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From the President

Dear PAOS Members and Friends:

Once again Fall is here and of course Winter will soon follow. Days are getting shorter, bringing us later sunrises and early sunsets. Lots of orchids have ended their growth and are preparing to bloom in the spring. Deciduous orchids should be moved to brightly lighted-areas and receive no more water than nature provides, nor fertilization. With that said always take into consideration your individual growing conditions.

Our speaker for this month is Yvette Cano. She is the education specialist for the [Everglades National Park's](#) environmental education program. The Everglades National Park is home to over 30 species of orchids including the *Dendrophylax lindenii* (the ghost orchid) and *encyclia tampensis*. I would like to thank Yvette for donating her time as she shares an interesting presentation about this fascinating place called the Everglades.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Michael and Bob from RF orchids for providing a beautiful raffle table. So, bring a guest with you and be prepared for a delightful night.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our meeting,

Rossy Ochoa

President



Rossy Ochoa, PAOS President and Peter Kouchalakos, August speaker.





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This Month at PAOS

Yvette Cano began her affinity with Everglades National Park as a young student, today she is the Education Specialist for the park's environmental education program and supervises the very



program that she was a part of as a student. Following her true passion, Yvette started her career as an elementary school teacher and after 13 years in the classroom she had the opportunity to take the teaching outdoors, a dream come true! Born and raised in South Florida, Yvette has a very special place in her heart for everything Florida, especially the outdoors. For her presentation, she will showcase that passion as she shares the value of Everglades National Park, its priceless biological diversity, and the importance it all serves to the people of South Florida.

Next meeting:
September 20 at 7 pm
Pinecrest Gardens,
Hibiscus Room
11000 Red Road,
Pinecrest, FL 33156



Orchid photos in this issue courtesy of Joan Manley from PAOS last meeting.



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South Florida Orchid Scene



Orchid Professional Workshop is a 3-day event hosted at FIU. It is a hands-on experience, laboratory activities and field trips. [Click here for more information and registration.](#) The workshop is October 6-8.



The South Florida Orchid Society brings us the 70th installment of the Miami International Orchid Show, aptly named "Orchid Celebration." [Click here to learn more and join in the fun.](#)

Event dates:

September 30—October 2



Orchid Professional Workshop

Registration deadline is October 1

Workshop offered by the Agroecology Program, Department of Earth and Environment at Florida International University and the Environmental Horticulture Department, TREEC, University of Florida. The workshop is open to all students, and the community. Guest speakers with extensive experience in orchid biology and production will deliver lectures. This is a 3-days workshop with hands-on and laboratory activities, as well as field trips.

Topics covered include, among others:

- Orchid history
- Orchid production and propagation (tissue culture)
- Orchid flowers and pollination

October 6-8

Florida International University
Wertheim Conservatory (WC)-130
Modesto Maidique Campus
11200 S.W. 8th Street
Miami, Florida 33199

\$75 for Students
\$125 for Community

Register at agroecology.fiu.edu

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Getting to Know You

Orchids have always enchanted our past President, Gail Weber. She grew up across the street from the founder and first President of Pan American Orchid Society, W.T. Mabry.

As a child she would sneak into his back yard to admire his Myna bird and unusual flowers. As she grew up, her father, who she did not live with, would surprise her with orchid corsages on every holiday and special occasion. And when she married her first husband he gave her the very first of her orchid plants, a beautiful red Cattleya from Jones and Scully in Miami.

Her mother in law, at the time, was an avid orchid grower in Miami. Gail still has the babies from her mother in law's Oncidium plants from the seventies.

Gail has grown orchids for decades, and saw a lot of her precious plants be destroyed by her use of Benlate in the 80's and then wash away with Hurricane Andrew in the 90's. Still she continues to love and grow orchids. Now she tries to use only organic products to take care of her plants and has enjoyed success with it.

She has been the President of Pan American since 2010 and Treasurer of Palmetto Bay Garden Society since 2008. She has loved orchids and plants all of her life.

On another personal note, Gail is a proud mother of a son and daughter. She loves to travel and adores her two grandchildren who live in Connecticut and is excited about the birth of a new grandchild in October.

Thank you Gail for all your time and effort with PAOS!





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From the Editor

Sometimes the impossible—or almost impossible—does happen. A colleague, all the way from Brazil, sent me a newspaper link from the Courthouse News Service, published 9/13/16, I copied part of it [here](#): “Rare Orchid Finally Has Federal Protection” - WASHINGTON (CN), by Ramona Young Grindle — The rare white fringeless orchid, first listed as a candidate species in 1980, has finally been listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. [...]

"I'm breathing a sigh of relief that this beautiful flower has finally gained Endangered



Species Act protection after a 41-year wait," Tierra Curry, a CBD senior scientist, said. "Protecting the white fringeless orchid will also protect the threatened marshy habitats that are such a special part of the southeast's natural heritage."

The orchid is found in small isolated populations widely scattered across Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Mississippi. Of the 57 known locations, 33 are found on public lands, mainly in forest wetlands. Less than 20 percent of the populations have more than 100 flowering plants.

The plant is dependent on three butterflies for pollination, and on a particular fungus to aid the tiny windblown seeds to sprout and become established. Threats to any of those species also threaten the orchid, which is additionally challenged by habitat destruction from development, forestry practices, alteration of stream habitats, invasive species and collection. [...]

[Click here to learn more about the "white fringeless orchid".](#)

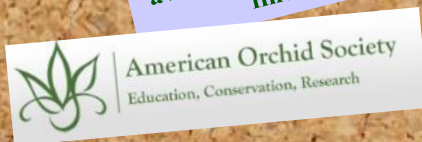
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AOS Events Schedule is available online and you can find it [here](#).



PAOS Holiday Party

Mark your calendars:

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

in order to accommodate Pinecrest Gardens' event schedule.



Bring refreshments for our Guests and the chance to win a plant.

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August Ribbon Winners

First Place

B. cordata (species)

Bulb. mokoyanum (species)

Den. Charming White

Doritis pulcherrima x Rhynchostylis retusa

Den. Burana Jade Yellow

Lc. Amphion 'Show Time'

Pot. Psycho Bride 'NN'

David Foster

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