



# The Orchidist

## SFOS January 15 2020 Program

Our Speaker for January will be a longtime friend of the South Florida Orchid Society - Sheldon Takasaki of Carmela Orchids in HakaLau, Hawaii.

Sheldon first came to the Miami area for the World Orchid Conference in 1984 and has been a great friend of SFOS ever since. I'm not sure what else I could tell you about Sheldon and Carmela Orchids that I have not said in the past year or so. Many of you who know me also know that I usually help Carmela Orchids at local Orchid Shows - well not only local - in that I did go to New York to help Sheldon one year - in May and never got warm the whole weekend. Of course I have helped unpack plants at the nursery in Hawaii too! Not to mention unpacking plants in my driveway.

Sheldon and his wife Pearl have raised a beautiful family - 2 girls who are both married and each of them has a young daughter - 1 son who you are likely to see at some of the shows here in South Florida.



Sheldon Takasaki

Sheldon's topic for our January meeting will be his 10 Favorite Orchids and Other Things. If you have not heard Sheldon speak - come out and join us - bring a friend - I promise that you will not regret the evening.

The RAFFLE TABLE will also be provided by Carmela Orchids and if I know Sheldon (as I think I do) it will not disappoint either. See you on January 15th, 2020.

Sally

## A Message from the Membership Chair

Thank you, thank you to all of the members who have already paid their 2020 Membership Dues! I don't have an exact count but I believe that about 75% of our members have already renewed their dues. I will be at the meeting on January 15th and will be happy to take you check and renewal information at that time therefore saving you a postage stamp.

**Remember that if you bring a first time visitor to the meeting - you each will get a plant.**

See you at the meeting.

Thank you for all the help you have given by this past few months.

Sally Taylor

Membership Chair

## President's Message

Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members,

We said goodbye to 2019 in style. Our SFOS Holiday Party at The Olive Garden Restaurant was very well attended. The private room was full of SFOS Members & their guests. We enjoyed a delicious meal. There was lots of lively conversation. And...lots of anticipation to see who would go home with one of the orchid in bloom centerpieces. As is our custom, each SFOS member received an orchid plant for their holiday gift from the Society. If you were not able to attend this year, maybe next time you will be able to join us.

Thank you for all the non-perishable food donations you brought in the last few months. Dan Christensen said the bags filled his van when he delivered them. 10 families received food to put on their table for the holidays. This should make everyone feel really good. We started collecting several months before the Holiday Party, & I hope we can do the same thing next time.

We continue to see new members join. Our Membership dues are very important, & help to support all of our programming during the year. If you invited a guest & they have joined our Society...I salute you. Remember, if you invite a first-time guest

to attend a SFOS meeting, they will receive a gift Orchid plant & so will you.

I am looking forward to hearing our guest speaker on January 15th. Sheldon Takasaki, of Carmela Orchids travels a long way from Hakalau, Hawaii to share his extensive knowledge & experience growing Orchids with us. It is a really good night to invite a friend to visit SFOS.

And on February 19th, we will hold our Annual Orchid Auction. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their Membership Dues for 2020. Sally Taylor, our SFOS Membership Chair, will be at the January meeting, & will be available for you to pay your renewal. Make sure you let her know if there has been any changes in your contact information, as she is preparing the 2020 Membership Roster.

Looking forward to welcoming everyone to the New Year at our January meeting. See you then.

Chris Alger, President

South Florida Orchid Society



This street banner from the 61st Miami International Orchid Show which was held at the Miami Beach Convention Center in 2006 is one of many orchid related items that will be auctioned off at our annual orchid auction on Wednesday, February 19th, 2020.

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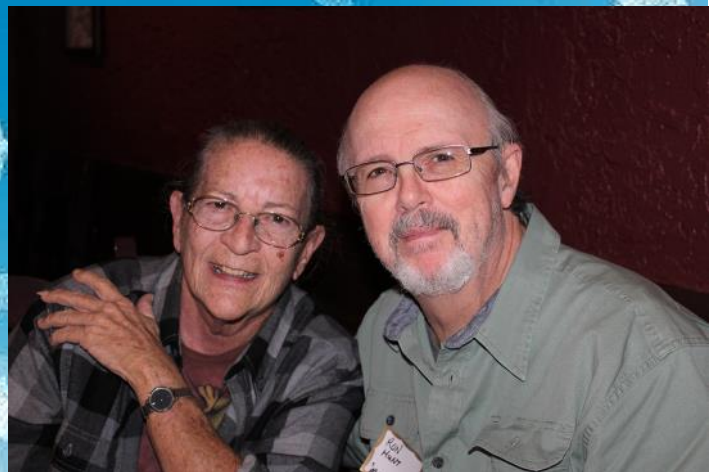
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# SFOS Holiday Party!





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January 15th 2020 Meeting!

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Expiration Date: 01/15/20

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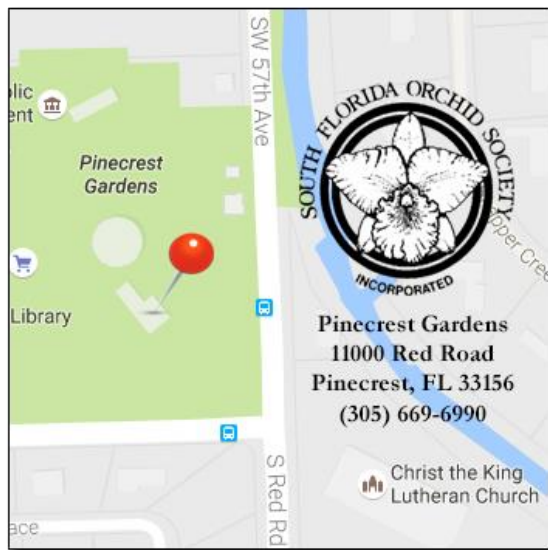
Registration of plants is from 7:00-7:30 PM.  
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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

