

The Orchidist

SFOS August 21 2019 Program

im 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. Until his recent retirement, he worked 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." Now that Jim is retired, their plans for their own retail nursery are full steam ahead. 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.



Their interest in the Phalaenopsis species, bellina type especially, come from taking care of over 2,000 phalaenopsis of one of their clients. They have grown to love and appreciate this genus and its species more than they ever thought they would!



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Jim and Melana will kindly be providing plants for our raffle table as well is having plants to sell.

President's Message

Greetings to all the members of South Florida Orchid Society. Thank you to everyone who attended our July Membership Meeting. Melida Demorizi, gave a very informative presentation on a topic she loves...the culture & care of Vanda's. She stayed after & answered many questions for those in the audience.

Two guests attended with us in July, invited by member Annette Rodriguez, & all three were pleased to receive a small orchid plant, provided by Carmela Orchids Inc of Hawaii, thru the efforts of Sally Taylor, First Vice President of SFOS. Invite a guest to our August meeting, & you & your guest will also be given one of these beautiful small orchid plants.

Our guest speakers in August will be Jim & Melana Davison, owners of Jim-N-I Orchids LLC who will be sharing their enthusiasm & knowledge of Phalaenopsis bellina. Please join me in welcoming them as speakers at SFOS.

We are now about 2 months away from our **73rd MIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW "ORCHID TREASURES",**which will be held Oct 5th & 6th, 2019 at the Watsco
Center on the University of Miami Campus, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day.

Dan Christensen, our Show Chair, will be giving an update on the preparations at our August meeting. We are still asking for more SFOS members to volunteer for a shift at our SFOS Hospitality Table. We have some time slots we need to fill, & the sign-up sheets will be available at the door when you arrive at this upcoming meeting. It is an interesting experience, & certainly an opportunity to talk not just to people who may be avid collectors, but also the chance to welcome new visitors to our SFOS Show that may be there to find & purchase their first orchid...their very own "ORCHID TREASURE".

A special shout-out this month to Ron Hunt. He is always working behind the scenes photographing the orchids brought in by members for Show & Tell & for Judging. But as many of you may not know, he is also the Editor of this Newsletter & works diligently sending it out to us each month, so that we may all stay in the loop of what is happening within the South Florida Orchid Society Community. When you see him, please remember to say...Thank you Ron!!!

The new Membership Badges are in, so ask for yours when you check-in at the Members Table. Please wear it at each meeting, so that everyone can learn your name & also to receive a free "members raffle ticket". Hope to see you at our August meeting & to quote our own very enthusiastic member Annette Rodriguez..."Buy more tickets!"

Chris Alger



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July 17 2019 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- Pda. Usha 'Mem. Herminia Travieso' SM/SFOS Steve Rodriguez
- Enc. breviflora Steve Rodriguez
- Phal. cornu-cervi v. chattaladae ('Orchid Classic x 'Grove')- Steve Rodriguez
- V. Crownfox (Mem. Carol Wiegel x vietnamica) Ralph Hernandez
- Enc. cochleata Jim and Linda Wheeler

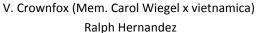
Red Ribbons:

- Blc. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua' Steve Rodriguez
- Paph. praestans Steve Rodriguez
- Gram. scriptum v. citrinum Steve Rodriguez
- Sobralia decora Ralph Hernandez
- Eria convallarioides Javier Morejon
- Dyakia hendersoniana ('Kelsie'x'Ryan') Maria Almodovar

Thank you for showing your blooms. We look forward to more next month.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.







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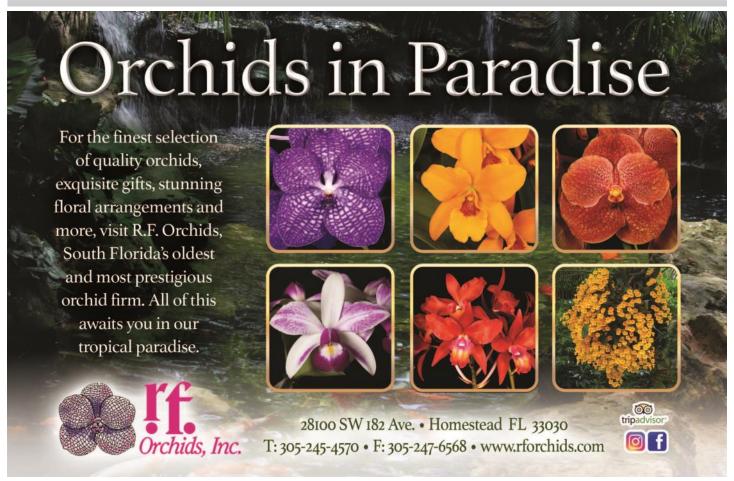
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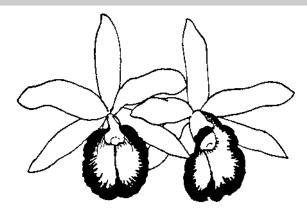
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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

