



# The Orchidist

## SFOS November 17th, 2021 Program

**OH NO** - I just went into the orchid house and found 2 spikes from my favorite den (which was in full bloom) broken off and a beautiful catt bloom was also laying on the bench. What on earth can I do with the den spikes and catt bloom now? I know I'll call Yolanda - I know she can help!

That's right Yolanda Cuesta of Quest Orchids is coming to speak - I should say show us how to use orchids in arrangements for the holidays!

I don't know what Yolanda will tell you about our relationship - I'll just say it goes way back and let her tell you the rest. I regret I will not be at the meeting as I'm in Ocala for a dog show. Please come out and find out what you can do with your orchids for the Holidays! Yolanda said you can bring orchids, a vase and some greens, ferns etc. from your yard and work along.

I know Yolanda will have great ideas for you.

Sally Taylor  
Acting Program Chair



Yolanda Cuesta

Photo Courtesy of Annette Rodriguez

Yolanda Cuesta started growing in 1984, specializing in Cattleyas, mostly art shade tones. Quest Orchids opened its doors in 1994, located in Horse Country of Dade County Florida. Besides specializing in Cattleya varieties and hybridizing. Quest orchids also create floral arrangements, for personal as well as commercial events.

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## President's Message

### Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members...

Hope all is well with you and your family. We are finally into FALL & I personally am enjoying the cooler weather.

I would like to thank Jim Davison for his presentation on the "Orchids of Mexico" at our October meeting. And, we have a really interesting program planned for our November 17th meeting.

Yolanda Cuesta from QUEST ORCHIDS will be demonstrating how to use your blooming Orchids as part of a beautiful arrangement. So, bring a container, an orchid plant, maybe some cut flowers & any greenery you want to use, & Yolanda will guide you as you create your own masterpiece.

As always, please remember to wear your Membership Badge. You will be given a chance to win the MEMBERS ONLY drawing for an orchid plant, & you will give other members & visitors a chance to learn your name.

Also, there will be a special drawing for an orchid plant for those Members who are wearing their SFOS Shirts. Thank you to Sally Taylor for donating the plant for that drawing.

Bring your prized plants by 7:00 pm that you wish to submit for SFOS Ribbon Judging. You will receive a complimentary Raffle Ticket for sharing your plant with us.

The Program will start at 8:00 pm.

Although we are still not serving refreshments from open containers, you are welcome to bring your own snack or beverage to the meeting. And, everyone is still encouraged to wear a mask indoors.

Also, we are still in need of a Secretary to the Board. If you would like to volunteer for that position, please let one of the Board Members know. Our Board Meetings are generally held at 6:00 pm just before the Plant Judging, & the Regular Meeting.

Our **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY** will be held on Wednesday December 15th in place of our regular meeting. I hope you can join us at Shorty's BBQ on NW 87th Ave in Doral from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Seating is limited, so be sure to make your reservation in advance. You may pay by cash or check at the November Meeting, and the cost is \$30.00 a person for Members & Guests. See the Announcement in the Newsletter for more details & the menu.

Hoping to see everyone on November 17th at our meeting & please remember to introduce yourself to our new SFOS Members...

Chris Alger, President —South Florida Orchid Society

## Members Corner

I am just the happiest person - we (I should say our President Chris) will be welcoming new MEMBERS at the meeting on November 17th. Our new members are: Cristina and Israel Castellanos, and James Furst. Please make them feel welcome!

In the near future you the members of SFOS will be getting your renewal notice for the year 2022! I would like you to fill out the "Renewal Notice" and return it to me with your check as soon as possible. The information from the Renewal Form will be used for the new Roster (due out in July). The SFOS is slowly getting back to our new normal. We are having meeting again, with judging for your orchid plants and soon we hope to be able to have you start bring refreshments (watch the newsletter for that date). Your dues are important to the Society - we need to keep things going and trying to get back to where we were before

"Covid"! Your dues will help us do that - getting speakers and keeping the Society going.

Thank you for your continued support. Remember if you have a question - please feel free to call, text or email (call or text is best - I don't check emails everyday) me and I will do my best to get you an answer to your question.

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

If you missed the meeting on October 20, 2021 - you missed this - Julie Rosenberg and Ron Hunt were made Life Members of the SFOS by a land slide vote of the Board. Julie and Ron have been long time members of the SFOS and have given and given again - over and over! A very small way we as the SFOS can say THANK YOU for your work on behalf of the SFOS!

Sally Taylor— Membership Chair

## APPOINTMENT OF "ACTING PROGRAM CHAIR"

This notice is to inform you that I have appointed First Vice President & Membership Chair Sally Taylor as our "ACTING PROGRAM CHAIR" to fill the recently created vacancy.

As you know, a prime function of the Program Chair is the responsibility for selecting & securing speakers for our monthly Members Meetings & planning & making decisions regarding future Programming for SFOS Meetings.

The process for Speakers involves choosing a candidate from an available pool of competent speakers, extending an invitation to the candidate, & following-up with written confirmation to include details of date, time, subject to be presented & any financial consideration to be made by SFOS.

Also, the speaker can be asked to provide the Raffle Plants for the evening for which they can be compensated & may in addition, choose to showcase a selection of their plants and/or products to be made available for purchase during the meeting.

Education is one of the primary Missions of the South Florida Orchid Society, and selection of our monthly speakers helps us not only to accomplish this mission, but to provide an important benefit to our Members & Guests.

Please help me to thank Sally Taylor for accepting this additional responsibility as "ACTING PROGRAM CHAIR". Sally will welcome any suggestions you may have for future speakers, topics that you would like to see covered, & future programming ideas.

As her first assignment, Sally has arranged for Yolanda Cuesta of Quest Orchids to be the Speaker at our November 17th, 2021 Meeting. Yolanda has planned to do an interactive presentation of creating an arrangement using orchids, cut flowers & greenery. It is suggested that anyone who would like to participate hands-on, bring a container, flowering plant or/or cut stems, & green foliage to create an arrangement. With the Holidays coming this is a very well-timed presentation. Whether you use your arrangement to decorate your home or give your creation as a gift is your choice.

Yolanda Cuesta is well known for her use of flowering orchids in arrangements and her company Quest Orchids is conveniently located here in Miami.

Chris Alger, President  
*South Florida Orchid Society*



## October 20, 2021 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Sally Taylor and Erna Maxwell

### Blue Ribbons:

- Den. Hidden Money - David Foster
- Guarianthe bowringiana - James Furst

### Red Ribbons:

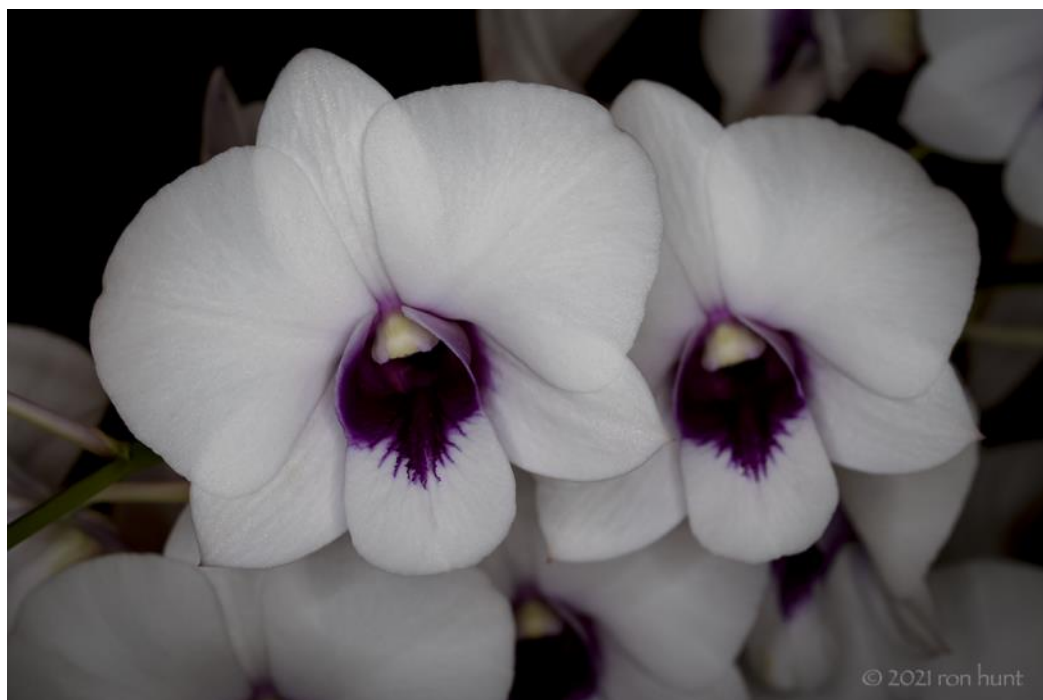
- Habenaria Raingreen's Ice Bird - David Foster

Thank you for showing your plants. We look forward to more blooms next month.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.



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# SFOS Holiday Party!

## Baby Back Feast!

December 15th, 2021, which would be our regular December meeting night.

### Choice of Entree

Baby Back Ribs Half Rack

Baby Back Ribs & Chicken

Baby Back Ribs & Spare Ribs

### Choice of Side Dish

Corn on the Cob

BBQ Beans

House Salad

### ALL PLATES INCLUDE

French Fries

Cole Slaw

Garlic Bread

Soda, Coffee, or Tea

Alcoholic Beverages may be purchased separately at the bar.

**2255 N.W. 87th Avenue, Miami Fla 33172**

**Cost is \$30 per member or guest which includes dinner, drink, a holiday plant for each member and a FREE raffle ticket. Dinner is from 7:00 to 9:00PM.**

Reservations and Payment **must** be made in advance either in cash or via Credit Card. Checks should be made out to the South Florida Orchid Society, P.O. Box 328615, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33332, or you can call (954) 252-8116.

**Reservations and cash or check payment can also be made at the next two SFOS meetings.**

**Seating is limited so be sure to make your reservations early!**

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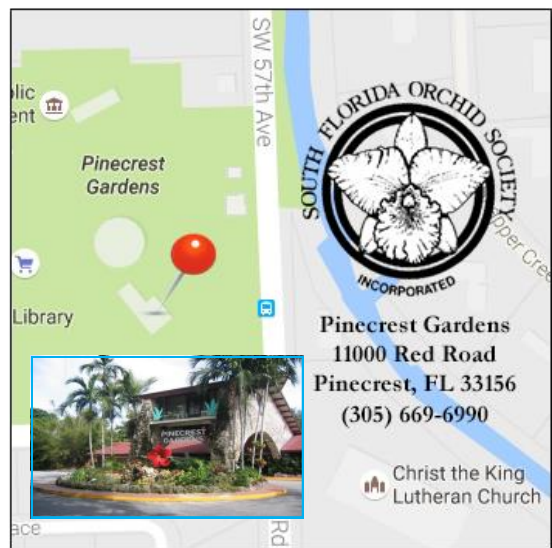
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Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM  
on the third Wednesday of each month.

Registration of plants is from 7:00-7:30 PM.  
Program Begins at 8:00 PM.



**Get Vaccinated!**

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, *The Orchidist*