

The Orchidist



SFOS July 2011 Program

Our July meeting will be presented by David Genovese. He will present a program titled "Growing Orchids from Seed and De-flasking Demonstration". The program will be a brief talk about growing orchids from seed followed by a hands on demonstration of de-flasking and setting up com-pots using a couple of his own crosses. Volunteers will be asked to help during the de-flasking process. David will also bring his award winning educational display, which is all about growing orchids from seed.

David has been growing orchids for twenty three years with somewhat limited success until moving to

Naples, Florida in 2005. Shortly after that move from the suburbs of Washington DC his simple hobby became a flourishing passion, and he soon had a thriving collection. While David grows many genera of plants, his favorites are the Vandaceous group. In addition to caring for and exhibiting his plants, he also enjoys breeding both species and new hybrids, sharing with others about what he has learned and studying to become an AOS judge. At present he is finishing up his second year as a student judge for the West Palm Beach Judging Center.

We hope you can join us for this wonderful hands-on program. Please also mark your calendars with the dates listed below:

- **August 17, 2011 – Sandi Jones from Broward Orchid Supply - "Advanced Repotting/ Mounting Orchids an Alternative to Repotting".**
- **September 19, 2011 – Brian Monk - Brazilian Miltonias**

See you at the July meeting.

Carol De Biase

Program Chairperson

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SFOS July 2011 President's Message

What fun was our last meeting on June 15, 2011?

Congratulations to all the Trophy and Award Winners. What a fine, fine job you all are doing with your orchids. Keep up the good work and remember the next Awards meeting is less than a year away.

At this point in time, I want to thank you all (the membership) for electing me President of SFOS, or at least I think I do!

I shared this with those present on June 15. In June 2001 Dr. Ruben Sauleda was the outgoing President of SFOS and installed me "the first time". At that time SFOS was having an Installation and Awards Dinner, which was held at Don Shula's Steak House. How great it worked out that Ruben was the Speaker for our meeting this year - when I was installed again. Now all we need to do is get Ruben back on the Board! As I said at that meeting don't get any ideas about 2021 - it's not going to happen!

A special thank you goes to Bonnie Riley and Julie Rosenberg for all of their hard work in putting together the Awards part of our meeting. Thanks for asking me to be part of the presentations - that was a very special thing for me.

Thank you to Ruben for your time and presentation to the membership. The raffle plants were great! Well, let me say I was really happy my number came up - early - I had my eye on one plant and I got it. Just because I'm up front, doesn't mean I'm going to stop buying raffle tickets. Thanks Ruben for being part of SFOS and a friend.

Speaking of raffle tickets - Thanks to Ralph Hernandez for continuing to man the Raffle Ticket Sales Table and for the help up front with the number pulling and keeping me on track.

Someone else I need to "Thank" is Christa Collins for her devotion to all of us in SFOS. She is at the Hospitality Table every meeting and really has our "numbers". Thanks Christa. There is a "Suggestion Box" on Christa's table (it's been around since my first term ten years ago) and if you have a question, a comment or a suggestion - please feel free to write it down and drop it in the box - you don't even have to sign it, if you don't want to.

Someone else that needs to be mentioned is Carol De Biase. She has been getting us some really great speakers and I know for a fact there are some surprises in the fairly near future - stay tuned as they say. Thanks Carol.

Even though we are bringing some of the food for our refreshments - it still takes someone to get it all together and put it out - that someone is really two - Marlene Clark and her daughter Debbie. Thanks for a great job and good food all these years. Also thanks to Angelica Ruggeri for helping out in getting people to sign up to bring something.

Remember in school we were taught "A is for Apple - B - C - D etc? Well, here is a new twist -

A is for All of us (SFOS members)

B is for Bonnie and the plant judging

C is for Carol and our speakers and programs

D is for Dan and our upcoming SHOW

E is for every one of the members of SFOS

The SFOS belongs to you its members and we the Board of Directors and Executive Officers are here to look out for you. We all need to work together and become better and stronger.

OK - I've gotten a little carried away - sorry! I guess I'm just excited about SFOS all over again. Last time I was President we moved to the "Fire Tower" from the Polish American Club. My goal at that time was to get 100 people out to our meetings and we did it! Times have changed and the economy has changed too, but I'm sure we can rebuild and regroup. If you are with me and you read this - then I'll ask you to come out and support the SFOS. Don't do it for me - but do it for the SFOS.

Let's get the meetings going and have some fun. See you on July 20, don't forget your plants for judging, your refreshments for eating (if you signed up) and bring a friend for us to meet.

Sally Taylor
President

SFOS June 2011 Awards Ceremony

I hope everyone enjoyed this year's Awards Ceremony. All the winners received a beautiful trophy and certificate. In addition, winners of the Perpetual Awards will have their names engraved on

the silver trophies in storage at this time. Hopefully, we will be able to display these trophies in the near future. You can see pictures of all the trophy winners on our website.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

Norman B. Merkel Award (Best paphiopedilum alliance)
Paph. Harold Koopowitz "Anthony" BM/SFOS—Joan and Tony Viggiani

Del-Ora Award (Best vandaceous alliance)
Ascda. John King "Prince Harry" SM/SFOS—John King



Von Paulson Award (Best epidendrum/encyclia alliance)
Ctyh. Lime Sherbet "Beau" BM/SFOS—Julie Rosenberg and Ron Hunt

Fennell Cultural Award (Highest CCA/SFOS award)
Den. Peguanum "Punkin" CCA/SFOS 87 points—Julie Rosenberg and Ron Hunt



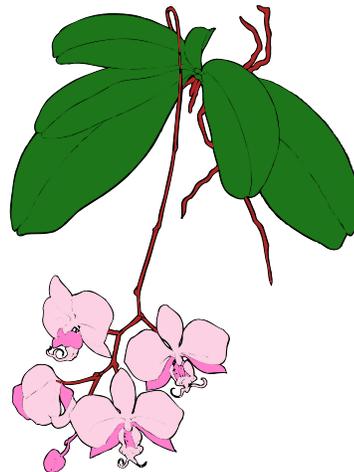
June 2011 Awards Ceremony Continued

SFOS Sweepstakes Award (Most metal points)
Julie Rosenberg and Ron Hunt

Most Culture Ribbons (3 way tie)
Sandra Schultz & Georgia Tasker —Julie Rosenberg & Ron Hunt—Lore Wigley



Most Ribbon Points
Joan and Tony Viggiani



I want to thank all the members of the awards committee as well as all the members who exhibited their plants for making these awards possible.

Next month is the beginning of our 2011/2012 judging. SFOS has 13 Perpetual Trophies to award

each year. This year we were only able to award 5. There are also ribbons and SFOS medal/CCA awards to be won. So, please bring your plants and participate in our great judging program.

Bonnie Riley—SFOS Judging Chairperson

SFOS Show & Speaker's Day



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ORCHID SHOW
OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2011 - 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
ADMISSION \$10.00 (10 AND UNDER FREE)

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OCTOBER 2, 2011 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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Submissions from members are always appreciated. If you have an orchid growing technique that works for you we want to know about it. We don't need anything fancy; a notepad file is fine. We'll take it from there.

Please send your submissions to ...

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And be sure to visit our website at ...

www.sforchid.com

See you next month!