



The Orchidist

SFOS March 21st 2018 Program

Peter Kouchalakos will present tonight's program. Peter will lecture on orchid pests and diseases.

Peter and his wife Clara own PCK Orchids. He is a native of Coral Gables, Florida and is past president of the Pan American Orchid Society.

He is also a past president of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida.

Peter is a Florida Nursery Growers Association Certified Horticultural Professional, and a State of Florida licensed Commercial Landscape Pesticide Applicator. He has operated a private

orchid maintenance and consulting business with his wife Clara for the last 10 years. Peter is also a Miami-Dade County Code Violation Appeals Hearing Officer and lawyer.



SFOS Annual Auction Report

I want to say what a great turn out at the February 21st meeting. It was great to see so many people come to the Annual Auction. I sure hope that all of those people will come back and see us again and again.

Second I must tell everyone that the Auction was a success! Mostly because the South Florida Orchid Society didn't have to spend a penny on plants. That is all thanks to the following Orchid Growers who were very generous to me with their donations: Cal Orchids from CA, Carmela Orchids from HI, Dan & Marge Orchids from FL, EFG Orchids from FL, Gold Country from CA, Krull-Smith Orchids from FL, Mac's Orchids from FL, Odom Orchids from FL, Quest Orchids from FL, Soroa Orchids from FL, Wilson Orchids from Taiwan and Sally's Alley Orchids from FL.

I would like to suggest that the next Orchid Show you go to, that you look these fine "Orchid Growers" up and say thanks to them by buying your next orchid from them. A number of the growers are within an hour (give or take because of traffic) or so drive and would like to have you visit them.

Third I would be amiss if I didn't say a HUGE THANK YOU to Lou Lodyga for coming to be our Auctioneer for the evening. Lou knows and has forgotten more about Orchids than we will ever know. Thanks Lou!

I sincerely hope that you all will come and visit and/or join the SFOS and become an active part of our group.

Sally Taylor

Hello all:

Welcome to our March issue of the Orchidist.

Our orchid auction this past February 21st was a great success. Anybody who wanted to bid, was able to take orchids home. We made about 20% more than last year. Regretfully, we had to use some of those funds to pay for a tax liability pending from a few years ago.



Individual entry at Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Naples Orchid Show

My thanks to everybody who helped in our efforts that evening. Special mention goes to all the commercial growers beautiful orchid donations. My thanks to Sally, Dan, Mike, Chris, Crista, and Erna. My special thanks to our auctioneer in charge Lou Lodyga.

Our presenter this month will be Peter Kouchalakos of PCK Orchids. He will talk to us on pest and diseases. Try not to miss his very informative presentation.

We need your help. We work on volunteer labor. We are looking for help with our hosting, refreshment, membership, judging and show committees.

Surprisingly, it only takes an hour a month, just before our regular meeting, the third Wednesday of the month. If you are interested, or just curious, join us in our next board meeting as a guest. We start at 6:00pm right before our regular meeting.

Housekeeping:

We need volunteers to run our society. Please join us.

Here is the rest of our schedule up to July 18th.

MAR 21	PETER KOUCHALAKOS	Orchids Pests and Diseases
APR 18	FRANCISCO MIRANDA	To be determined
MAY 16	ALLAN KOCH	To be determined
JUN 20	YEAR END AWARDS/ NEW BOARD INSTALLATION	
JUL 18	MELANA DAVISON	To be determined

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March 21st 2018 Meeting!

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Members ONLY!



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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

