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## President's Message

Dear fellow members,

Congratulations to all the winners of the SFOS Perpetual Trophies last month! Keep on bringing in those beautiful orchids each month and see who will take the trophies home in 2007.

I want to thank you all for re-electing me to another term as your President. If this year is anything like last, of course, it will go by very quickly. At the moment, however, I see the year stretching ahead with endless opportunities for society activities and plans.

One of the biggest items on our agenda, is our sponsorship of the 19th World Orchid Conference. I'm sure you all know that we're organizing this big event as partners with the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society. Now, however, the time has come to transform the planning and talking to the reality of action.

The 19WOC website is currently available to accept conference registrations, hotel reservations, judging applications, and exhibition and sales requests NOW! If you're planning to attend, and I'm sure you are, I encourage you to sign up now. Many of the prices will go up as the conference nears.

You are also encouraged to participate as an individual or corporate sponsor. There are a wide range of sponsorship opportunities available, so check them out now at [www.19WOC.com](http://www.19WOC.com).

I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting.

Sincerely,

Robert Fuchs  
President



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## July Program:

"Major Changes within the Cattleya Alliance"

*presented by Lou Lodyga*

We're in store for a real entertainment at this month's meeting. Our own Lou Lodyga will be our featured speaker. Having been written up in the Miami Herald on this same subject, Lou will now attempt to educate us on the many recent changes within the Cattleya Alliance. You may be vaguely aware that many of our familiar orchids (Cattleyas, Epidendrums, Laelias) now have new names. Be on hand to learn all of the latest in proper terminology.

Lou, a life-long orchidist, received his first Cattleya orchid at age 10. Later he spent 11 years as grower and manager for Black River Orchids in South Haven, Michigan. In 1979 he moved to our area from Michigan when he accepted a grower/orchid manager position with Jones & Scully in Miami where he worked for 10 years. Lou was an Inspector and Supervisor with the Florida Department of Agriculture until 1999 when he became the administrator there.

Lou is has been an accredited American Orchid Society judge for over 30 years and is also a Senior Judge for the South Florida Orchid Society.

R. F. Orchids will provide the plant table.

It promises to be a very entertaining and educational evening. I hope to see you all there.

Michael Coronado  
Program Chairman



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## Orchid Growing Tips for Summer

### *As the weather warms, increase your watering schedule as needed*

If you have taken your orchids outside for the summer be sure to check the pots every day. One really good suggestion that you will get from experienced growers is to learn what a pot feels like when it has been watered and what it feels like when it is dry. This is a simple way to tell if your plants need water. For Cattleyas and other tough plants, wait one extra day when they're dry and then water. Oncidiums and Phalaenopsis can stand misting every day and then a good watering twice a week. Watch for wrinkling on the pseudobulbs -- that's a sign of under watering.

### *All orchids will need shading during the middle of the day*

In all but the northernmost parts of the country, your orchids will grow best with early morning or eastern light and dappled shade the rest of the day. Some varieties such as Cymbidiums can take full afternoon sun, but most others will experience sunburn if so exposed. Phalaenopsis will get easily sunburned with large yellow and black areas where they have received too much sun. Cattleyas will first exhibit a definite reddish cast to the leaves which indicates that they are at the high exposure limit for that variety. Eventually they will also exhibit yellowing and damaged leaves. Oncidiums will show burning at the leaf ends.

### *Phalaenopsis or Moth Orchids*

If your Phal has finished flowering and you want to try to get it to re-flower, cut the flower stem about one-half inch or two centimeters from the bottom. If the inflorescence (flower stem) is showing signs of putting out side branches, leave it alone and let it

continue to bloom. After blooming, the plant should be repotted in a bark or bark and charcoal orchid mix. I have found appropriate mix at local nurseries and hardware stores with garden centers. After repotting, let the plant recover in a shady location for about a month and then move to its normal spot.

### *Paphiopedilum or Slipper Orchids*

Many Paphiopedilums will be reaching their peak growing periods, so be sure to give them the light and water conditions they will need for maximum growth. Multifloral (more than one flower on a spike) Paphiopedilums will be flowering or putting out new spikes, so check them often. Phragmipediums need to be kept very moist during the heat (I keep mine in a saucer with water) and provided with lots of light for their growth period. Unlike Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums need lots of light to flower well.

### *Cattleyas*

Spring blooming Cattleyas should be finished and any repotting necessary should be done now. Fall blooming Cattleyas may also be repotted now when their roots are about half an inch or two centimeters long. Be careful to watch for shriveling pseudobulbs indicating under watering. Increase your air circulation if possible to prevent rots. Particularly watch for any sign of black rot and treat immediately with a fungicide or you will lose your plant in about a week.

### *Three Popular Maxillaria -- tenuifolia, rufescens and variabilis*

The Maxillaria (max-il-LAR-ee-a) genus is composed of approximately 600-650 species all of which are found in South and Central America and the Caribbean as epiphytes and lithophytes as well as occa-

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### **SFOS Meeting Schedule**

**Wednesday, July 19, 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 - Refreshments
- 9:00 pm - Awarded Plants Discussed
- 9:15 pm - Raffle

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sional terrestrials. They can be found from sea level to over 3,000 meter elevations in the Andes Mountains. Many of the species are large plants and are not known for having large or showy flowers -- the flowers rarely extend past the grass like foliage of the plants themselves. Some plants of the genus have highly fragrant flowers in a range of scents from coconut to vanilla and these are the ones that are prized by growers. The best known in cultivation is *Maxillaria tenuifolia* also known as the Coconut Orchid for its amazing coconut fragrance. Two additional species grown in cultivation are *Maxillaria rufescens* and *Maxillaria variabilis*, considered easy to grow and tolerant of a wide range of temperatures.

***Maxillaria tenuifolia*** is an attractive plant with branching leaves and flowers held just below the highest arch of the leaves. It has egg-shaped pseudobulbs and produces single flowers on a five inch, or thirteen centimeter, inflorescence. The deep red flowers with a cream lip are approximately two inches or five centimeters across and will perfume the air in a room. A native of Central America it is a summer bloomer, needs good light, and constant moisture as well as warm temperatures to flower well.

***Maxillaria rufescens*** is well known for its bright yellow flowers with a speckling on the lip that has a wonderful vanilla fragrance. The flowers are about half an inch, or three to four centimeters across, but this species shows a great deal of variability in flower color and size. One particularly nice thing about the species is that it flowers throughout the year so you will be able to enjoy the scent at almost any time. The species is found throughout the northern part of South America and in the Caribbean islands growing as an epiphyte in tropical forests. They need good humidity and even moisture to grow well as well as intermediate light conditions. Because of their size, these are good plants for a windowsill.

***Maxillaria variabilis*** flowers on short two inch or 5 centimeter inflorescences. The flowers can be yellow and red, dark red or several variations as can be deduced from the name *variabilis*. This *Maxillaria* will also bloom throughout the year reaching a height of approximately 8 inches or 20 centimeters. It has small pseudobulbs topped by a single leaf and flowers profusely when well grown. Good humidity, even moisture and bright light are important to grow this species well. This species should be grown as an intermediate with a minimum of 58 degrees and maximum of 88 degrees Fahrenheit or 14.5 to 31 degrees Centigrade.

## 19th World Orchid Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

### Show Trophy Level

The Show Trophy Level of Sponsorship offers the following benefits:

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\* 2 Complimentary Show tickets (one day)

**TOTAL INVESTMENT: \$250.00**


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For more information, please contact Director@19woc.com

### Volunteers Needed

The 19th World Orchid Conference needs your assistance and expertise. Be part of the planning for the prestigious and much-anticipated event which is coming back to the United States for the first time in two decades.

We are looking for volunteers to participate on the Advertising Subcommittee. We want members who know our community and know who we want to reach. We are looking for creative, enthusiastic individuals that can help us create the advertising plan for the 19 WOC. Please contact either Janet McMillan at [jmcmillan@devc.com](mailto:jmcmillan@devc.com) or Amy Simons at [director@WOC19.com](mailto:director@WOC19.com) to let them know you want to be part of the team!



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**The following is a list of all the recipients who were presented with their medals at the last meeting. Congratulations to all.**

**2006 AWARDS**

92 CCA	Den. aggregatum 'Gene' Gene Stevens			
85 CCA	Gram. scriptum v. citrinum 'Kiora' Sandy Schultz & Georgia Tasker			
84 CBE	Sarcanthus pachyphyllus 'Valda' David & Valerie Foster			
84 Silver	Den. chrysosperum 'Valda' David & Valerie Foster			
83 Silver	Phrag. Penn Creek Casca 'Claudia' (Phrag. grande x Phrag. wallisii) Ruben in Orchids			
82 Silver	Den White Pansy 'Blush' (Den. Barron Flush x Den. Classic Gem) David & Valerie Foster			
82 Silver	Den. anosmum 'Valda' David & Valerie Foster			
81 Silver	Den crumenatum 'Christa' Christa Collins			
81 Silver	Yam. Midnight Magenta 'Fine Wine' (Ble. Cinnamon Peak x Epi. gracile) Ruben in Orchids			
80 Silver	Aseda Ken Kone 'Confetti' (V. merrillii x Aseda. Guo Chia Long) Judy Mezey			
80 Silver	Ble. Karnmaneeethong 'Green Delight' (Ble. Ports of Paradise x Ble. Udom Gold) Eleanor Sanfilippo			
80 Silver	Hknsa Sogo Doll 'Little Angel' (Lctna Peggy San x Slc. Katsy Noda) Lore Wigley			
79 Bronze	C. Fireball Beauty 'Aztec' (C. Netrasiri Beauty x C. Netrasiri Fireball) Charles Harry			
78 Bronze	Ble. Crowfield 'Palm Bay' (Ble Castle Mill x C. bicolor) Eleanor Sanfilippo			
78 Bronze	Epc. Kyoguchi 'Eleanor' (C. aurantiaca x Epi aromaticum) Eleanor Sanfilippo			
76 Bronze	Paph Hsining Macasar 'Kiora' (Paph. Pulsar x Paph. Macabre) Sandy Schultz & Georgia Tasker			



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## **The following is a list of the SFOS Perpetual Trophies some of our members will be winning at our next meeting.**

### **Jones & Scully Award**

Presented to the exhibitor whose flower in the Cattleya Alliance (excluding Epidendrum) received the highest number of points in the fiscal year at an SFOS judging event.

Lore Wigley - 80 SM - Hknsa Sogo Doll 'Little Angel'  
Eleanor Sanfilippo - 80 SM - Blc Karnmaneeethong 'Green Delight'

### **Del-Oar Award**

Presented to the exhibitor whose flower in the Vanda or Allied Genera received the highest number of points in the fiscal year at an SFOS judging event.

Judy Mezey - 80 SM - Aseda Ken Kone 'Confetti'

### **L. C. Vaughn Award**

Presented to the exhibitor whose flower in the Phalaenopsis Alliance received the highest number of points in the fiscal year at an SFOS judging event.

Soraa Orchids - 83 AM - Dtps Soraa Corazon 'Soraa Beginnings'

### **Edmund S. Sharp Award**

Presented to the hobby grower who exhibited the most outstanding Blue Vanda flower in the fiscal year at an SFOS judging event.

Mike & Angie Pitiriciu - Blue Ribbon - Aseda John De Biase  
V. Kasem's Delight x Aseda Yip Sum Wah

### **Norman B. Merkel Award**

Presented to the exhibitor whose flower in the Paphiopedilum Alliance received the highest number of points in the fiscal year at an SFOS judging event.

Ruben in Orchids - 83 SM - Phrag Penns Creek Cascade 'Claudia'

### **Fuchs Award**

Presented to the exhibitor whose plant received the highest number of points for Botanical Excellence in the fiscal year at an SFOS judging event.

David & Valerie Foster - 84 CBE - Sarcanthus pachyphyllus 'Valda'

### **William H. Sparks Award**

Presented to the exhibitor whose Dendrobium received the highest number of points in the fiscal year at an SFOS judging event.

David & Valerie Foster - 82 SM - Den White Pansy 'Blush'

### **The Von Paulsen Award**

Presented to the exhibitor whose flower in the Epidendrum Alliance received the highest number of points in the fiscal year at an SFOS judging event.

Ruben in Orchids - 81 SM - Yam Midnight Magenta 'Fine Wine'

### **Fennell Cultural Award**

Presented to the exhibitor whose plant received the highest number of points for culture in the fiscal year at an SFOS judging event.

Gene Stevens - 92 CCA - Den aggregatum 'Gene'

### **SFOS Award**

Presented to the exhibitor whose flowers or plants received the highest number of total points in the fiscal year at an SFOS judging event.

Georgia Tasker & Sandy Schultz - 78 Total Points for Year



## SFOS SPEAKERS' DAY 2006

SFOS will host its annual Speakers' Day on Sunday, October 1, 2006 at the Fire Fighters' Memorial Building, 8000 N.W. 21 Street, Miami. We have a wonderful panel of highly respected speakers presenting an enjoyable and educational program. Speakers' Day also includes AOS judging and SFOS Ribbon Judging (all points for Ribbon Judging will be doubled for this event). Plants for judging must be registered by 10:00 A.M. and can be picked up starting at 12:00 P.M. Speakers' Day has AOS approval for judging seminar credits as well. Several of our speakers will have plants to sell. Sales will be open only to registered seminar participants. This year's speakers are:

**James Rose** (California) will speak on Reed-Stem Epidendrums and standards for judging them. James along with his wife Lauris own Cal Orchids, a world renowned orchid nursery providing one of the largest varieties of orchid species and hybrids in the US. Most recently, the nursery has become recognized for their superior 'Pacific' line of reed-stem Epidendrums. James has published in the AOS, Orchid Digest, and CSA magazines, and is well respected for his vast knowledge as well as his distinctive sense of humor. He lectures all over the world, at orchid shows and World Orchid Conferences. He is a Cymbidium Society of America Judge,


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former member of the AOS Conservation Committee, and active member of the Japan Grand Prix Organizing committee where he judges every year at the Tokyo Dome.

**Fred Clarke** (California) will speak on "New Hybrids with Catasetums, Cynoches and Mormodes". His two programs will feature a widescreen computer slide show on some of the new hybrids and breakthroughs in the hybridization of Catasetum, Cynoches and Mormodes. Fred has been growing orchids for 29 years and has been hybridizing for 19 of those years. With over 22 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California. His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". Fred is a Probationary Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

**Andy Easton** (Florida) will speak on warmth-tolerant cymbidiums and standards for judging them. Andy has been a professional orchid grower since 1973, specializing in the hybridization of Cymbidium, Odontoglossum Alliance, Cattleya Alliance and Paphiopedilums. He is currently proprietor of New Horizon Orchids, which generates new orchids for Floriculture in Europe and Mukoyama Orchids in Japan as well as supplying Hatfield Orchids for North American sales. Since arriving in Florida in mid-2000, Andy has worked on a unique line of truly heat-tolerant Cymbidiums that will grow and bloom reliably in the Homestead area and all points further north, and he will share his expertise with these orchids on Speakers' Day. He is an accredited AOS judge in the West Palm Beach Center.

**Patricia Harding** (Oregon) will speak on Encyclias and criteria for judging them. Patricia has an undergraduate degree in Botany, and upon retiring as a physician, decided to pursue her earlier interests in science. Patricia has been growing and collecting orchids, mostly species, off and on for 30 years, intensely for 20 years. Patricia was heavily involved with Carl Withner in his last book, The Debatable Epidendrums, learning a lot in the process, and is currently working on a book covering all the known species of the Huntleya Alliance. Patricia is also an accredited AOS judge in the Pacific Northwest Center.





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## Speakers Day Schedule:

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast, plant registration (for judging), sales open*
9:00 - 10:00	James Rose will speak on Reed-Stem Epidendrums and standards for judging them
10:00 - 11:00	Fred Clarke will speak on Cycnoches and standards for judging them.
11:00 - 12:00	AOS Judging and Panel discussion, plant sales open
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Fred Clarke will speak on Mormodes and Catasetums, and standards for judging them.
2:00 - 3:00	Andy Easton will speak on warmth-tolerant cymbidiums and standards for judging them.
3:00 - 4:00	Patricia Harding will speak on Encyclias and standards for judging them.
4:00 - 5:00	Plant sales open

\* Plant sales area will also be open during breaks and between speakers

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Tickets for Speakers' Day are \$45.00 per person. The price includes a continental breakfast and a sit-down lunch. This is one of the major orchid events held annually in South Florida! Be sure to register early since tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are not available at the door. To register, please send your check and order form to the SFOS office: 10801 S.W. 124 St., Miami, FL 33176. For more information call (305) 255-3656.

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