

PROGRAM

SFOS Annual Orchid Auction



Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Fire Fighters Memorial Building
8000 NW 21 St., Miami, FL
33122
7:30 PM Preview of auction
items
8:00 PM Auction beings

This month the South Florida Orchid Society will hold its Annual Orchid Auction. We have orchid plants from all over the world. We also have orchid supplies and orchid related items to auction. You can pay by cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Entrance to the auction is free and we have great refreshments. Don't miss out on this opportunity to add fabulous plants to your collections at bargain prices.

*****Members are asked to please bring a plant to donate to our Auction.**

SFOS DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, May 19th – Elly Carroll “How to Safely Handle Orchid Chemicals and Non-Chemical Alternatives”
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Membership Note from Sally Taylor – The first member bringing 5 first time visitors to one meeting will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Carmela Orchids.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear South Florida Members:

Thank goodness Spring has finally arrived. What a welcome relief it was after this most unusual, cold winter. I know we are happy to feel the warm sunshine we are used to. I am very excited to roll up my plastic for the summer; I just know my plants are so happy to feel the warmth and extra breeze once the plastic is gone. Of course with our warmer weather the need comes for repotting and extra water and fertilizer.

I once again want to thank everyone in the club who participated in the 64th Miami International Show, and congratulations to all our members who received ribbons and trophies. Congratulations to RF Orchids for most beautiful display, Paradise Found. I think Bob and Mike had to rent an extra truck to cart all that crystal home!! Not only did they win the AOS Show Trophy and the Artistic Merit Trophy, but their exhibit was home to the Grand Champion and the Reserve Champion! The orchid winning the Grand Champion Trophy was a most beautiful *Cattleya leuddamaniana* with enormous pink flowers. The winner of the Reserve Champion was another species, *Trichoglottis amesiana* 'Crownfox'. I tried to count all of their awards, but truly lost count. Some of the trophies were: *Cattleya* species trophy for *Cattleya ludamaniana*, Best Blue Vanda for V. Trevor Rathbone, Scotti Merrill Trophy for the most outstanding pink vanda flowers (V. Robert's Delight 'Crownfox Big Red'). Believe me, those were just a few; there were many more in this most stunning display.

A big thanks go to The Palm Society, The Rose Society, and Orchid Societies for participating in our show and to our orchid related vendors. I was so happy to see Paul Marcellini with his beautiful photographs; he has really grown up in our club, and it was a pleasure to view his work and talk with this very talented young man. Congratulations to the East Everglades Orchid Society for their Silver Medal winning table top display; it was truly a work of art. I welcome our new members and hope to see them at our meetings.

Speaking of our meetings, our next meeting is our annual auction. Please bring your friends and your checkbooks. I want to thank Carol De Biase for her efforts in collecting plants from commercial growers. But we want your plants also. As you are repotting and dividing your plants, please consider donating some to our auction. Orchid related items are also welcome. If you are not able to attend our auction, but have plants to donate, please call Carol to make arrangements for a pick-up. We have a professional auctioneer and have a great time bidding on beautiful orchids. I hope to see both old and new members at our meeting.

Until then, happy growing (and repotting),
Judy

JUDGING

THERE WILL BE NO JUDGING THIS MONTH
Regular monthly judging will resume in May

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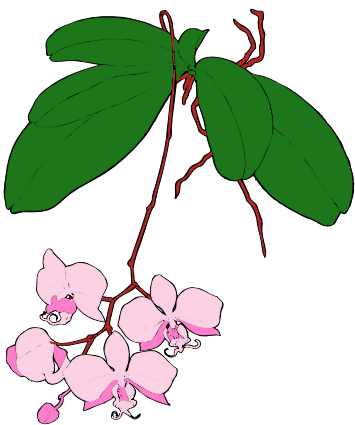
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MEMBER'S ORCHIDS

RECENT WINNERS - *photography by Georgia Tasker*



C. nobilier - owner Erna Maxwell



Pot. Haw Yuan Glory - owner Betty Eber



Tolmina William Thurston - owner
Pedro Bonetti



Ansellia africana - owner Javier Morejon

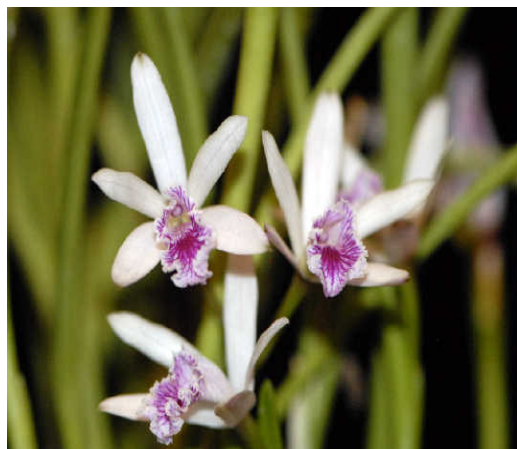


C. (Susan Holquin x Mildred Rives) -
owner Lore Wigley



Gongora histrionica -
owner Javier Morejon

MORE RECENT WINNERS - photography by Georgia Tasker



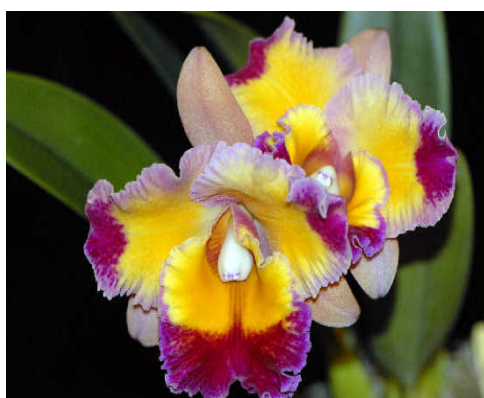
Laelia lundii - owner Pablo Esperon



Paph rothschildianum - owners Sandy Schltz & Georgia Tasker



Epi stamfordianum - owner Judy Mezey



Pot. Dick Smith - please contact me with owners name



Max. picta - Javier Morejon



Onc. splendidum - owners Sandy Schultz & Georgia Tasker



Rl. glauca - owner Betty Eber



Rlc Pamela Saxton - owner Ignacio Resilles

ORCHID INFORMATION

MEALY BUGS

Mealy bugs are one of the more serious of pests on orchids, fortunately they are less likely to appear in orchid collections. They are closely related to scale and are very similar in appearance to the juvenile form of that insect. Mealy bugs are somewhat larger and often have a slight yellowish or pinkish coloring both in the adults and the newly hatched insects. The adults do not have the hard shell of scales and are easier to kill.



They prefer to eat on roots deep in the media and are often only discovered when orchids are repotted although they will also attack other parts of the plant, especially under the leaves. They will also hide in depressions on pots, in sheaths and in newly emerging growth.

Prevention of the pests is based on the life cycle. The eggs are protected by a coated egg sac and hatch in approximately 10 days. The nymphs, or juveniles, are extremely mobile and will move among plants through direct movement, dispersal through wind or air movement, and by dropping from higher areas to lower plants. They will feed on a wide variety of hosts, only one of which is orchids. Infestations are often from insects on non-orchid plants which migrate. They usually have one or two egg laying cycles per season and will continue to do so in a protected indoor area such as a greenhouse.

It is very important to immediately start intervention as soon as these pests are spotted or they will spread rapidly and can overtake a collection in a matter of weeks. The short life cycle requires that treatments be applied multiple times at approximately 10 day intervals. For visible infestations on the underside of leaves, rubbing alcohol can be used or a spray with Neem Oil and some detergent, both of which will kill the insects. I prefer a systemic such as Bayer Rose and Flower Insect Killer which is applied at 30 day intervals and which kills pests which suck. It will kill both scale and mealy bugs.

Some growth regulators will work on mealy bugs and are effective for long term control of the pests, but do nothing for the adults or for the infestation already weakening your plants. They are fairly effective, but expensive for the home grower. Insecticides are available to control orchids and the best way to control the pests is to use a combined approach which kills the adults and inhibits the growth of the nymphs.

When using chemical compounds, always read the directions for use carefully and follow the recommendations for use. It is rarely useful to use more than recommended or to spray more often than suggested. Be careful to spray when plants are shaded and the temperature is not too cold or too hot since it can harm your plants.



Wild Things: Life as We Know It - Pollinating crickets



Orchids on Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean are pollinated by nocturnal crickets, according to scientists who took night-vision video of the flowers. It's the first time an insect from the cricket order has been identified as a pollinator. The raspy cricket's head is just the right size to reach into the flower's nectar spur. *By T.A. Frail, Megan Gambino, Abigail Tucker and Sarah Zielinski - Smithsonian magazine, March 2010*

2010 - 2011 SLATE OF OFFICERS

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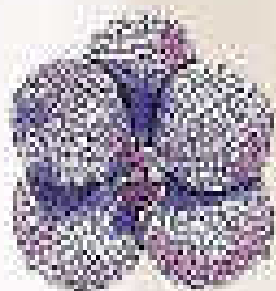
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