

The Orchidist



SFOS December 2011 Program

As most of you probably know, we don't normally have a regular meeting in December but rather throw a big Holiday Party instead. Well, this year is no different. Our annual Holiday Party will be held on December 11th at the Holiday Inn, 1350 South Dixie Highway, Coral Gables, FL 33146. We'll be having a Buffet style dinner this year. However, you will need to choose the entree of your choice beforehand. Details are in the reservation form on the next page of this issue of *The Orchidist*. **You need to make your reservation by December 1st!**

Instead of a gift exchange, this year we are asking our members who wish 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.

20th World Orchid Conference Awards

Congratulations to R.F. Orchids!

Bob and Mike brought home 11 medals from cut flower entries in the 20th World Orchid Conference Show in Singapore!

The awards included 5 gold medals, 5 silver, and one bronze:

Ascda. Fuchs Sunkist 'Orange Glow' GM/20WOC
Ascda. Joanne Jones 'Singapore' GM/20WOC
Ascda. Kultana Gold Spot 'Crownfox Golden Spots' GM/20WOC
Ascda. Kwa Geok Choo 'Crownfox' GM/20WOC
V. Martina Rivera 'Crownfox' GM/20WOC

Ascda. Crownfox Butter Ball 'Sunshine' SM/20WOC
Ascda. Fat Tuesday 'Ocelot' SM/20WOC
Crd. Crownfox 'Singapore' SM/20WOC
V. Crownfox Celestial Delight 'Singapore' SM/20WOC
V. Fuchs Sunbeam 'Crownfox' SM/20WOC

Csn. Crownfox Limeade 'Crownfox' BM/20WOC

President's Message

Sorry to have missed a great and well attended meeting. I hear that the speaker was interesting and that everyone enjoyed the talk.

Wonder if I won any plants in the raffle? I have not heard from Ralph. I'll catch him sooner or later.

Thanks to Carol for taking over the meeting for me.

As some of you know, I had Timmy in the hospital for six days because he was not eating. I got him home on Tuesday (Nov. 15) and on the advice of two doctors, we went ahead with our plans to go to the dog show in Ocala on Wednesday. Tim did much better at the dog show and is eating some but still not as much as I would like him to! My dogs did very well at the show.

So now, it is on to other things. We have just past "Black Friday" and kicked off the Holiday Season. Have you finished your shopping yet? If not - take a break and join the South Florida Orchid Society members, their families and friends for our Holiday Party on December 11. Dan has worked very hard on the Party and I don't want to eat the candy I got for table favors by myself! There are only a few days left to get your reservations in! What a great price - only \$35.00 for the full evening, which includes your meal, entertainment and a plant for members.

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Upcoming Events!

- December 11th, 2011—SFOS Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn, Coral Gables!
- January 18th, 2012—Sheldon Takasaki from Carmela Orchids will be speaking about Hawaii!
- January 20th —22nd, 2012—Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show!

Seasons Greetings

2011 SFOS Holiday Party

The SFOS Holiday Party will be held on Sunday December 11th, 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 entre. You will have your choice of:

Roast Beef

Mahi Mahi Marinara cooked to perfection

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 Ice Teas and Lemonade along with Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaf-feinated Coffee and Hot Tea.

The party will be from 6:30 – 10:30 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00PM. **All current members will receive a Holiday Gift Plant.** The price for the evening is \$35.00 for members and guests.

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.

We hope you will join us for a wonderful evening of friends and orchids!!!

Please mail this reservation form along with your check to the SFOS Office, 10801 SW 124 St., Miami, FL 33176, by Monday, December 1st, 2011.

Please make _____ reservations @\$35.00 each for the SFOS Holiday Party.

_____ **Roast Beef** _____ **Mahi Mahi** _____ **Chicken**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Visa or MasterCard #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Security Code: _____



November 2011 Judging Report

We had another interesting plant table last month. There were some interesting new hybrids as well as some old favorites and species. I want to thank the members for bringing their plants for us to enjoy.

I also want to thank Ron Hunt for the great pictures of the Blue Ribbon Winners in our monthly newsletter.

Bonnie Riley—Judging Chairperson
All Award Photos by and ©2011, Ron Hunt

There will be no judging in December because of the Holiday Party. Bring your plants in January. There are Trophies to be won and the points are adding up fast!

Congratulation to the First Place Winners:

Paph. insigne f. sanderae—Javier Morejon
Bulb. Doris Dukes X Bulb. longissimum—Ignacio Resillez
Dtps. Long Pride White Lip—Gene Stevens
Pyp. Kalihi "Big"—Dave Foster



Dtps. Long Pride White Lip —Gene Stevens



Psycopsis Kalihi 'Big' —David Foster



Bulb. Doris Dukes x Bulb. Longissimum—Ignacio Resillez



Paph. Insigne f. sanderae—Javier Morejon

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

Christine Crepage (2012 FLOS Show Co-Chair)
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crisnbil@att.net

Thank you and hope to see you at our show!

Visit our web site at www.flos.org

AOS moving to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens

The American Orchid Society has announced that they will be moving their headquarters from their current location in Delray Beach Florida to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens in Coral Gables Florida. According to a press release posted on the Fairchild web page...

The AOS outstanding collection of rare orchids will be used for teaching and will be displayed in the Garden's new 12,500-square foot Clinton Family Conservatory as part of the DiMare Science Village scheduled to open December 2012. Both groups will remain independent and autonomous, fulfilling their own missions, sharing administrative space in Fairchild Garden's corporate offices.

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Of course, there is also a raffle table with great plants for the lucky people. There is also the opportunity to give back to the community by bringing a few cans of food for the food bank or a toy or two for the Toys for Tots program.

Since we will not be having a regular meeting in December, I'll ask you to mark your calendars for January 18, 2012. Our Speaker will be Sheldon Takasaki owner of Carmela Orchids in Hawaii. If you have not guessed, I think of him as a brother. All I can say is you will be entertained!

I hope each of you have enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. I also hope you will have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and for my Jewish friends may you have a Happy Hanukkah.

Just in case you are not at the Holiday Party here is a wish for you too! I would like to say have a happy and safe New Year's Eve and may the year of 2012 be more than any of us expect.

Sally Taylor—President

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Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Fire Fighters Memorial Building, 8000 N.W. 21st Street Miami, FL 33122-1605

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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 ...

theorchidist@gmail.com

And be sure to visit our website at...

www.sforchid.com

See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

