

The Orchidist



SFOS January 16th 2013 Program

Please join us at our new location for a wonderful program presented by Dr. Ruben Sauleda, a long time member and Past President of South Florida Orchid Society. Ruben's program is titled "Flasking and Propagation of Orchids" which covers from pollination to flowering. Ruben will also provide the plant raffle table and have plants for sale.

Dr. Ruben P. Sauleda began growing orchids at the age of 12. At the age of 16 he established Ruben In Orchids. Almost half a century later Ruben In Orchids is recognized internationally and is the oldest orchid business in Florida. After graduating from Miami Senior High School, he attended Miami-Dade Junior College where he received an Associate of Arts. He was the first biology student in the first graduating class to receive a Bachelor of Science at Florida International University. He was then accepted to Florida Atlantic University where he received a Master of Science in biology working on the orchids of the Bahama Islands. During this time he was asked by Dr. Donovan S. Correll to collaborate on the Flora of the Bahamas by contributing the treatment of the orchids. After graduating from FAU, he was accepted to the University of South Florida, where he received his Ph.D. in Orchid Taxonomy. He has held positions as a Research Associate at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Florida Atlantic University, the University of South Florida and several other research institutions. He has taught classes at Florida International University and Miami-Dade College.

Dr. Sauleda has also written several books on orchid culture and has written over a hundred articles in scientific journals. He was Chairman of Education for the 2008 World Orchid Conference in Miami and was responsible for arranging all the lectures, overseeing all the photography and was the editor of the proceedings. His specialty is flasking and he is presently the leader in reproducing Encyclia, Cattleya, Schomburgia and Tolumnia species and hybrids.

Please join us at our new location, **Hampton Inn Miami Airport West, 3620 NW 79th Ave., Doral, Florida 33166**. The meeting will begin at 8:00 PM and refreshments will be provided. We know you will enjoy the wonderful program Ruben will present.

President's Message

Hi SFOS Members,

Now that our Holiday Season is over and the New Year is beginning - it is time to get back to work.

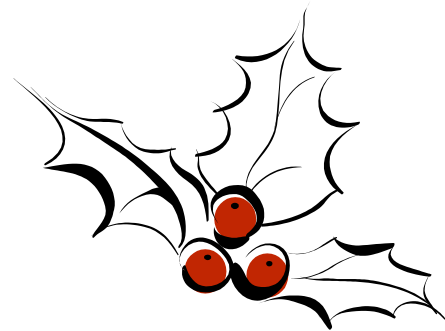
Starting at what should have been our last meeting, December 19th, what a wonderful night some 45 (give or take 1 or 2) of us had. That was the night of our Holiday Dinner at the Olive Garden. I will say that the room could have been a little bit larger but then we would not have been so close. We had to re-arrange tables and chairs but we finally got to the business of eating. The food was outstanding and if you were like me you ate too much! Having so many of our members and their friends join us was something that made me for one very happy. Now if we can just get all of them to our next meeting; wouldn't that be great? After dinner, we drew tickets for the table plants and the candies. I hope all of you enjoyed not having to buy the ticket. I really need to say "Thank You" to all of you who brought in canned goods and toys for the food and toy drive. What a nice contribution Dan had. I would also like to thank Dan for all that he did to make our night pleasant and successful! Dan made all of the arrangements with the Olive Garden, took care of the food and toy drive, and Dan and Marge Orchids provided the table plants and our membership plants. If you missed this Holiday Dinner Party, I do know that we will be able to repeat it. It was truly worth coming out for.

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Upcoming Events!

- **January 16, 2013 — Join us for our first meeting at our new location, Hampton Inn Miami Airport West, 3620 N.W. 79th Ave, Doral Florida 33166**
- **February 20, 2013 --South Florida Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Auction!**

SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY!



SFOS was able to provide food for 3 families for the holidays and give over a dozen children a better Christmas because of the toys that members generously donated at the Holiday Party!

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Some of the people who help make The Orchidist possible

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SOUTH FLORID ORCHID SOCIETY

January 2013 Meeting

One ticket per member / Members Only!

Expiration Date: January 16th, 2013

Items of Interest

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Now on to the business of the New Year. Yes, we are moving! We will be having our first meeting on January 16, 2013 at the **Hampton Inn Miami Airport West, 3620 N.W. 79th Avenue**. It's just about 11 blocks north of where we have been meeting. You can see it from the 826! So don't tell me you can't find it. I didn't even get lost when I went to see it. There is plenty of parking and the area is well lighted. The Hampton Inn is going to provide refreshments, coffee, tea, water, cookies and muffins (I think). So, we will no longer be having a refreshment raffle. We can however bring a little something if we desire.

Thanks to Angelica Ruggeri for taking care of our refreshments for the past year or so.

I know all of you will want to be there to hear the speaker, Dr. Ruben Sauleda! Ruben is a past president of

the SFOS and a dear friend to us. Please come out and greet him.

Then mark your calendars for our February meeting. We are going to have our Annual Auction. More on that later.

As I said, I guess it is time to get back to business. I sincerely hope your Holiday Season has been the best for you and your family. I also hope and pray that the New Year brings all of us what we need and then some, what we want and then more, better health and then more!

See you on January 16th.

Sally

RF Orchids Winter Orchid Camp Schedule

We'll be offering our orchid culture classes (we call them "orchid camp") starting again in January. Grab the [class schedule brochure](#) here. Note that we added a class on "Pests and Disease" in April. We hope you'll register for a class or two (or more!).

The New Year is just beginning and we are already working on the 2013 SFOS Orchid Show. Show dates are October 11-13, 2013 and the Show will once again be held at the University of Miami BankUnited Center.

Please mark your calendars and tell your family and friends to mark theirs as well.

We expect the 2013 SFOS Orchid Show to be spectacular!!

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- **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.

Reminder!

If you haven't already done so, please send in your membership renewal as soon as possible!

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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!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

