

The Orchidist



NEW LOCATION ANNOUNCED FOR SFOS MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS!

The South Florida Orchid Society is pleased to announce a location for future membership meetings. Monetary constraints coupled with an increase in rent by the owners of our previous meeting place made this change necessary. After considerable research and discussion the Board of Directors chose The Hampton Inn located at 3620 Northwest 79th Avenue in Doral Florida as our new meeting place. The Hampton Inn is just a short distance from our previous meeting location at the Fire Tower and should not be difficult for members who have been coming to meetings at our former place to find. Our new hosts offer a number of amenities including free refreshments, ample free parking and even free WiFi service. The Board is sensitive to the hassle involved in moving to a new location but hope this change will yield positive results and we look forward to seeing everyone in January!



President's Message

Hi All!

I sure hope that everyone had a truly great Thanksgiving Day! If you were like me - you most likely ate too much. Now I know why we usually only have turkey one day a year - I can't stand to add five pounds two or three times a year. Any way if you were on the road, like I was I hope your travels were safe. I only found it bad at the gas station on Sunday night at 6 P.M. Then the traffic was wall-to-wall after taking me 30 plus minutes to get gas.

On to our December program! Oh, yes, there isn't one! Well not a regular one at the Fire Tower. We are having our Holiday Party at the Olive Garden Restaurant on December 19th. Ellen is still taking reservations for the Dinner - call her at the office - it is only \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for guests. The last time I checked the count was over 40 people - it is sounding like we are going to have a really, really great evening. So, save the date, clean up your party attire, and get ready to eat. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again. I enjoyed my turkey in November but I did miss the great times we have at our regular meetings. Plus I didn't win any raffle plants in November! I guess I won't be winning any in December either. Well not that we have to buy tickets for. Members will receive their Holiday Plant and the table centerpieces will be raffled at no cost for a ticket!

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Upcoming Events!

- **December 19, 2012 — The annual South Florida Orchid Society Holiday Party at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 8201 West Flagler Street, Miami Florida from 7:30 to 9:30PM.**
- **January 16th, 2013 — Rubin Saluda!**
- **February 20th 2013—Annual South Florida Orchid Society Auction!**

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 from 7:30 to 9:30P.M.

Tickets are just \$10 for members and \$15 for guests and include your choice of 5 different entrees. To sign up call the SFOS office at 305-255-3656 but hurry because tickets are going fast!

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

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.

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**Guests
\$15.00**





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Items of Interest

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On to January - our very own Ruben Sauleda will be with us. Plan to join us for what should be a very special night.

Come to the Holiday Party - we may have some information you will like.

If I don't get to see you at the Holiday Party, I would like to wish each of you a Blessed Holiday Season!

Sally

P.S. Almost forgot - bring a canned food to the Holiday Party for our food basket (or a toy) - it will be put to good use - for the needy. Of course, it is optional.



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.

[R.F. Orchids Fall Orchid Class Schedule](#)

South Florida Orchid Society

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Hampton Inn Miami Airport West
3620 N.W 79th Avenue, Doral, FL
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REMEMBER!!!

IN JANUARY WE WILL BE MOVING TO OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION AT THE HAMPTON INN MIAMI AIRPORT WEST, 3620 NORTHWEST 79TH AVENUE, DORAL FL 33166

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- **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 ...

theorchidist@gmail.com

And be sure to visit our website at...

www.sforchid.com

See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

