



The Orchidist

SFOS Program

Sheldon Takasaki, the owner of Carmela Orchids in Hawaii, will present our January program. His program is titled ***“Everything you wanted to know about Hawaiian Orchids and some other secrets”***. If you have never heard Sheldon speak you are in for a treat!!

Sheldon is no stranger to SFOS. He was a vendor at the 11 WOC, held in Miami in 1984 and has been a vendor at most of our orchid Shows since 1985. It has been a couple of years since Sheldon has presented a program for SFOS, so we are thrilled to have him back to present the first program of the New Year.

As a young Hawaiian boy, Sheldon grew up picking “field orchids”, the flowers used to make Leis and to put in the drinks of tourists in Hawaii.

Carmela Orchids is located in Hakalau, Hawaii. The nursery was founded in 1960 and has grown over the years from a small collection of orchids grown on top of a bomb shelter to a multi green house operation with an in-house lab. Carmela Orchids is well known for their high standards of quality.

Carmela Orchids will be providing the plant raffle table and the four special raffle plants.

We hope you will join us for this great program.

Guillermo Salazar
Program Chairman (program@sforchid.com)



The SFOS honored Ellen Hanson at the Holiday Party, presenting her with a plaque and a Life Membership in the society in recognition of her 28 years of devoted service. We're going to miss her very much but we wish her the very best going forward. Ellen has a new career in Social Work, helping others navigate the confusing maze of social services available to patients recently discharged from the hospital. She set a very high standard and we'll do our best to continue that tradition. We miss her already!

President's Message

Hello all:

This is my first letter of 2015. By the time you read these lines, the New Year will have arrived. On behalf of your SFOS's board, my very best wishes for the New Year. Here is to a better tomorrow for each and every one of us.

Before I go into the future, let me share a couple of mementos from 2014. Firstly, we had a great evening at our Holiday Dinner at Carrabba's Italian Grill in South Miami. My thanks go to their owner, Chris and his crew for doing a great job for us that evening. Every SFOS's member in attendance, had a choice of a gift phalaenopsis or paphiopedillum orchid. We also had a raffle of the 10 large dendrobium arrangements that decorated our tables. Thanks to Dan and Margie for bringing the gift orchids. Thanks to Ralph for being the raffle's MC. Secondly, we said farewell, and recognized the over 20 years of service to SFOS, provided by Ellen Hanson and her husband, John. Thanks to Sally for putting together our recognition plaque presented to Ellen that evening. For those who are wondering, Ellen went back to school, received her post-graduate Masters at the top of her class, and is now working in her profession. I am certain you all join me in wishing Ellen the very best in her new endeavor.

I take a minute now, to remember all those friends and loved ones no longer with us. Also, I offer a little prayer for our loved ones in the armed forces and first responders.

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Upcoming Events!

- **February 18, 2015 – SFOS Annual Orchid Auction!**

**THE SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY
PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION
FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

WE HAVE BARGAINS GALORE ON ORCHIDS

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FREE REFRESHMENTS

FREE PARKING

PREVIEW 7:30 PM

AUCTION BEGINS AT 8:00 PM

CASH, CHECK, VISA & MASTERCARD ACCEPTED

Christ The King Lutheran Church

11295 S.W. 57th AVE (Red Road)

Pinecrest FL 33156

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (305)255-3656

SFOS Annual Orchid Auction call for contributions!!

Members are encouraged to contribute plants or plant divisions as well as other orchid related items to our plant auction. All of the proceeds will go to help make the SFOS stronger while helping to spread the joy of growing orchids to others in our community.

LET'S MAKE THIS OUR BEST AUCTION YET!

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Items of Interest

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Shows: January starts in a hurry, with a flip on dates of shows. We have the Tamiami Orchid Festival January 17th and 18th at FIU's Youth Fair Pavilion. The Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show held at the War Memorial Auditorium in Ft. Lauderdale, starts the 23rd, and goes through the 25th, with a RSVP preview night Thursday the 22nd.

For the first time in many years, your SFOS will be doing an orchid display at an orchid show. We are doing a tabletop display at Tamiami's. Our effort grants us use of a presentation table to put the word out on your society. Membership is the life force of any orchid society. This type of effort from SFOS, has the goal of reaching out into the orchid community and make people aware of your society.

Other topics: SFOS has a library with many orchid reference books. We will catalog and publish a glossary of titles for your review. We will probably have them all for sale either at our annual Auction in February. Or at a later date through e-bay as soon as possible.

Our meeting dates pending confirmation from our host Christ The King Lutheran Church, are as follows:

MEMBER BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES

- **MEETING AND MIXING** with many friendly and helpful orchid "neighbors", amateurs, advanced collectors and commercial growers.
- **WELCOME KIT** includes first purchase discount coupons from leading member growers.
- **MONTHLY MEETINGS** with slide lectures by leading local and national orchid authorities – exhibits and refreshments.
- **EXHIBIT TABLE** each month for displays of member's plants. Some plants are spotlighted and exhibitors identified before members.
- **JUDGING** each month by qualified regional and national judges.
- **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** that includes awards given and timely cultural notes.
- **FESTIVE HOLIDAY PARTY!**
- **FREE ADMISSION** to the annual **SFOS** Show!
- **AIR CONDITIONED** spacious conveniently located meeting hall with ample **FREE** parking.

Jan. 21st, Feb. 18th, Mar. 18th, Apr. 15th, May 20th, Jun. 17th, Jul. 15th, Aug. 19th, Sep. 16th, Oct. 21st, Nov. 18th, Dec. 16th.

And, your 2015 Miami International Orchid Show 'Orchid Fiesta', is scheduled for October 9th through the 11th.

Well, that's all folks...

Be well,

Carlos

Make your plans now to attend...
The South Florida Orchid Society fall 2015 show



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October 9th through 11th, 2015

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SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY

January 21st 2015 Meeting

One ticket per member / Members Only!

Expiration Date: January 21 2015

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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!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

