

The Orchidist



SFOS October 17th Program

Our October meeting will be a real treat. We have Greg Allikas presenting a new program titled "The 25 Best Orchids I Have Seen in the Past Three Years". Greg photographs about 200 award winning plants per year which represents about 10% of the total given by AOS, so this will be a good overview of the best orchids judged by the AOS.

Greg has been a commercial photographer in the Palm Beaches and an orchid grower since 1970. He is the awards photographer for the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center and the Florida-Caribbean Judging Center in Miami and many annual Orchid Shows in south Florida. His photos are regularly seen in the AOS publications including the annual calendar and Awards Quarterly and the Orchids magazine. He has written articles for both the Orchids magazine and Orchid Digest and has been published in the Russian magazine, World of Orchids. Together with Ned Nash, Greg has published three orchid books: Four Seasons of Orchids, The World's Most Beautiful Orchids, and Pocket Guide to Orchids. In 2005, Greg was honored to consult on and supply photography for a United Nations postal administration endangered species stamp release featuring 12 endangered orchid species.

Greg has traveled internationally to photograph orchids in their native habitats as well as to do award photography at International Shows. He is a popular speaker in demand at orchid societies across the U.S. We are thrilled to have him here to present a program for us.

This will be a wonderful program and we hope you will all attend and be sure to invite your friends.

Carol

Vendors from the recent SFOS Orchid Show are providing this month's plant raffle table.

**It gives us great pleasure to welcome our newest members
Clorina Scioscioli and Regina Mendoza!**

President's Message

Hi all,

What a wonderful meeting I missed! This was one meeting this year that I wanted so much to be at (more on that later) but couldn't. I hear that Georgia Tasker was just great! It is so great that she is one of our own! Thank you, Georgia (until I get to do it in person) for coming out and sharing with our SFOS membership and friends. I have not heard from Ralph yet as to whether or not I got a piece of the raffle!

Thanks to R.F. Orchids for providing the Raffle Table. I'm sure it was stunning! Bob and Mike you always do much a nice job with your plants. Thank you both for being so good to the SFOS.

I hope that you all will be making plans to attend our Holiday Party. It will be a great evening of fun and fellowship with our friends. It is December 19th the same night we would have a regular meeting. The price is so right. There is no excuse not to come because your Holiday plans and presents should all be in place before that. Also, do not forget to bring a canned food or toy donation for those less fortunate.

Have you made plans for Thanksgiving yet? We are giving you the night before off so no excuses; get those pies baked.

Now, what is happening in October? By the time you read this the Show may be (or not)

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Upcoming Events!

- **October 5, 6, 7, 2012— 66th Miami International Orchid Show, "Autumn Festival of Orchids" at the Bank United Center, University of Miami.**
- **November— No meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday!**
- **December 19, 2012 — SFOS Annual Holiday Party at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 8201 W. Flagler Street in Miami, Florida!**

September 2012 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Gladys Roudel, Carol Di Biase and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

Clowesetum Alaena Lawson 'Lanie's Warm Fuzzies' AM/AOS - Sandy Schultz & Georgia Tasker

Fredclarkeara After Dark 'Sun Valley Orchids' - Sandy Schultz & Georgia Tasker

C. Bob Betts - Betty Eber

Epi. magnoliae - David Foster

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair Person

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The 2012 South Florida Orchid Society Holiday party will be located at the
Olive Garden Restaurant 8201 W. Flagler Street in Miami, Florida
Wednesday, December 19th, 2012

**Tickets are just \$10 for members and \$15 for guests and include your
choice of 5 different entrees.**

All entrees include:

Freshly baked garlic breadsticks

Your choice of Homemade soup or garden fresh salad

Fountain drink, coffee, tea or juice with complimentary refills

Vanilla ice cream

You can choose from the following entrees.

Spaghetti & Meatballs

Traditional meat sauce over spaghetti with meatballs

Lasagna Classico

Layers of pasta, meat sauce and mozzarella, ricotta,
parmesan and romano cheese

Eggplant Parmigiana

Lightly breaded eggplant, fried and topped with
marinara sauce, mozzarella and parmesan cheese.
Served with spaghetti

Fettuccine Alfredo

Parmesan cream sauce with a hint of garlic, served
over fettuccine

Ravioli di Portobello

Portobello mushroom filled ravioli in a creamy smoked
cheese and sun-dried tomato sauce

**SFOS
Members
\$10.00**

**Guests
\$15.00**

**REMEMBER, YOUR ONE LOW PRICE INCLUDES EVERYTHING
LISTED ABOVE AS WELL AS ALL TAXES AND GRATUITIES.**

**This year, rather than have a gift exchange we are asking
attendees to bring a toy or canned food item to be
distributed to needy families this holiday season.**

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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October 2012 meeting

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Items of Interest

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history as they say. We will be having a meeting on October 17th and it should be very interesting. Please come, join us, and bring refreshments if you can. It will be your last chance for this year (now that does sound weird).

As for me - my trip to Texas and then Ocala for Dog Shows went fairly well. My puppy Syclone started his show career in Texas and won me \$11.00 in the Puppy Sweeps and a 3rd place Trophy in the regular Bred By Class. In Ocala, all three of my dog did well. Only thing was on September 14, just two days before leaving my Shadow passed away. She was 13 1/2 and I knew it was coming but didn't expect it that soon. However, it was on her terms.

Well - we all have a lot to look forward to in the next few months. See you all on October 17th, if not before.

Sally

Orchid Culture Classes at R.F. Orchids

R.F. Orchids in Homestead has announced their fall schedule of orchid culture classes. Classes are two hours, and the class fee includes written class materials and an orchid plant to take home. The class brochure with complete details is available at the nursery, or it can be downloaded from the R.F. Orchids website. These are hands-on classes taught by experienced growers at R.F. Orchids.

<http://rforchids.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/NewOrchidCampInfo-Fall2012-1.pdf>

THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IN NOVEMBER DUE TO ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. ALSO, IN DECEMBER, WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY ON WHAT WOULD BE OUR REGULAR DECEMBER MEETING DATE.

**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.

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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*

