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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear South Florida Members,

Can you believe how cold it was last month? My patio registered 32 degrees one morning! At times I thought I was back in New York City, not in South Florida. I hope all your plants made it through the cold. My plants in the greenhouse are fine, but those outside are losing leaves, even though they were covered with sheets, or brought under cover. But luckily we do live in South Florida, and most plants will recover and grow back.

It's hard to believe, but our 64th Miami International Orchid Show is just around the corner. I would love to see all members get involved with the show, and there are many different ways to do that. First of all, we would all love to see your plants on display. You never know what beauty in your collection could come home with a trophy or ribbon. Take time now to groom and stake your plants so they open properly and present well.

Several of our members are chairing committees that need volunteers. Christa Collins is in charge of the Hospitality Booth. She and her members give out information regarding the show, sell raffle tickets for a large screen TV and orchid plants. Michael O'Dea will be looking for members to give walking tours. That involves showing a small group of people the highlights of the exhibits and answering general questions. People really appreciate these tours, and they are a lot of fun. There are other volunteer positions available, so please speak to Ellen at the meeting, or speak to Christa, Michael or myself.

There are also sponsorship opportunities available for trophies which is a wonderful way to honor someone or advertise your business. Speak to Ellen at the meeting and see what trophies are still available.

As you can see, there are many ways to be involved in the production of our show. I hope to see all of you there enjoying the beauty that our show brings. Remember to wear your badges, as paid members will be allowed to enter, free of charge, if their membership badges are displayed. We wish Leigh Elliot a very speedy recovery and hope to see him back at our meetings.

Happy Valentine's Day to all! Remember your loved ones with an orchid, a wonderful living gift.

Good growing,

Judy

SFOS FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Fire Fighters Memorial Building
8000 NW 21st Street, Miami, FL 33122
7:15 pm Registration & Judging of Plants
8:00 pm Program

SFOS JUDGING

Bring Your Orchids in for Judging!

You can win with your orchids by bringing them in at our next monthly meeting February 17th. Dress your plants up and bring them in.

PROGRAM



Dendrobium anosmum

This month our program will be presented by Hermann Pigors of Oak Hill Gardens in Dundee Illinois. Hermann's program is titled "Dendrobiums: The Various Types and Care".

He began his career in floriculture at age 14. In 1973 he bought an existing greenhouse in Dundee, Illinois and established Oak Hill Gardens.

Hermann has served as President of the Illinois Orchid Society, is an AOS Judge, and served on the Board of Trustees of the AOS from 1980 to 1986.

He also served as the President of the Mid-America Orchid Congress from 1990 to 1992. In 2002 Hermann retired from the business to handle the laboratory with orchid propagation.

Hermann will have plants for sale and will be providing a free plant raffle.

PASSPORT TO PARADISE

The 64th Miami International Orchid Show

South Florida Orchid Society presents the 64th Miami International Orchid Show from February 26 to February 28, 2010. Not to be confused with the numerous other orchid shows that proliferate each spring, the Miami International Orchid Show is the original, and now the largest orchid show and sale in the country. Each year, orchid professionals and hobbyists from across the globe exhibit an exquisite, tropical array of more than 500,000 orchids and orchid-related items for show and for sale. Show organizers anticipate more than 15,000 attendees this year.

"The thing that sets the Miami International Orchid Show apart from the other orchid shows is the sheer size of the Show, the number of items for sale, and the extraordinary design of the exhibits," said Show Director Robert Fuchs. "The Miami International Orchid Show is a top-caliber, professionally produced show where guests get to see and buy the world's finest orchids from the world's top growers."

"Passport to Paradise" sets the theme for the 2010 show. In addition to extraordinary orchid displays, the 64th Miami International Orchid Show features a juried awards competition and thousands of orchids and related items for sale. New to the Show for 2010 will be an art exhibit and corresponding art contest spotlighting orchid imagery in three creative categories: art, sculpture and photography. The contest will be overseen by Terry Mulrooney from the Homestead Art Club and both ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded.

Fuchs also points out that there is much more to do at the Show than stroll among the dramatic displays and purchase a vanda or cattleya. There will also be a series of informative talks by world-renowned growers, walking tours by knowledgeable Orchid Society members pointing out the highlights of the show, and sales of orchid-related art and collectibles.

Kicking off this year's Show will be a special Premier Party to be held on Thursday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. The highly anticipated Premier Party provides orchid lovers with a first glimpse at the show's exhibits, the first chance to buy the Show's best orchid plants, and it will also unveil the winners of the sought-after orchid trophies - including the Grand Champion trophy for best orchid in the Show. Ribbons and trophies will also be presented to the winners of the photography and art contests.

Regular hours for the 64th Miami International Orchid Show are

Friday, February 26- 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, February 27 - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, February 28 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The 64th Miami International Orchid Show will take place at the Doubletree Miami Mart/Airport Hotel and Convention Center, centrally located at 711 N.W. 72nd Avenue in Miami, immediately south of Miami International Airport. Daily show admission is \$15.00 for adults, which includes a \$5.00 merchandise discount coupon. South Florida Orchid Society members and children 12 and under are free. Tickets for the special Premier Party are \$50.00 per person and must be ordered in advance through the South Florida Orchid Society office at (305) 255-3656.

To inquire about South Florida Orchid Society membership, for additional information on the 64th Miami International Orchid Show, or to order advance or group tickets, please call 305-255-3656 or visit www.sforchid.com <<http://www.sforchid.com>> .

Enter your blooming orchid plants...

for competition in the 64th Miami International Orchid Show at the Plant Registration desk, 64th Miami International Orchid Show, Doubletree Miami Mart Convention Center, 711 NW 72 Ave, Miami, FL 33126, 2:00 and 8:00 pm on Wednesday, February 24, 2010.

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, February 28, 2010.

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 2010! Take the time to clean, groom and present you beautiful orchids at the Show.

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.

64th Miami International Orchid Show Education Schedule

Friday, February 26, 2010

- 1:00 Axel Cahiz Amazonia Orchids – “Care of Cattleyas” (Spanish)
- 2:00 Judy Mezey, President SFOS “Growing Tips for Vandas and Phals”
- 3:00 Jim Adamson Adamson’s Orchids – “Growing Phals”
- 4:00 Linda Wilhelm Woodland Orchids – “Oncidiums and their Culture”
- 5:00 Carol De Biase – “Miniature Orchids”

Saturday, February 27, 2010

- 11:00 Carlos Cahiz OFE International – “Introduction to Orchid Supplies”
- 12:00 Carlos Cahiz OFE International – “Introduction to Orchid Supplies” (Spanish)
- 1:00 Axel Cahiz Amazonia Orchids – “Care of Cattleyas”
- 2:00 Alex Lamazares Orchidmania – “Orchid Care and Repotting” (Spanish)
- 3:00 Yolanda Cuesta Quest Orchids – “Cattleya Culture”
- 4:00 Linda Wilhelm Woodland Orchids – “Oncidiums and their Culture”
- 5:00 Bob Fuchs R.F. Orchids – “Vandaceous Culture”

Sunday, February 28, 2010

- 11:00 Rafael Romero Plantio La Orquidea – “General Orchid Culture” (Spanish)
- 12:00 Carlos Cahiz OFE International – “Introduction to Orchid Supplies”
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- 2:00 Alex Lamazares Orchidmania – “Orchid Care and Repotting”
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ORCHID INFORMATION

Laelia (Cattleya) tenebrosa – Orchid Profile - by Susan Taylor



[Laelia \(Cattleya\) tenebrosa](#) is one of the most spectacular of the big Laelias, now moved into the genus Cattleya. It is closely related to *Laelia purpurata* and *Laelia grandis* but needs less sun than either of these other plants to flower nicely. If they receive too much sun, the leaves will show reddish spots on the leaves. The species is from Brazil where they flower during the hottest summer months. It is now considered virtually extinct in the wild from over

collection and forest destruction. There are many cultivated varieties available although somewhat difficult to find at times.

The large flowers, 8 inches or 20 centimeters in width, are produced two to three, rarely four or five, on an inflorescence and are a golden, bronze, copper or brownish color with a spectacular usually dark pink to deep purple lip. The flower colors are extremely variable so it is a good idea to see a flowering plant before purchasing so you are sure to get a good variety. As you can see from the picture these flowers are very open in nature with space between the sepals and petals.

Like *L. purpurata*, these can be large plants and will not flower well until they have reached a mature size of approximately 5 pseudobulbs. The leaves are large, approximately 12 inches or 30 centimeters long on top of a pseudobulb the same size and a mature plant will take up a large container. They have a rather nice upright growth habit when potted, so the size is fairly easy to accommodate. They take hot to intermediate temperatures but are much less cold tolerant than the other large *Laelias*.

This orchid likes more water than other *Cattleyas* and should not be allowed to dry out completely during peak growing times in the spring. After flowering it needs a dryer environment until it starts new growth. It starts its growth period in the fall and then rests for about a month until it flowers in the spring. The flowers are fairly long lasting for the genus and often last two or three weeks especially if you can keep them out of the hottest summer temperatures.

If you have room and are a fan of the large *Cattleya*-like flowers, this is definitely one of the plants to try growing. There are many different clones and they are so different that you can grow several different ones and enjoy an almost completely different color on each one.

Staking Orchid Flowers

Staking your inflorescences so that the flowers can be presented and shown to their best effect is an art into itself. If you go to an orchid show or society meeting where blooming plants are displayed, you will see all kinds of different staking methods depending upon the type of orchid.

Staking should be started as soon as the inflorescence is about 6 inches, or 15 centimeters, high. Place the stake as close to the bottom of the inflorescence of pseudobulb as possible without damaging roots. Choose a stake that will be appropriate for the flower – heavier stakes are necessary for bigger plants. Metal stakes work best for tall inflorescences such as *Oncidium*s.

Use clips, twist ties, raffia, or plant tape to hold the inflorescence to the stake. Remember that the inflorescence grows from the tip and that you will need to check the staking on a weekly basis. This is best done in the late afternoon or evening as the plant is at its most pliable then. They can be very brittle and break off easily if you attempt moving and tying in the early morning hours.

Once an inflorescence has started to grow it is best to leave the plant facing the same direction so that you do not get twisting of the stem or flowers. Some growers will put a piece of colored tape on the front of the plant so they know just how to replace the plant if it has to be moved for watering.

OK - Now what do I do?

That's the question I'm often asked when someone sends me an email with pictures of cold damaged plants and they are starting to pour in now that most of us around the country have been treated to one of the most significant cold snaps in many, many years. It's not just plants in usually temperate areas left out but plants in greenhouses and windowsills can be significantly damaged if too close to the glazing or without adequate air circulation to avoid cold temperature stratification. Cold damage appears as either white patches on the foliage or, if bad enough, outright death of the tissue resulting in brown lesions that look at first like sunburn. The white patches eventually will turn brown as the effected tissue dies.

So what's the answer? Watch the affected areas and plants carefully. Often the dead areas simply dry leaving no more than ugly patches. However, sometimes the damaged areas become infected by bacteria or fungi. When this happens, the affected area will soften and if infected with a fungus, develop yellow areas that spread into normal green tissue. Oozing of brown liquid, especially with a foul odor is indicative of serious bacterial infection. One of the most effective treatments of bacterial infection is a product called Junction (a commercial 50/50 mixture of copper hydroxide [Kocide or Champ] and mancozeb [Manzate, Dithane]. – DO NOT APPLY THIS TO DENDROBIUMS as they are extremely sensitive to copper compounds. For more information go to aos@informz.net

Homestead Art Club Hosting
64 Miami International Orchid Show - Art Exhibit
sponsored by South Florida Orchid Society
Show Chair: Terry Mulrooney 305-479-3448 tmstudios@msn.com
250 East Palm Drive Suite 340
Florida City FL 33034
786-243-0447

Artwork in all media encouraged to participate.

Submission of an entry constitutes an agreement to comply with all the rules of **HAC and 64th MIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW** & this prospectus. Accepted artwork must remain in the exhibit for the duration of the show.

LIABILITY

All reasonable care will be given to artwork in the exhibit; however Homestead Art Club of **HAC and 64th MIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW** are not responsible for any loss or damage.

ENTRY FEE

\$35.00 non members \$25.00 Member for up to two pieces

Non-refundable entry fee

Limit of 2 pieces of work can be presented for entry. *In juried shows there is the possibility that some work will not be hung. The member committee will be responsible for hanging of the show.*

SALES

HAC now makes sales using major credit cards. All checks will be made to HAC. Sales tax will be collected and paid by HAC. A 12% for members and 25% for non members commission on work sold during the exhibit will be retained. Payment for works sold will be made within 4 weeks of sale by HAC.

SHOW JUDGE/S- To be determined by South Florida Orchid Society **SHOW JURORS** - Entries will be juried by member committee.

HANGING WORK - Framed artwork to be hung must have wire for hanging or be gallery wrapped. **No Sawtooths – No Unfinished Edges.** Plexiglas preferred. **PIECES NOT SUITABLY PRESENTED WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE EXHIBIT.**

SCULPTURE/and/or 3D work

Artist must provide their own display. Because of limits of size of exhibition room, larger 3d work may not be accepted.

DECORATIVE ARTS

Such as jewelry, etc. Must be able to hang on display panels, such as a shadow box.

All artwork must be original work of the artist submitting the entry The work to be submitted by the artist is to be representational of Orchids. The judges will be awarding on the merits of the artwork and not the anatomical aspects of an orchid. The work to be submitted can be oils, acrylics, watercolor, mixed media or 3 dimensional and new Photography.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

HOMESTEAD ART CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of this club shall be to promote an interest in art, increase an appreciation of things artistic, develop the talent of its members, and seek to discover new talent within the community.”

Remember to enclose your Entry Fee and this form, signed, filled out and mail to the address at the top of this form. Make your check out to **Homestead Art Club**. Labels will be supplied to you at the take in to attach to your work. Under medium, please be specific, such as oil painting, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, porcelain, pottery, wood-making etc.

Name of Artist: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Shipping Information for out of town entries:

We can not guarantee the handling of the materials and would hate for something to get lost or broken....It is the shipping address of :

64th Miami International Orchid Show
Art Show Competition
Doubletree Miami Mart Convention Center
711 NW 72 Ave.
Miami FL 33126

South Florida Orchid Society is sponsoring the 64 Miami International Orchid Show. South Florida goes blooming crazy when the Miami International Orchid Show debuts every 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 64th 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. For more information about the show, visit their Website. <http://www.sforchid.com>

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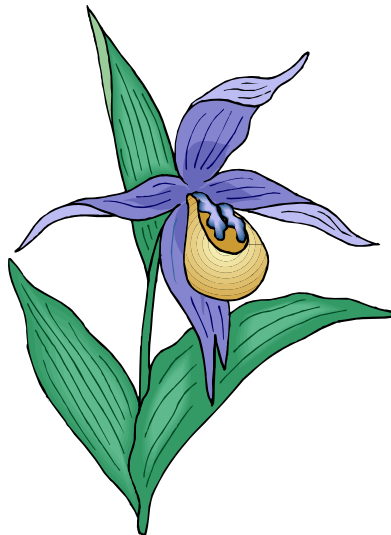
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Who: American Orchid Society

What: AOS Hosts Auction for Pediatric AIDS Relief

When: February 18, 2010

Where: American Orchid Society Gardens
16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33446
American Orchid Society Hosts Auction for Pediatric AIDS

Wine & Jazz at the American Orchid Society 2010!
Live and Silent Auction to Benefit Orchid Mania South Florida

What do orchids and Pediatric AIDS have in common? Dedicated orchidists volunteering their time to raise money supporting financially disadvantaged HIV positive children in the South Florida Community! Orchid Mania South Florida volunteers provide both financial and moral support to families in their struggles to deal with this deadly disease. Orchid Mania volunteers are devoted to their goal of encouraging interest and enthusiasm for orchid cultivation in public areas, conservation, and appreciation while providing a positive vehicle for anyone to donate their time and talents raising money for local pediatric AIDS relief.

The American Orchid Society is honored to help Orchid Mania South Florida by holding an auction during their Thursday, February 18, 2010 Wine & Jazz event. The AOS holds four Wine & Jazz events each year, on the third Thursday of Jan, Feb, March and April. It is a beautiful time to discover the beautiful, exotic, complex world of orchids. Here you'll find rare orchids growing as they do in the wild.

Explore lush gardens woven throughout 3.5 acres and see exquisite orchids in our 4000 sq. ft. greenhouse. The stunning array of colors, shapes, sizes and fragrances are sure to capture your imagination and create an unforgettable experience. The garden is located off Jog Road, next to Morikami Museum. Monies will be raised through live and silent auction from beautiful orchid arrangements, orchid art, handmade orchid jewelry and other items.

The American Orchid Society was founded in 1921 to support the passion for orchids through education, conservation and research. The AOS is more than just a flower club. Throughout its 85-year history the AOS, in keeping with its vision and mission, has strived to bring our members timely and state-of-the-art orchid information, support basic and applied research in orchids, and monitor and support conservation effort both here in North America as well as throughout the World. AOS is proud to support the work of Orchid Mania South Florida and look forward to seeing you in February! Admission to the event is \$20/person for AOS members, \$25/person for non-members.

For reservations or for more information on the event, contact Susan Wayman at (561) 404-2031 or email her at swayman@aos.org. To donate items for the February auction, please contact Carol Holdren at cjholdren@gmail.com.

The American Orchid Society Botanical Gardens are open to the public Monday through Sunday, 10 to 4:30PM www.aos.org 561-404-2000 16700 AOS Lane Delray Beach FL 33446. Wine & Jazz Events: January 21, February 18 (Orchid Mania auction), March 18, April 15

SFOS NEWS

Thursday, February 25, 2010 - Premier Party, Doubletree Miami Mart Hotel and Convention Center, 711 NW 72 Ave., Miami, 7:30- 10:00 PM Advance tickets sales only, tickets are available from the SFOS office (305-255-3656)

February 26 – 28, 2010 - The 64th Miami International Orchid Show at the Doubletree Miami Mart Hotel and Convention Center, 711 NW 72 Ave., Miami

Wednesday, March, 2010 – Betty Eber will present “Orchids of Cuba”



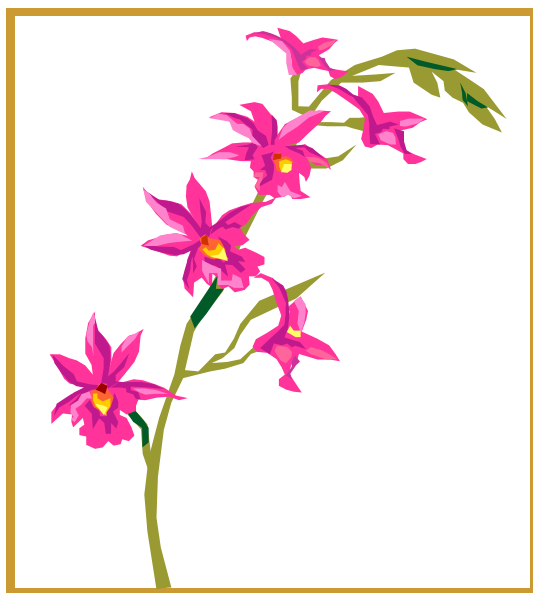
Put a greeting or an announcement in the newsletter. The cost is \$15.00 for a business card size.

Each year the SFOS Show Committee selects 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. Please take this opportunity to sponsor a trophy. You may sponsor in your name, the name of your business, in recognition or memory of a friend or loved one. Trophy sponsorships will be recognized in the Show Schedule and on prominent signs placed with the trophies as they are presented. And remember, your donations to the South Florida Orchid Society, a 501 © 3 not-for-profit corporation may be tax deductible.

For more information about these sponsorships please call Ellen at the office. 305-255-3656.

IN MEMORIUM

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Edward L. Bond died on 1/16/10. Edward was a President of SFOS in 1969-1970.



Thank you to the vendors for advertising in our newsletter. Please patronize their businesses.

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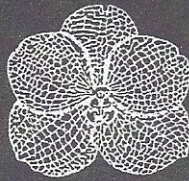
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