



The Orchidist

SFOS 2014 Holiday Party



The 2014 SFOS Holiday Party will be held at Carrabba's Italian Grill,
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.



President's Message

Hello All:

I hope that everybody had a peaceful and loving Thanksgiving holiday. Our November 19th meeting featured Jim Watts and his program: *"Leafless Orchids, fascination and frustration!"* His review and insights on this orchid group were very informative. Thank you, Jim for sharing your time and experience with us.

The plant raffle table was a selection of phalaenopsis and paphiopedilums that were donated to SFOS by Pine Ridge Orchids. Dan & Margie Orchids supplied the additional blooming plants for our special raffles.

For the first time in a long while, SFOS will participate with an orchid exhibit in a local orchid show. We are working on having an Orchid Society display and information table at the Tamiami Orchid Festival, next January 17th. We will be in direct competition with more experienced exhibiting orchid associations for the first place award. We need your help! We are looking for blooming orchids to do our display. So, if you want to be a part of SFOS's history, please share your blooming babies with our display team. We will make every effort to display them safely in our exhibit.

Wednesday, December 17th is our Holiday Dinner Party. This year we will be at Carrabbas Italian Restaurant at 5829 SW. 73rd. Street, Miami. Members \$15.00, guests \$20.00. Seating is limited. Deadline for

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Upcoming Events!

- **January 21, 2015 — Sheldon Takasaki of Carmela Orchids in Hawaii.**
- **February 18, 2015 — South Florida Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction!**
- **October 2015 — SFOS "Orchid Fiesta" is coming to the University of Miami Bank United Center!**

SFOS November 19th Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Carlos San Martin and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- Colm. Wildcat - Linda Wheeler
- Rlc. White Spark 'Panda' - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- Cyc. Alexis Jesus Pardo - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- Pyp. (*kramerianum* x *versteegianum*) - Betty Eber
- Lyc. Mem. Olga Anton - Jim and Melana Davison
- *C. walkeriana* v. *semi alba* - Jim and Melana Davison
- *C. cernua* - Jim and Melana Davison
- *C. deckeri* v. *coerulea* - Jim and Melana Davison
- C. Everett Dirksen - Jim and Melana Davison
- C. Spanish Eyes - Jim and Melana Davison
- *C. deckeri* - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- V. Betty Eber's Joy - Betty Eber
- *Den. rigidum* - David Foster
- Cirr. Elizabeth Ann 'Jane' - David Foster

Red Ribbons:

- Rlc. Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tami' AM/MOS - Betty Eber
- Pyp. Kalihi alba 'Crystal' - Betty Eber
- *C. walkeriana* v. *semi alba* - Jim and Melana Davison
- Phrag. Bouley Bay - Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- *C. deckeri* - Jim and Melana Davison
- Lc. Edissa - Jim and Melana Davison
- Ctt. Fire Island x C. Cherry Chip - Jim and Melana Davison

White Ribbons:

- *C. maxima* - Jim and Melana Davison
- *L. rubescens* - Jim and Melana Davison

Thank you for bringing your plants. There will be no judging in December. We look forward to seeing your blooms next January, nicely staked and flowers that are past their prime removed.

Please have them entered before 7:30 PM.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair

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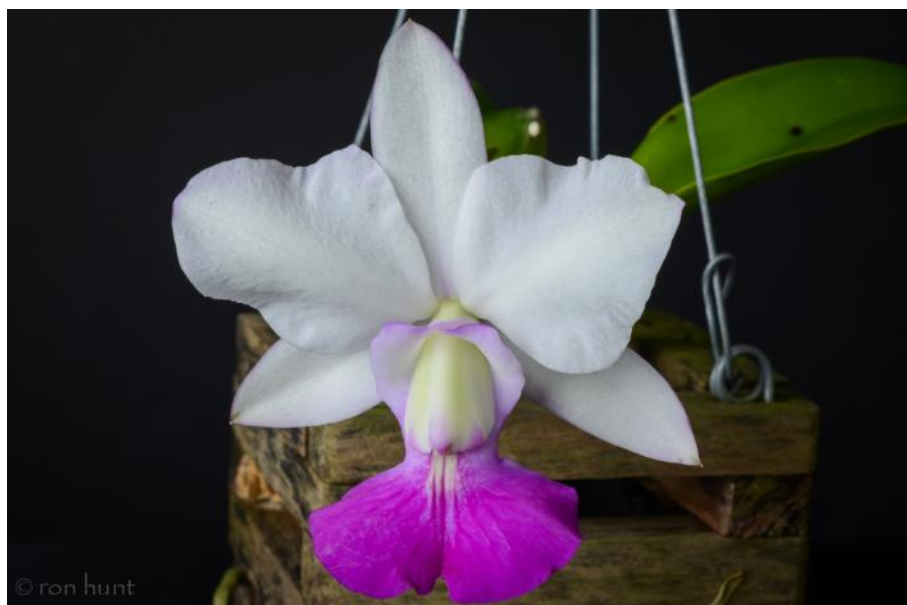


**Lyc. Mem. Olga Anton
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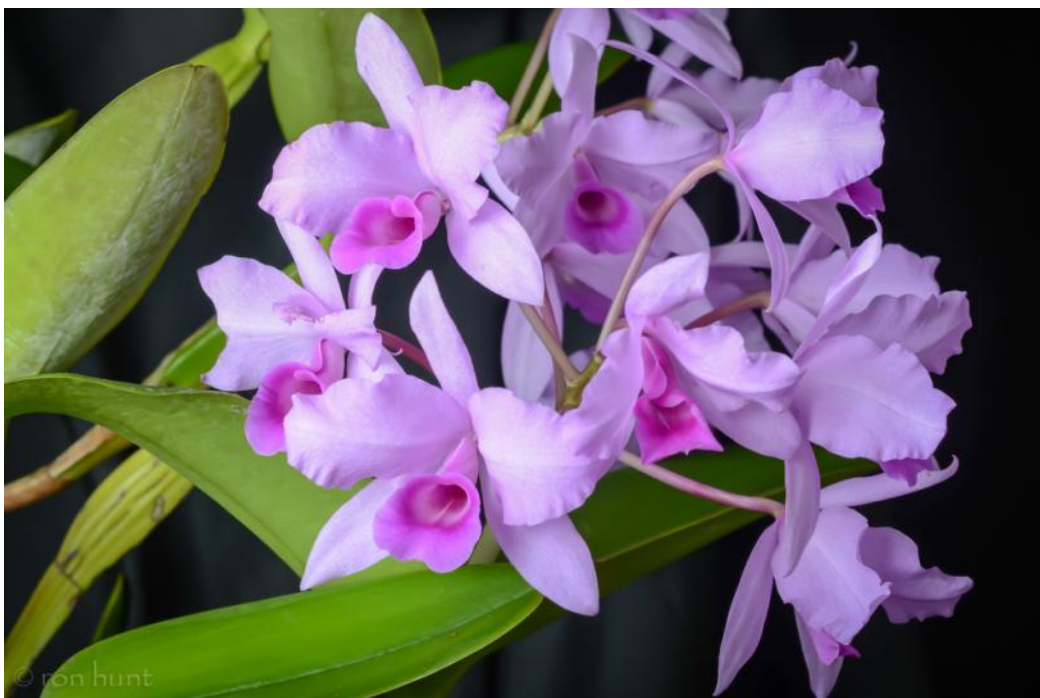


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Please join us at our new meeting location

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



Items of Interest

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reservations is December 10th. Please call Ellen at 305-255-3656 to reserve your seating.

Ellen Hanson, our long enduring lady of all trades will no longer be with us effective December 31st of this year. The fiscal realities of our society have limited our ability to keep her in our company. I am glad to say that, true to her nature, Ellen did not sit still. She obtained her Masters degree, and has already secured a job in the medical industry. We will make a formal recognition presentation to Mrs. Hanson, during our Holiday dinner, December 17th.

One of the major changes as a result of Ellen's reality is that SFOS will no longer have a dedicated office space, with all that that entails. We will be making changes to our society's monthly procedures to better manage the new logistics. Notices and corrections will be presented as the situations arise.

Transitions are never easy, so I ask for your patience and understanding in the coming months while we work all the bugs out of the system.

My best wishes to all of us on the coming Holiday Season.

Carlos

From the editor's desk.

I don't usually have much to say in the Orchidist. It is, after all, your newsletter. I just get to put it together and hopefully manage to spell everyone's name (not to mention their orchid's names) correctly.

On this occasion, however, I'm moved to share a few thoughts with you. Don't worry, I won't burden you very often in this manner. However, this is a special occasion. A rite of passage so to speak. One of the ladies who convinced me to take on this job will be leaving us.

When Ellen Hanson and Sally Taylor shanghaied me to do this I was more than a bit skeptical. I mean what could go wrong?

It is no exaggeration to say that without Ellen's guidance, I could not have managed this. She has always been there when I needed a helping hand and, yes, to occasionally buoy my ego as well.

Now that she's leaving us, we're going to find out what I've long known; just how spoiled we've become.

For my part I'd just like to say a heart felt thank you to Ellen for all the help and encouragement you've provided. For all of the things, both big and small, that you've done for me as editor and for all of us in the South Florida Orchid Society.

Thank You Ellen!

The Orchidist is published monthly by the South Florida Orchid Society, Inc.

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.

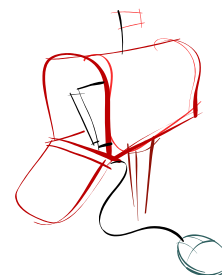
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- **EXHIBIT TABLE** each month for displays of member's plants. Some plants are spotlighted and exhibitors identified before members.
- **JUDGING** each month by qualified regional and national judges.
- **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** that includes awards 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.