



The Orchidist

SFOS February 19, 2020 Program



The South Florida Orchid Society

Presents Our Annual Orchid Auction

Wednesday, February 19th, 2020

We Have Bargains Galore On Orchids!

Visitors Always Welcome!

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Preview From 7:30 to 8:00PM

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President's Message

Greetings to all South Florida Members,

Hope this Newsletter finds everyone in good health & enjoying the cooler weather.

We had a great speaker at our meeting in January...Sheldon Takasaki (a long-time Member of SFOS), from Carmela Orchids in Hawaii. Thank you Sheldon for the beautiful plants you supplied for our Raffle Table. And, one very lucky person (a first-time visitor), won the \$100.00 gift certificate you so generously provided. I am sure he had a nice time shopping at your booth at the recent Tamiami International Orchid Show.

Also, thanks goes out to Sandy at Broward Orchid Supply who in addition to Carmela Orchids has also provided savings certificates for our New Member Kits. It was good to hear that you redeemed them for some of our New SFOS Members shopping at the Tamiami International Orchid Show.

SFOS held a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday 2/5/2020 to finalize plans for our upcoming Annual SFOS Auction. We have obtained some beautiful plants from Orchid Vendors (a shout out to Steve & Annette Rodriguez for helping to make this happen), & we will be obtaining more plants this weekend from some additional vendors thru the efforts of Sally Taylor.

Look for recognition of these & other Vendors at our SFOS Auction on Wednesday 2/19/2020.. And we always ask, if any of our members have divisions or Orchid plants you can donate for Auction night, it will help make this important Fund-Raiser for our Society even more successful. Also, it has been suggested that we have extra refreshments available for our members & visitors, & that "finger foods" would be ideal. This is a good night to invite a visitor. Auctions are not just fun. It can be a chance to

make a bid on an Orchid you have wanted to add to your collection, so come early at 7:30 pm so that you can preview the Orchids. Make sure that if you invite a first-time visitor that they sign-in...We want to be able to say thank you to them & to you for inviting them with an Orchid plant gift.

By now, most of you should have your new 2020 SFOS Membership Badge. We will have clip-on type badge holders available at the Hospitality Table for those of you that received your badge in the mail. Please wear your Membership Badge at the meetings so that other Members & Guests can learn your name. And, also when you show your 2020 Membership Badge you will receive a Members Only Raffle ticket at the Hospitality Table for the meetings that we have Raffle Plants.

Do you have questions you have wanted to ask about growing & caring for your Orchids? Look for "THE ORCHID DOCTORS" box at the meetings. Our resident experts will do their best to answer your

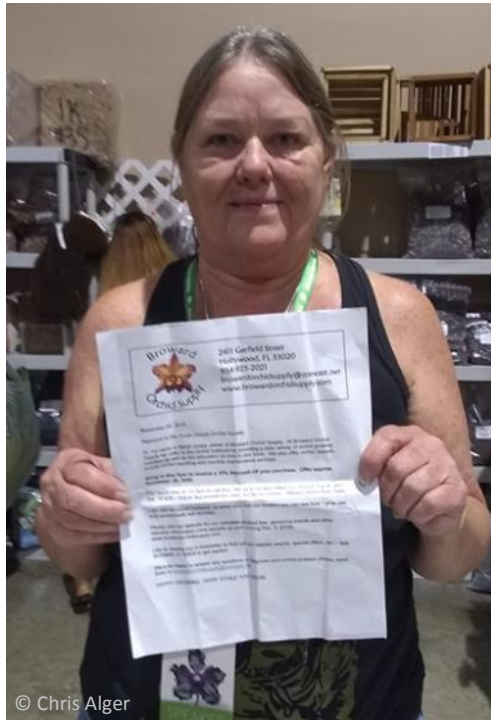
questions & we will post your question with an answer in our Newsletter. You may remain anonymous or you can put your initials on your question.

Also, we now have SFOS shirts available for purchase in a beautiful Royal Blue color, with our logo custom embroidered. You will start seeing some of our members wearing their shirts on Auction night. You can place an order for yours at the Hospitality table.

As always, if you have any information you want to share, please send your article to Ron Hunt our Newsletter Editor. And, if there is a speaker you would like to hear, please let Carlos Cahiz our Program Chair know.

See everyone on Auction night!

Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society



Membership Corner

What a wonderful time we all had at the January 15th, 2020 SFOS Meeting! You all know that Sheldon Takasaki of Carmela Orchids in Hawaii is like family to me - now any of you who attended the January 15th meeting know why. Sheldon speaks to us as a friend and is just one of us. The Raffle Table Sheldon provided was just over the top.

I was so pleased that we had visitors in attendance on January 15th. Dorsey Goosby was invited by Maria Almodovar and Marty and Winnie Voigt believe it or not were invited by me - the Voigt's were visiting from Germany and I invited them during the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show. Maria and our visitors all went home with a small orchid plant. Remember invite someone and if they show up you both get a plant.

We also have two new members - Gloria S. Quero and Michelle Lewis - we wanted to be sure they got their Membership Kits and would be able to use the coupons in their kits at either the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show or Tamiami Orchid Festival.

Also at the January meeting Alexis Dominguez and Nuria Cid submitted a joint application and we will look forward to welcoming them as members soon.

I want to thank everyone who has sent me their 2020 renewals. By this time, if you missed the January meeting - you should have received your new 2020 Membership Badge in the mail. Remember your 2020 Membership Badge when you come to the meetings - no 2020 Badge no Member Raffle Ticket.

We also have SFOS shirts that can be ordered at the meeting. They are a beautiful royal blue with our SFOS Logo. Order sheets will be on the Welcome table at the meetings.

Thank you all for your cooperation and help - our hope is that your membership in the SFOS will be important to you! We are trying to make sure that your membership in the SFOS is also a great value as well.

Sally Taylor--Membership Chair



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SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY now has Shirts available! A beautiful Royal Blue!

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- 3XL at \$28.00



The shirts can be seen at our meetings and orders placed at that time. All shirts must be paid for when ordered. Watch an up-coming newsletter for a good reason to wear your new shirts to the meetings.

January 15 2020 Judging Report

Judges: Sally Taylor, Julie Rosenberg and Erna Maxwell.

Blue Ribbons:

- *C. trianae* v. *amesiana* - Steve Rodriguez
- *V. Petite Bouquet* - Steve Rodriguez
- Bl. Yellow Bird - Steve Rodrigues
- *Rhy. gigantea* v. *alba* - Lisa Coello
- *Spath. lobbii* - Ralph Hernandez

Red Ribbons:

- Pot. Sakura Candy 'Hello Kitty' - Steve Rodriguez
- *Cirr. putidum* - Lisa Coello

- *C. lueddemanniana* 'Dark' - Lisa Coello
- *Rhy. gigantea* 'Peach' - Lisa Coello
- *Rhy. gigantea* 'Pale Peach' - Lisa Coello
- *Onc. cheirophorum* - Ralph Hernandez

White Ribbons:

- *Rhy. gigantea* - Lisa Coello

Thank you for showing your plants. We look forward to your blooms in March. Remember that you will receive an extra raffle ticket for showing your plants.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.



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US Postal Service to Issue Wild Orchids Forever Stamps on February 21st



Coral Gables, FL — The U.S. Postal Service will celebrate the beauty of Wild Orchids in South Florida on Friday, Feb. 21. The First-Day-Of-Issue (FDOI) dedication ceremony, free and open to the public, will take place at 11 a.m. at the American Orchid Society Library at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156.

Meet Author, Horticulture Write, and Pulitzer Prize Finalist Georgia Tasker. She wrote “Wild Things, The Return of Native Plants,” “Enchanted Ground, Gardening with Nature in the Subtropics,” co-authored “Florida Gardening Guide” and “Florida, Getting Started Garden Guide.” She is a contributor to “Florida Bay Forever, A Story of Water from the Everglades to the Keys.” She has completed four in a series of handbooks, “Gardening with Fairchild,” including “Growing Orchids in South Florida.”

Each stamp features a photograph of one of these nine species: *Cypripedium californicum*, *Hexalectris spicata*, *Cypripedium reginae*, *Spiranthes odorata*, *Triphora trianthophoros*, *Platanthera grandiflora*, *Cyrtopodium polyphyllum*, *Calopogon tuberosus*, and *Platanthera leucophaea*. Within the booklet, each stamp design is featured twice. The Wild Orchids stamps will be issued with 10 stamp designs in booklets of 20 and coils of 3,000 and 10,000.

There are more than 30,000 species of wild orchids in the world, with more than 100 species native to North America. Many orchids native to North America are endangered or threatened, making sightings in their natural environment increasingly rare. These striking flowers are native to damp woodlands and numerous organizations across the country are working to preserve their habitats. Orchids also thrive in cultivated gardens or as houseplants.

News of the stamps is being shared with the hashtags **#OrchidStamps** and **#FlowerStamps**.

Dedication ceremony attendees are encouraged to RSVP at usps.com/wildorchids.

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Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
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Registration of plants is from 7:00-7:30 PM.
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Submissions from members are always appreciated. If you have an orchid growing tip that works for you, we want to know about it. You don't need to send anything fancy. A simple text file will do. If you have photos, send them along too. We'll take it from there. You will, of course, receive credit for your submission.

Please send your submission to ...

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

