will be auctioned off at the August 9th regular meeting, for a minimum of \$250. Please be sure to attend, or get your bid to Michael Palandro in advance of that meeting. Bring your checkbook? The ticket is now \$300 to purchase online from WOC. For more information on the show, go to

The FWCOS Show and Sale will be held Oct 5,6 & 7th at the Honeywell Minreg Building. 6340 126th Ave, Largo, FL. (Located between US19 and 66th Street) Fri. Oct 5th, Bring in your plants for judging by 4pm Sat. Oct 6th Show and Sale Hours 9am to 5pm.....Sun. Oct 7th Show and Sale Hours 10am to 4pm. Please contact Pam Heath for a volunteer assignment pheath2@tampabay.rr.com (727) 510-4956

Rare Ghost Orchid Found in Florida Tree

Submitted by Sylvia Moss

NAPLES, Fla. (7/11/07) — A rare ghost orchid has been found growing high in an old cypress tree in a southwest Florida nature preserve. The orchid apparently thrived in a cypress tree for years without being seen. Two visitors look-



ing for owls on Saturday spotted the endangered orchid growing about 45 feet off the ground in a tree at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary in Naples. The orchid, featured in the nonfiction book "The Orchid Thief" and the fictional movie spinoff "Adaptation," is about 150 feet from the sanctuary's boardwalk and can be seen only with binoculars and good lighting.

The orchid, which blooms for about two weeks, has nine flowers, triple the usual number. It is not clear how long this ghost orchid has been blooming. Naples photographer Ralph Arwood spent hours waiting to get a shot of the rare blooms. "They're very rare, and this one is unusual because it has so many flowers," Arwood said. "They're pretty impressive flowers, too, as big as your hand. It's nice to have it at Corkscrew. If it's here, it's safe."

Park Manager Ed Carlson said the orchid could have been in the tree for decades. It is the first ghost orchid discovered near the sanctuary boardwalk in 12 years.

It's got a big, old root mass on it," he said. "We've just never seen it before. I'm sure it's been blooming, but they bloom in June and July, and that's when cypress are leafed out. So, it's possible a cypress branch covered it up all those years and fell off in Hurricane Wilma. Who knows?"

Volunteers for August 10th meeting for food and cleanup

Food for August meeting

Bob and Virginia McKenny—Chips
Rosanne Hadley—Fruit
Pat Frey—surprise
Roberta. Reinfrank—veggies and dip
Brenda. Miller—cookies
Gail. Meyer—surprise
Cherie. Molloy— surprise
Anne Gazdiak—cookies or cake
Noreen Young—crackers and cheese
Betty. Stevens—baked beans

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Look for flagpole to enter at the main entrance**

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Meeting starts at 7:30pm**



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