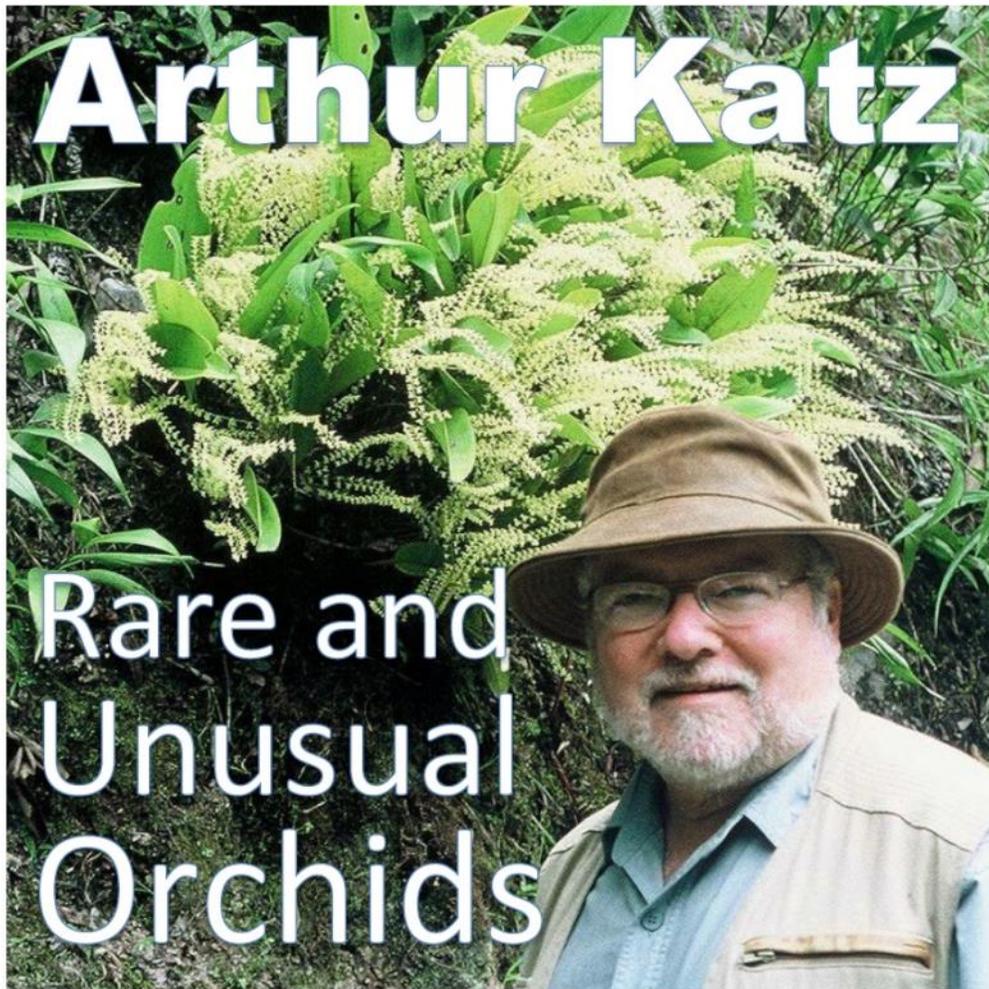




The Orchidist

SFOS January 17th 2018 Program



Our SFOS presenter for January 17th., Arthur Katz has been growing orchids for over 30 years. His orchid interests range from the pleurothalidinae to the phragmepidiums, from the maxillarias to the laelias. In particular, he appreciates the orchids that are unique and unusual.

Arthur is an accredited orchid judge, was Chair of the Mid-Atlantic Judging Center and is now Chair of the Florida North-Central Center. Since 1994, he has taken groups of orchid enthusiasts to Ecuador every year, exploring for orchids in Southeast Ecuador.

Apart from Orchids and socializing with orchid folk, he enjoys traveling and photography. Arthur was a clinical psychologist in private practice in his pre-Florida life. His presentation will be "Rare and Unusual Orchids".

OFE Orchid Supplies will kindly be providing plants for our raffles this month!

President's Message



I was working late. Finishing the last minute details of our Tamiami's OFE booth, when I saw an e-mail from our web/newsletter shaman, asking for my monthly input.

Here is a picture of our Christmas dinner at Longhorn Steakhouse. The dinner was delicious. Our server outdid herself trying to keep up with all our orders. But, her management let her down on her efforts. Still, most of us had a nice evening. There were lots of donated gifts for our annual toys for Tots effort. Plus, we donated all the proceeds from our orchid raffle. A gift of \$150.00 was forwarded in addition to everything else.

I would like to give thanks to all who contributed one way or another to make that evening special.



Housekeeping:

Our January meeting is this Wednesday the 17th. We are featuring Arthur Katz of Vero Beach. He is an AOS judge. With extensive orchid trips throughout South America. And he will talk to us about Rare and unusual Orchids.

The orchid raffle plants will be provided by OFE Orchid Supplies.

Our annual Auction will be during our February meeting. We will need all sorts of volunteers to help us to keep things in order that evening. We take all donations of plants, and orchid paraphernalia for our efforts. Please give generously.

Here is to a Great New Year.

Carlos



ARE TRADERS AND TRAFFICKERS WINNING THE ORCHID BATTLE?

Orchids are wanted for everything from decoration to food and medicine, but illegal collectors could be wiping out species before we even know they exist.

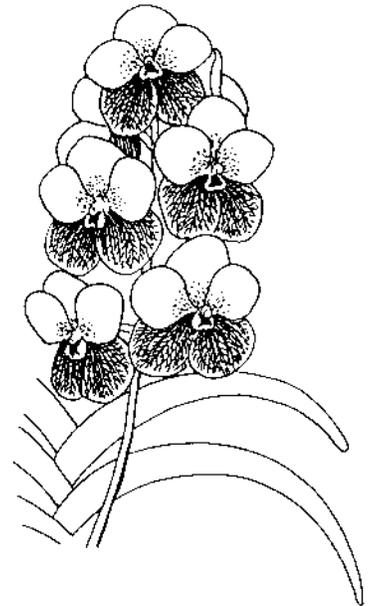
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- **January 19—21, 2018 — Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society 2018 Show 'Orchid Jubilee'**
- **February 21st, 2018—South Florida Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Auction!**





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January 17th 2018 Meeting!

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