

The Orchidist



SFOS July 18th 2012 Program

Kathy Whalen from St. Germain Orchids in Homestead, Florida will present our July program.

Kathy's program is titled "Caring for Cattleyas" and will include a demonstration on how to properly report Cattleyas.

With over forty year's expertise and a bold presence in the agricultural life of Homestead, Florida, the family of St. Germain Orchids continues the legacy of superior quality orchids and warm genuine service. Founded by two siblings with tremendous entrepreneurial spirit, St. Germain orchids began as a roadside stall enticing passersby with vibrant, fresh blooms. Years of enduring effort and an unwavering passion for orchids expanded the family run business into what has become the region's premier vendor of nearly 200 types of Cattleya orchids. While an extensive variety of orchids can be found at St. Germain's, exotic Cattleya varieties is there specialty.

Bring your friends – we know everyone will enjoy this wonderful program!

Carol

Guests are always welcome at our meetings!

St. Germain Orchids will provide the raffle table for the meeting and also have plants for sale.

Show Trophy Sponsorships Available!

If you would like to sponsor a trophy at the upcoming 66th Miami International Orchid Show, "Autumn Festival of Orchids" we have a number of trophies available. Sponsorships are just \$50 per trophy.

Just call the Ellen at the SFOS office at 305-255-3656 and she will give you all the details.

President's Message

What a meeting we had on June 20, 2012. Did you win a trophy, a raffle table plant, or did you get to buy a plant or two from H & R Nurseries?

If you didn't get in on any of the above - then you either missed the meeting or you slept through it.

Let's start at the beginning - yes, you might have had to brave the weather - but then the rain up my way stopped before I had to leave for the meeting. The traffic is always a nightmare! All in all we had a great turnout and saw some old friends (who have been missing for awhile).

We had some business to do - in the way of Installing the Officers and Directors for the year. Thank you Sandy Schultz, for doing that for us. Although, I for one can't believe that you all wanted me to do this for another year. I guess you all have more faith than I do.

Then Bonnie Riley got to hand out the Medals won in 2011 - 2012, then the Annual Trophies (how did you like seeing the plaques and pictures on them?), then the take home Trophies, and then the Certificates for Outstanding Service and the Judging Committee. Bonnie has done an amazing job with the Judging and will be missed - but she is not off the hook - Erna Maxwell is taking over and will need her help. Thank you Bonnie!

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Upcoming Events!

- **August 15, 2012 - Carlos Cahiz from OFE Orchid Supplies - "An Introduction to Orchid Supplies"**
- **September 19, 2012 - Georgia Tasker will present a program on "Biodiversity in Ecuador, including the Galapagos Islands."**
- **October 5, 6, 7, 2012— 66th Miami International Orchid Show, "Autumn Festival of Orchids" at the Bank United Center, University of Miami.**

Current Vendor list for the 66th Miami International Orchid Show.

Orchid Vendors

- Adamson's Orchids
- Amazonia Orchids
- Carmela Orchids
- Dan & Margie Orchids
- J & L Orchids
- Krull Smith
- Mac's Orchids
- Miller's Way Orchids
- Odom's Orchids
- Orquideas Del Valle
- Quest Orchids
- Ruben In Orchids
- St. Germain Orchids

Orchid Related Vendors

- Bactra
- Hanging Gardens
- OFE Orchid Supplies
- Nature on the Rocks
- Victoria's Collection

SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY
Presents
The 66th Miami International Orchid Show
Autumn Festival of Orchids

BankUnited Center, University of Miami
1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

<p><u>Orchid Show Dates</u> October 5, 6, & 7 2012 10:00am-5:00pm Admission only \$10.00 (10 and under FREE)</p>	<p><u>Speaker's Day</u> October 7, 2012 8:00am-4:00pm Admission \$45.00 (Includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Sunday Show Admission)</p>
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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 Sauleda	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

On June 20th, 2012 the South Florida Orchid Society held its annual combination awards ceremony and induction of officers for the coming year.

Congratulations to all our award winners and officers!

Medals:

Ascda. Mary's Lemon Drop 'King' SM/SFOS

Exhibited by John King on September 21st, 2011

Ascda. Yarnisa Gold 'Pure Gold' BM/SFOS

Exhibited by John King on September 21st, 2011

V. Marianne Bertini 'Brett' BM/SFOS

Exhibited by Judy Mezey on September 21st, 2011

C. Newberry Luisa's Love 'Hot Stuff' SM/SFOS

Exhibited by Julie Rosenberg & Ron Hunt on February 15th, 2012

Annual Trophies

Jones & Scully Award (Cattleya Alliance)

C. Newberry Luisa's Love 'Hot Stuff' SM/SFOS
Julie Rosenberg & Ron Hunt

Del Ora Award (Vandaceous Alliance)

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

John D. Simmons Award (Other Genera)

Ctmds. Jumbo Rubytex 'Crownfox Midnight' AM/AOS
R.F. Orchids

Most Culture Ribbons: David Foster

Most Ribbon Points: David Foster

Most Medal Points (SFOS Sweepstakes Award): John King

Awards Ceremony



John King accepts one of two medal and the Del Ora Award for Ascda. Mary's Lemon Drop 'King' SM/SFOS.



Judy Mezey accepts a Bronze medal for her V. Marianne Bertini 'Brett' BM/SFOS



Julie Rosenberg accepts the Jones & Scully Award for her C. Newberry Luisa's Love 'Hot Stuff' SM/SFOS



David Foster accepts his awards for having the most Culture Ribbons as well as accumulating the most Ribbon points during the judging year.

Dorothy Bennett accepts the John D. Simmons Award on behalf of R. F Orchids for Ctmds. Jumbo Rubytex 'Crownfox Midnight' AM/AOS



Outstanding Service, Judging Committee:

Dorothy Bennett, Carol De Biase, Ron Hunt, Erna Maxwell, Javier Morejon, Julie Rosenberg, Gladys Roudel, Ruben Sauleda, Sally Taylor, Joan Viggiani, Maria Wood



The following individuals were recognized for their **Outstanding Service to the Society** during the past year.

They are:

Dorothy Bennett—Treasurer

Dan Christensen—Show Chair

Christa Collins—Hospitality Chair

Carol De Biase—Program Chair

Ralph Hernandez—Raffle Chair

Ron Hunt—Newsletter Editor

Judy Mezey—Membership Chair

Bonnie Riley—Judging Chair

Julie Rosenberg—Secretary

Angelica Ruggeri—Refreshments Chair

Ellen Hanson—Office Manager

Installation of Officers

Swearing In Ceremony



Sandra Shultz presides over the swearing in of new and returning South Florida Orchid Society Officers and Board members. They are, from left to right, Angelica Ruggeri, Dorothy Bennet, Carol De Biase, Ralph Hernandez, Judy Mezey, Sally Taylor and Julie Rosenberg.

Items of Interest

Saturday, July 28th, the American Orchid Society's West Palm Beach Judging Center is having its monthly AOS Orchid Judging at Flamingo Gardens in Davie, Florida.

We judge every 4th Saturday of the month, except for November and December. You can go to our web site <http://www.wpbjudging.org> to get details.

The schedule is:

2:30 - 2:00 p.m. Training & Slide Review

2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Nominations

2:30 p.m. Judging

Everyone is welcome to attend as an observer and you are invited to bring your plants for orchid judging. You do not have to be an AOS member to participate or to have your plants judged. If you are bringing a large plant, feel free to call me to get easier access to the judging room.

Carol Holdren

West Palm Beach Judging Center

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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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Christa Collins, Ron Hunt, Carlos Cahiz

Board members—Term ending 2013
Dan Christensen, Javier Morejon, Bonnie Riley

Board members—Term ending 2012
Ralph Hernandez, Angelica Ruggeri, Gale Tilman

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Then I got to give the Committee Members and Board Members a Certificate of Appreciation and a little something from me. This SFOS Board of Directors is a special group of people and to say they are hard working - is an understatement! Thank you all, so very, very much for making my job easier.

By the time that was done - I think Roy Tokunaga was ready to get on a plane and head back to Hawaii. Roy had plants to sell and also provided the great raffle table. Not to mention his great program. Roy - to just say "Thank You" doesn't seem to be enough. Just so you all know Roy gave back the Speakers Fee and the Raffle Table proceeds. Did you get to the plant sales table Roy had? I did and found 2 things I just had to have. The Raffle Table had some great plants on it too - I got some - did you?

Don't forget our next meeting is on July 18, 2012. We will be back to having judging - so get those plants ready! We

don't want to let Erna down. It's the only way you can get in on the Trophies for next year.

We will be doing things a little different - in that when you bring refreshments you will get a ticket for a pick from the Raffle Table (refreshment tickets will be in a separate container - and it will be first pick). Everything else remains the same and the plants for judging need to be entered at 7:30 so judging can begin promptly at 7:45.

Remember your refreshments, invite a guest (friend or foe) to come with you.

See you at the meeting.

Oh yes, were you expecting a puppy update - I still have three of them - getting bigger by the day.

If you are not going to be at the next meeting because you are on vacation - have a safe trip. And to Carol - who is having knee surgery - we wish you the best and a speedy recovery.

Sally

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!

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

The Orchidist is published monthly by the South Florida Orchid Society, Inc.

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 ...

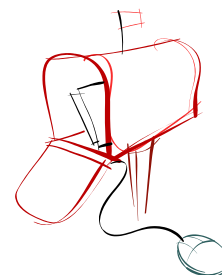
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And be sure to visit our website at...

www.sforchid.com

See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*



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. Several of our speakers will be participating in the SFOS Show as well. This year's speakers are:

Cordelia Head - Cordelia has been growing orchids for more than thirty years and specializes in miniature orchids. She is an AOS accredited judge and 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. 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. 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 Cyrtorchilums: 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 originated the Fern Garden of Santiago de Cuba, institution adscript to the Cuban Sciences Academy, being its Director until today. Caluff is President of the Amateur Botanist Association of Santiago de Cuba from 1992 and of the Popular Gardening National Group from 2006. 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.

Speakers Day Schedule:

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast	1:00 - 2:00	Manolito Caluff
9:00 - 10:00	Cordelia Head	2:00 - 3:00	Nina Rach
10:00 - 11:00	Howard Liebman	3:00 - 4:00	David Horak
11:00 - 1:00	Lunch	4:00 - 5:00	Show and Plant Sales

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