



The Orchidist

SFOS January 15th Program

Our January 2014 speaker will be Linda Wilhelm of Woodland Orchids in North Carolina. Linda will present a program titled, **“The Magnificent Stanhopeas” - a discussion of species and hybrids of the genus and how to grow them.**



Linda Wilhelm started growing orchids in 1980 after a vacation in Florida with her mother. Already intrigued by orchids, she finally bought a small cattleya seedling, not knowing at the time that it would take seven or eight years to get a bloom. It was the beginning of an addiction. After meeting her future husband, Rolf in 1985, the addiction became severe when he too got involved with orchids.

When the hobby got out of hand and developed into a serious passion for both Linda and Rolf, they started their business Woodland Orchids. They specialize in breeding warm tolerant Oncidiinae (several of their new hybrids have received awards from the AOS), compact cattleyas and also line breed a number of different species and have made some wonderful Stanhopea hybrids.

An Accredited Judge with the AOS, Linda is very active in the judging program, having served in various positions with the Carolinas Judging Center including the job of the Training Coordinator, 5 years as the Chair of the Center and six years as a Trustee for the American Orchid Society. She enjoys being involved in shows outside her region, including offshore shows in the islands. *“It offers such an opportunity to see a different variety of orchids as well as an opportunity to extend my group of friends.”* She is a frequent guest speaker at orchid societies all over the USA as well as Brazil, Trinidad, Barbados and Guatemala.

We hope you will join us for this wonderful program.

Carmela Orchids will be providing plants for our raffle table!

President’s Message

Hello all:

First of all, my most heartfelt thanks to all who helped me through my first year as president.

It is no secret, that this was my first time at the helm of any orchid society. It is amusing to me though, that I was nominated to the presidency, the one day I did not attend our board’s meeting. (Insert your punch line here.)

It has been a busy year for all of us in your board. We oftentimes find ourselves trying to reconcile traditions of 60 plus years, with demands from more current trends. That endeavor has proven to be not an easy task.

However, I find myself buttressed by the positive trends I have seen developing within your society:

The Miami International Orchid Show has improved its attendance numbers three years in a row. Now, we need to figure out how to make those same folks, purchase more from the vendors at the show.

We moved our meeting place to the Christ the King Church, off 57th Avenue, to everybody’s delight. Since our move, we have seen an uptick on renewals, and new memberships. Thank you all for your trust and approval.

The other mayor society’s event, Speaker’s Day, went through splendidly. Our event

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Upcoming Events!

- **February 19, 2014 - SFOS Annual Orchid Auction**
- **March 19, 2014 - Roger Hammer will present “Wild Orchids of Florida”**

Distinguished Service Award Recipient Joan Viggiani



Joan Viggiani is a long time member of the South Florida Orchid Society and served on the Board of Directors for many years.

Joan is familiar to anyone who attended SFOS shows at the Coconut Grove Exhibition Center or the Doubletree where she would spend the entire show weekend running the Box Office.

She always gave freely of her time at monthly meetings doing just about anything that needed an extra hand. And, for a number of years she personally donated the monthly membership plants for new members.

Congratulations to Joan Viggiani! Our Distinguished Service Award Recipient!



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meeting location

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SOUTH FLORID ORCHID SOCIETY

January 2014 Meeting

One ticket per member / Members Only!

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Items of Interest

(President's Message Continued from page 1)

chairperson, Carol De Biase did her usual professional best coordinating and carrying on all the logistics of our annual educational symposium.

We are more aggressively engaging exciting new speakers for our monthly meetings.

So, increased membership, increased show attendance, new meeting facilities, exciting new speakers, all of these together positive indicators on our road to recovery.

Where is your orchid society headed? Like any entity wishing to be relevant for any length of time, SFOS has to adapt, and continue to be of value to its members and its community. I do see an orchid society that is willing to better communicate with its members and with other societies. After all, our mandate is to educate and to further the interest of orchids in our community. Good, constructive communication will be in my opinion, key to our future success.

Of course, there is still a lot of road to travel. We are definitely not out of the woods, just yet.

Your participation is most valuable. Most of our veteran members are involved with more than one society. Their time is spread thinly amongst all of their commitments. But, I have to ask for your help, veterans and new members. Please participate, volunteer. We need help with among other things, our meetings' hosting (food) table. We need your input, your experience, and your help.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all the very best for the New Year! Happy 2014, SFOS!!!

Sincerely,
Carlos

SFOS members who haven't already done so should please send in your dues as soon as possible.

We have some great things lined up for 2014 and your continued support help to make it all possible.

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*

