



The Orchidist

SFOS Program

Andrea Niessen will present our program tonight entitled ***"The Pacific Coast from Colombia and its Orchids."***

Andrea states, *"The Colombian Pacific Coast is one of the Biodiversity Hotspots of the world. The variety of Orchids is tremendous and many are still undescribed. I am going to show various aspects of this rain forest, how the orchids grow in nature and how they have adapted to this area including the island Gorgona which use to be a Prison Island and is now a National Park."*

Andrea Niessen was born in Cali, Colombia to a German family. She received her high school degree from the Cali German School and was an exchange student in Claremont, California where she graduated again at the St. Lucy's Priory High School. She went on to earn a Biology degree with an emphasis in Botany at the Universidad del Valle, Cali. Andrea then earned a Master's of Science with a major in Electron Microscopy and minor in Virology from the University of Florida in Gainesville USA. She worked as a research associate at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture in the Pastures Entomology Department and later in the Virology Unit. She has been a dedicated hobby Orchid grower all of her life. Andrea has served as a board member and president (1992-1997) of the local orchid Society, Asociación Vallecaucana de Orquideología and judge of the Colombian Orchid Committee.

Andrea has lectured about Colombian Orchids in Colombia, USA, Canada, Belgium, Italy, Ireland, Spain, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Nederland, Singapore and Germany. With her husband Juan Carlos Uribe, she has maintained her own orchid nursery since 1989. ORQUIDEAS DEL VALLE LTDA, which has grown to include two retail shops, one in downtown Cali and the other in the town of Ginebra, two nurseries, one warm growing and the other for cool growing plants and laboratory facilities for seed flasking. ORQUIDEAS DEL VALLE LTDA has attended many National and International Shows and also six World Orchid Conferences and European Orchid Conferences exhibiting and selling the beautiful and diverse orchid species from Colombia.

ORQUIDEAS DEL VALLE LTDA will provide plants for our raffle table.

President's Message

Hello all:

Here we are again. April was a blur of shows, sales, work, children and school, Easter, Spring Break, Society talks, and many other things. And by the time you read this, April will be history.

The month of May brings us the Redland Orchid Festival at the Fruit and Spice Park in Homestead. That festival is always held the weekend after Mother's Day. This year those days are Friday May 16 through Sunday 5/18. Festival opens from 9:00 to 5:00pm all three days. Here is a little prayer (Dear Lord) for benign weather for that weekend.

Our speaker for our April meeting was Señor George Carr. I used the Spanish 'Mr.,' because Sr. Carr happens to speak fluent Spanish!

"The Genus Catasetum – weird and wonderful." What an interesting and well received presentation by our speaker. His work on Cynoches is universally very well regarded. This was evidenced by the many familiar faces that made their first appearance at one of our meetings that evening. I take this opportunity to again apologize to everybody attending our meeting for forgetting to bring our microphone system. Mr. Carr made a valiant effort to make himself heard inside the big hall. My sincere thanks to him for his understanding and cooperation. Also, our thanks for his gift of a Brazilian orchid book.

Thanks to everybody who helped with our meeting that evening. Particular mention

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Upcoming Programs!

- **June 18, 2014 - Tom Harper "12 Most important Phalaenopsis Species Influencing Today's Modern Phalaenopsis Hybrids"**
- **July 16, 2014 - Catharine Mannion - Orchid Pests**

South Florida Orchid Society

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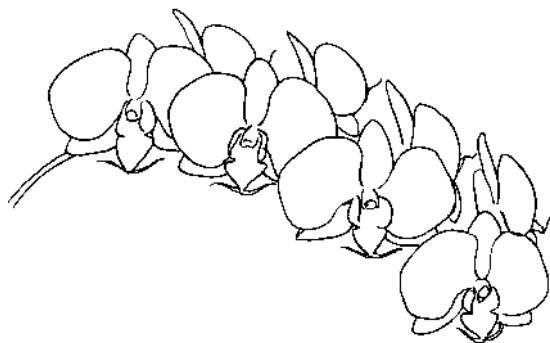
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South Florida Orchid Society Board Nominations

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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| • President | Carlos Cahiz |
| • First Vice President | Dan Christensen |
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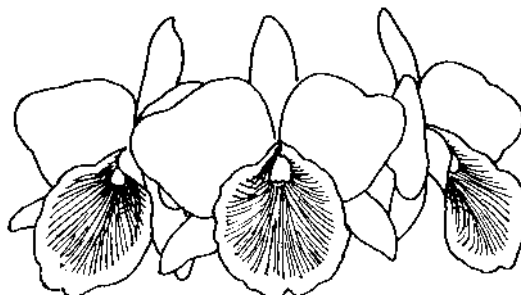
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| • Ralph Hernandez | Ron Hunt | Chris Alger |
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Directors Term Expiring 2016:

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| • Erna Maxwell | Sally Taylor | Carlos Segrera |
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Directors Term Expiring 2017:

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| • Christa Collins | Mike O'Dea | Jorge Merlo |
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2013 SFOS Distinguished Service Reward



Sue Anderson accepts the South Florida Orchid Society Distinguished Service Award on behalf of her Husband, Tim.



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New SFOS Members!

The South Florida Orchid Society is pleased to welcome the following as new SFOS members!

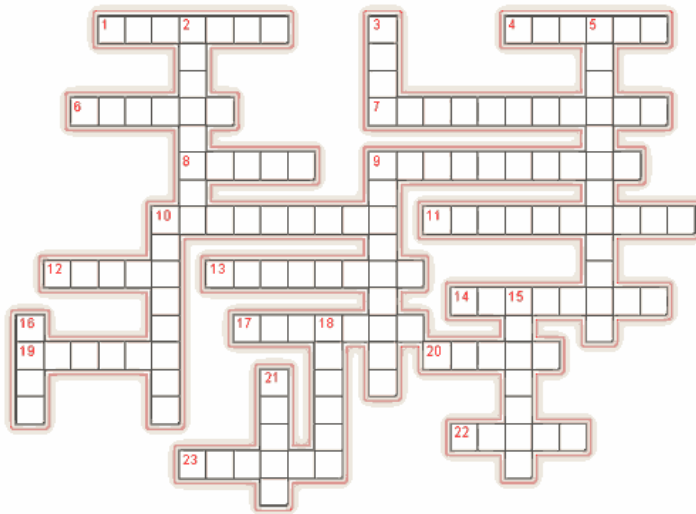
Ernest A. Garcia
Hialeah, FL

Mona Ehasz
Hollywood, FL

Barbara Bartlett
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Deanna Jimenez
Miami, FL

Pot 'til You Drop



ACROSS

1. an organic media
4. seedlings from flask are usually planted in a --
6. container often used for vandas
7. place oldest ones against edge of pot
8. mealy bugs, scale, aphids
9. all cutting blades must be --
10. often used for good drainage
11. old organic media does this
12. a sterilizing tool
13. a technique of propagation
14. removing dried sheaths
17. orchid pots are usually clay or --
19. a lack of this causes root rot
20. identifies plant
22. the production of new --- is a good time to repot
23. they give support to tall plants

DOWN

2. to use too small a container
3. holds rhizome in place
5. a monopodial orchid
9. Cattleya is this type of orchid
10. often used media for Phals
15. to use too big a container
16. an inorganic potting media
18. pieces of broken clay pot
21. a plantlet

Looking for the answers? You can find them [here](#).

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SFOS April 16th Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Gladys Roudel, Lou Lodyga and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

Ctsm. Dagny — Jim and Melana Davison
C. aclandiae (Richter's Best x Dark Night) — Jim and Melana Davison
Den. Mini Mangosteen — Lorraine Lee
Paph. Robinianum x Paph. Skelton — Betty Eber
Paph. St. Swithin — Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
Lycaste Larry Cox 'Electra' AM/AOS — Betty Eber
Ren. Tom Thumb — Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
Leochilus puertoricensis — Betty Eber
V. ampullacea — Jorge Camoneda

Red Ribbons:

Enc. cochleata — Jim Wheeler
V. ampullacea — Betty Eber
V. Pachara Delight 'Isabella' — Ana Landin
Eny. Orange Crush — Jim and Melana Davison
Phal. Brother Sandra 'Splash' — Lorraine Lee

White Ribbons:

C. Guatemalensis v. *aurea* — Lorraine Lee
Oeniella polystachys — Lorraine Lee
V. curvifolia — Jim and Melana Davison

Ctna. Why Not — Ana Landin
Jackfowleyara Apple Blossom — Ana Landin
V. miniata — Jim Wheeler
Maxillaria sanguinea — Jim Wheeler

Flower Quality:

Ctsm. Dagny 'Jim & Melana' — SM 80 points — Jim and Melana Davison
Lycaste Larry Cox 'Electra' AM/AOS — SM 81 points — Betty Eber
Paph. St. Swithin 'Kiaora' SM 82 points — Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
Ren. Tom Thumb 'Kiaora' — SM 83 points — Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz

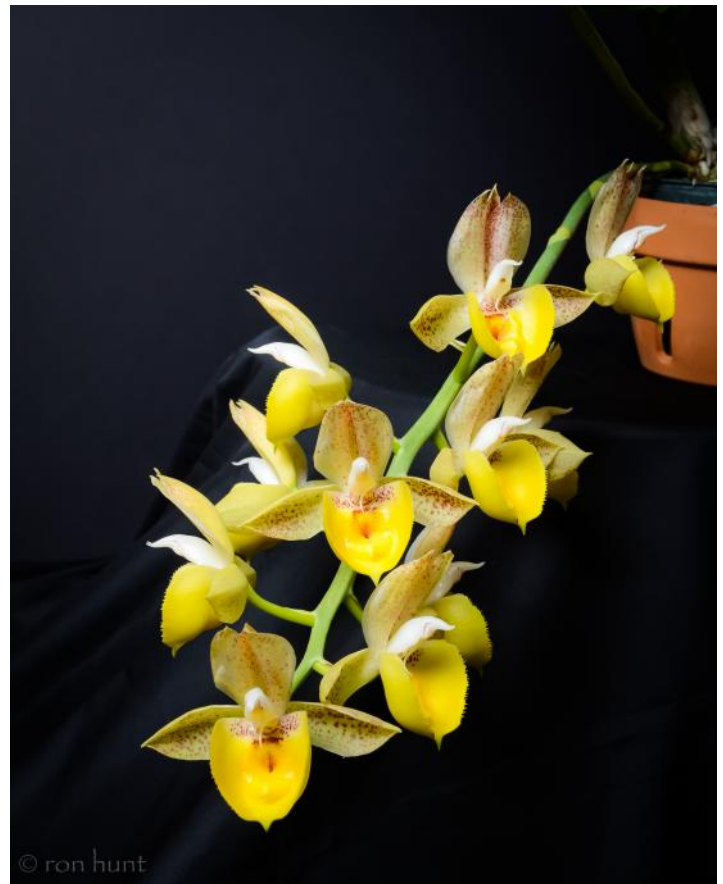
Thank you for bringing your plants.

Please have all plants registered *before 7:30 PM* so that the judges can start promptly and finish in time to enjoy the program. Some of the plants mentioned above had the parents listed but have since been named. Please change the tags

We look forward to all your blooms.
Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair
All award photos by and ©Ron Hunt



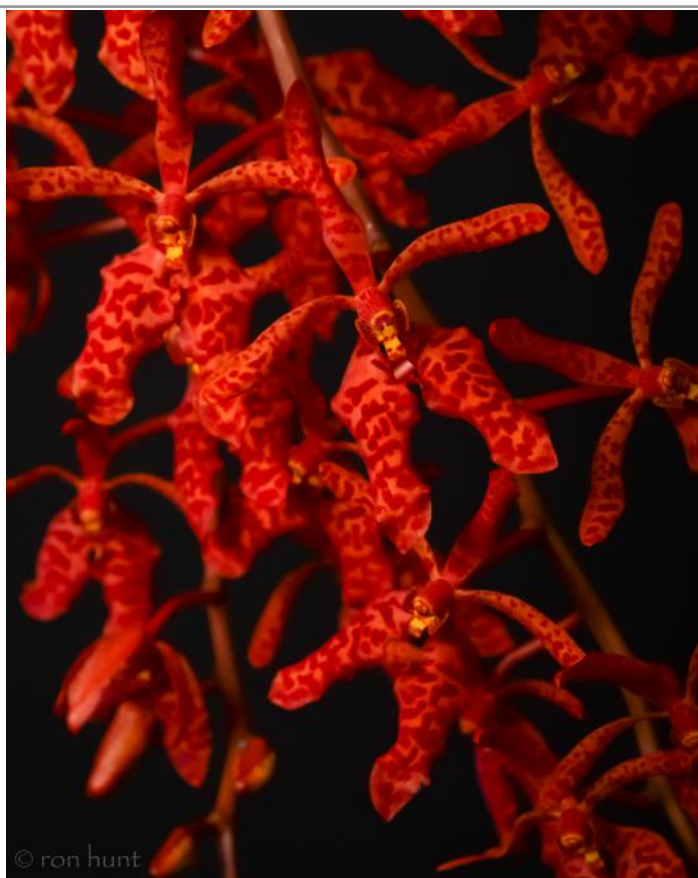
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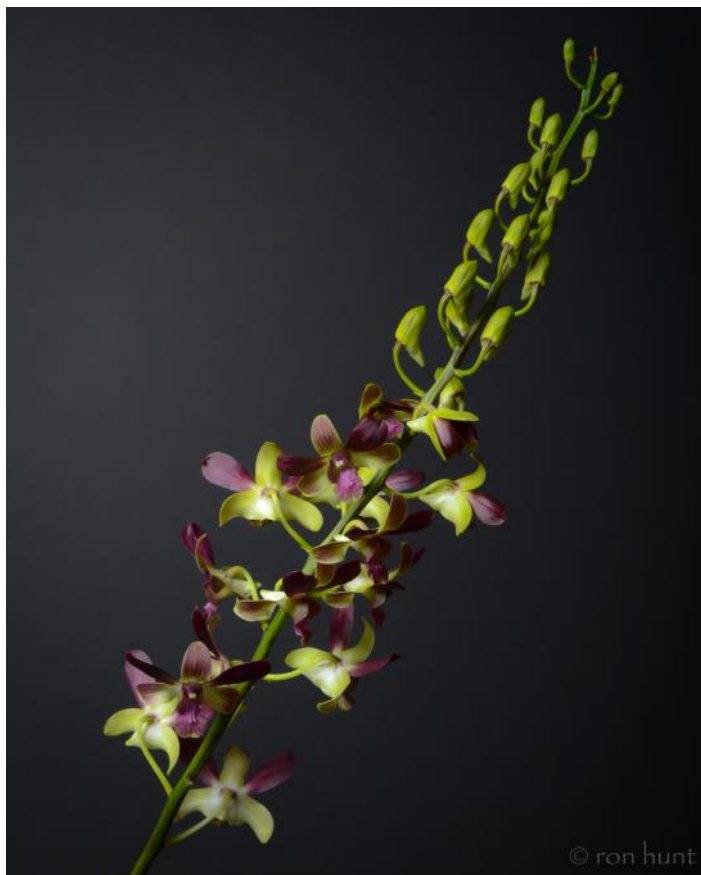
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C. aelandiae — Jim and Melana Davison



V. ampullacea — Jorge Camoneda

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Items of Interest

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goes to Mike and Sheila O'Dea for escorting Mr. Carr during his stay in Miami. Also, thanks to Carlos and Carmen Segrera for once again lending us the use of their overhead projector.

At the risk of boring you all, please continue to contribute with our refreshment table.

Another housekeeping note, Dan Christensen, your Show Chairman, and First VP., presented the candidates for the new Board of Directors. Thank you all for participating.

Our members are sharing the fruits of their labor with us all. Look at all the pictures of orchid entries for the evening on our Facebook page and in your newsletter. Everybody is doing a tremendously good job with their orchids. Evidence of this is the many awards, medals and recognitions for a lot of the orchids brought for evaluation. Congratulations to all the winners, on their well deserved recognition from your society.

Now, I address those of us members, a little more timid, a little less experienced with orchids. Please, do not keep yourself from sharing your blooming orchids at our meetings. 'Judging table' I think, sounds a little bit

intimidating. You might want to consider 'Show and Tell' as a better way to describe the ongoing process. True, our evaluator in charge, Mrs. Erna Maxwell, is known to have decapitated one or two unworthy members in previous occasions. (Only a rumor, nobody has found any evidence or witnesses!). But, you only live once. Dive in! The water is nice. I know, I know...I will pay for these previous lines at the next board meeting!

Truthfully, Erna is a peach, and she, or another member of her judging panel, will gladly take some of their limited time to explain what they see in your orchids. Take advantage of their invaluable experience (with moderation and in small doses). Bring your blooming orchids in to our meetings. You might be pleasantly surprised.

Thank you, and happy growing.

Carlos

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

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

