



The Orchidist

SFOS June 16th 2021 Program

This Month's meeting marks a new beginning.

We've been waiting over a year for the day we could get back together again. Wednesday, June 16th is that day. But, things will still be a bit different.

Unfortunately, we won't be having a guest speaker and we won't be having a raffle.

Instead we'll be once again having our popular BINGO night. So, instead of raffle tickets, you will be purchasing BINGO cards. I have it on good authority that there will be some nice orchids up for grabs although they may not be in bloom.

We will be having plant judging, but only for ribbons. No medals will be awarded.



Free Refreshments Will Be Provided!

We're asking members to **not bring refreshments or other food items**. The Society will be providing sealed snacks and drinks.

We're also requesting that our members wear masks to this first meeting, even if they've already been vaccinated. We realize that wearing masks have become controversial lately but we also feel that the safest and most courteous thing to do is to continue to use them until we can be sure no one will become infected.

We will have a limited supply of masks at the door.

President's Message

Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members.

After a year and a half of living with the restrictions from the Coronavirus Pandemic, it seems that life is starting to ease slowly back into a more normal existence.

As part of those improvements, we are happy to announce that SFOS will now be able to hold our regular monthly meetings again at Pinecrest Gardens. We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday June 16th at 8:00 pm.

We will be holding BINGO NIGHT so that people will have an opportunity to laugh, talk & catch up with each other & a chance at winning an orchid plant to take home.

We want everyone to feel safe, so the Society will be providing individually wrapped snacks, & bottled water. Please feel free to bring a snack or beverage for yourself, but we will not be having our usual refreshment table.

In addition, we will have hand sanitizer available and would ask that everyone wear a mask out of consideration for each other.

Remember to come early by 7:30 pm with your plants for Ribbon Judging.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call myself or one of the SFOS Board Members.

Looking forward to June 16th

Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society

Membership Corner

It is so exciting to think that we are going to be able to start having South Florida Orchid Society meeting again. In the past week or two, I sent out your Membership Badges - please check your badge - in case I made a mistake on it. If I did - please let me know and I'll replace it. You will need your Badge at the meetings to take part in the Membership plant and stuff like that. I think there will be some special stuff coming up for the Members.

If you are one of the few Members who have not yet paid their dues now is the time to fill out the renewal notice and mail it to me so that I can get you badge back to you for the upcoming meetings.

I know that the last 16 months are nothing that any of us could have even dreamed we would ever live through - but here we are and now we must get started to get back to normal. Normal is a new normal - not the one we use to know. I hope by now every Member has been able to get the Covid Vaccine. I don't like shots at all - but I did it! I'm not a big fan of the "mask" and I can't tell you how many times I left the house or RV and had to go back for a mask. But please, please keep yours on! We are not out of the woods yet!

Looking forward to seeing you all real soon.

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair

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Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM on the third Wednesday of each month.

Registration of plants is from 7:00-7:30 PM.

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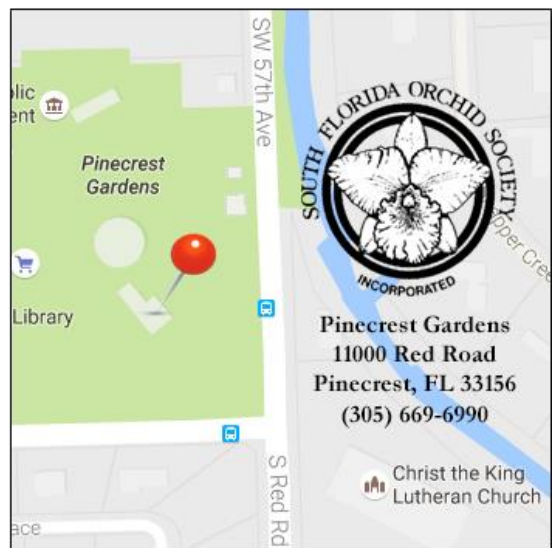
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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

