



The Orchidist

SFOS March 16th 2016 Program

Paul and Mary Storm are hobbyists who have a passion for anything "SCHOMBO" and their nursery in Sarasota, Florida holds what is believed to be the largest collection of Schombo-Laelia and Myrmecophila species and hybrids anywhere.

Paul and Mary are proud that they have been at the forefront of the increasing popularity of Schoms and Schom-Hybrids for almost twenty years. Paul and Mary intend that their programs are entertaining as well as informational and they invite the audience to interact with them.

Paul was a featured presenter at the Mid-America Winter Orchid Conference in Ohio a few years ago, as well as at the Symposium on Orchid Species sponsored by the Coalition on Species at Fairchild Gardens in Miami, the Merritt Huntington Symposium, and the Orchid Extravaganza in Aruba/Curacao.

Paul is the botanical author of several RHS accepted nothogenera and the RHS Registrar has created Stormara, Paulstormara, and Marystormara as new orchid genera. In addition, a few orchid nurseries and hybridizers have registered schombo-hybrids after Paul in honor of Meke Aloha's "Schombo-Mission"

Their program is titled *"The Fantastic Variety of Schom Hybrids"*.



President's Message

Good day to you all.

It appears old man winter is finally releasing his grasp on South Florida.

Thankfully we really didn't get any freezing weather, my greenhouses never fell below 46 degrees, which is well above the damage point for most orchids. I hope you all fared well and are getting a flush of flowers as the warmth of the sun is staying with us. Most of my orchids seem to bloom better after a cool down, I hope this is the case for all.

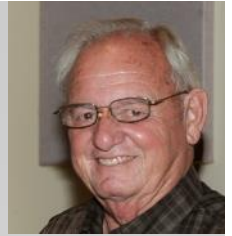
South Florida Orchid Society had a GREAT auction thanks to the effort of our board and volunteer members. If you were unable to attend, you missed out on some fabulous bargains.

I want to thank all that helped and especially Lou Lodyga, our auctioneer. He did a remarkable job, clearing out all the orchids in a little over an hour!

The money collected from the auction will help pay for Programs, refreshments, Speaker expenses, raffle plants and any left over money if any will go toward the Holiday Party in December.

The plans for our show are on schedule, you all will see the beautiful postcard soon and we have a limited number of posters to be placed

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**The Storms will provide plants for our raffle table as well as having plants to sell.
(There will be no members auction this month)**

Visit their website at (www.mekealohaorchids.com) to see photos of their plants and to pre-order.

(Please note: Cash and checks only, No credit cards.)



All Photos curtesy of Meke Aloha Orchids

Membership Dues!

It's once again time for all our members to send in their dues for the coming year. Please do so as soon as possible.

Thanks to Everyone Who Helped Make Our Annual Orchid Auction a Success!

I would like to thank the growers/vendors who were kind enough to donate plants to me for the South Florida Orchid Society Auction.

The following Orchid firms were very generous and help in a big way to make our Auction a success: **Cal-Orchids, Carmela Orchids, EFG, Krull-Smith, Mac's Orchids, Odom Orchids, Gold Country Orchids, Orchid Acres, Soroa Orchids, Wilson Orchids and Plantio la Orquidea.**

Again I would like to say Thanks - you all always come through when I ask for a donation - it is because of you that our Society has had yet another successful Auction.

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in businesses. I'll be putting out a list of our vendors as soon as the contacts come back.

Please make sure you pay your Society dues if you haven't already done so, that's how we cover most of our expenses.

Our March meeting will feature Paul Storm who will discuss Schomburgkias and I'm sure will have some interesting crosses to sell.

Dan

March 16th 2016 Meeting!

1 Free Raffle Ticket

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One Ticket Per Member!

Members ONLY!



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See you next month!

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