



The Orchidist

SFOS April 16th Program

Our April Program will be presented by George Carr and is titled **"The Genus *Catasetum* - weird and wonderful."**

George is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Florida North Central Judging Center in Tampa, Florida and has been growing orchids for 35 years. His interest in the genus *Cycnoches* began in 1993 when he requested to do his research paper on the genus for his Student Judge requirement. His paper, *Cycnoches – One Hundred Sixty-five Years of Confusion* was completed and presented in 1995 and in 1996 the paper was awarded the first American Orchid Society Education Certificate of Appreciation. In 2003, George was named as an accepted American Orchid Society taxonomic authority on the *Catasetinae* specializing in *Cycnoches*.



George has published some 35 articles in the United States in *Orchids* and the *Orchid Digest*, Brazil, France in *Richardiana*, England in the *Orchid Review* and Colombia. His most recent paper on *Cycnoches* and hybrids of the genus was published in a supplement to the October 2012 issue of the American Orchid Society magazine *Orchids*.

George is retired but stays busy with his research and writings about the *Catasetinae* and other orchids. He has a blog on the *Catasetinae*, <http://catasetinae5.blogspot.com>, where, from time to time, he publishes articles with photographs of plants and flowers which interest him and which he hopes will interest others.

We hope you will join us for this very interesting presentation.

Amazonia Orchids will provide the plant table tonight.

President's Message

Hello all:

March came and went. The big local orchid event, Fairchild's Orchid Festival happened in one of the most beautiful weekends that I can recollect. It was all I could do not to take my shoes off and have a romp on the grass. (Insert your comments here). The orchid society of Coral Gables, the hosting society, has invited South Florida Orchid Society to participate with an exhibit. I am planting this little seed here, now, so maybe we can put something together for next year's festival. We will need two or three volunteers to handle all the orchids, and build the tabletop display. Check SFOS's Facebook page for pictures of the festival. Don't forget to click 'Like'.

Our March presenter, Roger Hammer gave a very informative and well received presentation on 'Wild orchids of Florida.' In my opinion, Crocodile Dundee has nothing on this gentleman. One of the many funny anecdotes of his presentation was the following: He told us that you bring a basketball to the everglades to take pictures of plants on certain times of the year when the mosquitos are active. He went on to explain that what you want to do is to throw the ball into the bug cloud. And then you take your picture through the whole left by the ball.

Continuing on with our March meeting, I want to thank all who helped with our

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Upcoming Events!

- **May 21, 2014 – Andrea Niessen "The Pacific Coast from Colombia and its Orchids"**
- **June 18, 2014 – Tom Harper "12 Most Important Phalaenopsis species Influencing Today's Modern Phalaenopsis Hybrids"**

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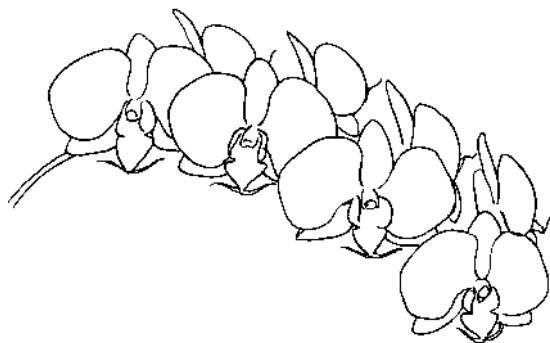
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SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY

April 2014 meeting

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Expiration Date: 04/16/2014



South Florida Orchid Society Board Nominations

At the April 2 Board Meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the South Florida Orchid Society Slate of Officers for 2014-2015.

Elections will be held at the May 21 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.

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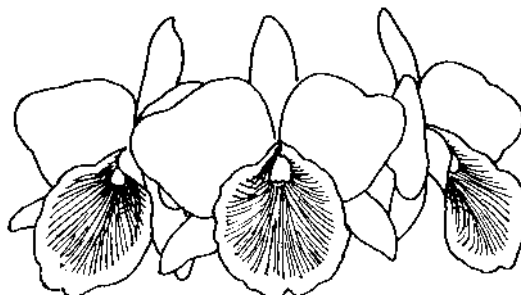
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SFOS March 19th Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Gladys Roudel, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

Blc. Burdekin Wonder 'Lake Land' AM/AOS - David Foster
Schom. undulata - David Foster
Grt. Jean Wilson - Javier Morejon
Ctna. Jet Set - Julie Rosenberg and Ron Hunt
Paph. Susan Booth - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
Chdrh. viridisepala - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
Pod. dactyloceras - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
Oenla. polystachys - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
Tol. Orchidom Natalie - Regina Mendoza
Phal. Neptune - Regina Mendoza
Den. aggregatum 'Elizabeth Masson' CCM/AOS - Betty Eber

Red Ribbons:

Lc. Prism Palette x sib - Jan and Alan Mink
Lc. Drumbeat 'Triumph' AM/AOS - Jan and Alan Mink
Enc. cochleata - Jim Wheeler
Den. albosanguineum - Javier Morejon
C. Guatemalensis 'B' - Javier Morejon
Den. Golden Arch - David Foster

White Ribbons:

Den. aggregatum - Javier Morejon

Culture Ribbons:

Den. aggregatum 'Elizabeth Masson' CCM/AOS - Betty Eber

There was a wonderful display of plants this time. Please bring your flowers to the next meeting for all to enjoy.

Erna Maxwell Judging Chair.

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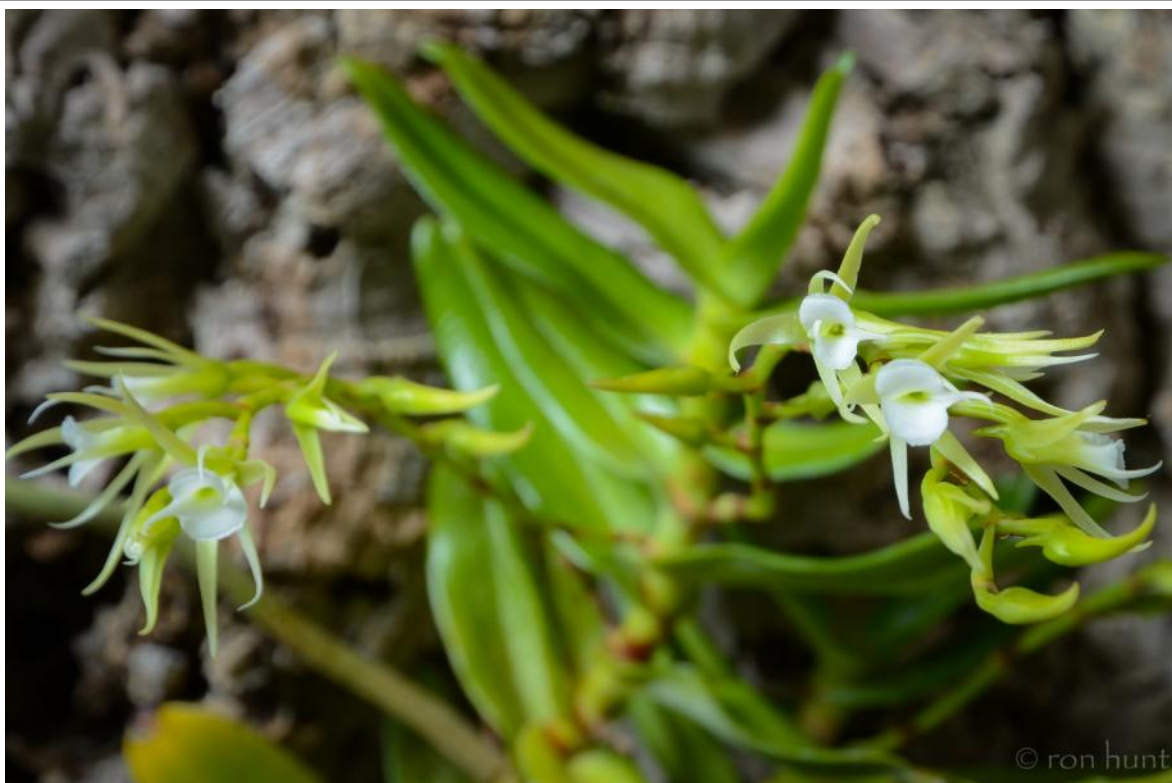
***Schom. undulata* - David Foster**



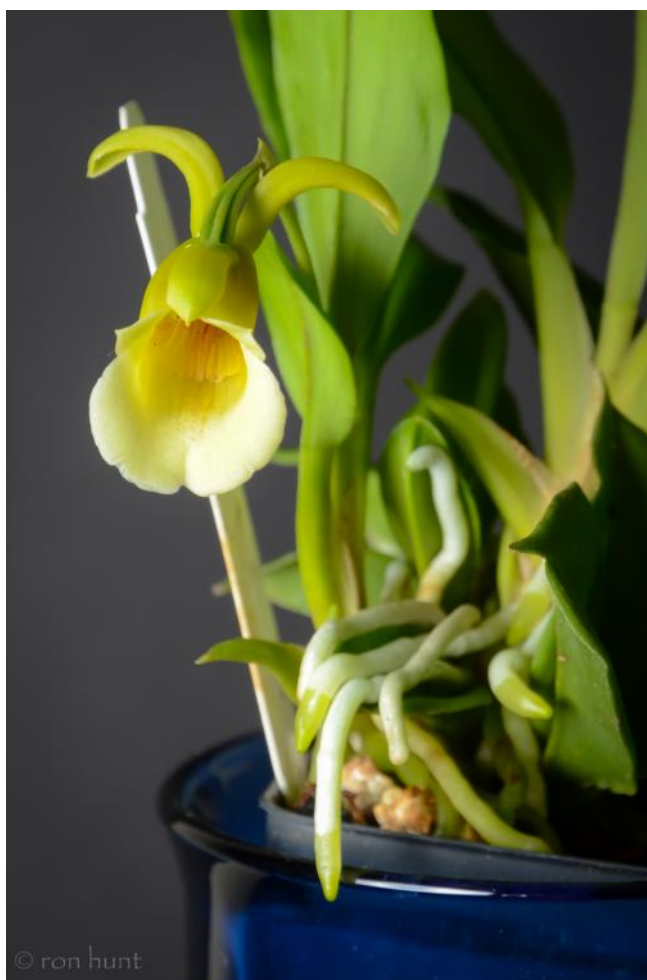
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**Please join us at our new
meeting location**

Christ The King Lutheran Church

11295 S.W. 57th AVE. (Red Road)

Pinecrest, FL 33156



Items of Interest

(President's Message Continued from page 1)

refreshment table. Everybody knows of the time restrictions that most everyone faces every day. Having to rush to an orchid meeting after a long day and having to think about dinner doesn't translate into a good meeting for anyone. I feel that your contributions make a difference in our meetings atmosphere. So, again, my personal thanks to everybody that contributed with this effort.

I want to share a tip on how to liquefy solids to use on a hose end dial sprayer. Firstly, you don't want to use the hose end sprayers that allow water into the container. Those start heavy and finish light, not accurate at all. You want to use the sprayers with the little spigot attached to the lid, and a dial. Now, you set the dial to say '4 ounces', what that means is that the sprayer will syphon 4 oz. of 'prepared liquid' from your container into a gallon of water as the water passes through your hose. What you do then, is pour your dry chemical, be it fertilizer, fungicide, insecticide, etc. at the desired rate with 4 ounces of water to make a liquid concentrate. For example, if you are using 20-20-20 at the rate of 1 tablespoon (tbs.) per gallon of water. You pour 1 tbs. into

the 4oz. of water in your container. The tablespoon of 20-20-20 will dissolve into the 4 oz. of water. And it will be then syphoned into a gallon of water as it passes through your hose. Basically you dissolve any powder at the desired rate of use, be it a teaspoon, two teaspoons, a tablespoon, whatever the measurement asks for, into those 4 oz. of water to get a gallon of finished spray.

Now, you tell me, but I have too many plants and I use 5 gallons of water. Easy! Every 4 ounces of water in your container will equal a gallon of finished spray. So for a final spray of 5 gallons, you will fill the container to 20oz. of water, (5 gal. @ 4oz/Gal. = 20oz.), and 5 tablespoons (to continue using the 20-20-20 example of 1 tbs. x gal.) You have to keep the dial at the same 4oz., because that will make the sprayer siphon only 4 oz. of prepared concentrate into a gallon of water.

If I managed to confuse you even more, I will bring a sprayer to our next meeting and show you all then. You can contact me at 305-253-7080, or come visit us at OFE with your hose end sprayer. I will be happy to show you in person.

All best,
Carlos

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

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

