



The Orchidist

SFOS Month/Day/Year Program

Sheldon Takasaki, the owner of Carmela Orchids in Hawaii, will present our January program. His program is titled *"Hawaii's Favorite Orchids"*. 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 greenhouse 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 as well as our special raffle plants.

We hope you will join us for this great program.

Remember, Guests are always welcome at our meetings!



Joan Viggiani

We mourn the passing of longtime SFOS member Joan Viggiani. Joan was our treasurer and board member for many years, worked tirelessly for the society and also for the 19WOC here in south Florida. Her smile brightened every room she entered. Our sincerest condolences go out to her family.

Upcoming Events

- **February 15th 2017 — SFOS Annual Orchid Auction at Pinecrest Gardens**

President's Message



Hello all:

First off, allow me to wish everyone good health, good fortune, happiness, and lots and lots of orchid blooms on the New Year.

2017 started in a hurry. Are you ready for the upcoming orchid events? Starting January 7th and 8th, the Sarasota Orchid Society is hosting their annual orchid show. The Tamiami Orchid Festival follows, January 13th through the 15th, at the Youth Fair Pavilions, in the FIU campus. Those pavilions are

located on the corner of 24th Street (Coral Way) and 107 Ave. The Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society will host their 'Galaxy of Orchids' orchid show, starting January 20th through the 22nd, at War Memorial Auditorium, Ft. Lauderdale.

Housekeeping: We are trying to put together a society display for the Tamiami Orchid Festival. Volunteers, and volunteer orchids, props, and display assembly experience are needed. Please contact me at 305-253-7080 if you are interested. (Or pretend you are. I won't be hurt). We can use all the help we can get.

We secured Sheldon from Carmela Orchids, to talk to us about his favorite Hawaiian orchids for our January meeting. If you remember, he did a presentation for us, two years ago. Sheldon's talk, that evening, was a great success. And to punctuate it, he was also very generous with his orchid raffle contribution. I am looking forward to that meeting on January 18th.

Our annual orchid auction will be Wednesday, February 15th. We have started collecting orchid plants and all sorts of donations for this event. All help is welcome.

These are our headliners for the first half of 2017: **January 18, Sheldon from Carmela, February 15, Annual Auction, March 15, Dennis Giardina of the FWC, April 19, Larry Cox (Multifloral Paphs), May 17, Alan Black (Brassavola), June 21, Bill Thoms (Bulbophyllum).**

Meeting dates are always the third Wednesday of the month. So, we will see you all on January 18, February 15 (AUCTION), March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, (SFOS Show is Oct. 13-15), November 15, and December 20 (Christmas/Holiday Dinner).

And finally, I will leave you with this little quote from Karen Lamb, the writer. "A year from now you will wish you had started today."

So, I am starting today...

Carlos



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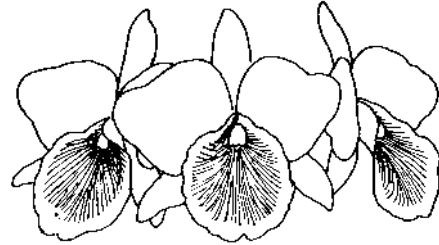
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Membership Dues!

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.



March 18th 2015 Meeting!



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One Ticket Per Member!

Members ONLY!



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