



The Orchidist

SFOS November 20th 2019 Program

Omar Gonzalez

A chemist by trade and botanist at heart. I have found orchid growing a rewarding and enjoyable hobby. Work skills are used and are enjoyable for change. Solving problems is another aspect I enjoy.

I had moved back to Miami from Iowa in 2011 when I met a man that gave me some orchids: Spathoglottis, Vanilla, and Sobralia. It took a while for me to give up on a vegetable garden. Eventually I attended an orchid show before my first trip to Hawaii. I visited Akatsuka, Carmela, and became even more obsessed in Orchids. Upon my return, I started growing seedlings under lights, after a year it was obvious that I needed a big yard. An opportunity to volunteer at the Bonnet House gave me



lots of hands on experience in managing a Vandaceous collection. From then on, I would learn from anyone that would talk to me, seeking out knowledgeable growers,

attending society meetings throughout Florida. I would attend every orchid show from Miami to Fort Pierce. Especially if they had lectures. Eventually some growers took a liking to me and they were a pleasure to get to know. All their wisdom was used to make my collection grow and I figure out how to make them thrive through trial and error. In that time I cannot tell you of how many plants were lost due to being a stranger in my own back yard. I have gone on to do orchid seed culture, hybrids, as well as caring for collections in private homes or businesses. I enjoy growing a myriad of genera, thanks to Springwater Orchids, Redhawk Orchids, Bill Thoms, Andy's Orchids, Tamiami Festival, Redland Festival, you get the picture. My hands on experience is extensive with Cattleya, and Vandaceous. I also take care of private collections.

Come hear me share the monsters divided, finding the best conditions for orchids, the pests and diseases and many other topics if time allows.

Lessons Learned: Wisdom from Growers and Orchid Growing. The hands on approach to orchid growing. Many failures and long awaited bloom teach more than we knew beforehand. I will share a presentation that will give some practical orchid care guidance.

Omar will kindly be providing plants for our raffle table and will also have plants to sell.

Holiday Party Notes...members are encouraged to bring only non-perishable food to give to those less fortunate families for the holidays. We are not collecting toys this year.

We will have a box at this months meeting for non perishable food items which will save members from having to remember to bring them to the Holiday Party.

REMEMBER: You can use your credit card to pay for your dinner at the next meeting, but ALL attendees must be prepaid prior to the Holiday Party.

President's Message

Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members.

Thank you to our Member, Carlos Cahiz from OFE for the very extensive & detailed presentation at our October Meeting on caring for orchids. As most of you know, Carlos is our "in house" expert on the products which are currently recommended for obtaining the best desired growth & bloom from your orchids, while also having preventative & beneficial control of any unwanted pests, fungus or viruses. He is always available at our monthly meetings, so be sure to reach out to him with your questions or concerns.

Carlos also supplied the very beautiful blooming orchid plants offered on the October raffle table. Another Member, Julie Rosenberg, Editor of our Culture Book, is a dedicated part of the team which judges & awards the orchids you bring in at the beginning of each meeting for Judging & Show & Tell. So, we asked for Julie's assistance to choose the very best orchid from among the raffle plants to be given out to a South Florida Orchid Society Member as the prize on the Member's Only Drawing. A new member which had just joined was the lucky recipient at the October meeting. The second orchid Julie chose, was given to a member who brought in food for our refreshment table. We will continue to do this each month.

So, please be sure to bring your Membership Card with you to each meeting, & show it to the Hospitality Table Volunteers to receive your courtesy raffle coupon for the Membership Drawing. And, of course, also let them know if you have brought food. We will have temporary name tag for you, in case you need one.

Our First Vice-President Sally Taylor, will be sending out the 2020 Membership Renewal notices by mail at the beginning of December. You do not need to wait until January 1st to mail in a check. She will be available at the November meeting to take your payment (\$30.00 for Individual & \$40.00 for Family), & give you a receipt. Make sure if you have any changes in your contact information to give it to Sally, so that she can make the necessary corrections in the Roster.

We hope to see you at our Holiday Party in December which will be held this year at the Olive Garden

Restaurant. Seating is limited, so we are asking everyone to make their Reservation by the November Meeting. You may pay the \$25.00 for Members or Guests by check, cash or credit card. The food will be delicious, the atmosphere festive, & all Members which attend, will receive a gift Orchid Plant from our Society. We always have a very good time at our Holiday Party.

If you are planning on giving someone an orchid plant as a gift during the holidays or for any other occasion, you may want to purchase a copy of The South Florida Orchid Culture Book "AN INTRODUCTION TO ORCHIDS" at our meeting to give with an orchid. And, of course, you can always invite someone as a guest to attend one of our meetings. We thank our first-time guests for attending with a small gift orchid plant, & you as the Member that invites that guest also receives a gift orchid plant. We do this, because as an Orchid Society, we want to share our knowledge & passion for orchids with others & invite them to consider becoming a Member.

At the suggestion of Sally Taylor our current Membership Chair, the SFOS Board, has sent out a first-class mailing to invite many of those who attended our recent South Florida Show "Orchid Treasures" to be a guest at our November Meeting. A huge big THANK YOU to Member Nancy Crisler & her family, for volunteering many hours of entering the names & addresses, creating the mailing list & printing out the Post Card Invitations. If you see a visitor at our meetings, please introduce yourself, thank them for coming & help them to feel welcome. And, remember to thank Sally & Nancy for the donations they have contributed to our SFOS 2020 Membership Drive. And, thank you again to everyone who volunteered at the Show, greeting the attendees, gathering the information on the raffle coupons, acting as Ambassadors, & introducing people to The South Florida Orchid Society.

In the past, SFOS has always given generously so that other families will have food on the table for their holiday meal. Member Dan Christensen will be collecting your non-perishable food donations at our November Meeting, or you may bring them with you to the Holiday Party.

Hope to see you on November 20th,
Chris Alger, President

The Membership Renewal notices are scheduled to be mailed on December 2, 2019. This will give you the month of December to write your check and mail it. Or simply bring your check to the November Meeting (11/20) or the Holiday Party (12/18). And I'll give you a receipt on the spot. I will have New Membership Cards ready for you to pick-up at the February 19, 2020 Meeting - that is our Annual Auction Night.

We'll be welcoming 8 New Members at the Nov. 20th Meeting. Please come and welcome our new members!

Sally Taylor — Membership Chair

South Florida Orchid Society Awards

- Best Commercial Grower Table Top- Soroa Orchids -\$300 cash award
- Grand Champion Orchid-Bc. Florida Stars-Fla.Suncoast Orchids-\$100 cash award
- First Place table top-Orchid Society-Asociacion de Orquideologia de America-\$100 cash award
- Second Place table top –Orchid Society-Sociedad de Orquidistas Latinamerican-SOL-\$75 cash award
- Third Place table top-Orchid Society of Coral Gables-\$50 cash award
- Honorable mention-Place table top- -Coalition of Orchid Species-\$25 cash award

American Orchid Society Awards

- First Place Society Exhibit-Tabletop- Asociacion de Orquideologia de America
- Second Place Society Exhibit-Tabletop-Coral Gables Orchid Society
- Third Place Society Exhibit-Tabletop- Sociedad de Orquidistas Latinamerican
- Best Encyclia-Coalition of Orchid Species
- First Place Commercial-AOS Best Orchids Display- -Soroa Orchids
- First Place Hobby Class-Tabletop-Curtis Lutchman
- Best Dendrobium species-Den.shiraishii-Krull Smith
- Best Miscellaneous plant-Hobbyist-Ctsm.Frilly Doris x OrchidgladesPlantio La Orquidea
- Best Oncidium –Zelenkoa venusta-Orquidea de Valle
- Best Phaleanopsis-Phal.bellina Krull's Perfection FCC/AOS-Krull Smith
- Cyripedioideae Trophy and Best Slipper--Paph. Lenachilum-Curtis Lutchman
- Best in Class-Laeliinae Trophy & Best Cattleya-Blc.Keowee Vi' Galaxy-SOL
- Best White Cattleya Trophy-B. nodosa'Quest'-Quest Orchids
- Best In class Vanda-RNPS Lion's Splendor-individual
- Grand Champion-Ctsm.Frilly Doris x Ctsm.Orchidglade'Davie Ranches'-Plantio La Orquidea
- Best Speciman Plant-Bc.Florida Stars-Florida Suncoast Orchids
- Reserve Grand Champion-B.nodosa-Quest Orchids
- Best Vandaceous-Hobby class-V.Duke Thai-individual
- Miscellaneous Genera Trophy-Ctsm. Richard Fulford-individual
- Best in Class-Oncidium
- BCD.Guilded Tower'Magie Maze'-individual
- Best Dendrobium-Hobby class- Den.Rambo-individual
- Best Phalaenopsis-Hobby class-Phal.Ox Honey-individual

SFOS Annual Holiday Party

Please join us for our annual holiday party which will be held at the Olive Garden Restaurant (8201 W. Flagler St, Miami Florida 33144 on Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 (our regular meeting night) at 6:30PM.

Cost is \$25.00 per person for both members and guests.

Our menu consists of the following...

Spaghetti & Meatballs



Lasagna Classico



Eggplant Parmigiana



Chicken Giardino



Fettuccine Alfredo



All entrees include unlimited freshly baked breadsticks, homemade soup or famous house salad, fountain drinks, fresh brewed iced tea, hot coffee, tea and choice of mini dessert dolci

Each member will also receive a blooming size holiday plant!

Seating is limited to about 50 persons so please make your reservations early. Payment must be made in advance. We will be accepting cash, checks or major credit cards. We will have credit card machines at both the October and, if necessary, November meetings.

October 16 2019 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Pedro Bonetti and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- Paph. leucochilum ('Butterfly Wing' x 'Yukochi 2013')- Pedro Bonetti
- Lc. Featherrae 'Misty Blue' - Steve Rodriguez
- Ctmds. Dragon's Glade - Steve Rodriguez
- Vasco. Crownfox Magic 'Dulce' - Daisy Wortel
- Bc. Florida Stars 'Ion Drive' - Steve Rodriguez
- Enc. hamiltonii - Steve Rodriguez

Red Ribbons:

- Cyc. Maren Gleason - Pedro Bonetti
- Clty Chantilly Lace 'Twinkle' x C. leopoldi 'Mendenhall' Lisa Coello
- Blc. Keowee 'Vi Galaxy' - Steve Rodriguez
- V. Noppadol Delight (Gardner Violet x Manuvadee 'Blue') - Steve Rodriguez
- V. Conference Gold - Daisy Wortel
- V. Mary Takahashi - Daisy Wortel

Thank you for showing your blooms. We look forward to more flowers next month. Please have your plants entered for judging before 7:30 PM. Judging will start promptly at that time.

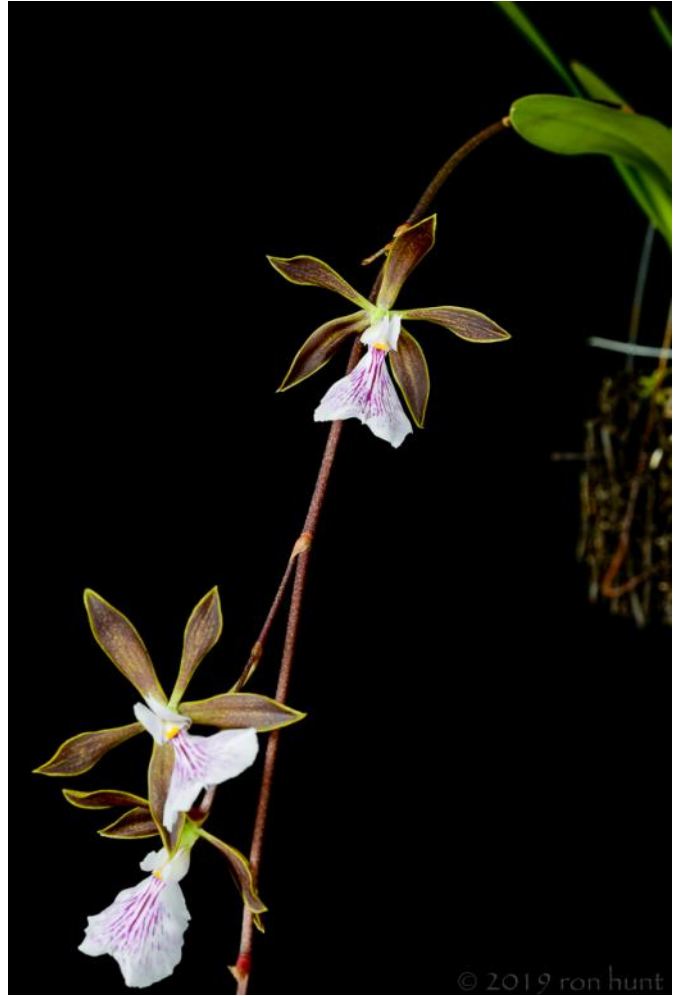
Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.



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November 20th 2019

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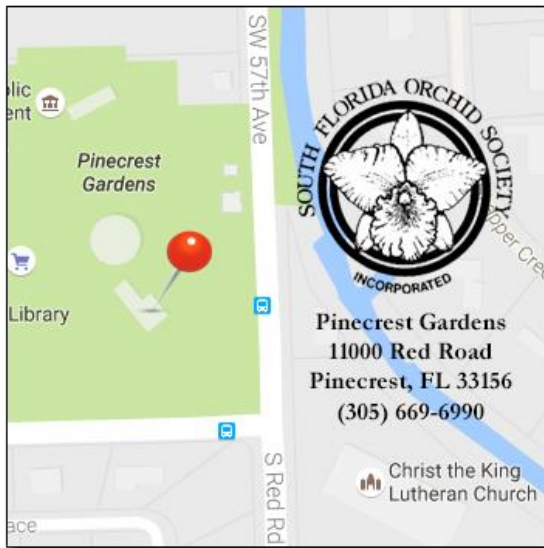
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Please send your submission to ...

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

