



# The Orchidist

## SFOS May 20, 2015 Program

Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of both the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.



Jim's appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. He works as a Chemistry Supervisor at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and otherworldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva." They have plans to open their own retail nursery later this year.

They specialize in *L. anceps*, *C. walkeriana*, and *C. aelandiae*, and the *Catasetinae* group, but grow almost everything that can be grown in South Florida. Together, Jim and Melana have 7 grown children and four grandchildren. They live in Homestead with their 4 dogs and 5,000 plus orchids.

The program Jim and Melana Davison are going to present is a great topic that should be of interest as there are so many different kinds of dendrobiums available. Many people only know Dendrobiums as the type they now can pick up at Publix or Home Depot. In reality, Dendrobiums are one of the largest orchid groups with very diverse culture needs. For this month's presentation, Dendrobiums - Soft Cane, Hard Cane, Australian, Pendulous - Which is which?, Jim and Melana will break down some of the more common dendrobiums into their sections and teach about these differing orchids.

They will also be providing plants for our raffle table. Enjoy!

Guillermo Salazar — 1st Vice President & Program Chairman

## President's Message

Hello all:

April 30<sup>th</sup>. It is 10 days before Mother's Day Sunday, and 14 days before Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. First official day of the 2015's Redlands Orchid Festival. By my count, there are 67 vendors of orchids, orchid supplies, and home & garden products at this year's festival.

Visit [www.redlandorchidfestival.org](http://www.redlandorchidfestival.org) for more information.

Where would you be that weekend? I just learned of a customer from Arizona, who is driving all the way to Florida, and she is shipping off on a cruise the Friday of the show. "My husband booked the trip. But, I am making sure I do the booking next year!"

We were taken on a visual tour of the Philippines's orchids by our April lecturer. Mac Riverbank and his wife Hellen shared with us their newly re-edited *Orchid Species of the Philippines'* presentation. Their generous raffle table, a very nice selection of orchids in bloom for sale, and their engaging presentation made for a great evening. Thank you Mac and Hellen!

Our presenter for May 20<sup>th</sup> will be Jim Davison. Jim is a great speaker and his presentation is a '**must attend**' for anybody who grows orchids in the 305.

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## Upcoming Events

- **June 17th, 2015 — SFOS Monthly Meeting — Ken & Judy Russ — "Mounting Orchids"**

Orchids In the Park — 17th Annual Orchid Sale by Orchid Mania South Florida

Great plants, great prices, for a great cause. Beautiful orchids of all kinds.

Proceeds benefit the Pediatric AIDS program at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Saturday, May 23rd and Sunday, May 24th. Free admission. 10 am – 5 pm both days.

Dante Fascell Park, 8600 SW 57 Ave. (Red Road), South Miami.

For more info call 786-408-3897 or go to our Facebook page – OrchidMania South Florida.

We are always in need of more volunteers. We meet most Sunday mornings at our greenhouses near Fairchild to care for the orchids. If interested in volunteering, please contact the organization's President, Alex Lamazares at 786-408-3897.



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**SFOS**



**ORCHID  
FIESTA**

**October  
9th - 11th  
2015**

**2015 Miami International Orchid Show**

## April 15 2015 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Sally Taylor and Erna Maxwell

### Blue Ribbons:

- *Lycaste macrophylla* v. *litensis* - Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
- Paph. Julius 'Kiaora' - Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
- *Ctism. schunkei* - Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
- Bc. Sunny Delight 'Maj' - Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
- *Paph. chamberlainianum* - Betty Eber
- Onc. Geon - David Foster
- *Cyrtopodium polyphyllum* - Alfredo Figueroa and Aned Lamboghin
- *Max. tenuifolia* - Jim Wheeler

### Red Ribbons:

- *Dimerandra emarginata* v. *alba* - Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
- *Ctism. tenebrosum* 'Ed Wise#3' x Dragon Teeth 'SVO' AM/AOS - Georgia Tasker & Sandy Schultz
- Paph. Temptation - Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz

- *Bulb. falcatum* - David Foster
- Vasco. Pine Rivers - David Foster
- Pot. Husky Boy 'Michael' - Betty Eber
- *Onc. ampliatum* 'Lindly' - Betty Eber
- *C. aelandiae* - Betty Eber
- Mtdm. Pacific Waters 'Paul's Pride' - Jim Wheeler
- V. Dreamcatcher (Bangkhuntian x Guo Chia Long) - Jim Wheeler
- V. Robert's Delight 'Blue Star' - Jon Alexiou

### Culture Ribbon:

- Bc. Sunny Delight 'Maj' - Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz

Thank you for showing your plants. We are in need of some judges and call me if you are interested in learning more. We train you on the spot.

We look forward to your blooms in May. Please have them in place before 7:30 PM.

Thank you.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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On house cleaning news, please find our proposed board for 2015-2016. We will vote on this on the next membership meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Proposed SFOS Officers & Board of Directors for period 2015-2017**

President: Dan Christensen  
First V.P.: Carlos Cahiz  
Second V.P.: Jorge Merlo  
Secretary: Julie Rosenberg  
Treasurer: Dorothy Bennett

**Directors— Term expiring, June 2016:**

Erna Maxwell, Sally Taylor, Carlos Segrera, Ron Hunt

**Directors— Term expiring, June 2017:**

Christa Collins, Mike O'Dea, Jorge Merlo

**Directors— Term expiring, June 2018:**

Ralph Hernandez, Chris Alger, Alfredo Figueroa, Carlos Ochoa

These terms are not etched in stone. Some directors have asked to bow out before their term expires.

Our remaining meeting dates at CTK church are: May 20<sup>th</sup>, Jun. 17<sup>th</sup>, Jul. 15<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, Sep. 16<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, with our Holiday Dinner December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, my very best wishes to every Mom on her day.

Carlos

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# SFOS Board

President - Carlos Cahiz  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Dan Christensen  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Guillermo Salazar  
 Secretary- Julie Rosenberg  
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 Ralph Hernandez, Chris Alger, Ron Hunt

Board Members - Term ending 2016  
 Erna Maxwell, Sally Taylor, Carlos Segrera

Board Members - Term ending 2017  
 Christa Collins, Mike O'Dea, Jorge Merlo

Show Chairman - Dan Christensen  
 Immediate Past President - Sally Taylor



Please Join Us at Our New Meeting Location  
 Christ The King Lutheran Church  
 11295 S.W. 57th AVE Pinecrest FL 33156

May 20th 2015 Meeting!

**1 Free Raffle Ticket**

South Florida Orchid Society, Inc.

One Ticket Per Member!

Members ONLY!



Expiration Date: 05/20/15

## SFOS Culture Books Still Available!

If you haven't gotten your copy of our popular "An Introduction to Orchids" culture book you should make sure you get yours before they're all gone. After this run there won't be any more!



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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist