

# The Orchidist

## Special Show Issue!



### SFOS November 2011 Program

**Tonight's program will be presented by Glen Decker**  
**"How to Grow Great Slipper Orchids"**

Glen will provide an insight on growing slipper orchids, with an emphasis on culture, including watering, fertilizing, dealing with insects and most importantly repotting. The talk will provide helpful hints for growing in warm climates and some important information on which groups to just stay away from.

Glen Decker began growing orchids at the age of 15 and holds an Associate degree in Applied Science in Ornamental Horticulture. Glen is the owner of Piping Rock Orchids in Galway, New York. He was the previous chair of the AOS Publications Committee and is presently a Director of the Orchid Digest Corporation. He has appeared in Martha Stewart's Better Living Magazine and on the PBS TV special "*Orchid Delirium*". He recently rewrote the Slipper section of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "*The Best Orchids for Indoors*" and was technical editor for the "*Orchids for Dummies*" book.

Carol De Biase—Program Chairperson

**Piping Rock and SFOS will provide our raffle table tonight.**

### Marlene Clark

Sadly, the South Florida Orchid Society recently lost one of its most dedicated members. Long time board member Marlene Clark passed away on October 28<sup>th</sup> after a long illness.

Marlene was a life member of the society as well as chairperson of the Refreshments and Banquet Committee.

She planned and coordinated the Holiday Party, Premier Party, Judges Breakfast and Judges lunch at society shows as well as serving refreshments for monthly meetings. She also worked in the SFOS show hospitality booth.

Marlene was a recipient of the society's Distinguished Service award in 2008.

### President's Message

I thought we were going to have to call in the Coast Guard to get any of us to the meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. I had just about gotten back into Broward County on Sunday night when the rain started. I guess I should have stayed at the Dog Show. It was raining well into Wednesday afternoon. Thankfully, it stopped short of Wednesday night. I was able to get to the meeting in a dry state - something I was not in since Sunday night.

Although our numbers were small, we had a great time. Mirta Heineman was very interesting and had some very amusing comments. Thank you so much Marta for coming and sharing with us on such short notice.

We wish Tom Kuligowski well and hope he will be able to reschedule and visit us very soon.

The orchid world has lost some very dear people.

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, we lost our very own Marlene Clark. We extend our sympathy to Charlie, Debbie, and the rest of the family.

The other loss was Richard Takafugi, owner of Orchid Center in Hawaii. He passed away on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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### Upcoming Events!

- **December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 6:30PM to 10:30PM—SFOS Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn, Coral Gables!**
- **January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012—Sheldon Takasaki of Carmela Orchids!**
- **January 20<sup>th</sup>—22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012—Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show at the War Memorial Auditorium in Ft. Lauderdale, FL!**

## An Open Letter From SFOS Show Chairman, Dan Christensen

I'd like to thank all who participated in our 2011 South Florida Orchid Show to make the show a success.

I especially want to thank all the local societies for their gorgeous table top displays. Several societies won medals and ribbons, which is a testament to the quality of the orchids shown.

For those societies that did not win this year, don't despair, all the table tops were award winners in my opinion. Start planning for next year's show October 5, 6, & 7<sup>th</sup> 2012.

I also want to thank the volunteers without whom, the show couldn't operate.

Everyone cooperated during the setup and the judges liked the venue and flow of the room.

Many SFOS members, over 50, saw the show, and I hope some will volunteer for next year. It's a lot of fun, and this way you too can be part of our success.

If I forgot anyone, I apologize.

Let's start thinking about next year and please, if you have any suggestions that you feel would improve the show, let me know.

Sincerely,

Dan Christensen  
2011 SFOS Show Chairman



Ron Hunt

### Speaker's Day 2011

I would like to thank all the speakers for giving us such wonderful and informative lectures, all those who attended and last but certainly not least all the executive board, directors of the South Florida Orchid Society and Ellen Hanson in our office for making this year's speaker's day such a grand success.

My hat's off to all of you. I am already planning next year's speaker's day and as soon as the speaker's list is finalized I will be letting you all know who they are so you can start making your plans for attending. Next year's speaker's day will be on Sunday, October 7.

Carol De Biase

## "Falling for Orchids"

"Falling for Orchids" is now history but what a fond memory! Have you ever thought what it really takes to pull off an event like this?

First it takes a Show Chairman who has a true passion for what he's doing. Dan Christensen is just such a person. And, He pulled it off in less than four months, what an accomplishment!

Selecting a place to get our South Florida Orchid Society show back on track was so necessary. Going to the Bank United Center gives us a place to grow into. What an easy place to find, parking was plentiful and the room was just right.

Dan had many jobs: contacting the vendors; getting the fliers and posters done; placing ads in the newspapers and getting the "donuts"! That is just to mention a few of the jobs.

When Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> got here, there was no turning back. Dan, his wife Marge, Sheldon Takasaki, his wife Pearl, their son Darren, and Tim and I all met at the Field House and the lay out began. Measure here, tape there, but that table over there, move that curtain over here. Just a few hours later the lay out was done.

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> came really early for some of us. Dan was up before dawn to get the "donuts" and be at the show site before 8 AM. He made it. The vendors started arriving and began the task of putting together their table-top exhibits and then their sales booths needed to be set up.

The local societies arrived a few hours later and began putting their exhibits together. A special thanks to Coalition of Orchid Species, Davie Orchid Society, Gold Coast Orchid Society, Orchid Society of Coral Gables, Pan American Orchid Society, South Dade Amateur Orchid Club and Sunrise Orchid Society for adding so much beauty to our show. Also, special thanks goes to Curtis Lutchman and his son for coming from Trinidad and putting in 2 table-tops. One was all cut flowers and it was breath taking.

Set up continued until 7 PM. During the afternoon the individual orchid plants arrived with their owners to be entered for judging. The individual plants were very interesting and a little different from what is usually entered at our shows that were held in March.

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> the judges arrived under the direction of Dorothy Bennett and began the task of judging the Show. Bonnie Riley led our own SFOS judges who judged everything for SFOS Show Metals. At 10 AM the SFOS judging was finished but the AOS judging continued. Dan opened the doors to the public and the buying frenzy began. All of the judges were treated to a wonderful brunch.

Sunday, October 2 everyone was moving a little slower but they were all ready for the doors to open. The Speaker's Day was under way in the Hurricane 100 Room, under the direction of Carol DeBiase. This was a very well attended event, having five great speakers. Thanks to: Alan Koch, Bill Rogerson, Frank Smith, Andrea Niessen and Weyman Bussey for coming to share with the Speaker's Day attendees.

Plants were given out to almost all of our visitors, the plants were donated to us by Carmela Orchids.

Just before the show closed a name was drawn for the free raffle of Orchids (which were donated by our vendors). This was won by Eloina Zayas-Bazan. After that the drawing was held for the 32" Magnavox TV and yes, it's true, I won it!

The show became history at 5 PM on Sunday. The vendors dismantled their exhibits and took down their sales booths in record time. Within three hours you would never have know we were in the building.

I'd hate to try and tell you what we all did on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. One thing that I am sure most of us did was sleep an extra fifteen minutes.

We have had a wonderful start to the new chapter in the SFOS Show history. The dates are penciled in for the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Show to be held on October 5, 6, & 7, 2012. Dan has promised to continue and if you want me, I guess I'm in too! So, mark your calendar and be prepared to help. We now know where we can use some more of you. Oh yes, the plants you purchased - start telling them you need them for an exhibit or an individual entry - there are Show metals, AOS Awards and SFOS Trophies all up for grabs.

See you at the next show!

Sally

Photos from the 2011 SFOS Show, "Falling for Orchids"



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## 2011 SFOS Show Judging Notes

Once again this year I was honored to serve as a judging clerk at the Miami International Orchid Show. I really enjoy watching dedicated judges and student judges at work. Here are just some of the results. Congratulations to everyone who entered. Whether you won big or not, all of your orchids and exhibits were beautiful. I apologize in advance for any errors or omissions.

R.F. Orchids took the SFOS Show trophy along with a Gold Medal for their beautiful "Ode to Autumn" Open Class tabletop exhibit. This display also won an AOS Gold Medal and Show trophy along with the Marion Sheehan Memorial Award for Artistic Merit.

They also won numerous flower quality awards and best in show trophies including Best Ascoenda, Best Other Color Cattleya, Best Slipper Orchid and Best First Bloom.

Orquideas del Valle won a Silver Medal and Second Place trophy for their lovely Open Class table top exhibit entitled "Tropical Feeling" They also won The Brian T. Gaine trophy as well as the Miniature trophy along with a number of SFOS Show Medals.

Quest Orchids took home a Bronze medal in Open Class with their exhibit entitled "Orchids at the U". They also won the prestigious R.F. Orchids Specimen Plant trophy.

The Coalition for Orchid Species took first place and a Best in Class trophy in the Orchid Society Tabletop exhibit class for their "Falling for Species" display. They also took home the Robert & Adrienne Ginsberg trophy as well as a number of SFOS medals.

The Pan American Orchid Society won Second Place and a Bronze medal in the Orchid Society Tabletop exhibit class

for their display entitled "Cascade of Orchids". In addition, one of the plants in their exhibit received a Silver SFOS Show Medal.

The South Dade Amateur Orchid Club took third place in the Orchid Society Tabletop exhibit class for their "Orchids Light the Way" display. They also took home a Bronze SFOS Show Medal for a plant in their exhibit.

Odom's Orchids took home a number of awards including the Robert M. Scully trophy, the Edwin R. Angerman trophy, the Best White Cattleya trophy and the Oncidium Alliance trophy. They also received numerous AOS and SFOS flower quality awards.

Curtis Lutchman won the Open Class Tabletop (Cut Flowers) honors with his "A Collectors Dream" entry. He also took home the Best Cut Flower trophy as well as several SFOS Show Medals. In addition he won the Lewis & Varina Vaughn trophy, the Pink Phalaenopsis trophy, the Other Color Phalaenopsis trophy and the Memoria Aida Vazquez-Gottlieb Equitant Oncidium trophy.

Judy Mezey took home a number of awards including the Oscar Nelson Memorial trophy for hobby growers and the John Gessner trophy. She also won several "Best in Class" and medal awards.

This is just a sample of the awards that were received at the show. A complete list has been posted on the SFOS web site.—[sforchid.com](http://sforchid.com)

Once again, congratulations to all our winners!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

I hope everyone had a chance to go to the SFOS Show last month. It is a great new venue and the exhibits were exceptional.

Many Thanks to our hard working Medal Judging Team: Julie Rosenberg, Ruben Sauleda, Sally Taylor, Gladys Roudel, and Maria Wood.

They awarded 3 Gold Medals, 27 Silver Medals, and 21 Bronze Medals. Check our web site for a complete listing of the medals and trophies awarded at the show.

Congratulations to our SFOS members who received medals at the show. These plants will also be eligible for our special year-end trophies.

Only SFOS members are eligible for these trophies. If you received a medal award for a plant that was in an exhibit, please let me know.

Thanks,

Bonnie Riley—SFOS Judging Chairperson

**Judy Mezey—2 Silver Medals**

**Bob Fuchs and Michael Coronado—2 Gold Medals, 6 Silver Medals, and 1 Bronze Medal**

**Kathy Whalen—1 Silver Medal and 1 Bronze Medal**

**Ruben Sauleda—1 Bronze Medal**

**Carlos Cahiz—1 Bronze Medal**



## October 2011 Judging Report

We had some really beautiful plants on the Judging Table this month. I want to thank our members who braved the rainy weather to bring them in.

Points are adding up fast so be sure to bring your plants in November. Because of the Holiday party there will be no judging in December.

Congratulations to our October Blue Ribbon Winners:

Den. Bobby Mesina X Chao Phya River—Judy Mezey  
Blc. Prada Green Deluxe “Caribe” AM/AOS—Gene Stevens

Bonnie Riley—Judging Chairperson  
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Blc. Prada Green Deluxe “Crike” AM/AOS—Gene Stevens



Den. Bobby Mesina X Chao Phya River—Judy Mezey



A special thanks to Bob and Mike at RF Orchids for providing such beautiful plants for our refreshment raffle.

If you would like a chance to win one of these lovely plants all you need to do is sign up with Angelica to bring a refreshment item to one of our regular monthly meetings!

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## Items of Interest

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

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**Thank you and hope to see you at our show!**

Visit our web site at [www.flos.org](http://www.flos.org)

### Refreshment Reminder

Remember SFOS has changed the refreshment policy. We are now having members volunteer to bring snacks. If you volunteered to bring snacks for a meeting, thank you so much and please remember to pick up your special raffle ticket at the next meeting. Anyone that brings snacks will receive a special raffle ticket for a special drawing that evening.

### Dendrobium Identity Clarification

For anyone who may have received dendrobium seedlings during the deflasking demo at the July meeting with the label Den. David's Delight, please be advised that one of the parents has been identified as an "unnamable hybrid" by a recognized taxonomist; therefore the cross, while retaining the name Den. David's Delight, will never be registered as a new hybrid. David Genovese, who bred the cross, is deeply apologetic for the confusion. On a positive note, both parents are beautiful, and the seedlings should still produce wonderful blooms once they reach flowering size.

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I know Carol has another speaker all ready for us on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget you need to send in your reservation and payment for the Holiday Party, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM.

The entertainment is set and we are working on a raffle table. I've almost finished the table favors and the centerpieces have been planned. We are working on a plant for each member. Remember to bring a donation of canned foods for the Food Pantry or a toy for Toys for Tots or a donation of \$5 would be nice - but it is all optional - we are doing this in lieu of a gift exchange. If you know of a needy family - let us know - helping our own would be our first choice. Come, join us and start your Holiday Season off with friends and a really fun evening.

Sally Taylor—President

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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! You don't need to send anything fancy; a 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 ...

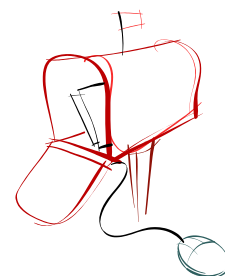
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See you next month!

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Dear SFOS Members:

The SFOS Holiday Party will be held on Sunday December 11, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Coral Gables, 1350 South Dixie Highway, Coral Gables, FL 33146. We will have a buffet dinner - however you must choose your entree. You will have your choice of Roast Beef, Mahi Mahi Marinara cooked to perfection, or Grilled Herbed Chicken.

The buffet will include: Caesar Salad, Tomato and Mozzarella Salad with Balsamic Vinegar and Virgin Oil Dressing, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Fresh Baked Rolls, and Breads. Dessert will include Homemade Chocolate Cake or Florida Key Lime Pie. To drink we will have Flavored Iced Teas and Lemonade along with Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Hot Tea.

The party will be from 6:30 – 10:30 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00PM. We have wonderful entertainment for the evening and all current members will receive a Holiday Gift Plant. The price for the evening is \$35.00 for members and guests and we certainly hope you will join us for a great evening!

Instead of a gift exchange, this year we are asking our members that want to participate, to please bring a donation of either canned food or a toy. We will make sure your donations are given to the local food bank or Toys for Tots.

Please mail this reservation form along with your check to the SFOS Office, 10801 SW 124 St., Miami, FL 33176, by Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. You can also pay by Visa or MasterCard.

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