

The Orchidist



SFOS March 2012 Program

Jason Fischer will be our March speaker and will present a program on the 20th World Orchid Conference.

Jason works and helps manage Orchids Limited in Plymouth, Minnesota with his father, Jerry Fischer. Having worked for his father since the age of five, he learned the orchid world from both a business and hobbyist's perspective.

Jason's educational interests have been strongly influenced by Japan. He studied Japanese language and culture both in high school and at the University of Minnesota. Jason lived for a time in Kyoto, Japan and upon returning to the U.S. decided to import Japanese orchid species and add a new niche to the business.

Jason has a passion for orchids, and the communication skills he developed in Japan as an English teacher have helped him create interesting lectures that will not put an audience to sleep. He has lectured at over 30 different orchid societies in the US, Japan and Canada and was a speaker for both the 19th and 20th World Orchid Conferences.

ORCHIDS LIMITED & THE SFOS WILL PROVIDE OUR RAFFLE TABLE PLANTS

SFOS MEMBER ROBERT FUCHS HONORED!

Robert Fuchs, President of R.F. Orchids in Homestead, was inducted into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame in Tampa on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012. The induction ceremonies were held during the State Fair.

The Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame honors those men and women who have made lasting contributions to agriculture in Florida. Robert Fuchs, a third-generation orchid grower with deep ties to the agriculture community in South Florida, is the first orchid grower to be recognized by the Hall of Fame in its 35-year history.



President's Message

We have really started out this New Year with exciting, informative and very interesting programs at our SFOS meetings.

Our February speaker Peter Kouchalakos was no exception. Thank you Peter for all the knowledge and information you provided at our meeting. I am almost certain each person took home some bit of useful information. Many of us were re-learning a thing or two that we once knew and had long since forgotten.

I am sure our March 21st Program will be another winner. I would also like to challenge you to make a division of a favorite plant from your collection and get it ready for the auction in April; all donations will be gratefully accepted.

I know October seems a long ways down the road. It will be here before we know it - I think it has some things to do with us getting older - time seems to fly by twice as fast as it use to! Dan Christensen has plans well under way for our 66th Annual Orchid Show on October 5th, 6th & 7th, 2012. Please mark your calendar and tell your friends and neighbors. Also, watch our newsletter and web site for more information.

I am sorry if I came on a little strong about the refreshments last time. We have a new policy in place which is what ever everyone brings is what we have to snack on.

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Upcoming Events!

- **April 18th, 2012—SFOS Annual Orchid Auction**
- **May 16th, 2012—Tom Kulisowski will lecture on Angraecums**
- **June 20th, 2012—Roy Tokunaga**

February 2012 Judging Report

We had a wonderful plant table this month. There were 16 entries with 13 Blue Ribbons and 1 Culture Ribbon which was awarded to Dave Foster. We also awarded an 81 point Silver Medal to C. Newberry Luisa's Love 'Hot Stuff' owned by Julie Rosenberg and Ron Hunt.

Congratulations to all the winners and a big Thank You to everyone for bringing in your plants.

Bonnie

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Din. polybulbon--Sally Taylor
 Pyp. Kalihi--Dave Foster
 Tolu. Memoria Ralph Yagi 'Solar Baby'--Dave Foster
 Paph. primulinum f. flavum--Pedro Boneti
 Phrag. China Dragon--Georgia Tasker/Sandy Schultz
 Den. capituliflorum--Dave Foster
 C. Newberry Luisa's Love 'Hot Stuff'--J. Rosenberg/R. Hunt

C. lueddemanniana--Pablo Esperon
 Ctps. cubensis--Pablo Esperon
 V. tessellata--Julie Rosenberg/Ron Hunt
 Trgdm. egertonianum--Georgia Tasker/Sandy Schultz
 Cirr. longiflorum--Dave Foster
 Phal. Sogo Pearl 'Pro'--Ann Thayer



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**THE SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (305)255-3656

Items of Interest

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We are all supposed to be responsible adults so there is no signing up or calling to remind you. So, if you make something and your family likes it, make it sometime and bring it to a meeting. If you need to try out a new recipe, make it and try it out on the SFOS members. The SFOS will continue to supply the coffee and cold drinks.

Everyone who brings a refreshment item will receive a special raffle ticket for a beautiful orchid provided by RF Orchids. Thank you Robert Fuchs for your donations to the Society each month and for everything else you have done and continue to do for the Society.

Just to let you know, we are still having a special plant raffle for members. The only change is that we are no longer

using badge numbers for that raffle. When you arrive at the meeting, just show Christa your membership badge and she will give you a special ticket for the membership raffle.

I think that the Society has some great things ahead and I hope that you will come out and join us for a meeting. If you are a new member, please come and claim your free membership plant.

I will be looking forward to seeing you all again on March 21st.

Sally



SFOS Show News!

Just a wee bit of early SFOS show news for you.

If you are a beginning orchid grower and you would like to learn the right way to care for your plants, the South Florida Orchid Society will be holding classes in both English and Spanish during its combined fall show and speaker's day event.

There will be classes on Phalaenopsis, Cattleya and Vandaceous cultures as well as classes on general orchid culture.

In addition, if your society is considering its participation in the show, we are going to be offering something 'special' for you.

I cannot divulge too much now... well, simply because I do not have all the details myself. However, show chair, Dan Christensen has assured me that further details will be forthcoming. Keep checking the newsletter for more information.

It is not too soon to start making your 2012 show plans!

—Ron

SFOS Show News!

SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY

Presents

The 66th Miami International Orchid Show

Autumn Festival of Orchids

BankUnited Center, University of Miami
1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Orchid Show Dates

October 5, 6, & 7 2012

10:00am-5:00pm

Admission
only \$10.00

(10 and under FREE)

Speaker's Day

October 7, 2012

8:00am-4:00pm

Admission \$45.00

(Includes Continental
Breakfast, Lunch and
Sunday Show Admission)



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Orchid Growing Demonstrations for Beginners
Saturday, 10:30-4:30

Ample Parking

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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March 2nd – 4th, 2012

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Fri. & Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 12pm-5pm

Plant registration will be open to the general public to be AOS Judged for coveted awards: Thursday March 1st, 12pm-5pm, Friday March 2nd, 10am-1pm. We are also accepting entries of Orchid Art Work and Orchid Crafts.

- Fabulous Orchid Exhibits, Orchid Art and Orchid Crafts
- Educational Programs by Guest Speakers (See web site for times and Topics)
- Beautiful Orchid Plants available for purchase along with Orchid Supplies, Books and Magazines
- Orchid re-potting - bring your orchids, we will re-pot them
- American Orchid Society Judging
- Hourly Raffles – win Free plants. Everyone who attends will receive a free raffle ticket
- Free Culture information – we will have culture sheets and an information booth for your use
- Free Holding Area – we will hold your purchases for you while you shop.

Admission \$5, kids under 12 and adults over 80 get in free. Free parking

For more information visit our web site: www.tampabayorchidsociety.shutterfly.com

Above Art work by Donna Morrison: bayou@tampabay.rr.com



ORCHID AUCTION

PAN AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH 2012

9:30 AM

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- FREE REFRESHMENTS
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Florida West Coast Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction

Blooming and non-blooming orchid species and hybrids

Saturday, March 31st, 2012

Preview at 8:30am, Auction at 9:00am

SW Southwest Recreation Complex

13120 Vonn Road, Largo

Admission: Free

Parking: Free

For information: Contact Ruth Cannon (727) 550-7993

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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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And be sure to visit our website at...

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

