



# The Orchidist

## SFOS January 16 2019 Program

Even before 1988, when he received his degree in Ornamental Horticulture from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, Norman Fang was already immersed in orchids. While still a student, he managed the Raymond Burr Orchid Collection on campus. Two scholarships to study plant tissue culture also allowed him to study under Dr. Murashige at the University of California and Dr. Tanabe at the University of Hawaii.

In 1986, he started his renowned nursery, Norman's Orchids, based in both California and Taiwan. His parents, brother and sister soon joined him in the company as it grew, and he wisely was the first to secure the domain name of [www.orchids.com](http://www.orchids.com). Exhibiting at shows across the US, he has received more than 400 AOS flower quality awards and 20 AOS Show Trophies. In addition, he was honored in 2005 with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Agriculture at Cal Poly in Pomona.

As the second youngest judge to become fully accredited, Norman has traveled around the world to judge orchid shows, from Asia to South Africa, from Canada to South America. In 1996, with Paul Bechtel, he initiated AOS Judging at the Taiwan International Orchid Show and since then has served as the AOS Judging Coordinator for the show. He has also long served as the AOS Representative for the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association. As a result of these relationships, he has been instrumental in bridging the license agreement with TOGA and the Taiwan Paphiopedilum Society to include their award records in Orchids Plus.

As a former Vice President of the American Orchid Society and having also chaired their Development Committee, he is currently serving on their Public Relations Committee. In addition to these AOS volunteer activities, he's a Founding Member and Regional Director of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, currently celebrating its 25th year!

As an active member of several affiliated societies, Norman is a sought-after guest speaker for society meetings, shows and conferences. He generously supports Judging Centers, societies and the AOS with generous financial, scholarship and plant donations.

Recently, he became the Orchid Advisor for the famed KBCC at Pintung, Taiwan [辜嚴倬雲植物保種中心](#)



## President's Message

Hi SFOS Members

I hope you all have had a great Holiday Season and that the New Year is being good to you. I know now it is back to the old grind.

We had a great Holiday Party in December and I think everyone had a good time. The food was good (I had enough left over for lunch on Thursday). The Holiday Plants supplied by Dan and Marge Orchids were really great and some (almost all) were in bud or bloom thank you Dan and Marge for our gifts. Thanks also for bringing Food for the Hungry and or Toys for Tots. Thanks also to Dan for putting the evening together for us.

I'm on my way to Brooksville for a Dog Show and I will miss the January Meeting. However, I know the Speaker that has been lined up and I know that you all will enjoy the presentation.

You all know this is the month that starts the Orchid Shows and Festivals for 2019. Save your money and plan to attend as many of them as you can. If you can't get to one of the Orchid events this month - remember that our Society is having our Annual Auction on February 20, 2019. If you have 2 or 3 of the same orchid plant I would like to ask you to help us out and donate it (or them) to the auction.

I'm out of time and things to say.

Sally--President



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### **American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Dr. Ron McHatton**

**Tuesday, January 29th, 2019 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST *Open to all***

Please join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchid. He will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send your questions and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by Tuesday, January 22nd. Remember to include pictures.

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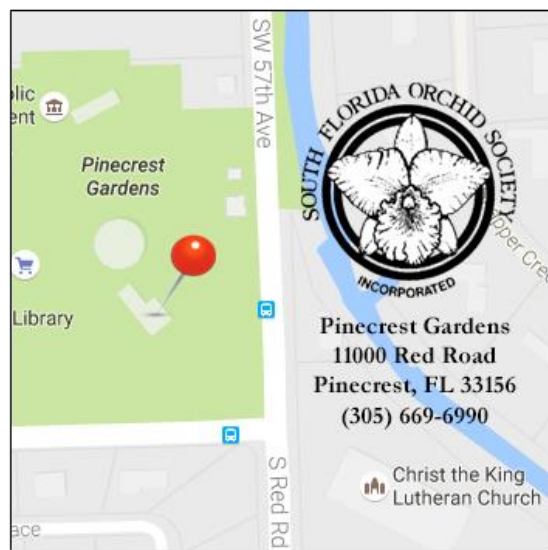
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January 16th 2019 Meeting!

**1 Free Raffle Ticket**

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

