

## Special Report/Sponsors of the 19th World Orchid Conference®

THE 19th World Orchid Conference® will be a reality in January 2008, thanks to the tireless work and support of many individuals and organizations. The conference's co-hosts are the Fort Lauderdale and South Florida Orchid Societies, two of the largest and oldest orchid societies in the United States. Both organizations have been actively supporting orchidists and holding major orchid shows for more than 50 years. The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society, organized in June 1951 to stimulate interest, provide education and enable exchange of information among those interested in the culture of orchids in all its aspects, is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the American Orchid Society.

The South Florida Orchid Society, Inc., founded in 1945, was one of the first affiliates of the American Orchid Society. SFOS is a not-for-profit membership corporation dedicated to the improvement and conservation of orchids through education and research.

Robert Fuchs (SFOS) and Col. Kenneth Kone (FLOS) are co-chairs of the conference. They are both well known and respected throughout the orchid world and have decades of experience with major orchid shows, including the 11th World Orchid Conference, held in Miami, Florida, in 1984. Both of the host societies produce outstanding orchid shows annually and their expertise will guarantee a world-class conference and show. The 2008 event is only the fourth WOC held in the United States since the first one took place in St. Louis, Missouri, more than 50 years ago.

We want to acknowledge and thank the sponsors, individuals and organizations who have made the 19WOC® a reality.

**SPONSORS** FedEx/Kinko's, our presenting sponsor and the official shipper of the 19WOC, will be on site during the show in the back of the West Hall to service all your shipping and printing needs.

The Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Foundation is underwriting the

conference lecture series. Its generous support allowed us to organize an incredible lecture series, with speakers representing more than 18 countries.

Bacardi is the sponsor of the Opening Ceremony and Premier Party on Tuesday night. It will be providing all the refreshments for the invitation-only event that kicks off the festivities.

Schnebly Winery will be presenting the Tropical Gala on Saturday night at Jungle Island and will provide a selection of fabulous tropical wines.

**IN-KIND SPONSORS** Several in-kind sponsors have made a significant contribution to the success of the 19th World Orchid Conference:

DeLeon's Bromeliads will provide the extravagant landscaping at the show's entrance, and Living Colors Nursery will transform the hotel lobby and conference area.

The American Orchid Society has been very supportive, generously allotting space in *Orchids* to promoting the 19th WOC and providing meeting space on a regular basis for the 19WOC committee.

*The Miami Herald* is an in-kind sponsor assisting with event advertising.

Greg Allikas has provided unlimited access to his beautiful photographic images for use on our Web site and in our articles to promote the event.

Rusty and Peter Coleman registered our Web site domain and underwrite its hosting. Sue Menig-Muntz and Bruce Muntz, our webmasters, have developed and maintained the site through S. Menig, Inc.

Nature's Glassworks created the magnificent Champion Trophies.

Caravetta Design conceived the conference graphics, including General Admission, Premier Party and Tropical Gala tickets and created our first commemorative poster.

Carolee designed and produced our spectacular limited edition commemorative pin in the image of our beautiful cattleya logo.

Isicoff, Ragatz and Koenigsberg filed all the legal paperwork for trademarks.

The United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will be on site to assist with plant export. The United States Postal Service will be on site issuing custom 19WOC cancellations of any first-class stamp.

The Homestead Art Club organized the Art Contest and set up the criteria and



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judging process. Our beautiful sogetsu ikebana exhibit is organized by Chieko Mihori, director of the Florida Branch of Sogetsu, and the Morikami Museum and Gardens. Carol Chong, director of food and menu management for the Miami-Dade County Public School District, organized and chairs the cake-decorating contest. Paul Wetter, MD, organized and chairs the photography contest. The flower-arranging competition is chaired by Mrs. C.V. Meek Jr., of the Metropolitan Flower Show, and Gale Polk chairs the quilt show and competition. Miami-Dade County Public Schools organized the student art show.

**SOCIETY SPONSORS** Many orchid societies have supported the 19WOC and we are sincerely thankful for their contributions. At press time, the Society Sponsors include: Atlanta Orchid Society, Boca Raton Orchid Society, Coalition for Orchid Species, Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, Delray Beach Orchid Society, East Everglades Orchid Society, Eastern Airlines Orchid Club, Florida West Coast Orchid Society, International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Jacksonville Orchid Society, Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society, Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society, Jupiter/Tequesta Orchid Society, Kansas Orchid Society, Mid-America Orchid Congress, Orchid Growers' Guild, Orchid Society of Minnesota, Pan American Orchid Society, Slipper Orchid Alliance, Southern Ontario Orchid Society, South Florida Orchid Society, Tampa Orchid Club, Tropical Orchid Society and West Palm Beach Judging Center.

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The generous support and assistance of all of these people and organizations helped bring the 19WOC to you. They have our deepest gratitude.

We look forward to seeing you at what we anticipate will be the most spectacular World Orchid Conference ever and to making it truly memorable for everyone.

Visit [www.19woc.com](http://www.19woc.com) for more details. — *Amy Simons, Executive Director, Miami, Florida (e-mail [director@19woc.com](mailto:director@19woc.com)).*