



The Orchidist

SFOS November 15th 2017 Program

Greg Hamra, founder of The Hamra Group, is a 'climate solutionist' whose mission is to enable society to mitigate the impacts of climate change. To fulfill his mission, he focuses on education and advocacy.



Greg's passion is education, primarily focusing on educating academia, business leaders, and policy-makers. He teaches climate literacy, corporate sustainability, and LEED green building on behalf of the US Green Building Council and at the University of Miami's School of Architecture. A frequent lecturer at universities, professional organizations and industry trade shows, Greg delves into a myriad of topics at the nexus of energy, environment and society.

Greg is very active in climate advocacy, on the local and national stage. As the leader of the Miami Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby, Greg is committed to bridging the partisan divide on climate while promoting a solution to the climate crisis that has the endorsement of leading economists, top scientists, and most respected thought-leaders in the energy and climate policy space.

Greg Hamra will give a basic discussion of Climate 101 to help us understand effects Climate Change & Sea Level Rise is having on the world population, with a specific emphasis on those of us who live & grow orchids in South Florida. The increasing temperature index & changes in weather patterns will affect decisions that growers will need to make in the near future.

Dan and Margie Orchids will kindly be providing plants for our raffle table this month.

We will also be conducting our popular silent auction once again this month.



Betty Eber

All of us at the South Florida Orchid Society are deeply saddened to announce the passing of long time member Betty Eber. Betty's contribution to the advancement of orchid growing in our community can not be understated. In addition to being active in a number of orchid societies, she was an instructor who taught classes on orchid culture at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens for many years. I will personally miss her infectious smile which brightened every meeting she attended.

We send our deepest condolences to Betty's many friends and family.

President's Message



Lc. Canhamiana var. Coerulea 'Azure Skies'

Hello:

The seasons, The seasons are a-changing. (Apologies to Mr. Dylan). The first cool weather has finally made its appearance. I hear rumors that farmers are expecting a harsh winter this year. So start making preparations. Here in South Florida, most cold fronts last only one to two days. Cold nights followed by hot days. If you winterize your growing area, try to make it easy on yourself to lift up or remove some of the plastic to compensate for those higher day temperatures.

To water or not to water? Citrus growers water their crops to protect them from a freeze. That water will freeze on and will keep plants at a comparatively balmy 32 degrees.

That does not work on orchids. For example, If you have a spiking Phalaenopsis, and the temperature goes below 60 degrees, that plant will close the capillaries that feed the

spike. You will lose that future bloom. So you keep your plants at 60 degrees for them to continue their work uninterrupted.

Cattleyas, and dendrobiums are more cool tolerant than Phalaenopsis, and Vandas. But you still want to keep your spiking crops around 60 degrees to prevent any delays on their blooming cycle. Most orchids will survive temperatures of 40 degrees for a single overnight. Be mindful of wind chill effect. Wrap old blankets, heavy cloth, or storage tarps to protect tree mounted orchids.

If you are going to water your orchids before a cold front, make sure to drench them, and do so at least 48 hours before the cold temperatures arrive. The worst thing you can do is to water your orchids during a cold front. You are inviting bacteria, fungi, pestilence and might as well add the black plague while you are at it. It is that bad.

If you have to water, because your plants are dehydrated, but the cold persists, water the ground. Or wait for the warmth of day, water early on the day so they dry off before sundown.

Housekeeping:

Bring your blooming orchids. You receive an orchid raffle ticket for participating in our plant judging.

Membership renewals are going out this month. Please send your renewal payment back as soon as possible.

Our November 15th speaker has changed. We are fortunate to have Mr. Greg Hamra, founder of The Hamra Group. Mr. Hamra is a 'climate solutionist' whose mission is to enable society to mitigate the impacts of climate change. He will talk to us about climate change and its effects on South Florida's orchid growing.

December 20th, will be our Christmas / Holiday dinner at Longhorn Restaurant in Doral. Dinner is \$25.00 for members, \$30.00 for guests. Our next November 15th meeting will be the deadline to register and pay for this dinner in person.

January 2018 brings with it the Tamiami Orchid Festival Jan. 12-14, and the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show Jan. 19-21.

We participated with an orchid display at the Tamiami Festival, winning a second place. If you would like to have bragging rights and learn about displays, and be in the show (before the general public), volunteer your plants and your sweat equity. Talk to me for more information at our next meeting, or e-mail me at cchiz@gmail.com.

Best,

Carlos

Happy Holidays

South Florida Orchid Society Holiday Party



Please join us for our annual Holiday Party, December 20th, 2017 at the Longhorn Steakhouse
1630 N.W. 87th AVE, Miami Florida 33172

Cost is \$25 per person for SFOS members. The cost for non member guests is \$30 per person.
All meals include an entree plus a society provided dessert and your choice of coffee, tea or soft drink.
Each member will also receive a Holiday blooming size plant.
Bar drinks may be ordered for an additional charge.

Menu

Please choose one of the selections below.

Flo's Filet

Our guests' favorite - the most tender cut of beef . 8 oz.

LongHorn Salmon

Fresh, hand-cut 10 oz. salmon, grilled using our secret bourbon marinade.
Served over rice.

Outlaw Ribeye

Our signature 18 oz. bone-in fire-grilled ribeye.

Parmesan Crusted Chicken

Two fresh grilled chicken breasts, topped with a parmesan garlic crust.

All entrees include

Your choice of side, Mixed Green or Caesar Salad, and freshly baked Honey Wheat Bread.
Fountain drink, coffee or tea. (complimentary refills)

There is limited seating so be sure to register as soon as possible.

Call (305) 256-0483 to make your reservation!

The party begins at 7:00 P.M. on December 20th which would be our regular meeting night.

Hope to see you there!

October 18th 2017 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- Bc. Kosh Wallis - Christa Collins
- Ctsm. Frilly Doris 'SVO11' AM/AOS x Ctsm. Jose Abalo 'SVO' - Ralph Hernandez
- Ctsm. gladiatorium 'SVO36' x Ctsm. fimbriatum 'Golden Horizon' - Ralph Hernandez
- Phal. amboinensis 'Tejas Giant' AM/AOS - Ralph Hernandez

Thank you for showing your blooms. We look forward to many more at the next meeting in November.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair



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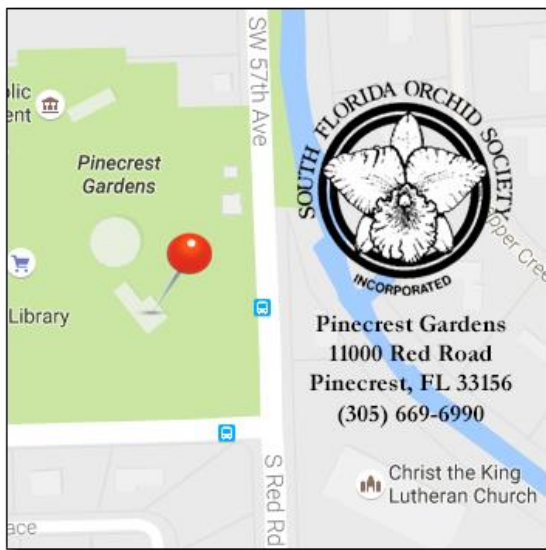
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It's once again time for all our members to send in their dues for the coming year. Please do so as soon as possible.

November 15th 2017
Meeting!

1 Free Raffle Ticket



South Florida Orchid Society, Inc.
One Ticket Per Member!
Members ONLY!

Expiration Date: 11/15/17

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

