



# The Orchidist

SFOS June 21st 2017 Program

## SFOS Annual Award Ceremony

This month we celebrate the achievements in orchid growing of our members during the past year and install our new directors and board for the coming year.

Erna Maxwell, our judging chair, will also be giving a presentation on the proper way to groom our plants for presentation. Those little things like properly staking and cleaning debris from your plants can make your prized orchid stand out from the crowd. We can all learn a trick or two here.

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Janis W. Mink (November 28, 1930— June 6, 2017)

We are deeply saddened to report the passing of long time SFOS member Janis Mink who passed away on June 6, 2017.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Plantation FL, at 2pm on July 1st, 2017.

Janis will be missed by everyone in our society. We send our deepest condolences to her family and friends.



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Christine Chowning

We are also saddened to learn of the passing of another long time member, Christine Chowning, of Lexington, Kentucky who died just last week. Unfortunately, we have no further information concerning funeral arrangements.

We send our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

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OFE International Orchid Supplies will be providing plants for our raffles.

Remember! Guests are always welcome at our meetings!

### Upcoming Events

- July 19, 2017—Bill Thoms —Bulbophyllum.



## President's Message



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## FUNGI

June comes around and WAM! Rainy season is on. 15 inches of rain in a day might be good for ducks, but for our orchids? Not so much!

We could go into describing the different types of pathogens that prey onto our orchids. But, unless you have a photographic memory, the brief description I can provide here, will not help much. There are books in the matter. The AOS has a good one on their '**Orchid Pest and Diseases**' product. Your own SFOS's book, '**An Introduction to Orchids, A Guide to Orchid Growing in the Subtropics**', has a very informative chapter on pest and diseases. We have a SFOS member's discounted price of \$12.00 on this \$18.00 book.

The short of it is, if you see black, you have fungi. If they are smaller round spots, try first with a cinnamon paste, applied directly over the spot and on the underside of the leaf. If it is a massive spot, you will need to cut off the sick leaf and seal the wound with cinnamon.

A very popular choice is the combination of a topical fungicide (Dithane M-45) with a systemic one, (Thiomyl). You use two teaspoons of each in a gallon of water and spray your orchids once a week for three consecutive weeks. You can make a paste with either of these two fungicides and apply it the same way you did your cinnamon. There are other choices. And, I will be talking about them in our next meeting, June 21st.

### 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, June 21st. If you have any questions, please call us at 305-256-0483.

These are our next headliners: June 21, SFOS Annual Award Ceremony, celebrate our member's achievements through the previous year. Erna Maxwell, the lady who tells us about the awarded orchids at our meetings, will give a brief presentation on how to fix your orchids for judging that night. And, finally, July 19, will be Bill Thoms and his (Bulbophyllum).

Happy growing,

Carlos

## May 17th 2017 Judging Report

Judges: Sally Taylor, Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

### Blue Ribbons:

- Blc. Marie's Glory "H + R" – Steve Rodriguez
- C. intermedia v. orlata "Rio" – Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- Phal. mannii "Mahogany Giant" AM/AOS x self – Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker
- Ren. Mauricette Brin "Kiaora" HCC/AM/FCC/AOS – Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker

### Red Ribbons:

- Rntda. King Naresuan – David Foster
- Paph. philippinense – Javier Morejon
- Ren. Zachary Phoon Yun Ze – Jim and Linda Wheeler
- V. Greeting Black – Steve Rodriguez
- Leptotes bicolor – Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker

Thank you for showing your blooms. There will be no judging at the June meeting. Please bring your plants again to the July meeting.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.



C. intermedia v. orlata "Rio" – Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker



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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.

June 21st 2017 Meeting!

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

