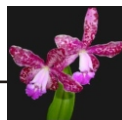




Terry Bottom

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



Upcoming Events

- 1/4-6 Sarasota Orchid Society Show
Sarasota Municipal Auditorium
- 1/9 SAOS Meeting - RESCHEDULED
Paul Storm - Schomburgkias
- 1/23-27 19th World Orchid Conference
Miami
- 1/25-26 2008 Tamiami International Orchid
Festival, Dade County Fair Expo Center
- 2/1-3 Venice Area Orchid Society Show
Venice Community Center
- 2/5 SAOS Meeting
Jim Adamson - Phalaenopsis
- 2/9-10 Boca Raton Orchid Society Show
Safe Schools Institute
- 2/23-24 Daytona Beach Orchid Society Show
- 2/29-3/2 Fairchild International Orchid Festival
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
- 3/4 SAOS Meeting
Terry Bottom - Greenhouse Alternatives
- 3/7-9 Port St Lucie Orchid Society Show
Port St Lucie Community Center
- 3/14-16 Greater Pensacola Orchid Society Show
- 3/14-16 Naples Orchid Society Show
United Church of Christ



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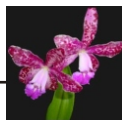
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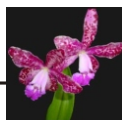
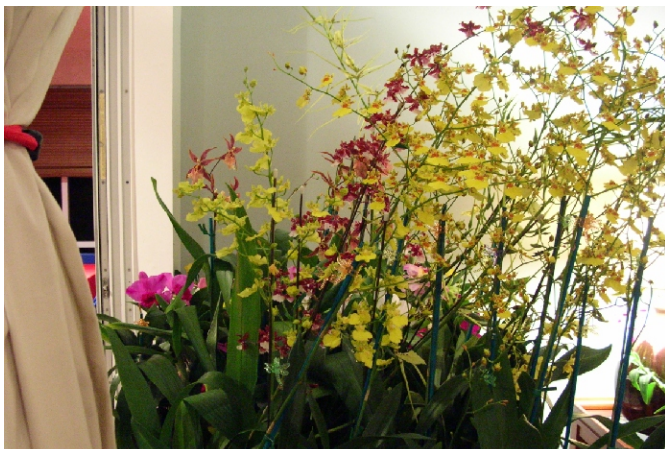


CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 8 Christmas Party

by Lola Stark

The St Augustine Orchid Society met at the home of President Charles Wesley and his wife, Carol, for a Christmas dinner and party, silent auction and auction. Approximately 40 people were present including lots of spouses of members, neighbors and friends. The auction, run by our inimitable Fred Keefer with orchids he very graciously got for us from Hawaii, was a huge success, paying for the party and gift orchids. Following the auction, we had a wonderful covered dish supper. Whoever said "Gardeners can cook!" was putting it mildly. Charlie Wesley had cooked the beef and chicken for us and there were lots of salads, vegetables and desserts to die for! What a spread! Thanks to all who contributed! The silent auction brought in money for both the club and the owners. With lots of plants left for the raffle table, and several prospective members, the party was a rousing success! We'll look forward to the next one!





Schom. lueddemannii



Schom. Margaret Brown x C. Bactia 'Grape Wax'

Meeting Rescheduled to January 9

The January meeting has been **rescheduled** to the **second Wednesday** of January. Our regularly scheduled meeting date on the first Tuesday in January of 2008 falls on New Year's Day, so we have rescheduled the meeting to the Second Wednesday, **January 9**. Mark your calendars now so you don't forget!

Paul and Mary Storm of Meke Aloha Orchids will be talking about Schomburgkias and Myrmecophilas, those Laelia relatives with the weird, twisty, turny, wiggly, wild flowers that you will find irresistible. Paul and his wife Mary are native New Yorkers that met and wed in Miami, all without ever having seen an orchid. After they moved to Sarasota, they attended an orchid sale and purchased a division of Schomburgkia tibicinis...and were never the same.

Schomburgkias became their obsession and they realized they were born to convert the world to Schombo-Love. They have traveled extensively seeking the finest examples of Schomburgkia species and hybrids and eventually started to make their own hybrids. Paul's Schomburgkia hero, Dr Carl Withner, donated his personal Schom collection to the Storms. The recent changes in Schomburgkia and Myrmecophila taxonomy have been incorporated into their program, which was prepared with the assistance of the Senior Registrar at RHS as well as Dr German Carnevali in Mexico City.

Paul and Mary are excited to be presenting their program to two orchid societies in North Florida, where they plan to relocate in a few years. They invite members to bring and trade (or sell) any of their Schom hybrids or species. Please contact them in advance at mekealoha@comcast.net to arrange this or visit their website at <http://www.mekealohaorchids.com>. Mark your calendars, you too will be a Schomburgkia freak after this talk!



Laelia Schom. lyonsisii



C. Intermedia x Schom. crispa

