

The Orchidist



SFOS December 2013 Program

President's Message

SFOS Annual Holiday Party!
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how to sign up and directions!

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Christ The King Lutheran Church
11295 S.W. 57th AVE. (Red Road)
Pinecrest, FL 33156



Hello all:

Here we are. Last President's letter of the year 2013. And what a year it has been.

Biggest on our calendar year, was another edition of the now 67th annual Miami International Orchid Show. Your board members and volunteers put together a wonderful orchid event. Secondary only to your orchid show, was SFOS's Speaker's Day. A day long educational symposium targeted to orchid judges, and accredited by the AOS, Speaker's Day was also a success.

You can ask, did we meet everybody's expectations with the orchid show? The answer is no, we did not. Did we provide a good venue to further promote and improve our orchid community? Did we improve on last year's show? The answer to those two questions is a rotund YES!

Your show chairman has already contracted the dates for our 2014 orchid show. We will see you October 3rd through the 5th, 2014, for another edition of your Miami International Orchid Show.

We recently moved to a new place for our monthly meetings, to member's overwhelming approval. 'About time' is a good way to describe the feedback from most everybody. Our new venue at Christ the King Lutheran Church on 57th Avenue will give us

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **December 18th, 2013 — South Florida Orchid Society's Annual Holiday Party at Romano's Macaroni Grill, 12100 SW. 88th Street (Kendall Dr.).**
- **January 15th, 2014 — —Linda Wilhelm From Woodland Orchids.**

The South Florida Orchid Society is requesting one or more volunteers who would be able to host Linda in their home or provide transportation to and from the airport and to the meeting.

2013 SFOS Holiday Party!

We have decided to change our Holiday party venue in order to better accommodate all of our guests.

The price is the same as last year: **\$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for guests.**

The date will be **December 18th**, which is our regular meeting night, at 7:30pm. The new venue is **Romano's Macaroni Grill, 12100 SW. 88th Street (Kendall Dr.)**. The restaurant is just a couple of minutes west of the turnpike.

Below is their menu for our event. You have a choice of 2 salads and 10 different entrees. The price also includes

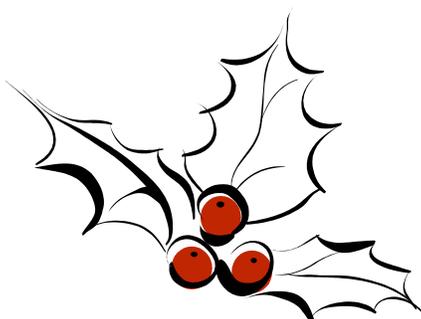
soft drinks or ice tea with free refills. Wine and drinks will be cash bar and every guest will receive a separate check for their consumption. For dessert, we will bring a nice holiday cake.

Please call Ellen at the SFOS office, 305-255-3656, to make arrangements.

Seating is limited and we need to provide a total number of guests to the restaurant at least 48 hours before the event. If last year's party is any indication space will quickly fill so do not wait too long to make your reservations. **We hope to see you there!**

ROMANO'S **Macaroni GRILL.**

12100 S.W. 88th Street
Miami, Florida 33186
305 270-0621



CENA A MENU

Choose one from each of the categories below.

PANTRY

Caesar
romaine, parmesan, garlic croutons

Fresh Greens
bibb, radicchio, tomato, mediterranean vinaigrette

ENTRÉES

PASTA

Eggplant Quadratini
roasted eggplant, basil, tomato,
ricotta salata, red chile

Penne Rustica
roasted chicken, shrimp, prosciutto,
rosemary cream, parmesan

Pasta Milano
roasted chicken, sun-dried tomatoes,
mushrooms, garlic cream

Fettuccine Alfredo with Chicken
roasted chicken, parmesan, butter, cream

Lasagna Bolognese
bolognese sauce, ricotta, grana padano,
pomodoro sauce

POLLO

Pollo Caprese
grilled chicken breast, capellini pomodoro,
arugula salad

Chicken Scaloppine
artichokes, mushrooms, prosciutto,
lemon butter, capellini

Chicken Parmesan
capellini pomodoro, fresh mozzarella

PESCE

Shrimp Portofino
jumbo shrimp, capellini, spinach, mushrooms,
pine nuts, lemon butter

Grilled King Salmon
mediterranean spices, sun-dried tomato orzo

November 20th 2013 Judging Report

Judges: Sally Taylor, Julie Rosenberg, Judy Mezey, Pedro Bonetti, Robert Fuchs, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

Stanhopea platyceras — Erna Maxwell
Zygonesia cynosure 'Blue Birds' — Christa Collins
Liparis viridiflora — David Foster
Cycnoches chlorochilon — Betty Eber
Den. Nopporn Starbright 'Sharlene FCC/AOS — Judy Mezey
Ascda. Tan Chai Beng 'Blue Boy' Judy Mezey
Bepi. Phoenix 'Judy's Delight' — Judy Mezey
Onc. Tsiku Marguerite — Regina Mendoza

Red Ribbons:

Paph. spicerianum 'St. Albans' HCC/AOS x 'Marshalls' AM/AOS — Christa Collins
Bc. Maikai — Christa Collins
V. Somsri Gold — Ken Craig
Miltassia Golden Spider 'Copius' — Jim Wheeler
Epi. parkinsonianum — Javier Morejon

White Ribbons:

Blc. Yuko Ito 'Vulcano Queen' — Betty Eber

Culture Ribbon:

Liparis Viridiflora — David Foster

Flower Quality:

Stanhopea platyceras — SM 82 points — Erna Maxwell

Culture Award:

Bepi. Phoenix 'Judy's Delight' — CCA 85 points — Judy Mezey

Thank you for bringing your blooms. There will be no judging in December. The judges look forward to your plants in January 2014. Please have your plants entered before 7:30 PM so that the judges can start promptly and finish in time to also enjoy the program.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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My humblest apologies to Regina Mendoza. Your beautiful Onc. Tsiku Marguerite was overlooked during award photography. I regret the oversight.



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FOR SALE

A truly spectacular tropical garden paradise - a private world of exotic and rare tropical plant specimens in a natural environment of tranquility and beauty - with an incredible home designed, with not so much with enclosed rooms, but rather open spaces that flow from interior to exterior with views of the gardens in all directions.

The house is built down in a rock pit that encloses the property and gives it a separation from the surrounding houses. The design incorporates the use of coral rock walls that meander from outside to inside, large expanses of glass sliding doors and windows, beautiful California Redwood and exceptionally high ceilings. It is a very comfortable interior environment in which to live, as well as being great for entertaining.

The garden is designed with elevated planting beds with paths in between. Oaks and ficus trees are throughout the landscape, which includes rock grottos and waterfalls. Planted are rare aroids, palms, heliconia, cycads, etc, each used as individual specimens rather than subjected to create plant masses. An eighteen foot high "barricade" along the north side of the property affords privacy, a spectacular hanging area for orchid display, as well as protection from north winter winds.

The following photos can do little other than give a slight idea as to the beauty of this paradise. For information please contact Lumari at lumari@atlanticbb.net



entry drive



garden path, planting beds & grotto

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Interior looking NE



Path and "barricade"



Interior looking NW



Pool area

Items of Interest

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the vehicle we needed to have better, more inviting meetings. We are working on offering a more varied selection of speakers. Please feel free to offer suggestions for speakers to your board members at any time.

Speaking of meetings, we need your help. Our meetings start at 8:00, with doors opening around 7:00. Most members start to show up around 7:00 to bring their plants for judging. Most of us, do not have time to go home and eat and come to the meeting. So I have been bringing food and drinks for all of us. Some members have brought very nice plates of food in an impromptu gesture also. My thanks to everybody that helped with this. But, to continue on, I need help with this effort. Now that we are in our permanent meeting facility, we need a food coordinator to arrange for food and drinks for our meetings. A coordinator, because it makes no sense for all of us to bring cookies to the meeting! Don't forget, you are rewarded for your efforts, with a separate 'food raffle' blooming orchid. And, I give you a more pressing incentive. Sooner or later you all are going to get tired of my pizzas and chicken wings!

Our Christmas Holiday dinner will replace our December meeting. December 18th 7:30pm. at Romano's Macaroni Grill on Kendall Drive. We are again conducting a food/toy drive to benefit Toys for Tots and Food for the Needy. So please be generous. Toys need to be in their original packaging. Donated food has to be not perishable. Non-refrigerated milk, like Parmalat brand, is in high demand with food drives.

Lastly, as I write this on the days prior to Thanksgiving, I would like to give thanks to those that are, or those that have loved ones in harm's way, be they in the military, first responders, or any other service. Also, since this is my last letter of the year, I would like to remember all of our friends that are no longer with us. And, I would like to offer a little word of hope to those that are suffering, and dealing with illnesses.

Bless us all,

Carlos



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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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See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

