

The Orchidist



SFOS July 17th Program

Our July program will be presented by long time supporter of SFOS, Mirta Russis Heineman. Mirta will present a program titled "A Peek into the World of Epidendrums". The program will focus on the most common Epidendrums we can grow here in South Florida.



Mirta was born in Cuba and came with her family to the States in 1961. She did not speak English and therefore could not go back to college until she had tackled that rich and tricky language. After her children had finished High School she went back, graduated, and became a teacher.

Mirta bought her first orchid from the tailgate of a truck that was selling tempting specimens after one of the Miami Shows closed. This was some 20 years ago. Ask her about The First Time? She'll tell you with a smile, "Phalaenopsis". After that she bought many orchids but with very little luck in keeping them healthy until she started taking classes to learn how to take care of the little darlings.

After she retired, she devoted more time to her new challenge. She joined six different orchid societies and attended just about every class that she heard about, all to learn more about orchids. She has traveled many times to many cities and countries to attend shows, conferences, and classes and... of course, to rescue orchids.

She has been president, a vice president, and has occupied almost every board position in many orchid societies where she is a member. For the last two years she was the President of COS (Coalition for Orchid Species). This enthusiasm for orchids has taken her to many of our local societies to make presentations and attend shows. She has also taught at AOS. We hope you will join us for this wonderful program.

Guests are always welcome!!

President's Message

Hello:

This is my first letter as President of your South Florida Orchid Society.

Firstly, my heart felt gratitude to our retiring President Sally Taylor, and the members of her Board of Directors. Your hard work on behalf of our society is greatly appreciated. Your dedication will be a source of inspiration to us all.

Secondly, allow me to introduce myself: Carlos A. Cahiz, Jr. born in Valencia, Venezuela May, 9th, 1964 to Teresa and Carlos Cahiz. The oldest of five siblings. University of Kansas alumnus since 1991. At the helm of OFE Orchid Supplies since 1992. (Barely a month before Hurricane Andrew hit S. Florida). Married to Amanda since 1993, father to an 11 year old, three adopted dogs, a parrot and a turtle. Learning a little bit about orchids and life in general every day.

Thirdly, thanks to Yolanda and Segundo of Quest Orchids for their entertaining and informative lecture on Cattleya growing. Local growers, such as Quest, always provide little jewels of knowledge on every lecture I have attended. Thanks also to Quest for a great raffle table. Many members left with armfuls of beautiful blooming orchids.

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Our raffle table this month will be provided by Dan and Margie Orchids.

A Message From Outgoing President, Sally Taylor

Hi Everyone One! Yes, it is me one more time! I would like to take this opportunity to say a Great Big Thank You to all the members of the South Florida Orchid Society for their help, encouragement and for putting up with me for two years. Being President is a job but the help you all gave me made my job easier. Thank you all so much. Please continue to support the New Officers and help and stand behind Carlos as you did me. See you all in July at the meeting.

Sally



South Florida Orchid Society
Presents
The 67th Miami International Orchid Show



Falling In Love With Orchids

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Speakers' Day

October 12, 2013
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Admission \$45.00

Tickets sold in advance only.

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and Saturday admission to the Show*

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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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SFOS 2012-2013 Awards

At the June 19th SFOS members meeting the society swore in a new slate of officers for the coming year and presented awards to the most successful growers from the past year. Members also welcomed our new president, Carlos Cahaz.

One grower in particular, Christa Collins, had great success and garnered a number of prizes. Congratulations to her and indeed to all of our winners. You are in inspiration to us all.

Medal Awards

Trichoglottis brachiata 'Grace' that was exhibited by Christa Collins on August 15th, 2012 received a bronze metal

Dendrobium Joyce Kelly, 'Gabi' that was exhibited by Christa Collins on January 16th 2013 received a silver metal.

Dendrobium farmeri 'Birthday Girl' that was exhibited by Christa Collins on April 3rd 2013 received a bronze medal as well as Certificate of Cultural Achievement.

Ascocenda Natalie Majewski 'Leopard' that was exhibited by Julie Rosenberg and Ron Hunt on May 15th 2013 received a bronze metal.

Annual Trophies:

Jones & Scully Award (Cattleya Alliance)

Ctcy.Rio's Treat "Claudia" HCC/AOS exhibited by Ruben in Orchids

Del-Ora Award (Vandaceous Alliance)

Trichoglottis brachiata 'Grace' BM/SFOS exhibited by Christa Collins

William H. Sparks Award (Dendrobium)

Dendrobium Joyce Kelly 'Gabi' SM/SFOS exhibited by Christa Collins

Fennell Cultural Award

Dendrobium farmeri 'Birthday Girl' CCA/SFOS exhibited by Christa Collins

John D. Simmons Award (Other Genera)

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Norman B. Merkel Award (Paphiopedilum)

Paphiopedilum Krull's Magic Touch 'Krull-Smith' AM/AOS exhibited by Krull-Smith Landscapes

Most Culture Ribbons: Christa Collins

Must Ribbon Points: Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker

Most Medal Points (SFOS Sweepstakes Award): Christa Collins



PHOTOS FROM LAST MONTHS AWARDS CEREMONY!



Christa Collins accepting her many awards from Judging Chair Erna Maxwell and SFOS Secretary Julie Rosenberg! Congratulations, Christa!

PHOTOS FROM LAST MONTHS AWARDS CEREMONY!



Julie Rosenberg receives a bronze medal from judging chair Erna Maxwell



Sandy Shultz and Georgia Tasker the award for most ribbon points from judging chair Erna Maxwell

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

Hampton Inn—Miami Airport West
3620 N.W. 79th Avenue
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July 2013 Meeting

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Congratulations to all the winners of this year's orchid awards. Particular kudos are given to Christa Collins for her multiple awards.

Finally, I take this opportunity to ask for your input. Take the time to talk to your board members. Let us know what you would like to see happen in your society. It is no secret that we are in the midst of a transitional period in our society. After all, this year marks the 67th year of the South Florida Orchid Society's International Orchid Show. Your participation is most important, and most welcome.

Thank you,

Carlos

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Webmaster Wanted!

The South Florida Orchid Society is seeking a knowledgeable person to take charge of the SFOS web site. Applicants must have hands on experience with WordPress . If interested please contact Ellen at the SFOS office, Tel: 305-255-3656; E-Mail: sforchid@bellsouth.net

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 ...

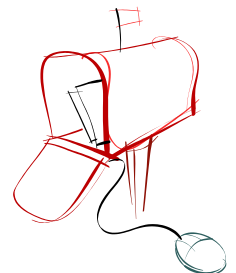
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And be sure to visit our website at...

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*



SFOS SPEAKERS DAY 2013

SFOS will host its annual Speakers Day Event on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at University of Miami BankUnited Center, 1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables, FL. We have a wonderful panel of highly respected speakers and Speakers Day has AOS approval for judging seminar credits. This year's speakers are:

Dr. Ruben Sauleda – will present a program titled “Orchid Adventures in Colombia.” Columbia has over 5,000 species of orchids and this presentation will take you on a trip through Columbia to visit various orchid nurseries and sites where these orchids grow. Dr. Sauleda has a Ph.D. in orchid taxonomy. He has written several books on orchid culture and published over a hundred articles in scientific journals. His specialty is flasking and he is presently the leader in reproducing *Encyclia*, *Cattleya*, *Schomburgia* and *Tolumnia* species and hybrids.

Dr. Clair Ossian – will present a program titled “How to Judge Dendrobiums: Using their Heritage and Impact on Today's Hybrids.” The core of the presentation will consider species that have been the major contributors to modern hybrids and points to consider when judging Dendrobium flowers. Dr. Ossian is a Life Member and Accredited Senior Judge in the AOS. He has published forty-one papers on orchids. The core of his research has focused on the genus Dendrobium.

Tom Kuligowski - will present a program titled "Angraecums." Tom is an avid orchid grower who specializes in Angraecums. His presentation will provide both the hobbyists and serious growers with fundamental guidelines to grow these beautiful plants successfully and in turn, grace you with years of enjoyment. Tom is also an award-winning photographer and most of the photos in his presentation are plants from his collections.

Marc Hachadourian - will present a program titled “Growing Great Slipper Orchids: A Taxonomic Approach to Paphiopedilum Culture.” His talk will present information about culture in the genus, growing specimen plants, and how to judge them. Marc Hachadourian is Manager of the Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collections and Curator of the Orchid Collection at The New York Botanical Garden. As an AOS Judge and Horticultural Educator he has lectured in the U.S. and abroad and is part of the faculty of The New York Botanical Garden School of Professional Horticulture.

Dr. Wes Higgins – will present a program titled “Phalaenopsis: Judgment Day.” His program will examine the history of how changing standards are reflected in awards, the market place, and hybrid breeding. Wes has worked at Missouri Botanical Gardens, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Marie Selby Botanical Garden, and Lakes Park Botanic Garden. Wesley is an accredited AOS judge, approved AOS taxonomic authority, and serves on the AOS Publications Committee where he edits the monthly column Nomenclatural Notes.

Tickets for Speakers Day are \$45.00 per person. The price includes morning coffee and tea, lunch, and admission to the SFOS Orchid Show on Saturday. This is one of the major orchid events held annually in South Florida and tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are **not** available at the door. To register, please send your check to the SFOS office: 10801 S.W. 124 St., Miami, FL 33176. For more information call (305) 255-3656.

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