



The Orchidist

SFOS May 17th 2017 Program

Allen Black was exposed to the pleasures of horticulture at a very young age in central Pennsylvania.

Early exposure to houseplants, flowerbeds, and vegetable gardening was common for Allen in his formative years.

Currently, he is a hobbyist orchid grower and breeder (i.e., non-commercial) living in Richmond, VA.

Allen has been growing and breeding orchids for over 20 years. His main breeding efforts have been directed at Brassavola-Cattleya alliance novelty hybrids. That will be the topic of tonight's program.

He has registered over 70 of his orchid hybrids and has also "dabbled" in daylily breeding, producing 12 registered daylily hybrids.



Please join us for what I'm sure will be a most informative and enjoyable program!

Remember. Guests are always welcome at our meetings!

**Dan & Margie Orchids will be providing plants for our raffle!
And, of course there will be plenty of snacks and refreshments!**

Upcoming Events

- **June 21, 2017—SFOS Annual Award Ceremony.**
- **July 19, 2017—Bill Thoms —Bulbophyllums.**



President's Message



Hi everyone, April went by in a flash. We at OFE had an interesting time (as in the ancient Chinese curse) with the 'almost-overbooked-week-from-heck.' Our week started with a presentation on Tuesday, to the Pan Am Orchid Society. On Wednesday, we had our own SFOS membership meeting. Thursday, brought another presentation to the Key Largo Orchid Society. Meanwhile we had to prepare for the Vero Beach Orchid Society Show starting that Saturday, and the Pan Am Orchid Society Show held at R.F. Orchid Gardens that Friday, Saturday and Sunday. As you might remember, that weekend, an area of low pressure sat on top of South Florida soaking everything North of Dade County. Those rains eventually caught up with us in Homestead on Sunday afternoon. And by the time the rains stopped, the shows were done. The sun was shining again, the birds were singing, and we were all heading home with coin in our pockets.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the organizers and volunteers of the first Pan Am Orchid Society show on their successful event. I wish you continued success on your new endeavor for many years to come.

We are heading into the hottest and longer days of the season. Your plants will be working overtime, depleting their nutrient reserves and losing water faster than at any other time of the year. Make sure to water and fertilize accordingly. Here is a tip for those over 90 hot summer days. Do not water your plants when it is that hot. Instead, if feasible, water the ground on your growing area to lower the high temperatures.

The Redlands International Orchid Festival is the weekend of May 19th through the 21st from 9:00 to 5:00. Admission is \$10.00 and parking is free. Visit their website at www.redlandorchidfest.org.

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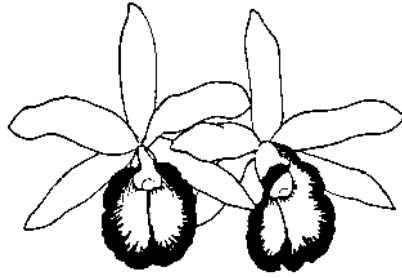
Please afford me a minute to give you a little note on orchid plant courtesy. Members bring their hard grown orchids to be judged at our meetings. Our judges handle them while evaluating the candidates. Blue ribbon winners are then photographed and later presented to us, so we can learn and share on our fellow members' success. Our judges and our photographer have an implicit permission from the plant's owners to handle their plants. Please, if for some reason you find that you have to move somebody else's plants, particularly larger specimens, please find the owner and ask for their permission to handle it. Just think how badly you would feel if somebody went to move your plant and by accident broke off your baby's blooms. A little courtesy goes a long way.

We are about to send our 2017 member roster to the printers. If you haven't renewed your SFOS membership, NOW is the time to do it. Please send your renewal form back to us with your payment. Or renew at our next meeting, May 17th. If you have any questions, please call us at 305-256-0483.

These are our next headliners: **May 17, Alan Black (Brassavola), June 21, SFOS Annual Award Ceremony, celebrate our member's achievements through the previous year. And, finally, July 19, is Bill Thoms (Bulbophyllum).**

Happy growing,

Carlos



The following slate of officers and board members will be presented to the general membership for approval at the May 17th, 2017 membership meeting. We hope everyone will attend and cast their vote.

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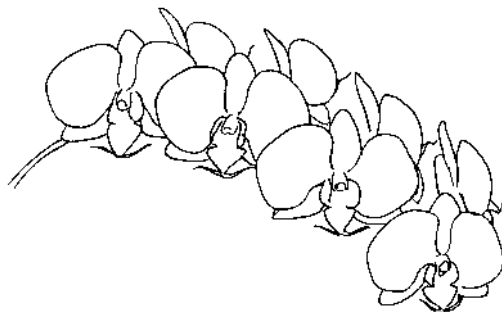
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April 19th 2017 Judging Report

Judges: Sally Taylor, Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- Mtssa. Kauai's Choice 'Tropical Fragrance' AM/AOS - Javier Morejon
- C. Sea Breeze 'Fellrath's Pride' (TOGA) - Steve Rodriguez
- V. Violetta - Steve Rodriguez
- Iwanagara Apple Blossom - Christa Collins
- C. nobilior v. amaliae coerulea - Jorge Merlo

- C. Jose Marti 'Mother's Favorite' - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- Encyclia oncioides - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker

Red Ribbons:

- Max. tenuifolia - Jim and Linda Wheeler

Thank you for showing your blooms. We look forward to your plants next month.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.



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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.

May 17th 2017 Meeting!

1 Free Raffle Ticket



South Florida Orchid Society, Inc.
One Ticket Per Member!
Members ONLY!

Expiration Date: 05/17/17

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

