



# Florida West Coast Orchid Society

## *Orchid News & Views*

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### *Meeting Information*

*July 14, 2011*

*7:00 pm Educational Class:*

*Cheryl Finke—Natural Pest Control*

*7:30 pm Featured Speaker: Ruben Sauleda*

*“Encyclia’s and Their Hybrids”*

**Our speaker will have orchids for sale and we will be having a plant raffle this meeting.**

**Please remember to bring food**

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*The Florida West Coast Orchid Society (FWCOS) Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at Pinellas County Extension Center, 12520 Ulmerton Rd, Largo.*

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## *From Our President*



Hello all,

There aren't any orchid shows, auctions, or member's plant sales for July that I am aware of. It is very quiet. Time to pay attention to fungal and/or bacterial rots now that the summertime showers have started. If you grow out side and your feel your plants are getting too much rain water, take a blue tarpaulin or clear plastic and cover them up if you are home and it rains. Uncover them once the rains have stopped. This way you can attempt to control the amount of water they receive.

Seems we have been under a Tropical Wave the past two weeks. All this extra rain tends to bring on rots and fungus. When it stops raining, try to spray them with some fungicide Cleary's 3336 or Thiomyl wetable powder. I saw Thiomyl 40WP at Wilcox nursery for \$13.99. Mix 1 tsp / gallon of water. This is when growing on cork or wood is very helpful as the water runs of and out of the plant.

If anyone grows *Dendrobium crumentatum*, (AKA Pigeon Orchid) 10 days after a big rain when the temperature cools down more then 20 degrees, the plants will bloom. The blooms on-ly last about 2 days, but they are extremely fragrant.

We are going to start preparing for our Orchid Show and Sale. The show is themed 'Orchid Safari' and will be held Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Set-up is Friday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> all day, ribbon judging and AOS judging will start at 6pm that Friday night. We are trying a different venue. The sale will be Saturday and Sunday only as opposed to Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It may be the first week of October, but in reality we only have July, August and September to prepare, yes, only 3 more meetings. The show will occur before our October meeting. There are many volunteer positions to be filled. The Show co- chair persons are Brent Finke and Jennifer Upchurch. Contact either of them for volunteer opportunities. [jupchurch64@hotmail.com](mailto:jupchurch64@hotmail.com) or [brent@irbhardware.com](mailto:brent@irbhardware.com).

Happy Growing,  
Cheryl Finke  
President  
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## *Our Featured Speaker*

*Dr. Ruben P. Sauleda began growing orchids at the age of 12. At the age of 16 he established Ruben In Orchids. Almost half a century later Ruben In Orchids is recognized internationally and is the oldest orchid business in Florida. After graduating from Miami Senior High School, he attended Miami-Dade Junior College where he received an Associate of Arts. He was the first biology student in the first graduating class to receive a Bachelor*



*of Science at Florida International University. He was then accepted to Florida Atlantic University where he received a Master of Science in biology working on the orchids of the Bahama Islands. During this time he was asked by Dr. Donovan S. Correll to collaborate on the Flora of the Bahamas by contributing the treatment of the orchids. After graduating from FAU, he was accepted to the University of South Florida, where he received his Ph.D. in Orchid Taxonomy. He has held positions as a Research Associate at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Florida Atlantic University, the University of South Florida and several other research institutions. He has taught classes at Florida international University and Miami-Dade Junior College. Dr. Sauleda has written several books on orchid culture and has written over a hundred articles in scientific journals. He was Chairman of Education for the 2008 World Orchid Conference in Miami. His was responsible for arranging all the lectures, overseeing all the photography and was the editor of the proceedings. His specialty is flasking and is presently the leader in reproducing Encyclia, Cattleya, Schomburgkia and Tolumnia species and hybrids.*



## *Meetings and Events*

**June, 2011**

**July 6, at 7:00 pm; Orchid Society of West Pasco** at Buena Vista Civic Center, Holiday. Contact: Greg Sytch; 727-841-9618, [gsytch@cs.com](mailto:gsytch@cs.com).

**July (No meeting), at 7:30 pm; Sarasota Orchid Society** at the Activity Center at Marie Selby Botanical Garden, Contact: Monroe Kokin; 941-586-7795, [orchidpix@comcast.net](mailto:orchidpix@comcast.net).

**July 14, at 7 pm; Florida West Coast Orchid Society** at Pinellas County Cooperative Extension Center, 12520 Ulmerton Rd, Largo; 2nd Thursday of the month. Contact Cheryl Finke 727-420-7230, [cfinke@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cfinke@tampabay.rr.com) or visit <http://www.fwcos.org>.

**July 9, at 1:30 pm; AOS Judging** at Harry P Leu Gardens, Palm Room, 1920 North Forest Avenue, Orlando. Contact Glen Brown; 352-735-2898.

**July 21, at 6:30 pm; Tampa Bay Orchid Society Meeting** at Tampa Garden Club, 2629 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa. Contact Patty Cartwright; 813-281-2126, [pjcartwright@earthlink.net](mailto:pjcartwright@earthlink.net) or visit <http://tampabayorchidsociety.com>. TBOS Annual Orchid auction

**July 27, at 7:30 pm; AOS Judging** at Tampa Garden Center; 2929 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa;. Contact: Patty Cartwright; 813-349-0097, [pjcartwright@earthlink.net](mailto:pjcartwright@earthlink.net) or visit <http://www.aos.org>.

**June 26 at 10 am; Tampa Orchid Club** Contact Laurie Nissen; 813-909-3394 or visit [www.tampaorchidclub.info](http://www.tampaorchidclub.info) (see ad page 11 for address)

**July 26, at 7:30 pm; Ridge Orchid Society Meeting** at Bartow Civic Center, 2250 S Floral Ave, Bartow. Contact Bill Byrd; 863-859-5060, <http://www.ridgeorchidsociety.org>.

Sept 30th—Oct 2nd—Florida West Coast Orchid Society,, Orchid Safari Sale and Show. Contact: Jennifer Upchurch [jupchurch64@hotmail.com](mailto:jupchurch64@hotmail.com) 727.-517-6460 Minreg Building,

*Encyclia Lee Ward -Jenifer Upchurch*



*Epicattleya El Hatillo 'Pinta' - Jenifer Upchurch*



*Epidendrum difforme - Cheryl Finke*



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