

“Schombo-Love 101”

A Presentation by Paul and Mary Storm

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Mcp. humboldtii 'Claude'
Photo by Meke Aloha Orchids



Paul and Mary Storm are hobbyists who have a passion for anything "SCHOMBO" and their nursery in Sarasota, Florida holds what is believed to be the largest collection of Schombo-Laelia and Myrmecophila species and hybrids anywhere.

Paul and Mary are proud that they have been at the forefront of the increasing popularity of Schoms and Schom-Hybrids for more than twenty years, and often comments on their programs have included phrases like "fantastic program", "best program ever", and a "hit and a hoot"! Paul and Mary intend that their programs are entertaining as well as informational and they invite the audience to interact with them.

Paul has created and named several brand-new genera from his crosses (nothogenera), and the Royal Horticulture Society's Registrar has designated Stormara, Paulstormara, and Marystormara as new orchid genera. In addition, several orchid nurseries and hybridizers have registered schombo-hybrids after Paul in honor of Meke Aloha's "Schombo-Mission".

Paul and Mary look forward to sharing 'SCHOMBO-LOVE 101' with the members and guests of the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance and making new friends for Schoms as well as reuniting with past friend. And, as they'll tell you, their favorite planting media is Orchiata!



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The Storms, longtime orchid enthusiasts, are winding down their speaking engagements – this year they are only doing four presentations to fortunate orchid groups in Orlando, Naples, Tampa, and Hilo, Hawaii. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet two amazing and influential orchid breeders – **don't miss it!**

Paul and Mary will be bringing a LOT of great high-quality plants for sale, so come to enjoy and purchase! Plants and Orchiata may be ordered in advance from their website, www.mekealohaorchids.com.