

The Orchidist



SFOS October 2011 Program

Our October program is titled “Angraecums” and will be presented by [Tom Kuligowski](#), an avid orchid grower who specializes in Angraecums. He is also an award winning photographer with over 40 years of experience. You can see his work on his website (www.artimages.us).

Angraecums tend to be known for their beautiful, showy flowers, many of which are fragrant at night. Some can even become fantastic specimen plants in just a couple of years.

With both species and several highly sought after crosses, Angraecums offer some very unique shapes along with the most pristine whites of any orchid. An amazing fact many people aren't aware of is that they can thrive both in South Florida's sub-tropical climate as well as on a windowsill in the not so warm north if given the chance. This presentation will provide both hobbyists as well as serious growers with fundamental guidelines to grow these beauties successfully and in turn, grace you with years of enjoyment. All of the photographs in the presentation are of plants from Tom's collection; many of them showing all the various growth stages (from seedlings to first time bloomers to specimen plants).



We will have a mini-class from 7:45 – 8:00pm titled “Unusual and Natural Mounts”. Tom will show how he mounts many of his orchids and how he tries to keep them as natural as possible. Some have become fantastic specimen plants in just a couple of short years.

The plant table will be provided by South Florida Orchid Society. We hope you can join us for this interesting and informative program.

Carol De Biase—Program Chairperson

President's Message

Ok, ok I'm back on track, my raffle winning streak has begun, once again - watch out! Ok I'll take back the “watch out” - it might jinx me!

Thank you Brian Monk for the program you presented on September 21st. I've had only good comments on it. Thanks also to Blu Llama Orchids for providing the raffle plant table. Each month the program is different and each month we pick up a little more information or knowledge. What will we all learn next?

I've been telling you to get your orchids ready for the Show. Now the time has come to ask how you did! Did you get a ribbon, a South Florida Orchid Society Show Metal, an AOS Award or a trophy? Ok the truth is I'm writing this to get it to our newsletter editor, Ron Hunt on time; the Show is just about to happen. However, when you read this the Show will be over! So, I guess we'll all have to wait a month to collect our thoughts and give a full report on the Show. I know that Dan Christensen has put his heart and soul into this Show. I owe him and all of you a big “THANK YOU” for all the time, effort and help you have been in pulling off this Show. I also owe Carol De Biase a big “THANK YOU” for putting together yet another Speakers Day. More to follow!

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Upcoming Events!

- November 16th, 2011—SFOS meeting featuring Glen Decker; “How to grow great slipper orchids”!
- December 11th, 2011—SFOS Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn, Coral Gables!
- January 20th—22nd, 2012—Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show!

September 2011 Judging Report

This was an exciting month. Only three plants were entered for judging but they all received Medal Awards! Congratulations to the owners for bringing their plants and growing them so well.

All of these plants will be in the running for our special year end Perpetual Trophies. So, be sure to bring your plants to judging and you might win one of our great trophies too!

September Blue Ribbon and Medal winners:

- V. Marianne Bertini "Brett" (V. Gordon Dillon X V. Adele Graham) BM/SFOS (79 points)—Judy Mezey
- Ascda. Yarnisa Gold "Pure Gold" (V. Darres' Golden Heritage X Ascda. Anant Gold) BM/SFOS (77 points)—John King
- Ascda. Mary's Lemon Drop "King" (Ascda. Yoshiko Ise X V. *denisoniana*) SM/SFOS (85 points)—John King



Ascda. Mary's Lemon Drop "King" SM/SFOS—John King



V. Marianne Bertini "Brett" BM/SFOS—Judy Mezey



Ascda. Yarnisa Gold "Pure Gold" BM/SFOS—John King

See you at the October Meeting!
Bonnie Riley—Judging Chairperson

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A special thanks to Bob and Mike at RF Orchids for providing such beautiful plants for our refreshment raffle.

If you would like a chance to win one of these lovely plants all you need to do is sign up with Angelica to bring a refreshment item to one of our regular monthly meetings!

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The Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society is pleased to invite any interested persons to enter a society or hobbyist/student judge exhibit in its upcoming show, themed "Celebrating Orchids", to be held at the War Memorial Auditorium, January 20-22, 2012. There are limited spaces available so prompt notification of interest will be required no later than November 30, 2011. Floor exhibits of 100 sq. ft., 50 sq. ft., and 25 sq. ft, tabletop exhibits of 8' x 2', 4' x 2', or "jewel box" exhibits of 2' x 2' can be reserved on a "first come, first served" basis. Exhibit set up will take place the preceding Tuesday and Wednesday. AOS judging will be held Thursday morning. There is no entry fee and prizes will be awarded.

Tour busses to the show are welcome. Admission for each guest will be the presale ticket price of \$5 (admission is \$10 at the door) which must be arranged prior to January 9, 2012. Busses will not be charged a parking fee.

For more details and to arrange for an exhibit reservation or group tickets, please contact

Christine Crepage (2012 FLOS Show Co-Chair)
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Thank you and hope to see you at our show!

Visit our web site at www.flos.org

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We still have more to come! That's right, we are now working on our "Annual Holiday Party". The date has been set - December 11th, 2011. Time to start will be 6:30 PM and dinner will be set out at 7 PM. We will have a signup sheet at our next meeting on October 19th. In addition, we are looking for a little entertainment for that evening. If you know someone one who can help us out, please let me know. We will have a raffle table and maybe a few other surprises.

Don't forget our next meeting, October 19th. Carol has another speaker ready to impart his knowledge. Will you be there to receive it? Also, be sure to bring your Orchids in for judging at our regular meetings. You need to have them registered by 7:30 PM. Don't forget your refreshments if you signed up to help. We'll be looking for your goodies! Even if you didn't sign up we'll still eat whatever you bring! I think I forgot to sign up myself but I'll bring the deviled eggs and cookies or brownies or something sweet, too.

With so many things on my mind, (it's hard when your mind is so small for it to handle more than one thing at a time), I hope I haven't forgotten something important. If I did, I'll have to make up for it at the meeting! Refreshments, Orchids for judging, you and a friend would be nice (I promise you a surprise - for you and your friend - or anyone that comes). See you on October 19th, 2011!

Sally Taylor—President

NEWS FLASH!

- **SFOS Show held at the University of Miami!**
- **Many SFOS and AOS awards given!**
- **Happy orchid growers and enthusiast score fantastic deals on beautiful plants!**
- **Details in next month's edition of *The Orchidist*!**

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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. You don't need to send anything fancy; a text file is fine. If you have digital photos send them along too. We'll take it from there. You will, of course, receive credit for your submission. Please send your submissions to ...

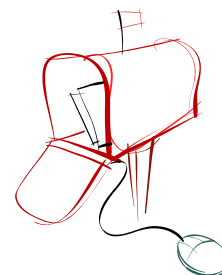
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And be sure to visit our website at...

www.sforchid.com

See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*



2011 SFOS Holiday Party

The SFOS Holiday Party will be held on Sunday December 11, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Coral Gables, 1350 South Dixie Highway, Coral Gables, FL 33146. We will have a buffet dinner - however you must choose your entre. You will have your choice of:

Roast Beef
Mahi Mahi Marinara cooked to perfection
Grilled Herbed Chicken

The buffet will include: Caesar Salad, Tomato and Mozzarella Salad with Balsamic Vinegar and Virgin Oil Dressing, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Fresh Baked Rolls, and Breads. Dessert will include Homemade Chocolate Cake or Florida Key Lime Pie. To drink we will have Flavored Ice Teas and Lemonade along with Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Hot Tea.

The party will be from 6:30 – 10:30 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00PM. All current members will receive a Holiday Gift Plant. The price for the evening is \$35.00 for members and guests.

We hope you will join us for a wonderful evening of friends and orchids!!!

Please mail this reservation form along with your check to the SFOS Office, 10801 SW 124 St., Miami, FL 33176, by Monday, December 5th, 2011.

Please make _____reservations @\$35.00 for the SFOS Holiday Party.

_____Roast Beef _____Mahi Mahi _____Chicken

Name: _____

Please mail this form to: SFOS, 10801 SW 124 Street, Miami, FL 33176