

The Orchidist



SFOS March 20th 2013 Program



Paul and Mary Storm are hobbyists who have a passion for anything "SCHOMBO" and their nursery in Sarasota, Florida holds what is believed to be the largest collection of Schombo/Laelia and Myrmecophila species and hybrids anywhere.

Paul was a featured presenter at the Mid-America Winter Orchid Conference in Ohio a few years ago, as well as at the Symposium on Orchid Species sponsored by the Coalition on

Species at Fairchild Gardens in Miami. Recently Paul and Mary presented at the Merrit Huntington Symposium in Virginia, and the Orchid Extravaganza in Aruba/Curacao, as well as a tour this past year of six major Orchid Societies in Texas, and they have just returned from the Atlanta Orchid Society.

Paul and Mary look forward to returning to the South Florida Orchid Society with 'SCHOMBO-SEX 102' and in reuniting with old friends and acquiring new ones, as well as continuing to spread schombo-love and schombo-fever though-out the SFOS. They will also be providing the raffle table for the evening.

Although they will be selling Schom species and hybrids and seedlings at the meeting, ***pre-orders may be arranged by viewing their web-site at: mekealohaorchids.com***. In addition Meke Aloha exclusively uses ORCHIATA as their potting media of choice due to its' long-lasting pot-life of ten years or more and if anyone wishes to purchase gallon or 40 liter bags of ORCHIATA ***please order in advance*** stating the amount desired as well as the size of the bark (Medium/Coarse). ORCHIATA is described on their web-site as well as featured on the back page of this month's AOS *ORCHIDS* magazine. Paul and Mary are not equipped to process credit card purchases (yet) so ***please be prepared with cash or a checkbook*** - you never know - schoms are contagious (SCHOMBO-FEVER!) - get it? - and don't forget to bring the signed permission of your 'significant other' so that Paul and Mary can openly discuss "SCHOMBO-SEX" !! ;)

President's Message



Hi All,

Did you miss the Auction?

What a really great job was done by our

auctioneers, Dan Christensen and Lou Lodyga, both long time members and friends of the South Florida Orchid Society. As I told you (last month) there would be really great bargains and there were. So, so sorry that more of our membership was not there to join in the fun. Many of the plants - no let me change that - all of the plants sold way below fair market value, as they say. A great big thank you to Dan and Lou for a job well done. Thanks also to all of the Orchid Growers that donated plants and also to the membership for donating too! I hope that everyone that was at the meeting on February 20th has some new treasurers for their collection. I know I do (and Ralph didn't even have to help me watch raffle tickets).

It is hard to believe that we are coming up on the third meeting of the New Year in just a few days. I know that Carol has another great program for us. Won't you come out and join us for the meeting on March 20th? Remember that there will be Plant Judging - again in March. We only took a break for the auction. So, you have about two weeks to get your plants ready to share "with the class" - sort of like when we were in school and had "show and tell".

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Upcoming Events!

- **April 17th, 2013 — Craig Morell from Pinecrest Gardens**
- **May 15th, 2013 — Brian Monk**

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, we would not have had such a successful auction.

The vendors who so generously donated plants are follows: OFE, RF Orchids, Ruben in Orchids, St. Germain, Sorora, Salley's Alley, Carmela, Dan & Margie Orchids, Coconut Orchids, Norman's Orchids, H & R Orchids, Danny & Barbara Lutz, David Foster, Gene Stevens, Christa Collins, Joan & Tony Viggiani.

Lou Lodyga and Dan Christensen our wonderful auctioneers who always make this event fun. Ellen Hanson who help behind the scenes in calling all the vendors and volunteers, and getting all the correspondence done for me. Christa for handing out the bidding plates, and Ralph Hernandez for all his help and entertainment displaying the plants during the bidding. Also, several members who helped the local vendors and other members bring in their donations.

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

Some Orchids That Flower In The Winter Months

The names below are derived from the Latin and Greek languages and can, at first, be daunting to pronounce. It's easier if you remember that, with few exceptions all letters are pronounced. You will often hear names pronounced somewhat differently than indicated below as a result of regional differences. There are also pronunciations that are not technically correct but have found their way into common useage. The common pronunciation, **stan-HOPE-ee-ah** rather than the technically correct **stan-HOPE-ah** for *Stanhopea* is an example. This pronunciation has no doubt evolved because of the "pronounce every letter rule" although that would sound more like **stan-HOPE-AY-ah**.

C= 50F minimum, I = 55F minimum, W = 60-65F minimum

Cattleya percivaliana (KAT-lee-ah purr-sih-VAL-ee-an-ah) and many of its hybrids (I)

Coelogyne cristata (see-loh-GUY-nee KRIS-tah-tah) (C)

Laelia superbiens (LAY-lee-ah sue-PURR-bee-enz) [also known as **Schomburgkia superbiens**]

Lycaste skinneri (lye-CASS-tee SKIN-er-eye) and many of its hybrids (I)

Trichocentrum cavendishianum (try-koe-SENT-rum cav-en-DISH-ee-an-um) [also long known as **Oncidium** - *Oncidium* is pronounced as on-SID-ee-um] (C)

Phaius tankervilleae (FAY-us tan-ker-VILL-eye) [the Nun's Orchid] (I)

Many **Phalaenopsis** (fail-en-NOP-sis) species and their hybrids (W)

Angraecum eburneum (W)

Angraecum sesquipedale (an-GRAY-kum sess-kwih-PED-ah-lee) (W)

Brassavola nodosa (bra-SAH-voe-lah NOE-dose-ah) (I)

Early flowering **Cymbidium** (sim-BID-ee-um) species and hybrids (C)

Dendrobium nobile (den-DRO-bee-um NOE-bee-lee) and its hybrids (C winter)

Epidendrum ciliare (I)

Laelia anceps (LAY-lee-ah an-SEPS) (I-C)

Many **Masdevallia** (maz-dee-VAHL-ee-ah) species and hybrids (C-I)

Rhynchostylis gigantea (rink-oh-STY-liss jye-gan-TEE-ah) (W)

Cattleya coccinea (KAT-lee-ah COCK-sinn-ee-ah) (C) and many of the miniature cattleyas developed from this species.

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EXTENSION OFFERING FREE PLANT AND INSECT CONSULTATIONS

Extension Master Gardeners to Host Free Plant Clinic



(MIAMI, February 28, 2013) – The Miami-Dade Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteers are hosting a **free** Plant Clinic on **Saturday, March 16, 2013**, from **10:00 a.m.** to **3:00 p.m.**, at the USDA “Chapman Field” Community Day, 13601 Old Cutler Road at Miami, Florida.

Are Bugs Bugging You? Got A Sick Plant? Master Gardeners will host a plant consultation booth called a Plant Clinic. They will answer your plant and gardening questions, help diagnose plant problems, suggest plants that grow well in South Florida, how to control pest problems, and much more!

Please do not bring plant or insect samples onto the USDA property.

- WHO:** Miami-Dade Cooperative Extension Service
- WHAT:** Plant Clinic
- WHEN:** Saturday, March 16, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** USDA Subtropical Horticulture Research Station “Chapman Field”
13601 Old Cutler Road
Miami, Florida

For more information about the USDA Community Day, please visit the USDA website <http://www.ars.usda.gov/Main/docs.htm?docid=10134>

For more information, please visit the University of Florida/Miami-Dade County Cooperative Extension website at <http://miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

**Please join us at our new
meeting location**

Hampton Inn—Miami Airport West
3620 N.W. 79th Avenue
Doral, Florida 33166



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March 2013 Meeting

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Items of Interest

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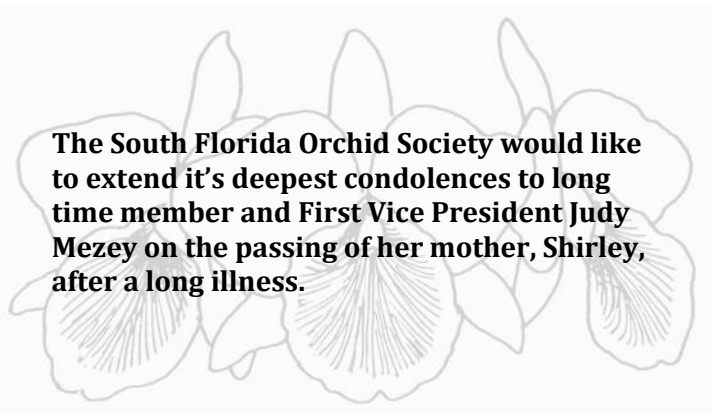
Speaking of judging, the June Meeting is just around the corner. The Perpetual Trophies at this point are still up for grabs. So, clean up your plants and get a move on.

Keep in mind that the SFOS Annual Orchid Show and Speakers Day are coming up in October.

We also have new Membership Applications and Business Cards. Please take a few for people you know and people you meet.

It feels as if I have forgotten something. If I have I hope it will wait until next time. See you on March 20th.

Sally



The South Florida Orchid Society would like to extend it's deepest condolences to long time member and First Vice President Judy Mezey on the passing of her mother, Shirley, after a long illness.

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!!

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.

Reminder!

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

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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*

