



# Sunrise Orchid Society

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

July 2019

This month's meeting will be held on  
July 16, 2019 at 7:30pm

Nob Hill Soccer Club Park

10200 Sunset Strip

Sunrise, FL 33322

## Snack Table

Les Corbin, Sandy Gastesi, Carmen Hosein,  
Marlene Isaacs, Eugenie Johnson

## JULY SPEAKER

### Prem Subrahmanyam

Prem will speak on "Endangered & Rare Florida Native Orchids." Prem became interested in orchids at a young age in his boyhood home in Tallahassee, Florida. This was the beginning of a life-long passion for this amazing family of plants. He soon located



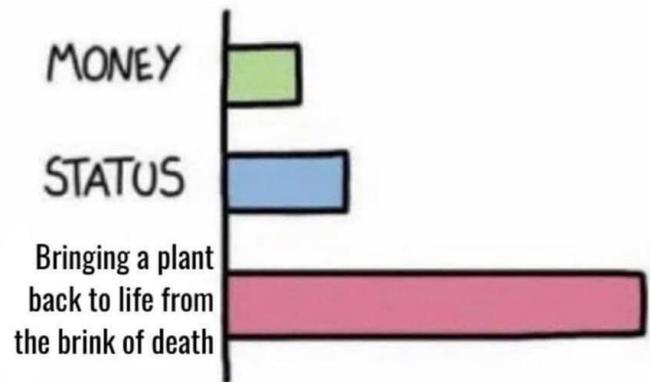
ed native orchid species growing in wild areas near his boyhood home, launching a journey of discovery of Florida's amazing native orchids, including the rare and elusive Ghost Orchid. Moving to central Florida in 2005, he has expanded his exploration to central and south Florida, where he can often be found hiking out into the wild with his wife, Joy, and/or a few of their fifteen children in tow as photographer's assistants.

He has spent some thirty years tracking down species both common and rare within the wilds of Florida, armed with his camera and a sharp eye. Many of these photographs appear, along with detailed information on Florida's orchid species, on a website that he personally founded and maintains: [www.flnativeorchids.com](http://www.flnativeorchids.com). His photographs and articles have also appeared in many orchid related magazines, wildflowers guides, and books. Please join us for a most informative evening. Guests are always welcome!

## CLUB NEWS

- Follow us on Facebook by clicking [HERE](#), or search for Sunrise Orchid Society on Facebook.
- As a reminder, raffle tickets will not be sold while speaker is talking. Remember to turn off your cellphones.
- If you would like to be part of the Board of Trustees please speak to Laurajean or John after the meeting.

### WHAT GIVES PEOPLE FEELINGS OF POWER



#### SUNRISE ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FEES: 20.00/person**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ NEWSLETTER

AVAILABLE BY EMAIL ONLY

Completed form and payment may be returned at general meeting or mailed to Indira Kunjbehari 10421 NW 18th Dr Plantation, Fl 33322. Thank -you

## GROWING TIPS FOR JULY

Excerpted from [\*Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month\*](#) by Martin Motes, and his monthly newsletter

An exceptionally wet June has more than made up the deficit of rain in May. Coming in the expected pattern of late afternoon thundershowers, the heavy rain often followed by bright drying sunshine has been positively encouraging to our orchids in the midst of growth. The prolonged drought of May continues to yield benefits in the reduced development of disease pressure. This boon can be extended later into the summer by careful cultural practices.

Restraint on watering is chief among these. Our plants are getting all the water they need in a generally favorable pattern. Any opportunity to dry them "hard" by withholding water even when the thunderstorms have managed to miss our plants for several days, should not be missed. Spacing plants to ensure good air movement and rapid drying suits the weather we are getting. Bright light is important as well. Plant color should be a bright apple green. Too dark a color indicates plants that are too shaded and at greater risk of disease. Those of us who have initiated the spray program recommended in *Florida Orchid Growing* should be experiencing disease free growth.

Rain water contains low levels of nitrogen but also has the ability to wash away nutrients. Any time that a respite in rain yields an opportunity to water, think of replacing the water with water soluble fertilizer. The Michigan State formula or other low phosphorus blends are recommended. Peter's Excel 15-5-15 is a satisfactory, readily available substitute. For hanging vandas, empty tea bags can be filled with the low phosphorus formula of Dynamite fertilizer available at Lowes.

While we enjoy the cool air that those afternoon showers yield up, our enemies the snails are more enamored of the silver paths the rain gives them to our flowers and soft new growth. Snail bait is very effective when applied lightly and frequently. One pellet per square foot suffices and the smaller the pellet the better.

- Dry plants hard once or twice.
- Apply liquid fertilizer instead of water during dry patches.
- Watch for thrips when rain has been sparse for several days.
- Finish top cutting and planting of vandaceous genera.

## JUNE SHOW AND TELL BEAUTIES



Blue Ribbon

Cat. Geyserland var  
alba



Blue Ribbon

Gloria A.  
Cattleya NOID



Blue Ribbon

Les C.  
Cattleya New River



Blue Ribbon

Tina A.  
Dtps. Tzu Chiang  
Sapphire Blue



Blue Ribbon

SueEllen P.  
Ascda. Brighton  
Gold



Blue Ribbon

Gloria A.  
Dend. Emma White