



The Orchidist

SFOS July 18th 2018 Program

Jim and Melana Davison — *L. anceps* – the species and its hybrids.

Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim's appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. He works as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva." They have plans to eventually open their own retail nursery.. Together, Jim and Melana have 7 grown children and five grandchildren. They live in Homestead with their 4 dogs, four of the five grandchildren and 3,000 plus orchids.



They specialize in *L. anceps*, *C. walkeriana*, and *C. aelandiae*. The "L. anceps" presentation will showcase Jim's favorite species, *L. anceps*. Aspects of both the species and hybrids will be discussed.

Dan Christensen of Dan & Margie Orchids will kindly be providing plants for our raffle tables this month.

Remember! Guests are always welcome at our meetings!

Upcoming Events

- **August 15th, 2018— Segundo Cuesta of Quest Orchids**
- **September 19th, 2018—Martin Motes of Motes Orchids**
- **September 29th—30th, 2018 — 72nd Miami International Orchid Show, "Orchid Holiday"**
- **October 17th, 2018—Thanh Nguyen of Springwater Orchids**
- **November 21st, 2018—Jose Esposito of Soroa Orchids**
- **December 19th, 2018 Holiday Dinner at Shorty's BBQ in Doral.**

President's Message

Hello my fellow SFOS Members,

I can truly say I never expected to be doing this again! This will make my fifth year as President of the society.

For those of you who don't know the story - see me at a meeting and I'll be glad to tell it to you. I have taken this job, again, because I'm sort of the one who was responsible for Carlos Cahiz and Dan Christensen getting so involved on the Board of Directors. I know that Carlos and Dan have a lot on their plates and since I feel a little responsible for that - I have agreed to put a little more on my plate.

I have promised to make as many of the Meetings as I can. Just for your information I'm doing this from Port Wentworth, GA. I'm on my way to West Friendship, Maryland and then the next week I will be in Madison, Ohio and should make it home in time for the meeting. My dogs are entered in two sets of shows - I hope to bring home some ribbons.

I would like to encourage you to come out and take part in our meetings - we have some new people on the Board and we are always looking for more to help. There will be things to do at the upcoming show in September - see Dan if you can help - I'm sure he will point you in the right direction.

If you know of someone that would make a great Speaker for one of our meetings - don't be afraid to give us the name - we will be trying to fill in next year's calendar.

Don't forget to bring something for the Refreshment Table - it is worth a bonus ticket for the raffle table. Don't forget to bring in your plants (with blooms) for judging - they need to be there by 7:30. We have many Plagues that didn't get a name added to them this year - let change that for the next Awards Meeting.

I don't want to forget to say a BIG "Thank You" to Ron Hunt for agreeing to stick it out this year with us - our Publications Man. Also Erna Maxwell for doing all the work with the Judging - Thank You. Thanks also to Julie Rosenberg and Ron Hunt for the work that goes into the picture taking and recording of points. Thanks also to the new Board members and to the returning Board members - let's all have a good time and work together for the good of the Society. To Carlos and Dan - I hope things will get a little easier for you too special people - I'm not sure I should thank you for this job!

I guess that is about enough for this message.

See you at the Meeting on July 18th.

Sally

MEMBERS - the rules for the "Bring a Guest" contest -

1. Each member that brings a visitor (one or more) will receive a seeding plant (plants are coming from Carmela Orchids).
2. Each visitor (that is a guest of a member) will also receive a plant.
3. For the member who has the most of their visitors join the Society there will be a plant waiting at the end of the year.
4. There will be a notebook on the Hospitality Table - the members will be on the Honor System - to record on your page the information about your visitor. If you don't record it you will not be in the running for a larger plant at the end of the year. Since this is a new thing - I'm trying - I get to make up the rules as we go - or as needed!

INVITE, INVITE, INVITE!!!

SFSO Annual Awards!



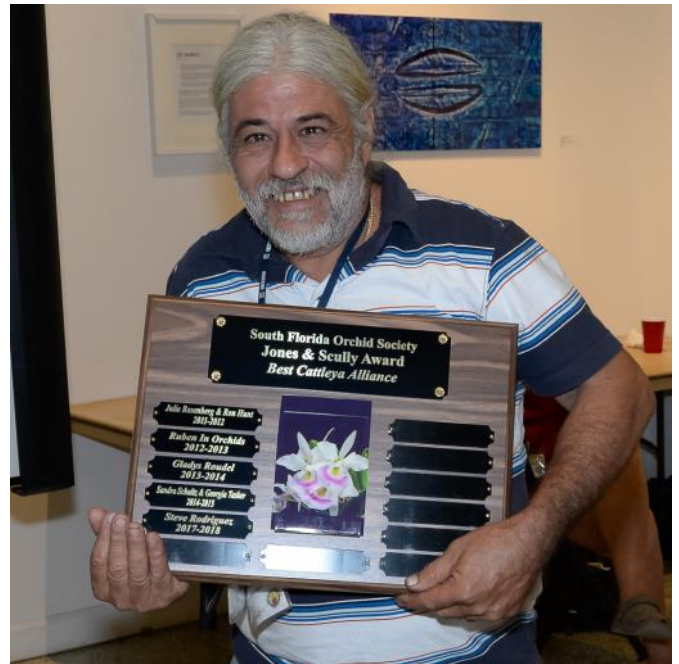
Steve Rodriguez had the most medal points this year



Silver medal winner Steve Rodriguez with Carlos Cahiz



Ralph Hernandez collected the most ribbon points this year



Steve Rodriguez won the Jones & Scully Award this year



Swearing in of our new officers and board members for the coming year!



Certificates of Appreciation to our intrepid board members and volunteers





I have no idea who these people are but I think some of them may be SFOOS judges!

And what party would be a party without a birthday, and CAKE!?!
Happy Birthday Jennifer...



... and Dave!!!

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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.



July 18th 2018 Meeting!

1 Free Raffle Ticket

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One Ticket Per Member!

Members ONLY!



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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

