



The Orchidist

SFOS Program

Our June meeting will start with the Installation of our new officers and directors and the presentation of trophies for our award winners. Then we will have a wonderful program presented by Tom Harper of Stones River Orchids in Tennessee. Tom's program is titled **"12 Most Important Phalaenopsis Species."**

Tom began growing orchids on a windowsill in 1967. By 1975, he had registered his first orchid hybrid and founded Stones River Orchids as a business. A long-time supporter of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, Tom served as its President, Vice-President and *Mid-American* Editor (the MAOC newsletter). Tom is also a founding member of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) in 1989 and has served in many responsible positions including Vice President, President, and *IPA Journal* contributor on many occasions. Currently he serves on the Board of Directors as the Immediate Past President of the Alliance and is the Southeast Region 13 Representative. He has been an active member in the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee since 1967 serving as President, Vice President, and Trustee.

Tom assisted in writing and editing the Phalaenopsis species section of the soft cover Ortho book entitled *Complete Guide to Orchids*. He has written several articles on Phalaenopsis for *Orchids*, *Orchid Digest* and the *IPA Journal*. He has traveled coast to coast and internationally speaking on various aspects of Phalaenopsis. Tom lectured at the 16th World Orchid Conference in 1996 in Brazil and the 19th WOC in January 2008 in Miami. Additionally, he was invited to speak in March 2005 and again in 2007 at the Taiwan International Orchid Show and Symposium in Hsinying, Taiwan, Republic of China. He returned to Taiwan in 2010 and plans to travel there again soon. Most recently, he spoke at the 15th Annual International Phalaenopsis Alliance meeting in the United Kingdom in June 2009.

In 2008, Tom received his first FCC/AOS on Dtps. Brother Success, 'Laura' (The highest award given by the American Orchid Society) at the Heart of Dixie Show in Huntsville, Alabama. He has been an accredited American Orchid Society judge since 1984 and is based in the Atlanta Judging Center.

Tom will be providing the plants for the raffle table and will also have Phalies (unusual mericlones and some species) for sale. We look forward to see you at the meeting.

President's Message

Hello all:

Our May meeting came sandwiched after the Redland Orchid Festival and before Orchid Mania's 'Orchids in the Park.' I hope that with those two orchid events, you all were able to find that long-sought-after-especially-unique-I-must-have- orchid.

Mrs. Andrea Niessen of Orquideas Del Valle from Colombia, gave her very informative presentation on the biodiversity of the Colombian Pacific coast. Her presentation was a complete survey of the many orchids growing in that more pristine area on that South American country. The advantages of being able to grow cool and warm orchids within a couple of hours from each other by being close to both coast and mountain, is enviable. In addition to a great presentation, we were treated to a sales table complete with lots of different bare root goodies. Thanks to Andrea for a very generous raffle table. Congratulations to all raffle winners!

And now for a little bit of housekeeping:

My thanks go to Carlos and Carmita Segrera for letting us the use of their overhead projector for the evening's presentation.

The new SFOS's Board of Directors for 2014-2015 was approved by the attending members. Congratulations to us all.

Thanks to all who contributed to our refreshment table. I continue to believe that this small effort makes for a much better meeting. We are still in need of a coordinator for our refreshment table. If we have a

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Upcoming Events!

July 16, 2014 – Catharine Mannion "Insect and mite pests of orchids"

August 20, 2014 – Guillermo Salazar "Miniatures of South Florida"

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Presents

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SFOS May 21st Judging Report

Judges: Sally Taylor, Julie Rosenberg and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

Rhy. digbyana — Mirta Russis Heineman
Phrag. wallisii x Phrag. conchiferum "Kays" — Ernest Garcia
Max. tenuifolia — Betty Eber
Angcm. sesquipedale — Betty Eber
Paph. Marilyn Hanson — Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
Zygo. Advanced Australia "Hof" AM/AOS — Jim Wheeler
V. Angela Berman — Christa Collins
Pleur. Grobyi — David Foster

Red Ribbons:

C. intermedia v. orlata "Sendai: — Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz

V. Pachara Delight "Parckord" — Christa Collins
V. Mimi Palmer — David Foster

White Ribbons:

V. Motes Burning Sands — Jim Wheeler
C. gaskelliana — Betty Eber

Culture Ribbons:

Rhy. digbyana — Mirta Russis Heineman
Angcm. sesquipedale — Betty Eber

Thank you for showing your plants. Please remember that no plants will be accepted for judging after 7:30 PM. There will be no judging in June. We look forward to your blooms at the July meeting.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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Pleur. grobyi — David Foster



Phrag. wallisii x Phrag. conchiferum "Kays"
Ernest Garcia



Angcm. sesquipedale — Betty Eber



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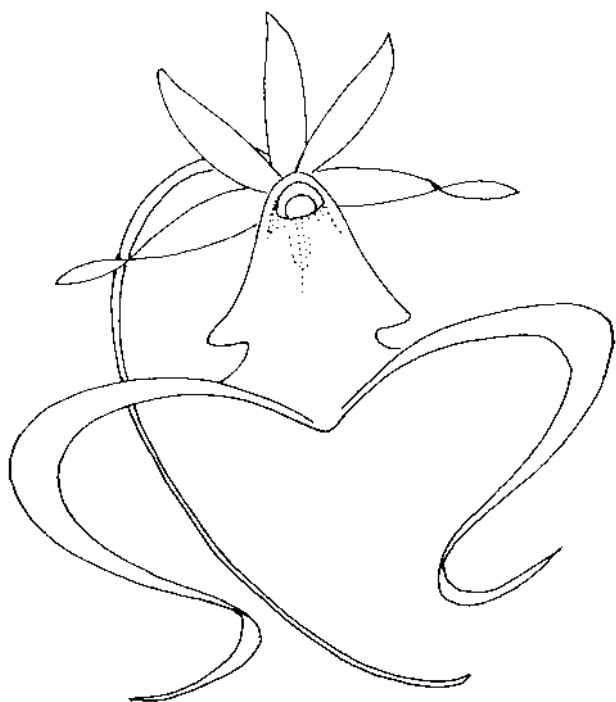
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Please join us at our new meeting location

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



The Coalition for Orchid Species Symposium

Sunday, July 27, 2014 at Fairchild Tropical Garden.

Speakers:

- Manolo Arias on the Orchids of Peru
- Alan Koch: Unusual Species for the Cattleya Grower
- Bruce Rogers on Sobralias
- Ron Kaufman on Orchid Conservation

Some of the growers will have plants for sale.

There will also be AOS judging,

Breakfast and lunch included in the ticket.

Tickets are \$45.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-members.

Time: 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM

For tickets: Erna Maxwell at 305-382-3055



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Items of Interest

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rotating list of members to bring refreshments for the meetings, this effort will not be a burden on anybody. But, we need somebody to volunteer to coordinate our contributions.

Thanks to all members who brought their treasures for review. Congratulations to all award winners. My thanks go to our volunteer judges for their diligent work evaluating all those orchids.

As my time with the society progresses, I learn more about the way our organizational tasks are done. Orchid judging, for example: When you bring orchids to be judged, each and every plant has to be registered for judging. We start registration for those plants from 7:00 until 7:30. Our evening speaker's presentation starts at 8:00. That gives roughly 30 minutes for our volunteer judges to review, analyze and document the candidates and their results. Barely enough time to fulfill their obligations and not interfere with the evening's presentation. Since SFOS adheres to the American Orchid Society's judging protocols, our volunteers have to uphold their regulations. One of those regulations dictates that

no plant can be registered for judging after their registration deadline has expired, and judging has started. I know this was a source of disappointment for members on our last meeting. I trust my explanation will bring some light on what must have seemed to some, as a capricious denial by our judges. Knowledge, and an open communication of it, is the most important tool for a social organization such as ours.

Lastly, thanks to each and every one of you for sharing your time with us.

Your presence makes us a better orchid society.

Until next time, wishing you all lots of blooms,

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.
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- **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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See you next month!

Ron Hunt—Editor, *The Orchidist*

