



Orchid News & Views

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Meeting Information

May 10th, 2007

7:00pm—Educational Class

Mark Jones—Getting Your Orchids Ready For Judging

7:30pm—Featured Speaker

Eric Christensen—Orchids of Peru

There will 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
- New meeting room for May and June—See page 11

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FWCOS Orchid News & Views

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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 5 for new or renewal membership application.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

May 2007

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

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

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

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Upcoming Shows in the State

April 27 – 29, 2007—Tampa Bay Orchid Society Orchid Cotillion. AOS judged show and sale. Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 10am– 4pm. Bayanihan Arts and Events Center, 14301 Nine Eagles Drive, Tampa, FL 33626 \$5 Admission. For more information call 813.876.8495 or 813.765.9271.

May 19th—Meet and Greet at Roy Finley's. Picnic/cookout May 19th from 10—3pm. Bring a chair (and a table if you want to put plants on it to sell) FWCOS will provide food and drink. Tours of Roy's greenhouses.

May 18—20, 2007—Redland International Orchid Festival. Redland Fruit and Spice Park, Homestead, FL. Contact Bill Peters, PO Box 924304, Homestead, FL 33092 (305) 242-1333 whimsy@bellsouth.net

May 20th—Florida Native Orchids Spring Sale, Daybreak to 4pm. See ad on page 8.



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From US19 · Go to Hwy. 580, going East · Turn right on to Tampa Rd. · Turn left on Race Track Rd. · Turn left on Nine Eagles

Article from the Tico Times in Costa Rica about their March orchid Show in San Jose.

THE TICO TIMES - March 16, 2007 | WEEKEND | W5

Orchids Take Center Stage This Weekend

By Sorrel Downer

Special to The Tico Times

They are deceptive, exotic and strange. There are more of them per square kilometer in Costa Rica than anywhere else on the planet. And this weekend, people from all over the world will be converging on San José to admire what are essentially their genitals.

Everything about the flower is geared toward reproduction. Its name, derived from the Greek *orchis*, or testicle, is a reflection of certain peculiar similarities some orchids bear to their namesake. But don't let that put you off.

Two oceans and a mountainous spine create the dripping, misty conditions ideal for Costa Rica's 1,200-1,400 species of orchids. Examples of one of the gaudiest and loveliest, the *guaria morada* (*Cattleya skinneri*), the national flower, are visible on verandas across the Central Valley, along the banks of the Tárcoles River west of the capital and on Costa Rican Tourism Institute (ICT) posters. Spotting the rest, given that most prefer lofty branches in high-altitude cloud forests, generally involves a bit more effort – except during one weekend in March.

In 1972, then-President José "Pepe" Figueres declared that a week in March should be designated Costa Rican Orchid Week, the highlight of which, the annual National Orchid Show, takes place this weekend at the Cariari Country Club in Ciudad Cariari, northwest of San José.

A roomful of orchids is a glorious sight, but study a single orchid up close and you start to understand the fuss. They're weird and



Mónica Quesada | Tico Times

National Symbol: The *guaria morada*, Costa Rica's national flower, is among the country's 1,200-1,400 orchid species.

tricksy. There are orchid flowers that resemble slippers, nuns in cowls, beaks and tongues, buckets, jugs and the heads of snakes, bulls and – like the *Dracula* orchid – dragons.

They are expert at luring pollinators, fooling bees, flies, moths, butterflies and birds into believing they're something they're not, coating them in pollen that brushes off on the next phony plant down the bough. One species gives off the odor of a female wasp, and has a flower that looks enough like one, with eyes, antennae and wings, to get male wasps to try to mate with it. Others, the dark red and brown *bulbophyllums*, smell like rotting meat and are pollinated by flies looking for a nice spot to lay their eggs.

Despite such clever tactics, many of Costa Rica's orchids are endangered, affected directly by deforestation and illegal activity by collectors, and indirectly by deforestation

on the lower flanks of mountainous regions causing a reduction in the misty cloud cover higher up.

Hopefully, help is on the way. Among the crowds admiring the orchids at the show will be experts from the international scientific community, in San José for the Third International Orchid Conservation Congress. Previously held in Australia and the U.S. state of Florida, this year's event is hosted by Lankester Botanical Garden and the University of Costa Rica. Opening with a speech by conservation visionary Dan Jantzen and sponsored by the Orchid Specialist Group of the World Conservation Union (IUCN), the event's central focus will be sharing knowledge and experience of orchid conservation and looking at sustainable ways to manage orchid habitats around the world.

Delegates will be taking a day trip to Tapanti National Park, east of San José, which, at 1,200 meters and up with, some might say, a surplus of rain, is a good choice for orchid spotting. North-central Costa Rica's Monteverde Orchid Garden, with more than 400 species, is another good option. But of course if you can't make the show and want eye-level orchids sepal to stamen along an easy non-slip trail, you can't do better than visit the aforementioned Lankester Botanical Garden, the legacy of British naturalist Charles Lankester, now a research and cultivation center and corner of paradise near Cartago, east of the capital.

The National Orchid Show is on this weekend, March 16-18, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Cariari Country Club, next to the Meliá Cariari hotel in Ciudad Cariari. For information, call 240-4269. ■

Places for Budding Orchidologists

Lankester Botanical Garden: 4 km along road from Cartago to Paraiso, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$5 tourists, \$1,000 (\$1.90) residents, discounts for students, 552-3247, www.jar.dinbotanicolankester.org.

Monteverde Orchid Garden: Main road to Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve, 7 km from Santa Elena, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5, 645-5510.

Wilson Botanical Gardens: Las Cruces, 5 km south of San Vito, Southern Zone, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$10 tourists, \$8 residents, 524-0628.

Jardin de Guarias: Cocaleca, 2 km from center of Palmares, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., \$1,000 (\$1.90) tourists, \$500 (\$1) residents, 452-0091.

Bosque de Paz: Private 1,000-hectare reserve linking Poás Volcano National Park with Juan Castro Blanco National Park, Bajos del Toro, 14 km from Zarcero, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$35 including lunch, reservations required, 234-6676, www.bosquedepaz.com.

Essential reading: "Field Guide to the Orchids of Costa Rica and Panama," by Robert Dressler (Comstock Publishing, 1993).

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• **Map with Driving Directions**

• **IF COMING FROM THE NORTH**

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