

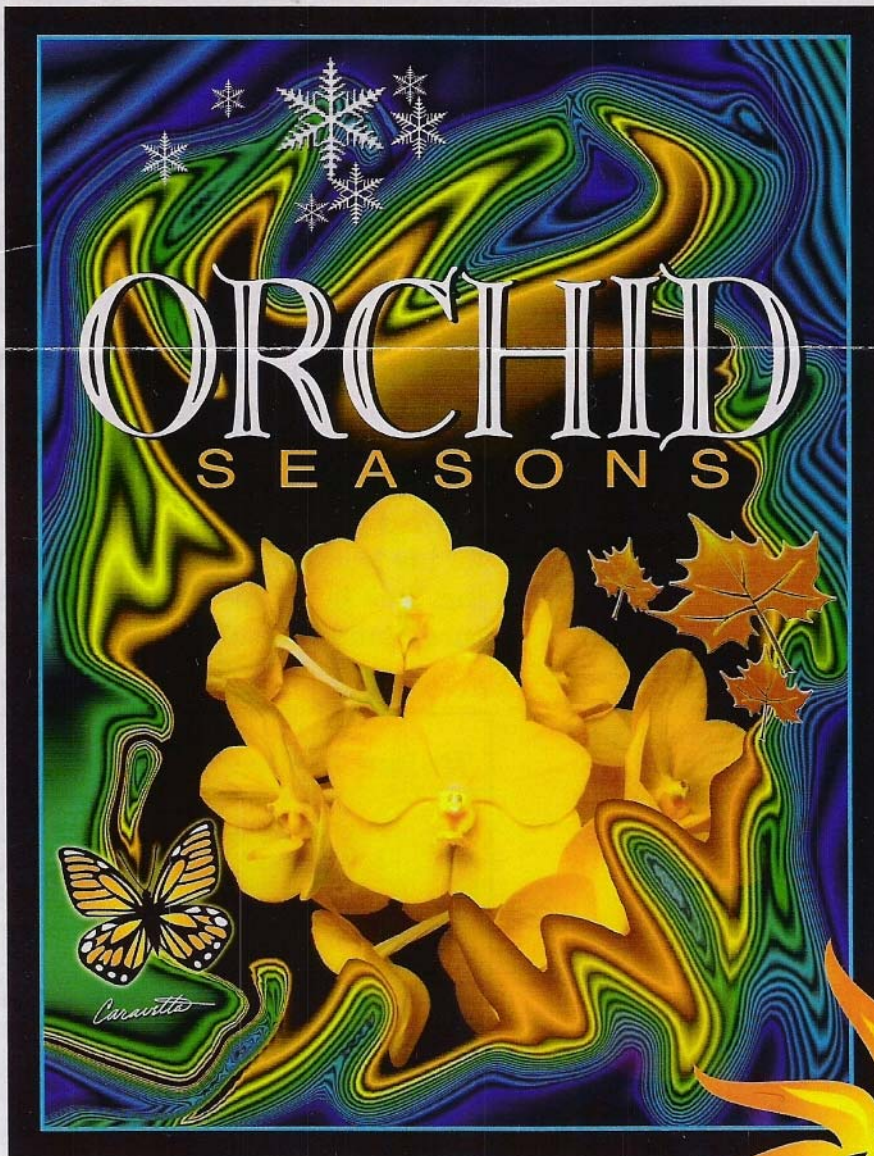


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61st Miami International **Orchid Show** presented by THE SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY



Miami Beach Convention Center
March 3, 4 and 5, 2006



President's Message

Dear fellow orchidists,

Well, it's time again for our annual extravaganza – the 61st Miami International Show is here! I hope that you all have signed up as volunteers and trophy sponsors. If not, take the opportunity to do so at this meeting.

At the same time, you'll enjoy a great program by our own Dan Christensen. He'll give us his personal tips and hints for growing great Cattleyas here in South Florida.

It's also time to make sure your plants are ready for exhibition. Be sure to bring them in to the show. Every year we have ribbons and trophies that go by unrepresented because there were no entries in a particular category. Don't let that happen this year – especially if you have a fabulous blooming plant at home!

It's going to be a wonderful show in our new venue and, as always, SFOS members will get into the show for free with your membership badge and ID. Please be sure to have your cards and ID, otherwise you will be required to buy a ticket at the box office!

Our opening party will be a little different this year. We will be serving wine-and-cheese or coffee-and-dessert, so that you can enjoy dining out on the Beach either before or after your visit to the Show. During the evening we will be hosting a live fund-raising auction to benefit our Society and help defer show expenses. Be sure to check out the donated items and services and be on hand for the bidding. As always, at the opening party you will be able to see the "winners" of the judging and have first crack at purchasing from our vendors. This year we are not requiring reservations for the opening. The price is only \$25 – payable at the box office. So bring your family, friends and neighbors for an evening of fun in a beautiful setting.

Don't forget – our annual plant auction is coming soon. Plan to attend our April meeting for great bargains on orchid plants.

Sincerely,
Robert Fuchs
President

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February Program: "General Cattleya Culture"

presented by Dan Christensen

Our feature speaker this month will be one of our own, Dan Christensen, a former SFOS President and Board member, who will provide a wonderful talk on Cattleya Culture including audience participation and a re-potting demonstration.

Dan and his wife, Margie, have been growing orchids for over 20 years – first as hobbyists and, for the past 5 years, as the commercial firm of Dan & Margie Orchids. The company, located in West Broward, has over 12,000 square feet of covered growing space, including five greenhouses and specializes in growing Vanda/Ascocenda crosses, Cattleya hybrids, warm-growing Oncidiums, Dendrobiums, Paphiopedilums and some species.

Dan & Margie Orchids is a family-owned business catering to the small grower, but capable of handling wholesale inquiries. Margie maintains the nursery during the week and Dan takes over on the weekends. As well as orchids, they sell some supplies and offer assistance to any orchid grower with information and re-potting instruction.

On a personal note, Dan Christensen, known for his "common sense" approach to orchid growing, has been speaking on general orchid culture, Vanda culture and various subjects related

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to orchids for over ten years. He has been a member of the South Florida Orchid Society Board for nearly 10 years and served two terms as President. He has also served in various capacities on the boards of Miramar and Gold Coast Orchid Society and has volunteered his time as auctioneer for North Dade, Gold Coast, Coral Springs, Pink Flamingo and South Florida Orchid Societies.

This month's SUPER raffle table will be provided by Dan & Margie Orchids.


Don't miss it!

Michael Coronado
Program Chairman



LIVE AUCTION

Any items you would like to donate for a live fundraising auction please contact Judy Mezey and leave a message on her voice mail at 305-275-2318.



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SHOW NEWS

The 61st Miami International Orchid Show

March 3-5, 2006

Show Chairman:	Richard Brandon
Theme:	"ORCHID SEASONS"
Location:	Miami Beach Convention Center 1901 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL
March 2:	Preview Reception Show & Sale \$25.00 Preview Reception
Daily Admission:	\$10.00 All tickets will be available at the door. \$5.00 Parking

South Florida goes blooming crazy when the 61st Miami International Orchid Show debuts each year. The largest exhibiting orchid show in the country and one of the most prestigious orchid shows in the world, the Miami show features rare and exotic blooms from professional growers, amateurs and orchid aficionados from across the globe. In addition to extraordinary orchid displays, the 61st Miami International Orchid Show features a juried awards competition, thousands of orchids and related items for sale, and daily interactive demonstrations taught by world's leading orchid experts. One thing that sets the Miami Show apart from most other orchid shows is the scope, quality and design of the exhibits. Guests can see the world's finest warm-growing orchids, artistically arranged in a tropical wonderland of individual displays ranging in size from tabletop to 500 square feet, featuring more than 200 exhibitors from around the world, selling and displaying more than 500,000 orchids. For more information please call Ellen at (305) 255-3656 or visit www.southfloridoorchidsociety.org.

Posters will be available at the next meeting.

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2006 Education Schedule

Friday, March 3, 2006

- 11:00 Chef Felicia Prichett- Johnson & Wales University- Cake Demonstration
- 12:00 Mac Rivenbark – Mac's Orchids - "How to take care of Bare Root Plants"
- 1:00 Peter Kouchalakos – PCK Orchids & Exotic Plants - "Orchid Pests & Diseases"
- 2:00 Linda Wilhelm – Woodland Orchids - "The Magnificent Stanhopeas"
- 3:00 David Kridel – Sedona Orchids - "Phalaenopsis Culture"
- 4:00 Glen Decker – Piping Rock Orchids - "Phragmipediums"
- 5:00 Segundo Cuesta – Quest Orchids Inc. - Spanish "Growing Cattleyas"
- 6:00 Patrick O'Day – Hawaiian Orchid Source – "Cycnoches & it's Hybrids with cultural advice"

Saturday, March 4, 2006

- 11:00 Patrick O'Day – Hawaiian Orchid Source - "Cycnoches Culture"
- 12:00 Axel Cahiz – Amazonia Orchids Inc. - "How to repot and care for Cattleyas"
- 1:00 Alex Lamazares – Orchidmania - Spanish "Repotting"
- 2:00 Matt Godlove - Godlove & Son Orchids Inc. - "Basic Orquidology of Bare Root"
- 3:00 Todd Miller – Millers Tropicals Inc. - "Orchid Species for South Florida"
- 4:00 Roy Tokunaga H & R Nurseries Inc. - "General Culture of Dendrobium"
- 5:00 Bill Peters – Whimsy Orchids Inc.- "Tolumnia"
- 6:00 Marta Santana- Food Consultant- Cake Demonstration

Sunday, March 5, 2006

- 11:00 Lucilla- Sweet Art by Lucilla- Cake Demonstration
- 12:00 Michael Coronado R.F. Orchids Inc. - Spanish "General Culture"
- 1:00 Rafael Romero Plantio La Orquidea - "General Orchid Culture"
- 2:00 Michael Sinn – Canaima Orchids - Spanish "Water, Light & Fertilizers for Beginners"
- 3:00 Luiz Hamilton Lima – "Cattleyas of Brazil"



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Enter your blooming orchid plants...

for competition in the 61st Miami International Orchid Show at the Plant Registration desk, Hall C, Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach between the hours of 2:00 and 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2006.

This year our individual entry plants will be presented to the judges and the public in a "benched" arrangement rather than as part of the landscaped displays we have used in previous shows. Please groom and present your plants accordingly. Although there will be some space for hanging plants it will be limited and plants should be presented in containers that will sit on a table wherever possible.

Entered plants must be retrieved from the Individual Entry Committee between the hours of 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, 2006.

Individual entries will be eligible for show ribbons, show medals, show trophies and AOS awards. Each year there are awards that are not presented because there were no entries in particular categories. Don't let that happen in 2006! Take the time to clean, groom and present your beautiful orchids at the Show.

Contribute to YOUR Orchid Show.....Sponsor a Trophy

Can you believe it's show season again! In just a little over a month your South Florida Orchid Society will once again present the largest annual orchid exhibition held in the U.S. This year our show will be even bigger and better – expanding to fill a larger hall and including more events and activities for orchid growers and general public alike.

Of course, the move to Miami Beach and the expansion of the show will require additional expenditures by the Society. While we fully expect the show to be a great financial success, we need your support NOW to tide us through until the show opens. So PLEASE sign up today to sponsor one of our beautiful show trophies.

Each year, the SFOS Show Committee takes particular care to commission or select fabulous trophies that make our event memorable for both exhibitors and visitors. It is important to us to reward our competitors -- after all their plants make the show. Whenever possible the costs for these trophies are covered by individual sponsorships.

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SFOS Meeting Schedule Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Fire Fighters Memorial Building
8000 N.W. 21st Street
Miami, Florida 33122

- 7:30 pm - Registration & Judging of Plants
- 7:45 pm - Announcements
- 8:00 pm - Program
- 8:45 pm - Orchid Clinic & Refreshments
- 9:00 pm - Awarded Plants Discussed
- 9:15 pm - Raffle



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To become a sponsor now, complete the enclosed form and return to:

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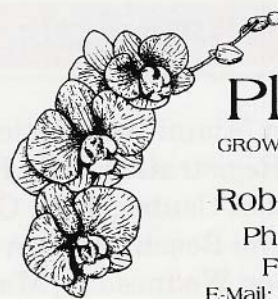
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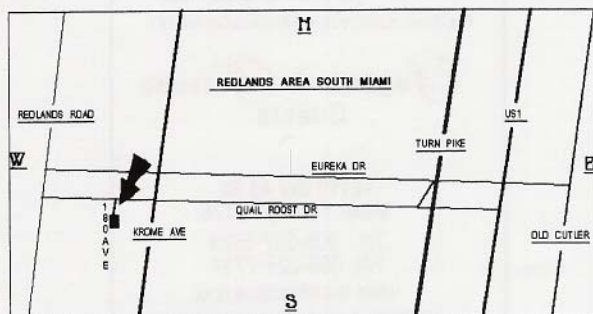


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Awards at the Show

The following is an explanation of the awards and prizes and their meanings:

Ribbons: SFOS Ribbons for 1st (Blue), 2nd (Red) and 3rd (White) Place are awarded to plants in pre-determined categories entered by hobby growers. These will generally be found in the "Individual Entries" section of the hall. Similar ribbons are presented to the best displays in various categories. These will be placed at the front of the winning exhibits.

Medals: SFOS Show Medals are presented by SFOS orchid judges to orchids they deem worthy of recognition for flower quality or plant culture. You will see the medals placed beside the winning plants throughout the show. They are Gold (highest recognition), Silver (high recognition) and Bronze (recognition).

Trophies: Show Trophies will be seen throughout the show. They generally take the form of porcelain or crystal pieces placed in the front of an exhibit or individual entry, identified with a sign indicating the purpose of the trophy, and "tied" to the recognized plant with a long ribbon. Trophies are awarded by teams of show judges to the best flower or plant in the show in predetermined categories. The highest recognition goes to the:

- * Grand Champion – best flower in the show
- * Reserve Champion – second best flower in the show

These two winners are placed on individual pedestals in the "Individual Entries" section of the show for public viewing.

AOS Awards: The American Orchid Society operates a national standard system of orchid judging and AOS judges participate in the show to present these awards. They will be seen throughout the show as paper certificates placed next to the winning plants or exhibits. The AOS judges also present a special Show Trophy award to the best exhibit in the show which will be recognized with a certificate and a trophy placed at the front of the exhibit. A complete listing of the winning entries can be viewed at the SFOS hospitality booth.

Photo and Cake Decorating Contests

South Florida goes blooming crazy each year for the Miami International Orchid Show, and this year fans can capture the moment! The 61st Miami International Orchid Show announces the first ever "Lights, Camera, Orchids" photography contest. The community-wide contest consists of three entry classes: Portrait, In Situ and Fantasy, all of which should capture the beauty and essence of the orchid. Contest rules and entry forms can be found on the South Florida Orchid Society's website, at: www.southfloridaorchidsociety.org.

"We believe the 'Lights, Camera, Orchids' photography contest is the perfect way for orchid lovers to portray the beauty of orchids through their own artistic approach," said Richard Brandon, director of the 61st Miami International Orchid Show.

The 61st Miami International Orchid Show also announces the first "orchid-licious" cake decorating contest. The contest will allow baking enthusiasts of all ages and professions to pay homage to orchids through creative designs and decorative cakes. Cake entries may be decorated using fresh orchid flowers, sugar-made orchid flowers, or a combination of the two, and there will be CASH PRIZES for the most innovative designs.

We would very much appreciate it if you could forward this information along to your membership or post it on your society's website. You can also alert your members that they can download the rules and entry form from our website at www.southfloridaorchidsociety.org.

"The thing that sets the Miami Show apart from most other orchid shows is the scope, quality and design of the exhibits. One of the reasons we moved the show to the Miami Beach Convention Center was so we could expand and include orchid-related activities that would reach a broader audience. Guests can now see the world's finest warm-growing orchids, artistically arranged in a tropical wonderland of individual displays ranging in size from tabletop to 500 square feet and on cakes and photography!"