



The Orchidist

SFOS Program

Our November program will be presented by Jim Watts. Jim will present a program titled ***"Leafless Orchids, fascination and frustration!"*** This program is a review of the various leafless genera and their species, discussing the habitat and growth habit of these fascinating orchids

Jim started growing orchids in 1994 in Tallahassee with 6 equitants and a phalaenopsis. When he moved to Miami for University of Miami in 1996 he thought he was in heaven! As he expanded his collection, his two main areas of interest became Tolumnia and the leafless orchids. He pestered the AOS editors to feature an article on leafless orchids in the *Orchids* magazine for almost two years. He was doing a lot of research on his own, and was hoping for more information. Finally in frustration, the AOS editors told him to write one himself if he really wanted to see it. So, in the March 2003 issue of *Orchids*, his article was published. He had a reprint for society newsletters from around the globe, including the Canary Islands, Canada, and all over the United States. Jim is an Accredited AOS Judge, having joined the program at the Florida Caribbean Judging Center. He now lives in Hollywood, FL.

Guillermo Salazar
Program Chairman

The plant raffle table will be a selection of phals and paphs that were donated to SFOS from Pine Ridge Orchids.

Dan & Margie Orchids will supply the blooming plants for our special raffles.

We hope you will join us for this interesting and informative program.

President's Message

Hello all:

We started the month with our 68th annual orchid show. SFOS's 'Orchid Jubilee.' At the BankUnited Center in UM.

Thanks to the contributions of everybody, your show was a repeat success.

Some of the people involved you see and hear about, others, you don't. The displays are built the eve of the show by each and every participating exhibitor.

Orchid vendors, orchid societies' volunteers, private entries, individual orchid entries, all are in the hall the day before, putting their best foot forward. Every award you see in the displays is a result of judging that is conducted on the hours before the show starts.

The certificates accompanying each award were pre-printed to have a more elegant presentation.

The trophies in the displays come with the different awards and are distributed exactly as directed by the judging teams to each of their recipients.

The people you see at the reception table are all volunteers that were enlisted months before.

The show's floor layout, vendor tables, display tables, show advertising, judges luncheon, exhibitor's coffee and donuts,

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Upcoming Events!

- **December 17, 2014 - SFOS Holiday Party, Carrabba's Italian Grill, 5829 SW 73rd St, Miami, FL 33143.**
- **January 21, 2015 - Sheldon Takasaki of Carmel Orchids in Hawaii**

**The 2014 SFOS Holiday Party will be held at Carrabba's Restaruant,
5829 S.W. 73rd St., Miami, FL
Wednesday, December 17th from 7:00 – 9:00PM.**

Tickets are just \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members and include your choice of 3 entrees. To sign up for the party please call the SFOS office at 305-255-3656 and mail your check to 10801 SW 124 St., Miami, FL 33176. We must have your reservation and payment by December 10th.

All entrees are served with choice of a Caesar salad or soup of the day, fresh bread with herb mix and olive oil, an alcohol-free drink and dessert.

You can choose from the following entrees:

- 1. Spaghetti -topped with pomodoro sauce with your choice of our homemade meatballs, meat sauce or Italian sausage.**
- 2. Chicken Marsala – wood grilled chicken topped with mushroom, prosciutto and our Lombardo Marsala wine sauce.**
- 3. Manicotti – Rolled pasta stuffed with four cheeses, baked with pomodoro sauce and mozzarella.**

**Remember, one low price includes everything listed.
We will have a great evening and celebrate the holidays together.**

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



SFOS October 15th Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon, Guillermo Salazar and Erna Maxwell.

Blue Ribbons:

- Clowesetum Jumbo Circle
Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
- *C. intermedia* v. *orlata* 'Sendai'
Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
- B. George Tyler - Georgia Tasker and Sandy Schultz
- Onc. Lemon Heart 'Baby Face' - Betty Eber
- *Epi. difforme* - David Foster
- *Bulb. fascinator* - David Foster
- Blc. Yen Corona 'Green Genie' - David Foster
- Den. Waianae Profusion x Den. Chaisiri Gold
David Foster
- *Epi. difforme* - Jim Wheeler
- Den. Jairak Splash 'Sunset'
Alfredo Figueroa and Aned Lamboglia
- Odcdm. Wildcat - Alfredo Figueroa and Aned Lamboglia
- Blc. Mem. John Yee 'Halona' - Jim and Melana Davison
- Blc. American Freedom 'Crystelle' - Jim and Melana Davison
- *C. aclandiae* - Jim and Melana Davison

Red Ribbons:

- *Ceratostylis rubra* - Betty Eber
- *Rodriguezia lanceolata* - Betty Eber
- *Habenaria medusa* - David Foster
- Lc. Sylvan Sprite 'Blythe Sprite' HCC/AOS
Jim and Melana Davison
- Lc. Lucky Charm - Jim and Melana Davison
- Ballantineara RIO'S Ruby Red x *Mcp. thomsoniana aurea*
Jim and Melana Davison
- Ctt. Penang 'Black Caesar' - Jim and Melana Davison
- *C. aclandiae* - Jim and Melana Davison
- *C. Peckhaviensis* - Jim and Melana Davison
- Paph. Transvaal - Jim and Melana Davison

White Ribbons:

- Volkertara Avinash Sagoo - Lorraine Lee
- *Aer. lawrenceae* - Jim Wheeler
- *C. aclandiae* - Jim and Melana Davison

Thank you for showing your plants. We look forward to many more next month. Please have your plants in place before 7:30 PM.

Thank you

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

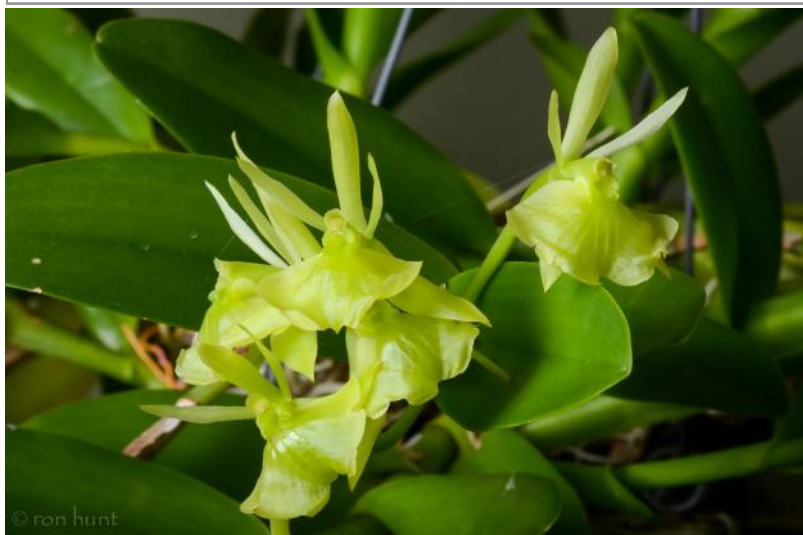
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Items of Interest

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vendor recognition gifts, society's membership information, the different free growing classes given by the vendors, all in all, an extensive list of tasks. All completed on time and under budget by one or more of your board members and SFOS's volunteers. Every one of them done, so by the time the show starts that Friday morning, your SFOS's show is ready for business!

To everybody involved in each and every one of these tasks, a heartfelt **THANK YOU!**

Continuing on in October, we featured a fantastic speaker for our monthly meeting. Paul Phelps of Phelps Farms gave a great presentation on his favorite orchid, Cattleya. He favored us with a sales table featuring an incredible selection of bare root divisions, potted plants and all sorts of plant goodies. Thanks to Paul and Patricia for a great evening.

To those of you that were at the meeting that evening, you must have noticed a film crew doing what film crews do. We had the pleasure of hosting Wagner A. Vendrame, Ph.D., from the University of Florida in Homestead. Dr. Vendrame is creating a web version of his Orchidology course. Your society and a couple of members will be featured in his video. Hopefully we will help to explain to those future students the relevance of orchid societies to the orchid industry and orchid community.

And speaking of the importance of orchid societies... Earlier this week, I was at East Everglades Orchid Society, attending their meeting featuring Biologist and Florida Park Ranger Mike Owen from Faxahatchee Everglades

Preserve. As he is talking about the need to secure seeds to reintroduce an extinct orchid in the park, from a country island about 90 miles South of Key West, via a third country to the North of the US. A member of the society gives Mike the tip of a grower already securing those orchid seeds in another US friendly country. Right there and then, the importance of orchid societies exemplified in front of me!

A quick glance at the AOS's web site, had eight different orchid shows, or events in Florida in October. East Everglades' 'Orchid Melody', Central Florida Orchid Society's 16th International Slipper Orchid Symposium and AOS's Fall Member's Meeting, are two on the list. Orchid shows hosted by orchid societies in Ft. Pierce, Delray Beach, Gainesville, Tampa, Fla. West Coast, and last, our friends at EFG's with their Orchttoberfest, all were happening this month. I hope you had the chance to visit one or more of these events.

A little housekeeping, our holiday dinner will be at Carrabba's Italian Grill, Wednesday December 17th in South Miami. Please find further details in this newsletter. Lastly, we have been joined by more new members. So I am asking our more experienced members to reach out to those new faces. Start a conversation with them. Tell them what it is that is going on throughout our meeting. Try to explain to them what that guy with the accent...what is he talking about?!? And if you are successful, then please explain it to me too!

Thank you, and happy growing,
Carlos

SFOS New Members for November!

Mercedes Diaz & Aledya Martinez
Miami, FL

Mr. & Mrs. Hery Perez
Miami, FL

Andrea Diamond & Steen Kanker
Miami, FL

Gylla & Winston Lucky
Miami, FL

Melissa Hew & Kwesi Tarradath
Miami, FL

Christina & Paul Ramirez
Pembroke Pines, FL

Sarala Dee
Miami Beach, FL

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Antonio & Luis Aguiar
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Board members—Term ending 2016
Erna Maxwell, Sally Taylor, Carlos Segrera

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SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY

November 19th 2014 Meeting

One ticket per member / Members Only!

Expiration Date: November 19 2014



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- **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.
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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*

