



# South Florida Orchid Society

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### President's Message



Hello, all.

That was a great speaker we head last month.

Ms. Mannion gave us some great advice on the kinds

of pests that could potentially threaten our plants as well as practical advice on how to spot and treat any infestations that may occur. I was quite impressed with the depth of her knowledge and information.

As many of you know this month, Javier Morejon takes over as newsletter editor of the Orchidist. He plans on making some changes to the format and adding some new features over the next few months. I can't wait to see the new Orchidist and ask all of our members to provide him with any assistance he may need. Thanks again, Javier for being willing to take the reins as the newsletter editor.

This month will mark our second semi-annual

auction. Members interested in getting great gifts for the orchidophile will enjoy the range of plants, prints and other orchid-related items that will be available. Of course, if you have some extra cuttings to spare, by all means bring them to the auction.

In December we will be having our annual holiday party at R.F. Orchids. Please stay tuned to the newsletter and to your e-mail for more information.

As always, we will be needing volunteers for these important events. If you think you might be interested in helping out at the holiday party, please write your name on the sign up sheet, Marlene will have available at the auction. To help out at the auction talk to me or any of the board members

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all the members and their families and friends.

See you at the meeting.

*Judy Mezey*

### A Message From Your New Editor

As many of you may have heard by now, effective with this issue, I am taking over as editor of The Orchidist.

For those of you who don't know me too well, I have been an avid orchid grower for more than 20 years and am a member of numerous local societies including COS, Orchid Society of Coral

Gables, Pan Am Orchid Society, South Dade Amateur orchid Society and East Everglades Orchid Society.

As you look though the newsletter you notice a few changes including one species of the month, a recipe column, a monthly get growing column, a puzzle, an

a humor column as well as old favorites such as the judging results, upcoming events, and the president's message.

If there is anything you would like to see in future issues, please send me an email at [jvrmorejon214@gmail.com](mailto:jvrmorejon214@gmail.com).

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**Angrecum sesquipedale**  
Darwin's orchid is a consistent Christmas bloomer.

## It's auction time again

Mark your calendars, it's time for a semi-annual auction.

Members interested in procuring a range of gifts for the upcoming holiday season will want to attend this month's meeting to take advantage to enjoy the fantastic gift opportunities that will be available.

Blooming plants, rare artwork, jewelry, and other items will be auctioned off.

As usual, members will have the opportunity to browse the offerings and decide what they would like to buy.

We would like to encourage the members to attend and support the club. The money raised will be used to help hold our holiday party.

As always, contributions are greatly appreciated. If you have any divisions or orchid-related objects which you

would like to donate, please contact any of the board members or bring them to the meeting.

Refreshments will be available all evening long.

So reserve November 17 on your calendar and come prepared to spend for a good cause.

If you would like to assist us, please contact Dorothy Bennett or Judy Mezey.

## Get Growing with Lou Lodyga... Laelia Anceps

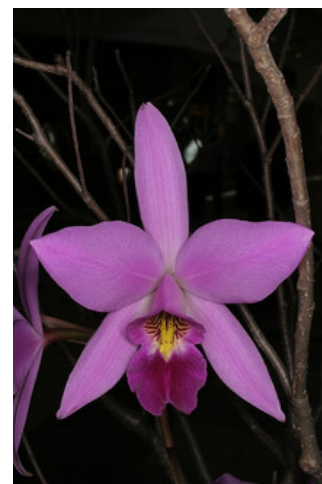
Laelia anceps is an undemanding and easy plant to grow for most people. This species is naturally occurring in Mexico and is extremely drought resistant as well as temperature tolerant.

It will thrive in temperatures from 20 degrees F. (-5 degrees C) to 100 degrees F (32 degrees C) as long as it is given enough moisture. It is known as a vigorous grower of medium size with long inflorescences from which it will have 3-5 lavender flowers measuring three to four inches. They are known for their Christmas blooming period although they can bloom from November to January.

Two distinct varieties are recognized by taxonomists an eastern variety and a darker western variety.

It needs a lot of light and needs well draining media. It grows best mounted where it can dry out completely between watering. Water 2-3 times during the summer and give a rest period in winter after it blooms.

It produces large clumps when mounted in trees where it provides a spectacular display. For this reason, it is very popular in mild winter climates like Southern California and Southern Florida.



Laelia anceps



## Upcoming Events

December 19, 2010 - SFOS Holiday party - Our Holiday Party this year will take place in the garden at R.F. Orchids. SFOS will be providing the meat and beverages and members attending will be asked to bring a covered dish with eight servings. If you bring a guest please bring extra portions of your covered dish. We will not be serving alcohol, however you are welcome to bring your own. Members have free admission and the price for guests is \$10.00. All members attending will receive a beautiful holiday plant from SFOS. Our gift exchange is optional but always fun; please label the gift for male or female. We will also have a great raffle. Please sign up at the meeting if you are planning to attend the party and let us know what you are going to bring. We hope to see everyone there. This is one of our favorite Holidays to see everyone and talk orchids. You can call Marlene Clark at (305-253-7627) or the office (305-255-3656) or sign up at the meeting. The deadline to sign up is December 10, 2010.

## October 2010 judging results

We are updating the awards section of the web site. If you have received a medal award in the last year, look for an e-mail from me. Once your award is updated it will be added to the website.

Ribbon judging winners will only be listed in the newsletter. The year end Grand Prize winners of ribbon and cultural points will also be on the website. Points are adding up fast so be sure to bring your plants in January. Because of the auction and the Christmas party, there will be no judging in November and December. Many thanks to everyone who brought their plants for us to enjoy in October. - **Bonnie Riley** Judges Present: Bonnie Riley (chair), Erna Maxwell, Julie Rosenburg, Sally Taylor, Gladys Roudel, Javier Morejon (Student), and John King (student apprentice)

October 2010 judging results:

Class 3 - Other Vandaceous: 1st: Paraphalenopsis Boediardjo X V. Kultana Gold - **Judy Mezey**

Class 4 - Cattleya Alliance Hybrids LF: 1st: Bc. Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami' - **Joan and Tony Viggiani**

2nd: Blc. Arom Gold 'Mu' - **Jan and Allen Mink**

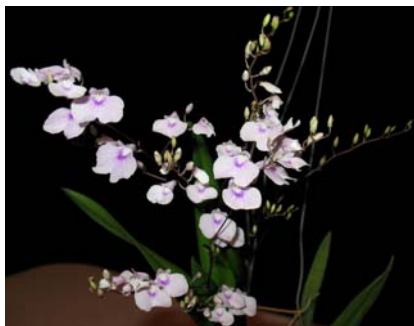
Class 5 - Cattleya Alliance Hybrids SF: 1st: Lc. Purple Splash - **Joan and Tony Viggiani**

Class 10 - Oncidiinae: 1st: Ionopsis utricularoidies - **Joan and Tony Viggiani**

2nd: Psychopsis papilio - **Judy Mezey**

Class 12 - Catasetum: 1st: Cynoches chlorochilon - **Pedro and Esther Alcocer**

Class 14 - Other Hybrids: 1st: Cirr. Doris Dukes - **Joan and Tony Viggiani**



Above: Ionopsis utricularoidies  
Right: Psychopsis papilio  
Below: Cirr. Doris Dukes



Top: Cynoches chlorochilon  
Above: Blc. Arom Gold 'Mu'



## ORCHID SCRAMBLE

Below are some common native and non-native species, but they've been scrambled up. See if you can unscramble this brain teaser.

1. - rosteahcp cclaatho
2. - vrsasbaloa doanso
3. - sioonips tiaulcriiesduo
4. - aopsetahn diiawr
5. - tteacyl vinaeut
6. - cyliacen ootianhab
7. - raie nrtaao

Something to make you laugh:

Below are a few signs that enterprising travelers have spotted at various locales around the world over the years. Here's hoping you enjoy the chuckles as much as I did.



In a Bucharest hotel lobby: "The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable."

In an Athenian hotel: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 am daily.

In a Japanese hotel: You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

Outside a Hong Kong tailor shop: Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

Outside a Paris dress shop: Dresses for street walking.

In a Rhodes tailor shop: Order your summers suit. Because is big rush, we will execute customers in strict rotation.

From a Hong Kong dentist: Teeth extracted by the latest Methodists.

Advertisement for donkey rides in Thailand: Would you like to ride on your own ass?

In a Copenhagen airline ticket office: We take your bags and send them in all directions.

And finally, two signs from a Majorcan shop entrance: English well talking. Here speaking American.

## Recipe: Chicken and Chorizo Stew with Beans and Greens

*Ingredients: 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, coarse salt (to taste), cumin (to taste), 1/4 cup virgin olive oil, 4 chorizo sausages, 1 yellow onion (chopped), 2 carrots (sliced), 4 garlic cloves (smashed), 1 Tbsp fennel seed, 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth, 1 can cannellini beans, 1 bunch kale (trimmed and chopped), juice of a lemon*

1. Season the chicken with salt and cumin, heat an 8-quart pot on medium high before adding half the olive oil.
2. Add the breast and cook without turning until they are seared on one side, about 3 minutes, Turn them and add the chorizo. Cook about five minutes more. Stir the chorizo occasionally until it is browned.
3. Add the onion, carrots, garlic, and fennel seed sautéing until the onion is translucent, about 8 minutes. Add the broth and bring it to a boil. Add the beans. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and simmer through until the chicken is cooked through, about 40 minutes.
4. Remove the lid and add the kale. Simmer, adding more broth if the stew looks too thick, until the ingredients are tender, about 30 minutes more. Stir in remaining olive oil and lemon juice and season with salt and cumin.



**Makes 4 to 6 servings.**

## Species of the month: *Bulbophyllum guttulatum*

This is a small warm to cool-growing member of this large class of orchids which is found in the Himalayas, Assam, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Vietnam where it grows at elevations of 1000 to 2600 meters.

It is an easy to grow miniature which blooms from summer to fall on an inflorescence which carries between 6 to 8 inch long flowers in a loose umbel above the foliage. Well grown plants can be very floriferous and give quite a display.

Like all bulbophyllums, these plants like to be kept moist and need light and good air circulation to bloom well. This genus grows very well in Florida and is frequently seen at society meetings and shows.

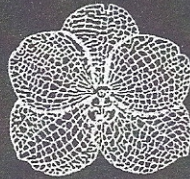


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