

The Orchidist



SFOS February 2012 Program

**Wednesday, February 15th, 2012
Fire Fighters Memorial Building,
8000 NW 21st St., Miami, FL 33122**

8:00 PM Program begins

Guests are always welcome at our meetings.

Peter Kouchalakos will present tonight's program. Peter will lecture on orchid pests and diseases.

Peter and his wife Clara own PCK Orchids. He is a native of Coral Gables, Florida and is past president of the Pan American Orchid Society. He is also a past president of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida.

Peter is a Florida Nursery Growers Association Certified Horticultural Professional, and a State of Florida licensed Commercial Landscape Pesticide Applicator. He has operated a private orchid maintenance and consulting business with his wife Clara for the last 10 years. Peter is also a Miami-Dade County Code Violation Appeals Hearing Officer and lawyer.

SFOS will provide our plant raffle table tonight.

New Members & Appointments!

The SFOS takes great pleasure in welcoming our newest members.

Enrique & Lidia Martin

Silvia Pascual & Connie Ricardo

Jeff Vance

Elizabeth McQuale

**We'd also like to welcome Carlos Cahiz
to the SFOS Board of Directors**

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

What a great start to the New Year, we have had!

Yes, I won several plants from the raffle table, provided by Carmela Orchids (you always have room for one more Carmela plant), but then some of you did very, very well too!

Did I promise you that Sheldon Takasaki would be entertaining or what? Was I wrong? Let me just say if you didn't go home with a plant or two or three - it was your own fault.

I think now you can see why I consider the folks of Carmela Orchids family.

Thank you Pearl and Sheldon for everything you have done for the South Florida Orchid Society.

Since our last meeting, things have been a little busy. There was the Orchid Show in Fort Lauderdale, Pearl and Sheldon at my house. Then a trip to a Dog Show in Ocala for Tim, me and the dogs. Runts got 2 more Best of Opposite ribbons and Stormy got 2 more Select ribbons - even though he flirted with the judge and even smiled at her.

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Upcoming Events!

- **March 21st, 2012 - Jason Fischer will lecture on the 20th WOC in Singapore**
- **April 18th, 2012—SFOS Annual Orchid Auction**
- **May 16th, 2012—Tom Kulisowski will lecture on Angraecums**

January 2012 Judging Report

Even with all the cold weather we've had there were some great plants brought in for judging. Keep warm and bring your plants in next month—only a few more months left to earn points toward the year end trophies.

Bonnie Riley—Judging Chairperson

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Congratulations to the First Place Winners:

Lc. Blue Koi X Lc. Wora—Lore Wigley

Angcm. sesquipedale—Betty Eber

Dtps. Jiuobao Rose Red—Pedro Bonetti

V. lamellate v. boxalii “Tom Ritter”—Dave Foster

Paph. hermanii X Paph. Olympian Paradise—Sandy

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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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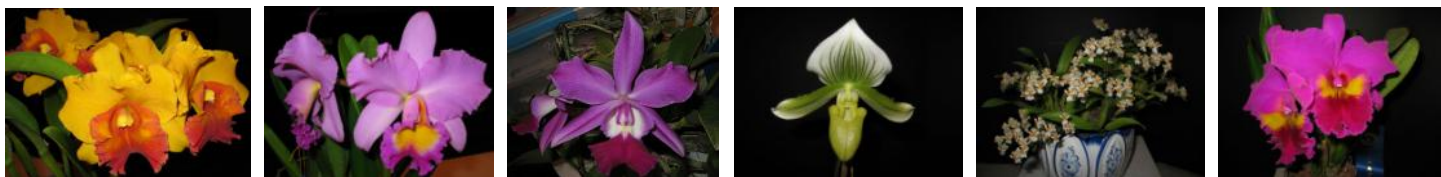
Plant registration will be open to the general public to be AOS Judged for coveted awards: Thursday March 1st, 12pm-5pm, Friday March 2nd, 10am-1pm. We are also accepting entries of Orchid Art Work and Orchid Crafts.

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Above Art work by Donna Morrison: bayou@tampabay.rr.com



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You all have brought in some great refreshments – keep up the good work. You don't bring - you don't eat! It's that simple.

I know Carol has a really great program for our next meeting on February 15th.

I hope your New Year is off to a great start, too! If you made a New Year's Resolution and have broken it already, why not make another one to come out and support your Orchid Club - better known as the South Florida Orchid Society. It is not too late!

See you on the 15th!

Sally

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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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See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

