



The Orchidist

SFOS February 19th Program

President's Message

**THE SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY
PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION
FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

WE HAVE BARGAINS GALORE ON ORCHIDS

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PREVIEW 7:30 PM

AUCTION BEGINS AT 8:00 PM

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Hello all:

Again, my best wishes to us all on the New Year. We have had some fast changing weather this January. Going from the low 30's and 40's into the 80's in a matter of days or even a few hours, depending on your N-S location. Keep an eye on your orchids. Make sure that they are properly fumigated with fungicides and only water when temperatures make it safe to do so.

Thanks to our January's meeting speaker, Linda Wilhem. Her delightful presentation on Stanhopeas was very instructional and entertaining. I received very positive feedback on her presentation from many of you after the meeting. Thank you all for participating. We are working very hard to bring interesting presenters to our meetings.

I am writing this after the 'back to back to back' shows of the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, TPIE, which is a commercial trade show, and the Tamiami Orchid Festival. There are other orchid shows going on at this time, Venice, and Boca Raton come to mind. And, I am sure there are other events going on, that escape my recollection. My best wishes to all events organizers, their volunteers and all orchid aficionados.

Everybody seems to be happy and relaxed after buying a good orchid. I hope that you found at least one inescapable temptation that you were not planning to bring home.

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Upcoming Events!

- **March 19, 2014 — Roger Hammer will present a program on "Wild Orchids of Florida"**
- **April 16, 2014 — George Carr will present a program on "Cycnoches"**

SFOS January 15th Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Sally Taylor, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

Onc. Tsiku Marguerite — David Foster

Rhy. gigantea v. alba — Betty Eber

Flower Quality:

Rhy. gigantea v. alba 'Eric Eber' — BM 78 points — Betty Eber

Thank you for bringing in your plants. There will be no judging next month, but come to the auction. Bring lots of plants in bloom to the meeting in March.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair

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Please join us at our new
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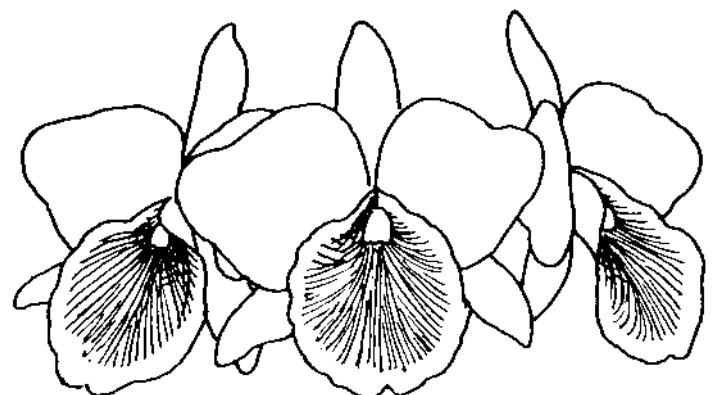
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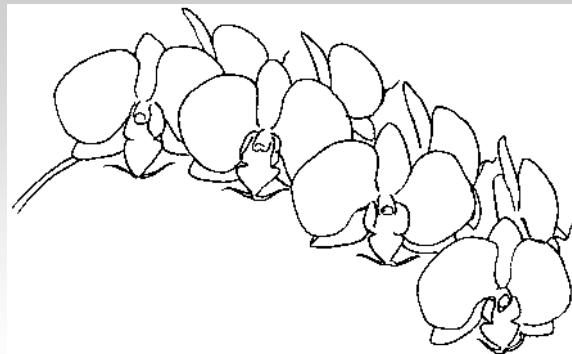
Speaking of inescapable temptations, our February meeting is your SFOS's auction. Mark your calendar for the evening of February 19th. We will have plenty of orchid goodies for you all to bid on. Together with our orchid show, our annual auction is your society's main source of revenue. So, be prepared to contribute and make this year's auction a success. This revenue is what fuels our speaker effort, and makes possible for us to bring interesting new presenters to our meetings.

Thanks also to all members contributing to our refreshment table. I am looking forward to sampling everybody's plates. Please continue to contribute to our refreshment efforts. I believe a good refreshment table, because of our meeting time, helps everybody relax, and makes for a better meeting.

See you all at this year's SFOS's auction, this February 19th at 7:00 sharp. Remember that you will need to register to participate.

Happy growing to you all,

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*

