



The Orchidist

SFOS July/21/2021 Program

This month's speaker is a familiar face to just about anyone in South Florida who's interested in orchids. Carlos Cahiz is here to give us the lowdown on caring for our precious plants.

Carlos will also graciously be providing plants for our raffle table. Thank you, Carlos!

Carlos A. Cahiz is the oldest son of Carlos and Teresa Cahiz. Born in Valencia, Venezuela in 1964, he graduated from the University of Kansas in 1989.

Carlos joined the family business, OFE International Orchids & Supplies in 1990, and has been with the company ever since. One of his first tests as manager was to deal with the devastation left behind from hurricane Andrew.



OFE is now located in the Redland area of Homestead. We have expanded our product line. We now not only sell orchid supplies, but also orchids and a selection of tropical plants.

There is something new happening at OFE. Since last October, we have been hosting monthly 'OFE's Sale Fairs,' featuring between 6 to 10 different orchid, tropical and other vendors in our property. These informal gatherings are free of charge to visitors and vendors alike. We have everybody set up outdoors, and well separated from each other. The response from our community has been great. I hope to see some of you in our next fair. For more information on our events, look us up in Facebook or Instagram under @ofeorchidsupplies.

Carlos has been more involved with the local orchid community. He is a past President of the South Florida Orchid Society. He continues to serve on their Board of Directors.



Carlos shares his West Kendall/Miami home with his wife Amanda and their son. They all share their home with various adopted dogs, birds, turtles, orchids and other tropicals.

His growing approach can be distilled into these two ideas: Tender neglect. And, listen to your plants.

You can find him, and his brother Chris, most days at 17899 SW. 280th Street, Homestead FL 33031. Contact them at 305-253-7080, or e-mail: ofeorchidsupplies@gmail.com. Or via Facebook and Instagram @ofeorchidsupplies.

President's Message

Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members.

Well... we finally held our first meeting back together in June at Pinecrest Gardens. For those of you who were not able to attend, we had a fun evening of Bingo with many flowering orchid plants for prizes. Thank you to Steve & Annette for providing the Bingo game.

Also, Erna Maxwell with the help of some of the members conducted Ribbon Judging. I know that people were very glad to once again share their beautiful plants with us.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 21st at 8:00 pm. And, remember to come early at 7:00 pm if you want your plants judged. Judging begins at 7:30 pm.

Our Speaker this month will be Carlos Cahiz from OFE, sharing his expertise of how to care for your plants in this very rainy season we are having.

Once again the Society will be providing individually wrapped snacks & bottled water. Please feel free to bring a snack or beverage for yourself, but in an abundance of caution we will not be having a refreshment table.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting, & remember to wear your new 2021 Membership Badge and you will be given a raffle ticket for the Special Membership Drawing.

Stay safe... And, please keep the families affected by the Surfside tragedy in your thoughts & prayers. #SurfsideStrong Life.is.precious.

See you on July 21st

Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society

Membership Corner

I hope everyone that was at the last (or should I say our FIRST meeting) had a good time playing "Bingo". Did you get a plant to take home? Did you win at Bingo? I have not played Bingo in years - it would have been fun! But I was in Tampa at a Dog Show - I was showing Twister, who got Best of Opposite Sex on our meeting night. Unless some thing comes up that I can't handle - I hope to be at the meeting on July 21st.

Thanks to the members who have sent me their renewal. Thanks also to the members who were at the meeting and paid their dues there. I should have your dues cards at the meeting.

It will be nice to get things back to some kind of normal. I know my life could use that. I do hope that all of you have been able to get your Covid shots by now. I know I waited for a while before I could get my shots - I feel better now having that part done. But it is important to continue to stay safe.

Sally Taylor

Membership Chair

T-SHIRTS



We still have, and can order a T-shirt for you! If I don't forget I'll bring order sheets to the meeting. Hopefully in the near future we will have something special for the members what wear their T-shirt to the meeting.

Judging Report for June 16th 2021

Judges: Carlos San Martin, Pedro Bonetti and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- Vanda Marilyn Hatfield - Steve Rodriguez
- B. Myakka Stars (B. regina x B. subulifolia (aka. cordata) - Steve Rodriguez

Red Ribbons:

- V. Mimi Palmer - Steve Rodriguez
- Pva. Nellie Morley x. V. Suksamran Red - Steve Rodriguez
- Bc. Karin Lomer - Steve Rodriguez

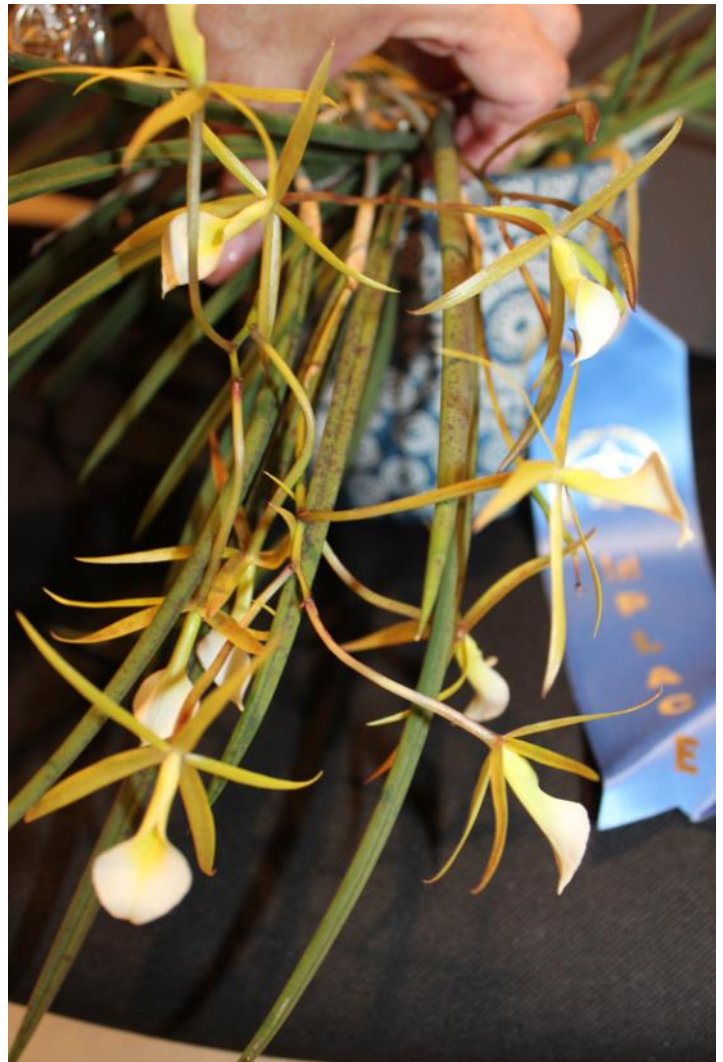
Thank you fro showing your Blooms. Please bring your plants to the next meeting. We love to award them.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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Vanda Marilyn Hatfield - Steve Rodriguez



B. Myakka Stars (B. regina x B. subulifolia (aka. cordata) -
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Bingo Night!



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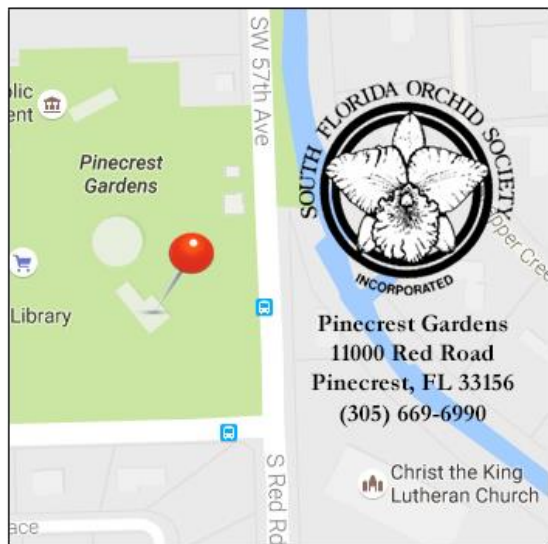
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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

