



# The Orchidist

## SFOS April 19th 2017 Program

Larry Cox acquired his first orchid, a cattleya, over forty years ago. His second was a paphiopedilum, Paph. Maudiae 'Magnificum.' The cattleya is long gone, but he still has a piece of the paph. When he began with paphs, he commonly heard, "You can't grow those in South Florida," but the first one lived and bloomed, and the paphiopedilum collection continued to grow. In the mid 1980's most of the other orchids were sold or given away, all for the love of paphs. In 1989 he moved from his South Miami residence to a more spacious property in the farming district of southern Miami-Dade County where he built his dream greenhouse of 3000 square feet. He has suffered setbacks, such as hurricane Andrew in 1992, but with perseverance and with the discovery of new paph species, and the consequent new hybrids, Larry's love of paphiopedilums has been renewed over and over again. In 1983 Larry won his first AOS award for Paph. Maudiae coloratum 'Elektra' AM/AOS, one of the first vinicolors. Since then his orchids have earned over fifty AOS awards, including four FCC's.



Ten years ago, Larry retired from thirty-seven years as a teacher, the last fifteen teaching Advanced Placement high school English. He now spends his time reading, traveling, maintaining his property and, of course, growing paphs. Larry has experimented with other orchid genera and has found success with lycastes, phragmipediums, and pescatoreas. He has even rediscovered the wonder of cattleyas, particularly species.

**Larry will also have a selection of orchids for sale at our meeting!**

**Dan and Margie Orchids will be providing plants for our raffles and we'll also be having our popular silent auction this month!**

**Of course there will be plenty of snacks and refreshments as well. Remember, guests are always welcome at our meetings!**

### Upcoming Events

- **May 17, 2017 Members Meeting—Alan Black — Brassavola**
- **June 21, 2017 Members Meeting—SFOS Annual Award Ceremony**
- **July 19, 2017 Members Meeting— Bill Thoms — Bulbophyllum**



## President's Message

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Lc. Canhamiana Var. Cperi;ea "Azure Skies"

Hello all. It is the end of March. March Madness, also known as the NCAA basketball championship is over. A new champion has risen. Congratulations to the North Carolina Tar Heels, and your coach Roy Williams. As long as it isn't Duke, I am fine with the result. If you are following me so far, you will understand my Duke remark, when I give you the following two syllables, K U.

April brings with it spring rains, higher temperatures, longer days, and a continuation of our blooming season. Enjoy your labor's rewards.

Longer days, and higher temperatures mean that your little orchid factories are working longer hours, thus consuming more resources. Feed and water accordingly.

Also, higher temperatures will mean faster dehydration on your orchids. You will notice new growths burning for no apparent reason. Fungicides will not stop this. Basically the tender new growths are burning up under the higher temperatures. It is time to add calcium and magnesium to their diet.

Our friends from the Pan American Orchid Society are hosting their first Annual Orchid Festival this April 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Gardens of R.F. Orchids. They have orchid displays, orchid and supplies vendors, and they are raffling an orchid collection. Plus, R F Orchids is having one of their open house sales.

Finally, we are about a month and a half away from the biggest orchid event on South Florida. The Redlands Orchid Festival is always the weekend after Mother's Day. So I know where you will be this coming May 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>.

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### 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, April 19th. If you have any questions, please call us at 305-256-0483.

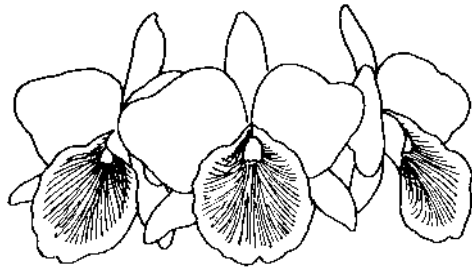
These are our headliners for the first half of 2017: **April 19, Larry Cox (Multifloral Paphs), May 17, Alan Black (Brassavola), June 21, SFOS Annual Award Ceremony, celebrate our member's achievements through the previous year. And, finally, July 19, is Bill Thoms (Bulbophyllum).**

Lastly, we are looking for a few good orchid nuts to join our board of directors. A healthy society needs a healthy board with its members giving different points of view. Please join us. It only takes but a few hours, one day of the month. Please let us know if you are interested, or if you have any questions about the job.

Happy growing,

Carlos





**The following slate of officers and board members will be presented to the general membership for approval at the May 17th, 2017 membership meeting. We hope everyone will attend and cast their vote.**

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**First Vice President—Sally Taylor**

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**Board Members—Term Expiring 2019**

**Erna Maxwell—Carlos Segrera—Nancy Chrisler**

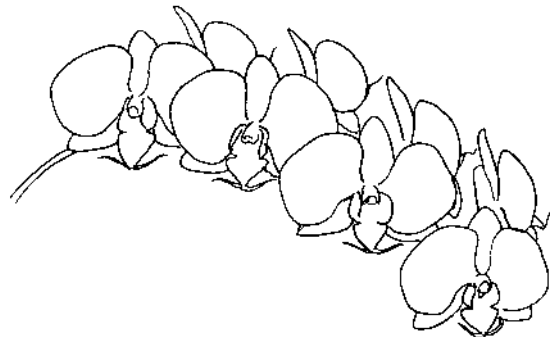
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**Christa Collins—Ralph Hernandez**

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## March 15th 2017 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg and Erna Maxwell

### Blue Ribbons:

- Onc. Midas Willow Pond - Steve Rodriguez
- C. lueddemanniana v. coerulea - Yeni Hayes
- Den. Blue Sapphire x Den. Udom Blue Angel - Yeni Hayes
- Paph. Hong Sheng Spice - Sandy Schultz & Georgia Tasker
- Lc. Hawaiian Baron 'Kiaora' AM/AOS - Sandy Schultz & Georgia Tasker

### Red Ribbons:

- Bl. Yellow Bird - Steve Rodriguez
- C. maxima v. coerulea - Steve Rodriguez
- Ctt. Gold Digger 'Orglade's Mandarin' - Yeni Hayes
- Myrmacatavola Frances Fox 'Richard' - Sandy Schultz & Georgia Tasker

Thank you for showing your plants. We encourage you to bring more plants in April.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.



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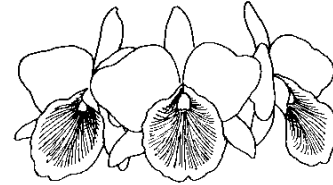
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## Membership Dues!

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.



April 19th 2017 Meeting!

**1 Free Raffle Ticket**

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

