### The Orchidist

### SFOS March 2012 Program

Jason Fischer will be our March speaker and will present a program on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 Congratulations to all the winners and a big Thank You to 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.

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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Phrag. China Dragon--Georgia Tasker/Sandy Schultz



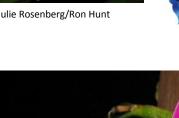
Den. capituliflorum--Dave Foster

### **February 2012 Judging Report Continued**











C. Newberry Luisa's Love 'Hot Stuff'--Julie Rosenberg/Ron Hunt

### **February 2012 Judging Report Continued**



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Phal. Sogo Pearl 'Pro'--Ann Thayer



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Trgdm. egertonianum--Georgia Tasker/Sandy Schultz



Ctps. cubensis--Pablo Esperon



C. lueddemanniana--Pablo Esperon









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### **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 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

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Featuring Internationally Acclaimed Orchid Growers from around the World and U.S.

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

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



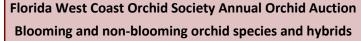


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And be sure to visit our website at...

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt-Editor, The Orchidist

