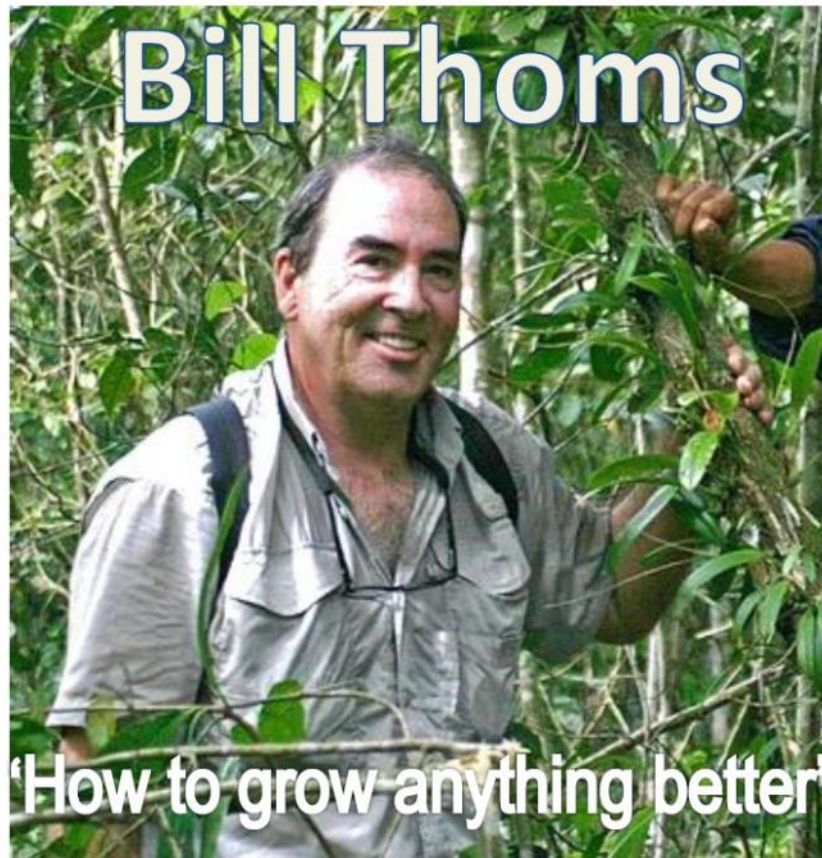




The Orchidist

SFOS July 19th 2017 Program



*SFOS Meeting, Wednesday July 19th at Pinecrest Gardens,
7:00pm.*

Internationally recognized speaker, orchid hunter, breeder and grower extraordinaire Bill Thoms will be presenting a talk on *Bulbophyllums* and general orchid cultivation. This program covers everything you need to know to grow and bloom orchids in South Florida.

Be prepared to learn about tricks, tips and practices from this presentation! Bill Thoms and Doris Dukes have been growing orchids around Central Florida for more than 45 years and have received almost every award granted by the AOS as well as more Awards for Culture than anyone else in the world, (96 in over 29 genera, including 48 in the *Bulbophyllum* alliance and 13 CCEs plus 4 others 90 points or above before they had the Cultural Excellence award). They have also received 12 awards from the FWCOS.

Many of his crosses are winning awards around the country and the AOS has recently added a yearly award named for him for the best *Bulbophyllum* exhibited.

The talk is spiced with funny stories and funny associations so whether you grow thousands of orchids, only a few, or none at all, you will have a wonderfully entertaining time and be able to grow anything better. Many of the most important requirements for growing world class plants are made easy to understand and remember.

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn how to grow these fascinating plants and to hear one of the most knowledgeable, interesting and funny speakers in the orchid world. His book, *'Bulbophyllums: the Incomplete Guide, From A to WHY?'* will be available for purchase (\$45) and he will sign them for free!

President's Message



Hello.

I hope everybody had a relaxing and safe 4th of July holiday break.

I spent mine with my family. The weather cooperated in our area of Dade County. It was a pleasantly balmy evening, with a nice soft breeze, and low humidity. All our children were running around, chasing each other, and their grandparents were watching over all of us.

Our June meeting went smoothly as well. We have a new Board of Directors to care for our society's wellbeing. However, your cooperation and input are always needed and welcome.

Congratulations to Sandy Schultz and Georgia Tasker on being our evening's Special Awards recipients.

Your Judging Committee chairperson, Erna Maxwell gave a very informative presentation on what to look for in your plants to prepare them for judging. I invite all of you to bring your blooming plants for competition. It is a fun activity, which will afford you to learn much faster about your plants cultivation tips and tricks.

I gave a little presentation on fungi and insect control. A few household items to keep close by, that can be used to prevent fungi, bacteria and insect damage in our plants.

To control fungi, you can use Cynamon dust on your leave's black spots. Tip: apply it on the top of the spot and on the underside of the leave for better results. Hydrogen peroxide (3%), spray onto your plants directly from the bottle to control bacteria. Alcohol 75% Isopropyl diluted 50-50 with water, spray on your plants to control insects.

There are other choices as well. Physan-20, SA-20, Dithane M-45, Captan, Thiomyl, LOV (with Daconil) are some of the most popular orchid fungicides. Also, Orthene (Acephate), Merit, Permetrol, Insecticidal soap, Neem Oil, under insecticides. It is worth mentioning that you always have to refer to the manufacturer's labels for usage instructions on all these products.

These are our next headliners:

July 19, will be Bill Thoms and his (Bulbophyllums).

August 16th Axel Cahiz, from Amazonia Orchids on growing Cattleyas.

September 20th, will be Arthur Katz. (His presentation choice has not been determined yet).

In October, we will have our 71st Miami International Orchid Show at the University of Miami.

Happy growing,

Carlos



John Allison

We regret to announce the passing of long time South Florida Orchid Society member John Allison.

John served as President of our society from 1990 to 1991 and has also served as our show chairman. We offer our deepest condolences to all of John's family and friends. He will be missed.

A donation from the SFOS to the American Orchid Society has been made in John's memory.

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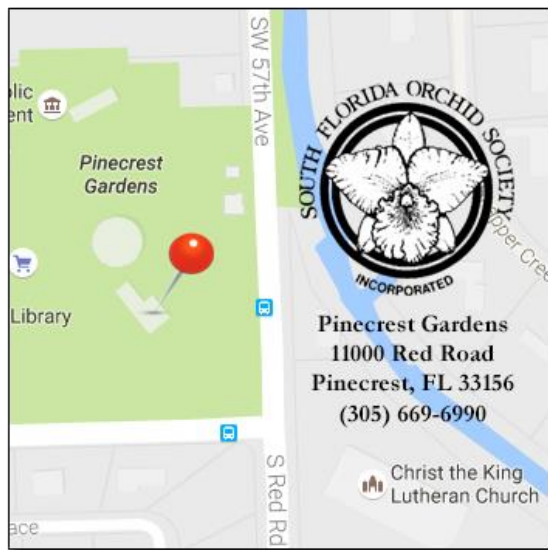
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July 19th 2017 Meeting!

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See you next month!

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