

The Orchidist



SFOS May 16th 2012 Program

Our May program will be presented by Tom Kuligowski, an avid orchid grower who specializes in Angraecums. Tom is also an award-winning photographer with over 40 years of experience. You can see examples of Tom's work on his website at ...www.artimages.us.

You can contact Tom either through his web site or at tk_images@msn.com

Angraecums tend to be known for their beautiful, showy flowers, many that are fragrant at night. Some can even become fantastic specimen plants in just a couple of years. With both species and several sought after crosses, Angraecums offer some very unique shapes along with the most pristine white in any of the orchids. An amazing fact that many people aren't aware of, is that they can thrive both in South Florida's sub-tropical weather as well as on a windowsill in the not so warm north, if given the chance. This presentation will provide both hobbyists and serious growers with fundamental guidelines to grow these beauties successfully and in turn, grace you with years of enjoyment. All of the photographs within the presentation are of plants from his collection; many of them showing the various growth stages (from seedlings to first time bloomers to specimen plants).

Carol De Biase—Program Chairperson

It gives the us great pleasure to acknowledge a generous donation the SFOS recently received from Nicki & Elio Galante in memory of Elaine Dickholtz.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

A big THANK YOU to St. Germain Orchids who are providing the plants for our raffle table!

REMEMBER, GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT OUR MEETINGS.

President's Message

What can I really say about the Auction in April! Well, if you were not there you really missed out on some very, very special deals. What a real treat it was to have our very own Lou Lodyga and Dan Christensen as our auctioneers! They did a great job, for the society and for the rest of us as buyers. Thank you Lou and Dan for a very good job and entertaining night. To the general membership - those of you who gave plants to be auctioned off - thank you - I even got a few I had not seen in years. To our Commercial Growers and Suppliers - thank you for all the donations and helping make this Auction a success. To Carol and all the helpers - thank you for a great job. Angelica - thanks for a great refreshment bar (and to all of you who brought something - I ate too much). All in all I believe that we all had a great time.

I know Carol has a great program lined up for May, so mark your calendar (for May 16th) We will be back to having a raffle table and of course we will have refreshments. Plant judging will resume and please remember that plants are to entered so that judging can begin promptly at 7:45.

Please keep in mind our June 20th meeting - it will be a very special night. Awards and a really special speaker.

See you all on the 16th of May.

Sally

Upcoming Events!

- May 12th~13th, 2012—Volusia County Orchid Society Show "Orchid Memories".
- June 20th, 2012—South Florida Orchid Society June meeting: Roy Tokunaga from H&R Nurseries in Hawaii.
- June 24th, 2012—Coalition for Orchid Species Symposium at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens.

Orchid Auction Recap

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many vendors and SFOS members who helped make this year's auction a resounding success. Without everyone's help, participation and the generosity of all those who gave, and bought the plants, we would not have had such a successful auction.

The vendors who so generously donated plants are as follows: Amazonia, EFG, OFE, RF Orchids, St. Germain, Sally's Alley, Carmela, Dan & Margie Orchids, Mickey's Orchids, Coconut Orchids, Orchids by Allison, Norman's Orchids, H & R Orchids, Jorge Loreda, Christa Collins, Danny & Barbara Lutz, Ralph Hernandez, Broward Orchid Supply, Julie Rosenberg, Ron Hunt, Christa Collins, Erna Maxwell, Amazonia, Gold Country Orchids, J & L Orchids, Oak Hill Orchids, David Foster, Gene Stevens, Sally Taylor, Orchid wiz, Judy Mezey.

When you are in the market to purchase more plants, please consider purchasing from these vendors first and don't forget to say thank you again for their generosity to the South Florida Orchid Society.

Members who gave of their time to make this event a success are as follows: Dorothy Bennett who helped me record everyone's bid, Argeo 'Ralph' Hernandez, Sally Taylor and Danny Lutz who helped move tables and assisted in bringing up the plants to be auctioned, Lou Lodyga and Dan Christensen our wonderful auctioneers who always makes this event fun, and Ellen Hanson who help behind the scenes in calling all the vendors and volunteers, and getting all the correspondence done for me.

The words **THANK YOU** are not big enough. Give yourselves all a big pat on the back for making this auction a grand success.

Thank you all again,
Carol



SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY

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The 66th Miami International Orchid Show Autumn Festival of Orchids

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Orchid Show Dates

October 5, 6, & 7 2012

10:00am-5:00pm

Admission

only \$10.00

(10 and under FREE)

Speaker's Day

October 7, 2012

8:00am-4:00pm

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Ample Parking

We are very pleased to announce that the SFOS will be holding classes on various orchid topics at the upcoming 66th annual Miami International Orchid Show, "Autumn Festival of Orchids". Classes will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon, the 6th of October, 2012. We've lined up a stellar group of orchid experts to teach on a wide verity of topics in both English and Spanish. Admission is FREE! Below is a list of scheduled classes and speakers.

<u>Class time</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Class Subject</u>	<u>Language</u>
10:30	Carol DeBiase	SFOS	General Culture	English
12:00	Jam Adamson	Adamson't Orchids	Phalaenopsis Culture	English
1 PM	Ruben Saulea	Ruben In Orchids	General Culture	English/Spanish
2 PM	Dan Christensen	Dan&Margie Orchids	Vandaceous Culture	English
3 PM	Mac Rivenbark	Mac's Orchids	Mounting/Species	English
4 PM	Segundo Cuesta	Quest Orchids	Cultivando Orquideas	English/Spanish

**ORCHID SHOW AND SALE – May 12th & 13th
VOLUSIA COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.
“Orchid Memories”**

The Volusia County Orchid Society presents its 17th annual **Orchid Show and Sale on Saturday and Sunday May 12th and 13th, 2012 (Mother’s Day weekend)**, in the air conditioned Hester Exhibit Hall at the Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3100 East New York Avenue (SR-44 just east of I-4, exit 118A) DeLand, Florida. Hours are 9:00am to 4:00 pm both days.

Beautiful orchid exhibits reflect this year’s theme “**Orchid Memories**” Numerous orchid growers offer thousands of orchids for sale as well as growing supplies, orchid related items, corsages and floral arrangements. Orchid repotting and dividing services are offered for a nominal fee. Raffles, demonstrations, lectures and workshops are held each day. Refreshments will also be available.

Admission is \$4 per person, children 10 years or younger enter free! Members of any Orchid Society or Garden Club receive \$1.00 off entry fee with valid membership card. Lots of free parking, handicapped accessible.

See spectacular orchid displays created by commercial growers, orchid societies and amateur exhibitors. This is an American Orchid Society judged event. Enjoy an Art Exhibit of orchid inspired art works created locally by high school art students.

Information can also be found by visiting the Volusia County Orchid Society’s website: www.vcosonline.org



*Sunday
June 24, 2012
8 am to 4 pm*

Four Fantastic Speakers:

Jay Phal, Publisher of The Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia, -

Orchid Diversity Within 20 Acres in Columbia

Bill Thoms, Renowned Orchid Grower, AOS Judge -

Bulbophyllums: Big, Beautiful, and Bizarre

Frank Smith, Krull-Smith Orchids, AOS Judge -

The Improvement of the Phalaenopsis Species

Ivan Portillo, Ecuagenara Orchids, Ecuador -

Orchids from Ecuador

*Coalition for Orchid Species
Symposium*

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

In the Garden Room

10901 Old Cutler Road

Coral Gables, FL

Tickets:

\$45.00 for COS members

\$50.00 for non-COS members

Price includes lectures, raffles, continental breakfast, and buffet lunch.

Orchid sales will be available during the day.

Contact Erna Maxwell at 305-382-3055 or emaxwell6635@bellsouth.net to reserve your space now!

MEMBER BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES

- **MEETING AND MIXING** with many friendly and helpful orchid “neighbors”, amateurs, advanced collectors and commercial growers.
- **WELCOME KIT** includes first purchase discount coupons from leading member growers.
- **MONTHLY MEETINGS** with slide lectures by leading local and national orchid authorities – exhibits and refreshments.
- **EXHIBIT TABLE** each month for displays of member’s plants. Some plants are spotlighted and exhibitors identified before members.
- **JUDGING** each month by qualified regional and national judges.
- **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** that includes awards given and timely cultural notes.
- **FESTIVE HOLIDAY PARTY!**
- **FREE ADMISSION** to the annual **SFOS Show!**
- **AIR CONDITIONED** spacious conveniently located meeting hall with ample **FREE** parking.

South Florida Orchid Society

Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Fire Fighters Memorial Building, 8000 N.W. 21st Street Miami, FL 33122-1605

South Florida Orchid Society Officers

President—Sally Taylor

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Christa Collins, Ron Hunt, Carlos Cahiz

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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!

Members are asked to please bring refreshment items to our monthly meetings. Got a recipe you need to try out? Here's your chance! Oh, and chips are OK too!

South Florida Orchid Society Board Nominations

At the April 4th Board Meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the SFOS Slate of Officers for 2012-2013. Elections will be held at the May 16th membership meeting. We hope you will attend and cast your vote. Our Officers and Board of Directors work hard for SFOS. Please attend and show your support.

- President - Sally Taylor
- First Vice President - Judy Mezey
- Second Vice President Carol De Biase
- Secretary Julie Rosenberg
- Treasurer Dorothy Bennett
- Immediate Past President Judy Mezey
- Special Director Dan Christensen (Show Chairman)

Directors Term Expiring 2013:

- Dan Christensen Javier Morejon Bonnie Riley

Directors Term Expiring 2014:

- Christa Collins Ron Hunt Carlos Cahiz

Directors Term Expiring 2015:

- Gail Tillman Ralph Hernandez Angelica Ruggeri

AOS Needs You!

Volunteer to help the AOS in their new home at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. If you have some time to assist in the office -- filing, answering the phone and so on -- contact Ron McHatton at 305-740-2010.

MAY 2012 JUDGING REPORT

I hope everyone enjoyed the auction. We will have judging as usual in May. Please have your plants entered by 7:30. Judging will start at 7:45. May is the last month to earn points for our annual awards. There will be no judging in June because of the award ceremony.

See you in May. Bonnie Riley

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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 ...

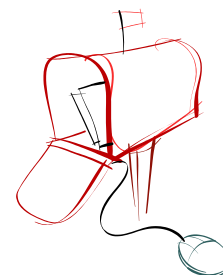
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And be sure to visit our website at...

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See you next month!

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SFOS SPEAKERS DAY 2012

SFOS will host its annual Speakers Day Event on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at University of Miami BankUnited Center, 1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables, FL. We have a wonderful panel of highly respected speakers and Speakers' Day has AOS approval for judging seminar credits. This year's speakers are:

Cordelia Head - Cordelia Head is one of three owners of J&L Orchids in Easton, CT., a company specializing in miniature orchids and unusual species. Cordelia has been growing orchids for more than thirty years. She is on many international orchid committees involving orchid conservation and orchid judging. She is also an AOS accredited judge. She has discovered many new species and has three named for her. Cordelia has lectured both nationally and internationally including the World Orchid Conferences in Miami, France, Malaysia, Vancouver, Glasgow and many others. The title of Cordelia's talk will be Warm Growing Miniature Orchids. This will be informative and entertaining and suitable for both the beginner and expert grower.

Howard Liebman - Dr Howard Liebman has been growing orchids since the age of 12 and began to hybridize orchids while in medical school. He has registered over 120 orchid hybrids and 41 of his hybrids have won awards from the American Orchid Society, Royal Horticultural Society and the Australian Orchid Congress. Best known are Beallara Marfitch "Howard Dream", Odontonia Susan Bogdanow, Miltonia Andy Easton and Slc Ruth Liebman. His recent interests have been in hybridizing the *Cyrtochilum* Oncidiums. Dr Liebman is a certified AOS Judge and has served on the Research Committee of the American Orchid Society. The title of his talk is: The Spectacular *Cyrtochilums*: An under- appreciated member of the *Oncidium* Alliance.

Nina Rach – Nina is an Accredited AOS Judge affiliated with the Houston Judging Center and a past-president of the Houston Orchid Society. She maintains a varied collection of orchids, predominately species in a twin-walled polycarbonate greenhouse and a shade house on the Gulf Coast of Texas. She maintains the Sobralias pages website and the Stanhopeas pages website. The title of Nina's talk is "What you need to know about Sobralias and Stanhopeas".

David Horak - Since 2000, David Horak has been the Curator of the Orchid Collection and the Robert W. Wilson Aquatic House at Brooklyn Botanic Garden and currently serves as the chair of the AOS Conservation Committee. An accredited AOS judge, he has been growing orchids for more than 34 years. The title of David's talk is: *Catasetinae* and other Deciduous Orchids.

Manolito Caluff - was born in Santiago de Cuba in 1945. In 1976 he began his studies in Botany, and the plant collection that some years latter originated the Fern Garden of Santiago de Cuba, institution adscript to the Cuban Sciences Academy, being its Director until today. The garden stores some 1000 plant species having among those 360 licophytes and ferns and 300 orchid's species. Manolito Caluff is President of the Amateur Botanist Association of Santiago de Cuba from 1992 and of the Popular Gardening National Group from 2006. Caluff has received numerous recognitions for its scientific work, being the main ones, granted by the Cuban Sciences Academy, the "Adjunt Researcher", the "Academy of Sciences Prize" the "Environmental Recognition", and the "Provincial Environment Prize" for two consecutive years, besides the "Double Excellence" of the Cuban Agriculture Ministry; last year he obtained the "Honorary Mention of the Environment International Prize of Cantabria University" in Spain. The title of Manolito's talk is "Cuban Orchids"

Tickets for Speakers Day are \$45.00 per person. The price includes a continental breakfast and lunch. This is one of the major orchid events held annually in South Florida and tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are **not** available at the door. To register, please send your check to the SFOS office: 10801 S.W. 124 St., Miami, FL 33176. For more information call (305) 255-3656.

Registration form for SFOS Speakers' Day October 7, 2012

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Speakers Day Schedule:

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 10:00 Cordelia Head - "Warm Growing Miniature Orchids"

10:00 - 11:00 Howard Liebman – "The Spectacular Cyrtochilums: An under- appreciated member of the Oncidium Alliance.

11:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 Manolito Caluff – "Cuban Orchids"

2:00 - 3:00 Nina Rach - "What you need to know about Sobralias and Stanhopeas".

3:00 - 4:00 David Horak – "Catasetinae and other Deciduous Orchids"

4:00 – 5:00 Show and Plant Sales

Name: _____

AOS Judging Center & Status:

Please reserve _____ seats @ \$45.00 Total amount enclosed: _____

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Expiration date: _____

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