



The Orchidist

SFOS March 15th 2017 Program

Our guest speaker for March will be Dennis Giardina, regional biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. He will talk about the on going Experimental Restoration of Rare and Extirpated Orchids in the Everglades and Big Cypress Basin and his recent adventures in Cuba. Besides being involved with the Florida panthers his career has focused on endangered species recovery and exotic species control, beginning with the US Fish and Wildlife Service at St. Mark, Florida Panther and 10,000 Islands National Wildlife Refuges. He was the



park manager of Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park before accepting his current position of Everglades Region Biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Since 2008 , he also been the Co. Chair of Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (ECISMA) and from 2012 to 2014 he was the Chair of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

Let's give a big SFOS welcome to Dennis.

OFE International will be providing plants for our raffle.

Upcoming Events

- April 19, 2017—Larry Cox —(Multifloral Paphs),
- May 17, 2017—Alan Black —(Brassavola)
- June 21, 2017—SFOS Annual Award Ceremony
- July 19, 2017— Bill Thoms —(Bulbophyllum).



President's Message



Hello all. This is a partial copy of UM's press release with respect to their Sports Facility change of name: The University of Miami today announced the naming of its multi-purpose entertainment facility as the Watsco Center. The Watsco Center, located in the heart of the Coral Gables campus and formerly known as the BankUnited Center, is the largest multi-purpose entertainment facility of its kind

south of downtown Miami, with more than 200,000 square feet, 8,000 seats and 25 executive suites. The venue has played host to numerous nationally televised University of Miami men's and women's college basketball games, world-class musicians and performers, community events, and several presidential debates, forums and rallies.

Your SFOS October Orchid Show is held in the Watsco Center's smaller multipurpose room.

Our annual auction was a success with revenues doubling what was made last year. My thanks to everybody who contributed one way or another. And, most importantly to the vendors, and private collectors, who donated their plants and products to help your orchid society. I have provided a list of all the commercial vendors who contributed with our auction. Please try to visit and talk to them, when you see any of them in the next orchid event.

Speaking of events, the Fairchild Orchid Festival starts the weekend of March 10 through the 12. Festival starts Friday, through that Sunday. Entrance is \$25.00 for non-members of the gardens. However, if you are an AOS member the price is half off. For more information, visit their web site at www.fairchildgarden.org.

Housekeeping:

We are about to send our 2017 member roster to the printers. If you haven't renewed your SFOS membership, NOW is the time to do it. Please send your renewal form back to us with your payment. Or renew at our next meeting, March 15th. If you have any questions, please call us at 305-256-0483.

These are our headliners for the first half of 2017: **March 15, Dennis Giardina of the FWC, April 19, Larry Cox (Multifloral Paphs), May 17, Alan Black (Brassavola), June 21, SFOS Annual Award Ceremony, celebrate our member's achievements through the previous year. And, finally, July 19, is Bill Thoms (Bulbophyllum).**

Meeting dates are always the third Wednesday of the month. So, we will see you March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, (SFOS Show is Oct. 13-15), November 15, and December 20 (Christmas/Holiday Dinner).

See you all in our next meeting, March 15th.

Carlos



SFOS 2017 Auction

List of Commercial Donors:



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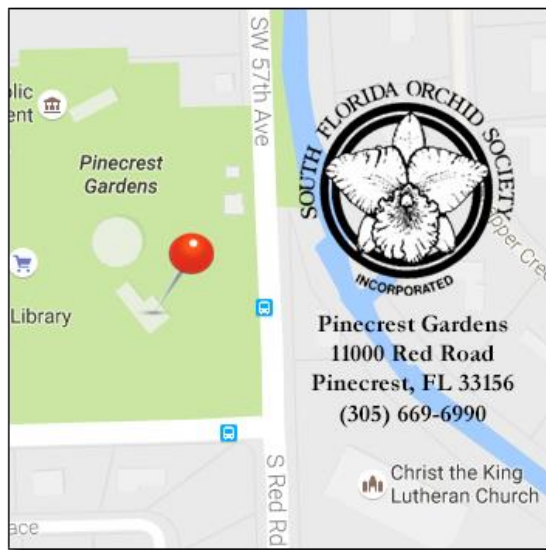
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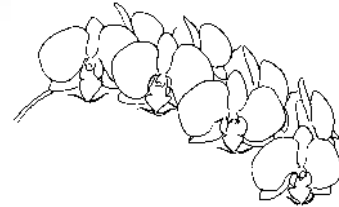
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It’s once again time for all our members to send in their dues for the coming year. Please do so as soon as possible.



March 15th 2017 Meeting!

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One Ticket Per Member!

Members ONLY!



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