

# The Orchidist



## SFOS May 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 Program

Our May program will be presented by Dr. Brian Monk. The title of Brian's program is "***Tolumnias: We Were All Weeds Once***".

Brian Monk was born in Milton, Florida in 1969. Shortly after his birth, Brian's family moved to Charleston, West Virginia where he spent the next 18 years. As a young man, Brian's intense passion for nature led to his profession and his many hobbies including bird watching, orchid growing, and natural history.

In 1992, Brian received his B.S., cum laude, from Hampden Sydney College in Virginia followed by a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Virginia Tech in 1997. In 2005, while working as a Veterinarian in Orlando, Florida, Brian met the love of his life Mary-Margaret, in Ft. Lauderdale. Because of Brian's passion of all things orchids, he and Mary-Margaret form Blu Llama Orchids, Inc. Brian and Mary-Margaret were married on April Fool's Day in 2006 and reside in Ft. Lauderdale with their five cats and their ever expanding orchid collection.

Brian started growing and hybridizing orchids in his backyard, but this has recently expanded to 4000 square feet of greenhouse space. He will grow anything green, but focuses on his hybridizing projects, which include the development of multi-floral white and pink paphiopedilums, warmth tolerant red Oncidiinae, and standard pink Cattleya with an all-white lip.

Brian's photography has won awards online, in the 2007 Miami International Orchid Show and at the 2008 World Orchid Conference. He has had a solo exhibit of his fine art photography at the Leu Gardens in Orlando and has been a featured artist at the AOS Gardens.

**We hope to see you at the meeting!!!**



## President's Message

What a great meeting we had on April 17th. First, let me say that we were sad that Craig Morell could not be with us. The last minute cancellation was no fault of his. I hope that we will be able to reschedule Craig for some later date.



Our last minute replacement was Carlos Cahiz, from OFE right here in Miami. If you have not heard, Carlos is also in the running for SFOS President. Carlos I'm sure had a very interesting program for us even though it was last minute. Well that all went out the window! Carlos said that everyone at the meeting probably knew more than he did and thus the program began. The program was questions, answers and lecture on anything and everything. I know that everyone was picking each other's brains. What a great time. That was just the program part. The Raffle Table was more than we had a right to ask for; almost everything was in bloom. If you missed a chance at the Raffle Table, we even told you what our secret was! We even found out the someone (who I will not name) who speaks Spanish as well as English can't watch her raffle tickets even when someone repeated the numbers in Spanish. What a great time we all had laughing at each other and ourselves. Carlos had a few plants to sell and also had supplies - which I am sure were suppose to be part of the program. Carlos Thank You so much for coming and sharing

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**Amazonia Orchids will provide this month's plant raffle table.**

## Upcoming Events!

- **June 19th, 2013 — Segundo & Yolanda Cuesta**
- **July 17th, 2013 — Mirta Heineman**





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## April 2013 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Sally Taylor, Judy Mezey and Erna Maxwell.

### Blue Ribbons:

Lc. Fuchs Sunrise - Christa Collins

Ren. Tom Thumb - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker

Gram. Tiger's Paw - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker

Tolu. Jerry Sievers - Betty Eber

### Red Ribbons:

Bc. Windward Flare - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker

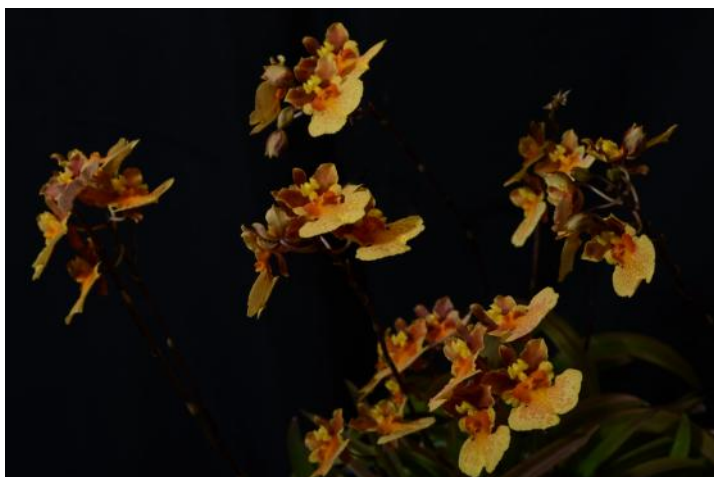
Aergs. fastuosa - Betty Eber

### Culture Ribbons:

Lc. Fuchs Sunrise - Christa Collins

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair Person

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Tolu. Jerry Sievers — Betty Eber



Gram. Tiger's Paw — Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker



Lc. Fuchs Sunrise — Christa Collins



Ren. Tom Thumb — Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker



Judges: Judy Mezey, Julie Rosenberg, Sally Taylor, Dorothy Bennett, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

**Flower Quality:**

Den. farmeri - "Birthday Girl" -BM 79 points —Christa Collins

**Culture:**

Den. farmeri - "Birthday Girl" - CCA 92 points — Christa Collins

Photograph by Judy Mezey



**Den. farmeri - "Birthday Girl" -BM-CCA /SFOS—Christa Collins**





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

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**South Florida Orchid Society Officers**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President—Carol De Biase**

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### Educational Classes to be held at the SFOS Show.

Once again this year free classes on various topics will be held at the SFOS fall orchid show, "Falling In Love With Orchids." These classes are always popular and are sure to fill up quickly.

Classes will be on Friday, October 11, 2013 from 1:00 - 3:00.

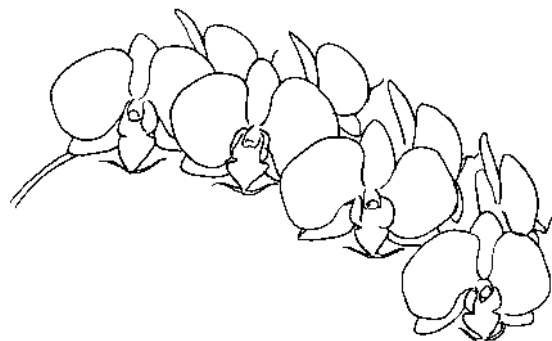
- 1 PM—Mac Rivenbark from Mack Orchids will speak on General culture & vandaceous.
- 2 PM—Jim Adamson from Adamson's Orchids will speak on Phalaenopsis Culture.
- 3 PM—Axel Cahiz from Amazonia Orchids will speak on Cattleya culture. (Spanish/English)

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### Reminder!

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





## South Florida Orchid Society Board Nominations

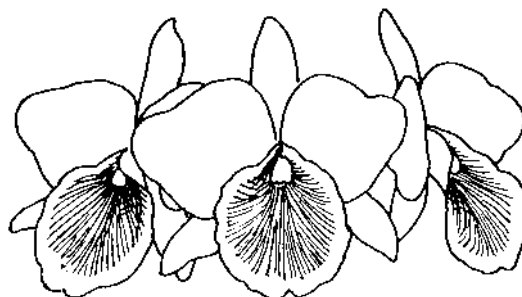
At the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the South Florida Orchid Society Slate of Officers for 2013-2014.

Elections will be held at the May 15<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. We hope you will attend and cast your vote. Our Officers and Board of Directors work hard for SFOS. Please attend and show your support.

- President - Carlos Cahiz
- First Vice President Dan Christensen
- Second Vice President Javier Morejon
- Secretary Julie Rosenberg
- Treasurer Dorothy Bennett

### Directors Term Expiring 2016:

- Carol De Biase Erna Maxwell Sally Taylor



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your knowledge with us. I know that everyone had a great time.

Carol has another wonderful program for us on May 15th. Come and join us. We will see what other trouble we can get into.

Since our meeting, I was at yet another Dog Show and finally my pup (Syclone) had competition one dog beat him and he beat one other dog on Saturday and again on Sunday giving me 2 Red (Second Place) Ribbons. If things go right maybe I will have a First Place Ribbon before our meeting as I will be at a few more shows.

Please remember that at our meeting in May we will be electing Officers for our next year. Come out and join us! Help us move into a new term with new people. I for one will be all for helping the new team!

See you on May 15th!

Sally

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- **MEETING AND MIXING** with many friendly and helpful orchid "neighbors", amateurs, advanced collectors and commercial growers.
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- **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.
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See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

