

The Orchidist



SFOS September 2011 Program

Tonight our program will be presented by Dr. Brian Monk. Brian will lecture on **Brazilian Miltonias**.

Brian Monk was born in Milton, Florida in 1969. Shortly after his birth, Brian's family moved to Charleston, West Virginia where he spent the next 18 years. As a young man, Brian's intense passion for nature led to his profession and his many hobbies including bird-watching, orchid growing and natural history.

In 1992, Brian received his B.S., cum laude, from Hampden Sydney College in Virginia followed by a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Virginia Tech in 1997. In 2005, while working as a Veterinarian in Orlando, Florida, Brian met the love of his life Mary-Margaret, in Ft. Lauderdale. Because of Brian's passion of all things orchid, he and Mary-Margaret formed Blu Llama Orchids, Inc. Brian and Mary-Margaret were married on April Fool's Day in 2006 and reside in Ft. Lauderdale with their five cats and

their ever expanding orchid collection.

Brian started growing and hybridizing orchids in his backyard, but this has recently expanded to 4000 square feet of greenhouse space. He will grow anything green, but focuses on his hybridizing projects, which include the development of multi-floral white and pink paphiopedilums, warmth tolerant red Oncidiinae and a standard pink Cattleya with an all-white lip.

Brian's photography has won awards online, in the 2007 Miami International Orchid Show and at the 2008 World Orchid Conference. He has had a solo exhibit of his fine art photography at the Leu Gardens in Orlando and has been a featured artist at the AOS Gardens.

Blu Llama Orchids, Inc will be providing our raffle table plants tonight!

Carol de Biase—Program Chairperson

Upcoming Events!

- **October 1st & 2nd, 2011**
SFOS Orchid show at the University of Miami Bank United Center!
- **October 2nd, 2011**
SFOS Speaker's Day Event at the University of Miami Bank United Center!
- **October 19th, 2011**
Tom Kuligowski will give a program on "Angreacums" with a mini-class on how mount them!
- **November 16th, 2011**
Glen Decker will present a program on "How to Grow Great Slipper Orchids"!

President's Message

Ok, ok, I'm not having fun - at least not at the last meeting! More on that later.

First, thanks to Sandy Jones and Tom Wells for the informative program. I think most of us can find something new or something we forgot we knew, from an informative program, like yours, thank you so much.

Are you excited about the up-coming Show - October 1st and 2nd, 2011? I know Dan is and so am I. I'm also sure the vendors are looking forward to it. There's still time if you wish to sponsor a trophy or put in a tabletop exhibit. Call

our Show Chairman, Dan Christensen (954-252-8116) or email him at (damorchid@aol.com). The TV raffle is off and running - and I'll have the tickets again at the next meeting on September 21st - that's your last chance before the Show (of course I could so use a new TV as I have an old one with one foot in the ground - picture coming and going - mostly going). Don't forget there will be judging at the Show - talk to your plants and groom them - tell them they need to look pretty - they need to be entered on Friday, September 30th from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

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**2011
SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY
ORCHID SHOW**

***“Falling For Orchids”
and
Speakers Day Event***



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South Florida Orchid Society Orchid Show "Falling For Orchids"

The South Florida Orchid Society is having an Orchid Show "Falling For Orchids" at the University of Miami Bank United Center on October 1st & 2nd, 2011. The Show hours are 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. on both Saturday and Sunday. The University Of Miami Bank United Center is located at:

Bank United Center (University of Miami)
1245 Dauer Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146

The Bank United Center is easy to get to. For exact directions please look on their website (bankunitedcenter.com). The Bank United center is located directly across the street from the University Metrorail station. There is plenty of parking in the lot in front of the center.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the door for \$10.00.

Current South Florida Orchid Society members are entitled to free admission to the show. Just show your SFOS badge and photo ID at the door.

Orchid Show Vendors List

<p>Adamson's Orchids</p> <p>Amazonia Orchids</p> <p>Bactra Design</p> <p>Carmela Orchids</p> <p>Dan & Margie Orchids</p> <p>Gold Country Orchids</p> <p>Hanging Gardens</p> <p>Hangapot</p> <p>Krull-Smith Orchids</p> <p>Mac's Orchids</p> <p>Millers Way Orchids</p>	<p>Odom's Orchids</p> <p>OFE</p> <p>Orquidea de Valle</p> <p>Ruben In Orchids</p> <p>Quest Orchids</p> <p>RF Orchids</p> <p>St. Germain Orchids</p> <p>Three S S</p> <p>Victoria's Collections</p> <p>Water Orchids</p>
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Orchid Show Exhibitors List

These Orchid Societies and individuals are putting in exhibits at the SFOS Orchid Show:

South Dade Amateur Orchid Club

Gold Coast Orchid Society

Sunrise Orchid Society

Orchid Society of Coral Gables

Curtis Leachman of Trinidad

If your name is missing from this list, it's not too late to put in a tabletop exhibit. This is an **AOS Judged Show** and in addition to individual entries, societies will compete for trophies. Each society or individual will be given a table top (3 foot x 8 foot) skirted table with a black curtained backdrop. For participating you will also receive two complimentary Show tickets and two vendor ribbons which will give the wearer unlimited access to the sales hall. Please contact the Show Chairman, Dan Christensen (954-252-8116) by **September 15th, 2011** so we can allocate the space and reserve your table.

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Tickets are available for the Show and will be at the meeting on Sept. 21st.

We are also selling tickets to Speaker's Day - October 2nd, 2011. Speaker's Day will be held on Sunday - in a large room near the Show area. Carol has a great cast of speakers for that event. A ticket for Speaker's Day will get you into the Show - during the breaks in between speakers, at lunch and when the Speaker's Day is over. A ticket for the Show **will not** get you into Speaker's Day - good thought - but it won't work.

Okay back to the meeting - too bad some of you missed it! It perhaps was the first time in my history with SFOS that I didn't win a raffle plant - not one! Just to clear up the membership plant was #4 and that is Tim's number - not mine. To say I was bummed at not getting one plant, maybe a little understated! Especially since Dan and Margie Orchids provided such a great table - almost all the plants were in bloom - and there were a lot of them, too! On behalf of the members who did get raffle plants - Thanks Dan and Margie.

Plans are in the works for our Holiday Party. The date will be announced real soon. Save your pennies.

September 21st will be our last regular meeting before the Show, are you ready to help? Since we are at a new place this year, we are going to be taking baby steps and sort of finding our way as we go. The one place we know we will need help with is hospitality - we will need people to help out our visitors all around the Show. Be ready to sign up.

Also for Sept. 21st - did you sign up to bring refreshments? Don't forget - everyone likes to eat. Please sign up with Angelica for the October meeting.

Well, we have a lot going on in the next few weeks - we can and should be thankful we were spared a visit from Irene. I have family in VA - they were in an earthquake and hurricane all in the same week.

Please join us on September 21st for another great speaker and see what else is going on!

Sally Taylor—President

Call For Volunteers!

Hopefully you know by now that the South Florida Orchid Society is holding a combined orchid show and speaker's day on October 1st and 2nd of this year.

I'm also sure you know that events like this don't just happen by themselves. It takes a lot of work just to put together an orchid show alone. Add to that a speaker's day event and...

Well, you get the idea.

It's very important to the SFOS for this event to be a success. In order for that to happen we need for society members to help out in various ways, both before and during the show. If you have the time and want to help, we would love to have you. Just call the SFOS office at **(305) 255-3656** or email ...

sforchid@bellsouth.net...for all the details.

We look forward to seeing you!

TV Raffle!



The South Florida Orchid Society will be holding a raffle for a 32" Magnavox LCD High Definition TV with built in DVD player at its October show,

"Falling for Orchids"

Tickets will be available for purchase at regular Society meetings and at the Hospitality booth at the show.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

August 2011 Judging Report

Despite the hot weather we had some very interesting plants on this month's judging table. In the next few months the fall-blooming orchids should start to appear. When your plants bloom, be sure to bring them in. Some of our members already have quite a few points toward the year end trophies!

We are still looking for a rack for the hanging plants brought in. If anyone can help us get one please let me know.

I want to thank Ron Hunt for the great pictures of our winners in the newsletter. Congratulations to this month's winners. Thank you for bringing your plants to judging.

Bonnie Riley—Judging Chairperson
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First Place Ribbon

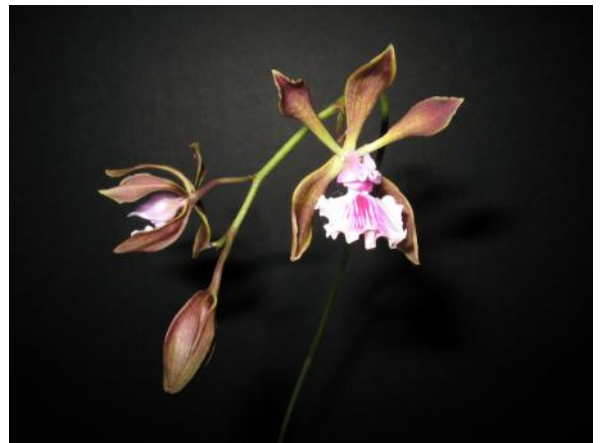
Encyclia phoenicea—Javier Morejon

Aer. quinquevulnera—Dave Foster

Trgl. brachiata var. *philippinensis*—Dave Foster

Culture Ribbon

Trgl. Brachiata var. *philippinensis*—Dave Foster



Encyclia Phoenicea—Javier Morejon



Trgl. brachiata var. *philippinensis*—Dave Foster



Aer. quinquevulnera—Dave Foster

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this year's South Florida Orchid Society
show,**

"Falling for Orchids"

please contact Ellen Hanson at

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FLOS January show announcement.

The Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society is pleased to invite any interested persons to enter a society or hobbyist/student judge exhibit in its upcoming show, themed "Celebrating Orchids", to be held at the War Memorial Auditorium, January 20-22, 2012. There are limited spaces available so prompt notification of interest will be required no later than November 30, 2011. Floor exhibits of 100 sq. ft., 50 sq. ft., and 25 sq. ft, tabletop exhibits of 8' x 2', 4' x 2', or "jewel box" exhibits of 2' x 2' can be reserved on a "first come, first served" basis. Exhibit set up will take place the preceding Tuesday and Wednesday. AOS judging will be held Thursday morning. There is no entry fee and prizes will be awarded.

Tour busses to the show are welcome. Admission for each guest will be the presale ticket price of \$5 (admission is \$10 at the door) which must be arranged prior to January 9, 2012. Busses will not be charged a parking fee.

For more details and to arrange for an exhibit reservation or group tickets, please contact

Christine Crepage (2012 FLOS Show Co-Chair)
1401 NE 27 Drive
Wilton Manors, FL 33334-4350

954-563-3548
crisnbil@att.net

Thank you and hope to see you at our show!
Visit our web site at www.flos.org

SFOS By-Laws change proposed

At the August, 2011 meeting of the SFOS Board of Directors, the following change to the South Florida Orchid Society By-Laws was approved for recommendation to the membership for ratification:

Current language:

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Section 1.

(D). Nine members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Proposed change:

(D). Fifty percent (50%) of the current Board members plus one shall constitute a quorum.

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Submissions from members are always appreciated. If you have an orchid growing technique that works for you we want to know about it. We don't need anything fancy; a simple text file is fine. If you have digital photos send them along too. We'll take it from there. You will, of course, receive credit for your submission.

Please send your submissions to ...

theorchidist@gmail.com

And be sure to visit our website at...

www.sforchid.com

See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

Correction to the 2011/2012 Roster

Due to an oversight the Special Directors in the SFOS Membership Roster were printed incorrectly.

Under Special Directors it should read:

Show Chairman: Dan Christensen

Immediate Past President: Judy Mezey.

SFOS SPEAKERS DAY 2011

SFOS will host its annual Speakers Day Event on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at University of Miami BankUnited Center, 1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables, FL. We have a wonderful panel of highly respected speakers and Speakers' Day has AOS approval for judging seminar credits. Several of our speakers will be participating in the SFOS Show as well. This year's speakers are:

Alan Koch - "365 Days of Cattleya Blossoms for the South Florida Garden" This talk looks at species and hybrids for year round color. Alan has taken into account the warm summers and our occasional frigid winter nights and discusses only plants that can take both extremes. The plants discussed can be mounted in trees or grown in pots on a covered patio and don't have to be brought inside on those occasional cold nights.

Bill Rogerson - "Cattleya Species and Their Culture" Bill Rogerson is an orchid hobbyist who lives in Chicago and specializes in growing and collecting Cattleya alliance species. He is an AOS Judge and has won over 100 AOS awards, mostly to Cattleya alliance species.

Frank Smith – "Current Phalaenopsis breeding in the US" He is the founder of Krull Smith Orchids and has been growing orchids for over 40 years. He is a credited AOS Judge and on the Board of Trustees as well. Frank is mostly known in the orchid world for his Paphiopedilums and Phragmepediums.

Andrea Niessen – "Colombian Orchids with S for South Florida" This talk will show the diversity of the Colombian Orchids with emphasis on genera that can be grown in South Florida such as, Schomburgkias, Sobralias, and Stanhopeas. It will explain their natural habitat, hybrids and possibilities of cultivation.

Weyman Bussey – "Mexican Orchid Species Update" What's new and different of the showiest species, where they come from and how to tell them apart. This presentation will cover over 50 species among a dozen genera of the showy Mexican orchids you thought you might have known, at least the name. Particular emphasis will be placed on the epiphytic Epidendreae, especially, Myrmecophila, Encyclia, and Laelia.

Speakers Day Schedule:

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast	1:00 - 2:00	Frank Smith
9:00 - 10:00	Alan Koch	2:00 - 3:00	Andrea Niessen
10:00 - 11:00	Bill Rogerson	3:00 - 4:00	Weyman Bussey
11:00 - 1:00	Lunch	4:00 - 5:00	Plant show & sales open

Tickets for Speakers Day are \$45.00 per person. The price includes a continental breakfast and lunch. This is one of the major orchid events held annually in South Florida and tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are **not** available at the door. To register, please send your check and this order form to the SFOS office: 10801 S.W. 124 St., Miami, FL 33176. For more information call (305) 255-3656.

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