



The Orchidist

SFOS December 20st 2017 Program

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)

We're requesting that everyone bring an unwrapped toy or canned food item to be distributed to the less fortunate in our community.

Upcoming Events

- January 12th—14th, 2018 — Tamiami Orchid Festival (Volunteers Needed: Contact Carlos @ (305) 256-0483)
- January 17th, 2018 — SFOS Members Meeting — Arthur Katz— 'Rare and Unusual Orchids'
- January 19th—21st, 2018 — Ft. Lauderdale International Orchid Show

President's Message

Hello all:

We are almost there. The last month of 2017. I saw a posting on Facebook about fertilizing. I figured this will help our beginners remember what it all means.

Here is some basic information on fertilizers:



There. Now you know. Did you want to be a chemist, when you started in orchids? No, right?

Basic fertilizing 101:

N=Nitrogen=Growth/Leaves. P=Phosphorus=Blooms/Flowers. K=Potassium=Roots.

I will leave the discussion on phosphorus and non-phosphorus fertilizers and how they apply to orchid growing for another opportunity.

When it comes to orchids, my experience is that K.I.S.S. works best.

Now, you have to pay attention to the 'Guaranteed Analysis' on the back of your fertilizer label. It will tell you the source of your Macro Elements (NPK), and how many trace (micro) elements you have. To generalize, the more of those trace elements you have listed, the more complete is your fertilizer.

Housekeeping:

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

December 20th, will be our Christmas / Holiday dinner at Longhorn Restaurant in Doral. Dinner is \$25.00 for members, \$30.00 for guests. Please make your reservations now.

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: cchahiz@gmail.com.

Last. I would like to thank the members of our Board for their time and effort through the last twelve months.

My thanks go to your Show chairperson. Dan Christensen assembled yet another successful orchid event.

My thanks go to Ron Hunt for his spectacular photographic work which you can enjoy every month in your newsletter.

I wish every one of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Great Big Joyfully Happy New Year.

Carlos

Our 2018 Orchid Auction is just around the corner! You can help the society by donating plants for our Feb 21st auction

November 15th 2017 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg and Javier Morejon

Blue Ribbons:

- *Epidendrum difforme* – Jim and Linda Wheeler
- *Bulbophyllum (Cirr.) pingtungensis* – Ralph Hernandez
- *Bulbophyllum carunculatum* – Ralph Hernandez
- Den. (Jacquelyn Concert x Blue Twinkle) — Ralph Hernandez

Thanks very much for showing these beautiful and interesting orchids! There will be no judging in December (holiday party!) but we're looking forward to seeing your beauties in January.

Remember to have them entered by 7:30PM.

Julie Rosenberg, Acting Judging Chair.



Bulbophyllum carunculatum – Ralph Hernandez



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Ralph Hernandez

Epidendrum difforme
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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.

SFOS At The Tamiami Orchid Festival!

Volunteers needed to provide plants and help with installing the SFOS display at the Tamiami International Orchid Festival.

We also need volunteers to man the SFOS promotional table at the festival.

Contact Carlos at (305) 256-0483!

December 20th 2017
Meeting!

1 Free Raffle Ticket



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

Expiration Date: 12/20/17

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Please send your submission to ...

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

