



The Orchidist

SFOS May 16th 2018 Program

Unfortunately, our scheduled speaker, Alen Koch was forced to cancel at the last moment due to a severe ear infection which prevents him from flying. We hope to reschedule him at a later date.

In his place our show chairman, Dan Christensen of Dan and Margie Orchids has graciously offered to present this month's program which will cover Vandas. Dan will also be providing plants for our raffles.

Dan & Margie have been growing orchids first as hobbyists for over 35 years and as Commercial Growers for nearly 20 years. Dan & Margie's business name is Dan & Margie Orchids located in West Broward just 3 miles west of I-75, approximately ¼ mile North of the intersection of Sheridan Street & 185th Way.

Dan and Margie Orchids have over 12,000 square feet of covered growing space. Currently there are 5 greenhouses.

The nursery specializes in growing Vanda/Ascda. Crosses, Cattleya hybrids, warm growing Oncidium, Dendrobium, and some species.

Dan & Margie Orchids is a family owned business and cater to the small grower, but is capable of handling wholesale inquiries.

The nursery sells orchids, some supplies and will assist any orchid grower with information and re-potting instruction.

The nursery is currently open by appointment Tuesday thru Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

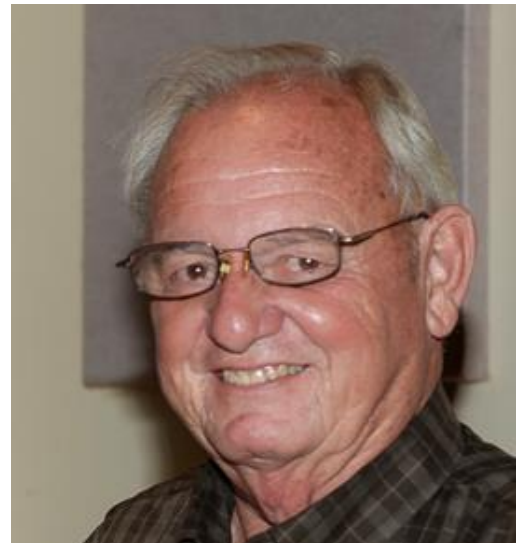
Dan & Margie Orchids can be reached by phone, fax, or e-mail. (damorchid.com)

Dan Christensen has been speaking on general orchid culture, Vanda culture and various subjects related to orchids for over 30 years. He uses the 'common sense' approach to growing. He has been guest lecturer at all local orchid societies. Margie runs the day-to-day business and is an accomplished pottery artist.

Together they run the business, participate in local shows from Tampa to Key West.

Dan is a member of the South Florida Orchid Society Board of Directors. for over 15 years and has served as the president of SFOS for two consecutive terms. He is the SFOS Show Chairman and Treasurer of South Florida Orchid Society.

He has served as a board member of several local societies, Miramar, Gold Coast & South Florida serving in various capacities. He has also auctioneered at SFOS, North Dade, Gold Coast, Sunrise, Plantation, Coral Springs & Flamingo Orchid societies for several years.



Upcoming Events

- **June 20th, —End of fiscal year awards ceremony, new board installation.**
- **July 18th, —Melana Davison, of Orchid Diva, topic to be determined.**

President's Message



Hello all:

Welcome to our May issue of the Orchidist.

Time flies when you are having fun, or so goes the tale.

We started the month of May with the promise of the Redland Orchid Festival. And the much needed beginning of our rain season.

The first one is on schedule. The second one, not so much. Remember to water your orchids and other plants accordingly. Temperatures are raising. Plants' evapotranspiration goes up with them. Time to think about calcium and magnesium additives, such as dolomite, or CaliMagic.

I will continue to bring some of the orchid books from the SFOS library, for you to take home. We are asking for a nominal fee benefiting your society.

Our presenter this month will be Allan Koch of Gold Country Orchids. Allan specializes in miniature Cattleyas. He is a highly regarded AOS orchid judge and orchid grower. Make plans to attend his promisingly interesting and educational presentation.

People with the desire to improve their surroundings WANTED!!! We need your help. Your orchid Society is looking for help with hosting, refreshments, 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.

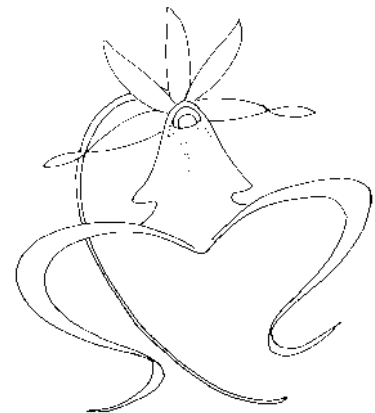
May 16th, Alan Koch, of Gold Country Orchids. Topic to be determined.

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Best growing,

Carlos



April 18th 2018 Judging Report

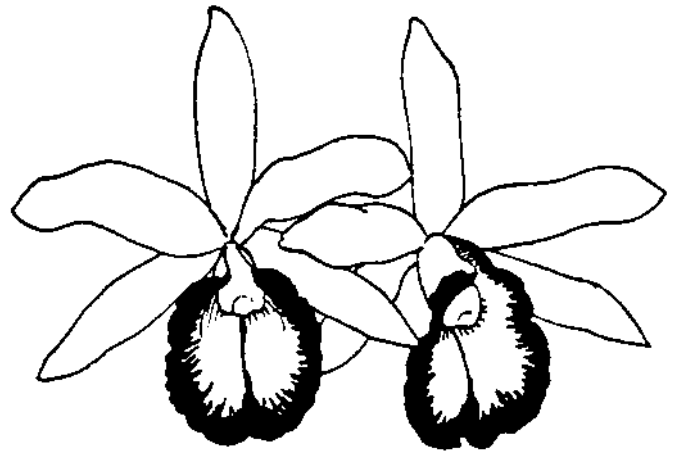
Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Sally Taylor, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- *B. nodosa* 'Mas Mejor' x *B. nodosa* 'Remar' - Steve Rodriguez

The judges hope to see more plants at the May Meeting. For entering plants you will receive an extra raffle ticket. Please have your entries in place before 7:30 PM.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.



B. nodosa 'Mas Mejor' x *B. nodosa* 'Remar' - Steve Rodriguez

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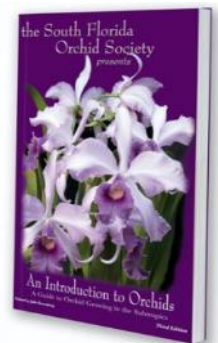
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It's once again time for all our members to send in their dues for the coming year. Please do so as soon as possible.



May 16th 2018 Meeting!



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One Ticket Per Member!

Members ONLY!



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Submissions from members are always appreciated. If you have an orchid growing tip that works for you, we want to know about it. You don't need to send anything fancy. A simple text file will do. If you have photos, send them along too. We'll take it from there. You will, of course, receive credit for your submission.

Please send your submission to ...

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

