



The Orchidist

SFOS February 18th Program

President's Message



The South Florida Orchid Society
Presents Our Annual Orchid Auction
Wednesday, February 18, 2015

We Have Bargains Galore On Orchids

Visitors Always Welcome
Free Refreshments
Free Parking

Preview from 7:30 to 8:00PM
Auction Begins at 8:00PM

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

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Hello all:

As I write these lines, I am still trying to recover from a whirlwind of shows.

We started 2015 with the Tamiami Orchid Festival followed by the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show. Sprinkle in my own participation into a national tropical plant trade show called TPIE in between Tamiami and Ft. Lauderdale, and you can understand my status.

I am glad to report that both orchid shows were better by all appearances than on previous years. My congratulations to both events organizers and their hard working show teams.

Your SFOS participated with a small 50 sq. ft. exhibit at Tamiami Orchid Festival. We received an award for our efforts.

My thanks to everybody who contributed with your society's effort: Alfredo, Ined, Jorge, Mike, Ken, Stella, Axel, Chris, Dan, Diana, Sandy and Georgia. I will try to better communicate our needs before next year's exhibit so we can have more participation from all of you.

We started 2015 without the luxury of an office. Please use the following e-mails: info@sforchid.com for general info. showchairman@sforchid.com for our 'ORCHID FIESTA' orchid show, October 9-10-11 at the University of Miami, and

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 18th, 2015 — Larry Cox — Paphiopedilums
- April 15th, 2015 — Mac Rivenbark — Philippine Orchids



January 21st, 2015 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- *Gastrochilus retrocallus* — Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- *Pleurothallis hitchcockii* — Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- *Gongora aromatica* — Betty Eber
- *Vanda Muang Thong 'White Gem'* — Betty Eber
- *Vanda Ruth Bell Graham* — Victoria Clemente

Red Ribbons:

- *Paph. Huang Sheng Spice* — Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- *Bulb. blumei* — Betty Eber
- *V. testacea* x *V. garayi* — Jim Wheeler

Thank you for showing your plants. There will be no judging in February due to our annual Orchid Auction. We look forward to your blooms in March. Please have them entered before 7:30 PM.

Erna Maxwell — Judging Chair

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Gastrochilus retrocallus
Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker



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Lore Wigley

Lore Wigley has passed away after a short illness. A member of SFOS for many years, she won many awards for her beautiful orchids. She loved cattleyas and had a thousand or more, each one grown in tree fern, she liked the way the roots dug in. She also grew a few other species, which also thrived, under her loving care. Her ascocendas bloomed all the time, their roots sheathed in Spanish moss.

It was a pleasure to go into her shade houses, being careful not to hit your head on the hanging pots and baskets. There were always many in bloom, the best were brought onto her porch so they could be more easily admired.

She will be remembered by all who knew her as the Cattleya lady.

Eleanor Sanfilippo



Lore Wigley accepting a Certificate of Cultural Achievement at the 2011 SFOS Annual Award Ceremony .

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We are using one of OFE's phone numbers for assistance. Please call 305-256-0483 during business hours.

Remember, our next meeting is our **ANNUAL ORCHID AUCTION**. Our meeting dates are: Feb. 18th(AUCTION), Mar. 18th, Apr. 15th, May 20th, Jun. 17th, Jul. 15th, Aug. 19th, Sep. 16th, Oct. 21st, Nov. 18th, Dec. 16th(**HOLIDAY DINNER**).

Take care, Carlos

New Members!

The South Florida Orchid Society would like to welcome our newest members.

- **Steve and Annette Rodriquez of Miami, Florida**
- **Carlos and Rossy Ochoa of Miami, Florida.**

We look forward to seeing you and, of course, your orchids!



SFOS



ORCHID FIESTA

October 9th - 11th 2015

2015 Miami International Orchid Show

The SFOS at the Tamiami International Orchid Festival



Here we have Jorge and Carlos who are obviously having way too much fun!



Ken, Stella & Matt did a great job on the SFOS exhibit



The SFOS exhibit at the Tamiami International Orchid Festival



The request seemed simple enough. SFOS needs volunteers for our Membership Drive table at the Tamiami International Orchid Festival. The table & some literature will be there. Will you do it? Oh no! I am still so new to this orchid growing experience. I realize that SFOS has many knowledgeable, long-time members from the orchid community. Maybe I am not the right one for the task. I am such a novice. And that's exactly why I said I would do it.

Part of this new found experience for me has been meeting some very interesting people. And, many of them are willing to share their knowledge & love of orchid growing. And answer my questions. Those are two good reasons why you should consider joining an orchid club (SFOS of course). And you see, that's what I told people who visited our table at the recent show. I also told them that if you have already been growing orchids for years, then you will especially appreciate the wonderful speakers we have at our monthly meetings.

My message when I volunteered recently is, if you come & visit our SFOS meetings, you will want to come back again. The benefits of membership will enrich your orchid growing journey. All are welcome. Whether you have just acquired your first orchid, or have been collecting & growing them for many years.

And, my message to our members who are reading this...look for the opportunities to participate, volunteer & support the mission of SFOS. Find the time! You won't regret it.— Chris Alger

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Be sure to get your copy while you still can.

We even have special pricing for group purchases. Please contact the SFOS at (305) 256-0483 or by emailing us at info@sforchid.com.



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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

