



The Orchidist

SFOS April 15th 2015 Program

President's Message

Mac Rivenbark, *"An Introduction to Philippine Orchids."*

Mac and his Filipina wife started an orchid business over 12 years ago after many fascinating trips to the Philippines. With extensive study, Mac is becoming an expert in Philippine as well as other Asian species and currently grows and blooms over 300 different types.

Mac has served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is a past president of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and enjoys giving lectures and educating others about orchids. Come see and hear this exciting and interesting lecture.

Mac's presentation will consist of a short introduction, followed by a digital slide show. The topic will be *"an Introduction to Philippine Orchids"* and will feature many beautiful and rare orchids. Some travel photos will be included as well. At the end of the program, culture tips and Q and A will also be included in this mini class.

We are looking forward having Mac as a speaker this month. In addition, he will also be providing plants for our raffle table and for sale.

Guillermo Salazar
1st Vice President & Program Chairman



Hello all:

As I sit down to write this letter, the Fairchild Garden's Orchid Show is a fading memory. The high temperatures over that weekend made more than a few of the exhibitors at Fairchild, wonder how those temperatures will behave at the Redlands Orchid Show.

My suggestion to us all for that event is, come early, bring fluids, cover accordingly and bring plenty of cash.

Our March meeting featured Larry Cox, and his *Lycastes* presentation ran into a few stumps. We were overdue to have one of those evenings, when nothing seems to work right. And, Larry was the recipient of our capricious fortune.

We all made the best of the situation. Larry trooped on and put together an informative presentation without the aid of his power point tool. Also, we lucked out, because here is Larry's *Lycaste* Potting Mix:

- 3 ½ parts fine fir bark
- 3 ½ parts medium fir bark
- 1 part perlite or sponge rock
- 1 part medium charcoal
- 1 part medium tree fern
- 1 ½ parts damp sphagnum moss

Our Judging panel was impressed with the evening's orchid candidates and there were a number of blue ribbons awarded. You will see those awarded plants pictured in this newsletter.

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SFOS **ORCHID FIESTA** **October 9th - 11th 2015**
2015 Miami International Orchid Show

Upcoming Events

- **May 20, 2015 — Jim & Melana Davison — Soft Cane, Hard Cane, Australian, Pendulous - Which is which?**

March 18th, 2015 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg

Blue Ribbons:

- Ascda. Tavivat – Noelene Westman
- *Cattleya maxima* v. *coerulea* – Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- *Masdevallia tonduzii* -- Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- Mcv. Frances Fox 'Richard' -- Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- *Onc. isthmi* -- Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- *Den. aggregatum* – Allan and Jan Mink

- Pot. Hawaiian Prominence 'America' – David Foster
- *Paph. chamberlainianum* – Betty Eber
- *Psychilis Kalihi* 'Crystal' -- Betty Eber
- *Paph. Henrietta Fujiwara* -- Betty Eber
- *Phrag. sedenii* -- Betty Eber

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

Julie Rosenberg, Acting Judging Chair.

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Den. aggregatum – Allan and Jan Mink



Ascda. Tavivat – Noelene Westman

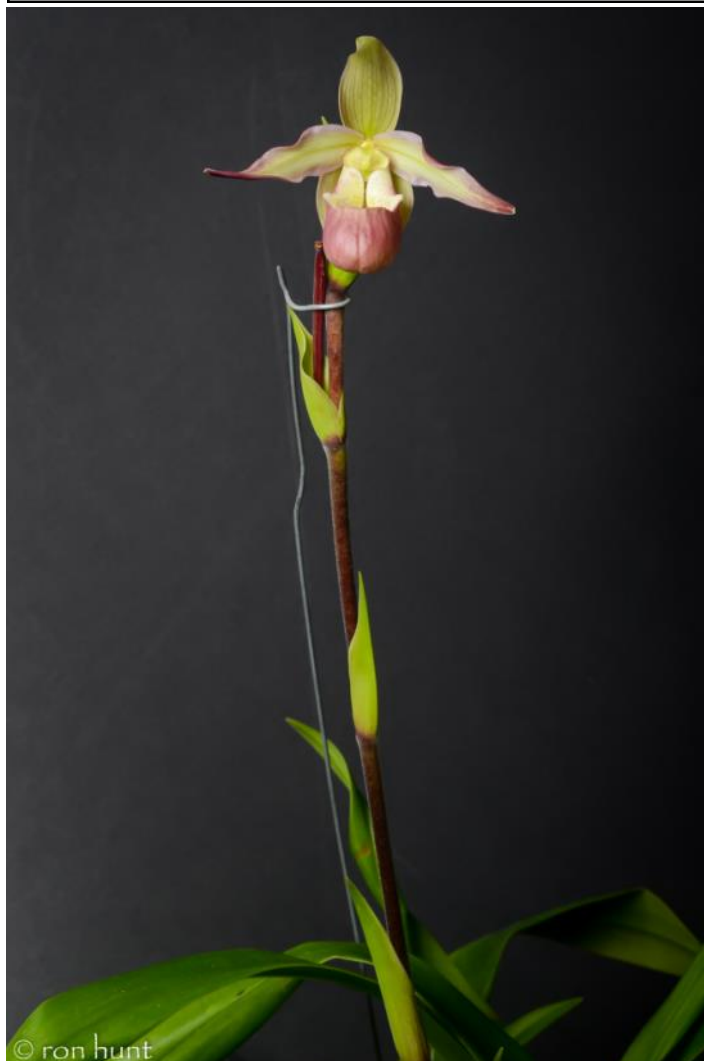


Psychilis Kalihi 'Crystal' -- Betty Eber

Cattleya maxima v. *coerulea*
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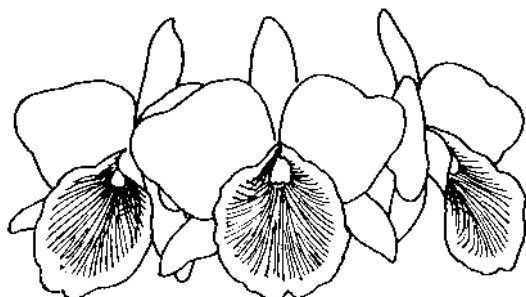
Your SFOS Board of Directors is up for election. Your nomination committee is Chris Alger, Jorge Merlo and Sally Taylor as your committee's chairperson. Anyone interested in nominating somebody, curious about the inside workings of your society, or simply willing to help, please contact any of the committee members, or myself. All our contact information is in your rooster. The board meets the first Wednesday of the month at OFE's show room. And, to echo one of the evening's suggestions, there will be free orchid supplies to all new board members...as long as there are limited to a single bamboo stick!

Our remaining meeting dates at CTK church are: Apr. 15th, May 20th, Jun. 17th, Jul. 15th, Aug. 19th, Sep. 16th, Oct. 21st, Nov. 18th, with our Holiday Dinner December 16th.

Our April presenter will be Mac Rivenbank from Mac's Orchids. You can contact them at 954-410-8580, or through their e-mail at macsorchids@aol.com. Mac and Ellen concentrate on cultivating and propagating Philippines species, and his presentation promises to be an interesting one.

Please communicate with us through the following e-mails: info@sforchid.com for general communications and book sales, showchairman@sforchid.com for our 'ORCHID FIESTA' orchid show, October 9-10-11 at the University of Miami And, publications@sforchid.com for our newsletter, and/or web site issues.

Until next time,
Carlos



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April 15th 2015 Meeting!

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Members ONLY!



Expiration Date: 04/15/15

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 The South Florida Orchid Society fall 2015 show



ORCHID FIESTA

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Please send your submission to ...

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist



Please Join Us at Our New Meeting Location
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