



# The Orchidist

## SFOS July, 15th 2015 Program

**This month we're presenting a special culture program with tips on how to get the most enjoyment from your orchids.**

**Our program includes...**

**Potting Media and Insecticides by Carlos Cahiz  
Jorge Merlo—program undetermined at press time**

**Vandaceous Orchids, culture and growing tips  
by Dan Christensen**

**You won't want to miss this informative program!**

## Silent Plant Auction

Last month our board approved silent auctions to be conducted during our monthly meetings, when the visiting speaker does not provide plants for sale. These silent auctions are very successful and accepted by the membership at other societies. The rules are very simple and meant to facilitate and ease the whole process for everybody involved.

These are the rules:

Silent Orchid Auction is a society's benefit exclusive to current members of SFOS to sell their plants at our meetings. Limited to 2 orchid plants per member. Members and/or guests can bid on any of the plants on auction. The donation to the SFOS after the auction will be 10% commission (minimum \$1, commission rounded to nearest whole dollar) on the final auction price. For example: if a plant sales for \$10.00, the commission will be \$1.00. If the plant sells for \$15.00 the commission will be \$2.00 and so on. Bring your plants so we can have a successful silent auction on our next meeting July 15th.

## President's Message

Hello All,

This is my first President's message for this year. I want to start out by acknowledging the fantastic job done by my predecessor, Carlos Cahiz, and the outgoing board of directors.



We have a great year planned for the balance of 2015 and 2016.

I want to thank our speaker for June Ken Russ and wife Judy, for a great program, and the interesting pottery he & his wife sold before the meeting. I'm sure those of you who purchased the pottery will have fun displaying your orchids in their new homes.

This month's program will be a culture program, put on by Carlos Cahiz (potting media and insecticides), Erna Maxwell (How plants are judged and preparation of your plants for judging) and myself, Dan Christensen (Vandaceous orchids, culture and a few growing tips).

I am happy to report, we signed up our 200TH member at the last meeting, so our membership is growing each month.

Let's not forget our upcoming show, which at the last meeting I was reminded was only 14 weeks away. Please talk up the show to your friends & other orchid nuts.

We have added a few new vendors this year for a nice mix of growers, plus many of our prior year vendors have returned. The word is out, we have a GREAT SHOW!!!

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## SFOS Show Vendor List



**October  
9th - 11th  
2015**

## 2015 Miami International Orchid Show

2015 SFOS Orchid Show "Orchid Fiesta" Orchid Vendors		
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## Annual Awards!

At our June meeting, Awards Committee Chair Erna Maxwell presented the Society's annual awards. Longtime members Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker probably wished they'd brought a truck to haul all their loot home, as they swept all of the award categories for the fiscal year 2014-2015. In addition to the silver and bronze medals awarded to their plants, Georgia and Sandy also won the awards for most medal and ribbon points and two of our annual trophies, the Jones & Scully Award (cattleya alliance) and the Simmons Award (other genera).



**Congratulations, Georgia and Sandy!**

## Month/Day/Year Judging Report

Our June meeting is our annual membership, and show awards presentation, and the new Board of Directors Installation.

Our thanks to the exiting board members and our judging team for their service throughout the year. Congratulations, and thanks to everyone for their commitment to your SFOS.

Outgoing President, Carlos Cahiz



Carlos Cahiz



Carlos & Dan Christensen



Carlos & Chris Alger



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Last but not least, we have a new board, many returning faces and a few new faces. All on the board are dedicated to building on the success of our society. We welcome constructive comments and we are committed to YOU the members, to continue growing and with your help, keep the South Florida Orchid Society a strong voice in the orchid community.

Dan Christensen — President & Show Chairman

Make your plans now to attend...

The South Florida Orchid Society fall 2015 show



# ORCHID FIESTA

October 9th through 11th, 2015

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