



# The Orchidist

SFOS August 18th, 2021 Program

## Ellis Brown of Natures Tapestry



Ellis has been in the plant business since 1990. When his family started B & T Exotic Scenery, Lawn & Landscaping, here in Miami.

He also started working on a small nursery in his backyard growing palms and Cycads. Which is the beginning of his current business, Natures Tapestry.

His love of all things natural took him on the direction of herpetology, owning a herp store called Natural Selection.

In the eighties he worked for a large exotic animal importer. He finally switched back to plants definitively when he joined Redland Nursery, a large local plant nursery.

Ellis and his wife Rusty, with their furbaby Boomer, grow and sell all sorts of exotic tropical, bromeliads and blooming trees out of their business, Natures Tapestry.

You will find them at most plant events in Dade and Broward County. They are the nice folks under the yellow tent.

Their next event will be at OFE's Sale Fair, August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

You can contact them at 305-796-9235, or e-mail: [Naturetapestrymiami@gmail.com](mailto:Naturetapestrymiami@gmail.com)

Ellis will be speaking about aroids and other blooming tropical plants



## Greetings to Members of South Florida Orchid Society

I first would like to thank Carlos Cahiz of OFE, for his informative talk at our July meeting on the use of different products, which are available for safely caring for our Orchids, especially during the rainy season.

Also, a thank you to Erna Maxwell for conducting the Ribbon Judging, Ralph Argeo Hernandez for his efforts to make our monthly plant raffle fun & exciting, & Annette Rodriguez who consistently takes great photos of our members at every meeting.

Our next meeting will take place on August 18th, 2021 at Pinecrest Gardens. We have been meeting just across the hallway from the Hibiscus Room. The Cypress Room is quite spacious & allows for Social Distancing. Remember to come early at 7:00 pm & bring your plants for Ribbon Judging, which takes place at 7:30 pm. Our Member's meeting begins at 8:00 pm. Also, don't forget, you will receive an extra raffle ticket for sharing your plants with us.

We welcome Ellis Brown as our featured speaker for August. Ellis has knowledge about a wide range of plants, which should prove to be very interesting for those of us that live in Tropical South Florida.

Please wear your 2021 Membership Badge to receive your ticket for the Special Membership Plant Drawing. Thank you to everyone who renewed their 2021 Membership, & welcome to our new SFOS Members. As a reminder, the Society has been supplying individually wrapped snacks & bottled water at our meetings, but you are always welcome to bring your own beverage & snacks.

We have a position open on the SFOS Board, so please speak to me or another Board Member if you would like to become more involved in the mission of SFOS. We normally hold our monthly Board Meeting each month at 6:00 pm, preceding the General Membership Meeting at Pinecrest Gardens.

Now we all must keep our eyes on the weather forecast as storms brew in the Caribbean...so please, review your supplies & your emergency plans now.

I hope all of you are having a safe summer & look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. A very special thanks to our Newsletter Editor Ron Hunt who works hard to keep us connected & informed thru our SFOS Newsletter & Meeting Notices.

See you soon,  
Chris Alger, President  
South Florida Orchid Society



Chris Alger

Photo courtesy of Annette Rodriguez

## Judging Report for July 21, 2021

Judges: Sally Taylor and Erna Maxwell

### Blue Ribbons:

- Pda.(Papilionanda) Pure Delight (Mevr. L. Velthuis x V. Dr. Anek) - Steve Rodriguez
- Rhy. coelestis blue - Steve Rodriguez

Thank you Steve for showing your plants.

When you bring in your flowers you receive an extra raffle ticket, so please, let us see more plants next meeting!

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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Rhy. coelestis blue - Steve Rodriguez



Pda.(Papilionanda) Pure Delight (Mevr. L. Velthuis x V. Dr. Anek) - Steve Rodriguez

## Membership Corner

What a great meeting we had on July 21st! I'm probably the happiest because we had several members renew their membership - but above that we have a new family Membership - Carol and John Marshall.

I know that it is going to take some time until we are back to the number of people at a meeting - i.e. before Covid. I would like to ask each of you to invite someone to our August 18th meeting. We will be having plant judging again (don't forget those blooming orchids - they have been waiting a long time).

I will be back from my dog shows in time for the August meeting - please come and surprise me!

Sally Taylor  
Membership Chair

### SFOS T-SHIRTS

We are back and we have orders for some shirts - which will be at the meeting in August. Coming soon (maybe in September) if you have your SFOS shirt on your will get a ticket for a chance at a plant from the table (i.e. like we do for membership).

You can order a shirt at the meeting or call me and I'll get it started.

Sally Taylor

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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.

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The South Florida Orchid Society is sad to report the passing of one of our members.,Dr. Robert Mezey.

Our Sincere Sympathy is sent to Judith Mezey, her family and all of her friends.

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Pictures from our July meeting!



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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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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist

