

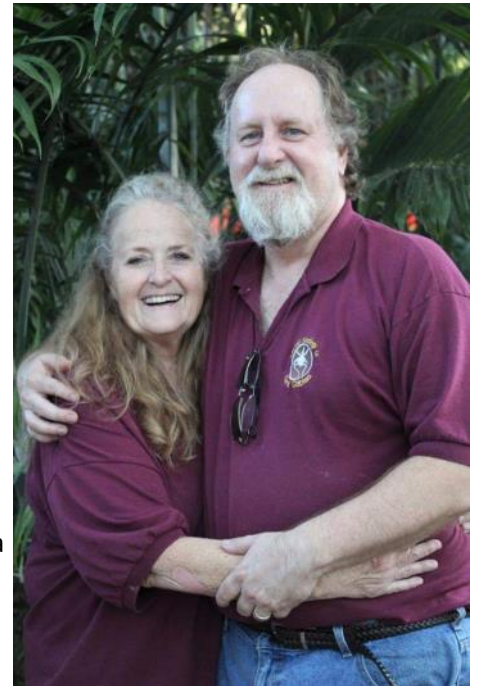


The Orchidist

SFOS April 20th 2022 Program

Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim's appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. Before his recent retirement, he worked as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva." They have opened their own retail nursery, Jim-N-I Orchids. Together, Jim and Melana have 7 grown children and five grandchildren. They live in Homestead with their 2 dogs, four of the five grandchildren and 5,000 plus orchids in their own collection, many more in the nursery.



They will be instructing on the many ways to mount orchids. Mounting orchids is a very natural way to grow epiphytic orchids. Not only does this presentation look nice, many plants appreciate it: their roots will get plenty of air, and for orchid types that care about drying quickly, this need can be easily accommodated too. Jim will be instructing us on various methods, differing types of mounts, and what is considered a 'mounted' orchid. He will also be bringing supplies that can be used for orchids.

Jim and Melana will also be providing plants for our raffle table.

Dates of Interest!

- The Florida Caribbean Judging Center of the AOS meets on the Third Saturday of each month at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables. Plants for judging can be brought before 1PM.
- The Palm Beach Judging Center of the AOS meets on the Fourth Saturday of each month at Flamingo Gardens. 3750 S. Flamingo Road, Davie. Their meeting starts at 1PM.
- April 16-17 Flamingo gardens Orchid Society Show. Flamingo gardens, 3750 S. Flamingo Road, Davie, FL

President's Message

Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members

It is spring and orchids are in bloom. What an amazing display we enjoyed at our March meeting with so many blooming Orchids brought in by our Members for judging. Our SFOS Certified Judges, led by Erna Maxwell were quite busy looking at each plant, counting blooms and awarding Ribbons. Congratulations to everyone who's plants took home a ribbon. And ALL of the plants were beautiful. Enjoy looking at the photos taken by Ron Hunt our Photographer and Newsletter Editor.

The FIRST ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY SPEAKERS PANEL was held at our March Meeting. Thank you to SFOS Panel Members Julie Rosenberg, Steve Rodriguez and Jorge Merlo who each spoke on a topic of their choosing which they are experts on. Everyone was very attentive and many in the audience participated in the question and answer session following the individual presentations. We were able to give each Speaker a lovely blue collector glass vase, engraved with an orchid drawing as a special token of our appreciation. Thank you Barbara and Danny Lutz who donated the three vases to SFOS.

Also, in January, Erna Maxwell and Julie Rosenberg conducted a Workshop to teach everyone about growing and presenting blooming orchid plants for judging, and also about the different awards that can be earned. Erna and Julie were each given a very special collector crystal dish etched with an orchid and edged in silver in appreciation for the January Judging Workshop. Thank you again to Barbara and Danny Lutz for also donating the two crystal dishes to SFOS.

As always, you can bring your plants in between 7 and 7:30 pm for SFOS Judging and the program will start at 8:00 pm immediately following announcements.

We are bringing back Jim Davison of Jim-N-I Orchids, which is owned by he and his wife and partner Melana Davison, as our Speaker for this month's Program at Pinecrest Gardens. Jim and Melana are both Accredited AOS Judges and will be doing a Workshop to teach about all the different ways that an orchid can be mounted. Jim is an excellent and very knowledgeable instructor. Join us as he shows the different materials Orchids can be grown on

and the best methods and products you can use to display Orchids successfully in this manner. We have asked Jim and Melana to bring different mounting materials and orchids with them for your convenience to purchase. Jim-N-I Orchids will also be supplying the Raffle Plants for this evening.

In accordance with the SFOS Bylaws, we have our yearly SFOS Board Member and Directors Elections coming up. If you have any questions, Nominations, or wish to serve, please speak to one of the Members of the Nominating Committee, Carlos San Martin, Joyce Ritter, Julie Rosenberg or the Chair Erna Maxwell. Please consider filling the position of Secretary to the Board.

You are welcome to bring in refreshments to the meeting although we suggest that they be individually wrapped, not requiring shared serving utensils. And of course, you are welcome to bring a beverage for yourself.

Remember to display your SFOS MEMBERSHIP BADGE to receive a complimentary raffle ticket. Also, AOS MEMBERS showing their AOS BADGE, Members bringing in FOOD for the Refreshment Table, Members wearing their SFOS TSHIRT and Members which bring in a PLANT FOR JUDGING will also receive complimentary Raffle Tickets. Make sure you SIGN IN at the Hospitality Table when you come in at the door.

Check out our SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY FACEBOOK Page for more photos and information about our meetings and speakers, educational articles and upcoming programs. Hit the LIKE button and SHARE the content. Invite your friends and fellow orchid lovers to visit our meetings.

If you have a suggestion for a future Speaker or Program, please talk to our SFOS Program Chair and Second Vice-President Don McDermott.

Enjoy the spring weather and hope to see everyone at this month's meeting.

Sincerely,
Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society

Membership Corner

What a great turn out of SFOS Members at the March Meeting. I must say you all are keeping me BUSY and HAPPY at the meetings by coming and paying your dues. I can't remember (without stopping to look it up) if I had 5 or 6 people pay dues at the March meeting. I know that more than ever, we the Board Members of the SFOS are trying to make sure that our Members are getting more at the meetings. We are again able to give a ticket if you bring refreshments (wrapped for single servings) to the meeting. As a member, having your SFOS T-shirt on also gets you a ticket. If you are a member of AOS and SFOS and show both badges, you get a ticket. I believe that you get a ticket if you bring a plant for judging. In fact you get a ticket just for having your badge on - plus I think you get first crack at the raffle table.

We also have a new member - Olga Vila. I have been in contact with her and we are hoping she will be able to attend the meeting in April.

Just to let you know I don't have a dog show on April 20th so I'll be at the meeting if you want to come to the meeting and pay your dues and keep me busy and happy. Since our meeting in March I was in Ft. Myers, FL and Jackson, TN - in Jackson Syclone got a great big 4th place ribbon in the Owner Handler Group and the his brother, Twister got big 4th place ribbons in Owner Handler on Saturday and Sunday. What a great trip we had. In fact, I will be in Elkton, FL and Perry, GA before you see me again. So speaking of ribbons we gave out a ton at the March meeting - clean up those plants and bring them in - there may be a ribbon waiting for you.

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair
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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.

March Meeting Photos Courtesy of Annette Rodriguez!



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Judging Report for March 16, 2022 Meeting

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Sally Taylor, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- Den. Oriental Smile "Fantasy" - Steve Rodriguez
- Gur. Guatemalensis - Steve Rodriguez
- Ctna. Why Not "Carol" - Steve Rodriguez
- Lc. Blazing Treat "Krull Smith" - Steve Rodriguez
- Den. Fire Wings - Virginia Benitez
- Den. parishii - Virginia Benitez
- Gur. aurantiaca - Jorge Merlo
- Rlc. Donna Kimura - Jorge Merlo
- Gur. guatemalensis - Maggie Echeverria
- Den. goldschmidtianum - David Foster
- Bulb. Maximum - David Foster
- Paph. Julius - Pedro Bonetti
- Van. Pinky - Pedro Bonetti
- Phal. Charming Gem Stripes - Javier Morejon

Red Ribbons:

- Den. To My Kids - Steve Rodriguez
- Myc. Cupid's Arrow - Steve Rodriguez
- Mcp. wendlandii - Steve Rodriguez
- Rchg. Alexandra Kontos - Steve Rodriguez
- Bro. Leona v. Hamlyn - Steve Rodriguez
- Den. pulchellum - David Foster
- Den. normanbyense - Virginia Benitez
- Yam. Redland Sunset - Maggie Echeverria
- C. Everett Dirksen - Maggie Echeverria
- Paph. St. Swithin - Javier Morejon
- Paph. Hung Sheng Cape - Javier Morejon
- Phal. Yu Pin Llp - Javier Morejon

Thank you for showing your plants.

Please have your plants entered before 7:30PM

We are looking forward to another great table with blooms.

Erna maxwell, Judging Chair.

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Gur. aurantiaca - Jorge Merlo

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Ralph Hernandez, Javier Morejon, Joyce Ritter

This slate is submitted to the membership by the Nominating Committee:

Erna Maxwell

Julie Rosenberg

Joyce Ritter

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The Allure of Color

By Jean Allen-Ikeson

Orchid judges sometimes obsess about how we judge or why we judged a plant the way we did, or the way someone else did. When we get together from across the continent at an American Orchid Society Members' Meeting, we do so for fellowship and to exchange ideas. The latter takes form in an evening seminar before anything else really takes place publicly called the Judges' Forum, which is open to the public.

In the fall of 2016, we considered the topic 'What were we thinking?' It was a bit of navel gazing to try to reconcile awarding flowers that did not come across as special in a photograph. As we were discussing one such award, a member of the team that judged the flowers spoke out and said something to the effect, 'But we were dazzled by the color that is not apparent in the photograph!'

And there was the rub: photography does not always display what our eyes see, either because the technology that does not 'get it all' because it tries to capture a 3-D image in 2-D and does not have the same pallet that our eyes have or a photographer that was not entranced by what we saw and therefore failed to capture it. Whatever happened in this instance, I realized, upon reflection, that the team had been seduced by the allure of color. They were, as we all are seduced, especially in a gray, dull winter, by the seeming neon lights of color our orchids produce.

Stunning orchids are like a jeweled crown: the crown itself is the form that holds the stunning jewels of color and whose substance and texture can elevate it to extraordinary. No wonder when we walk into a show that we can be captured by a splash of color from a distance, either because the color is brilliant or because the plant is so floriferous that the sheer volume of color catches us off guard and we are awed.

The problem with the photograph that we were looking at and wondering, 'why did they do that' was that the crown itself appeared to be not all what it should have been. The form was a bit wonky and that was reflected by a score that barely got over the bar for an award. But according to the eyewitness, the rare gems of color and the large flowers made the plant beyond ordinary, although not extraordinary. The judges were caught up in the moment.

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But it is not just the average grower or judges that are slaves to color. Most good or great hybridizers learned that lesson early on. Ernest Hetherington wrote about the importance of strong color in hybrids more than 50 years ago. My late friend, Mario Ferrusi, figured it out and made a name for himself hybridizing stunning masdevallias and growing and showing them to perfection. His greenhouse at the height of the blooming season made the neon lights of Las Vegas appear artificial and tawdry by comparison. Could he have been so successful with a genus such as Phragmipedium before the discoveries of Phragmipedium besseae and kovachii? Probably not.

Color surprises and enchants us. It has star quality. Good form displays it best. Size, substance, and texture give it more pomp and pageantry.

There is an old saying that goes something like, 'Don't forget to stop and smell the roses.' For orchid growers, color is the scent that excites our perception and makes us pause to appreciate orchids' sensuality and beauty. Enjoy!

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When	April 19, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	April 27, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	May 04, 2022 8:30pm EDT Wednesday	May 17, 2022 8:30pm EDT Tuesday
Topic	More on Modern LED Lighting Answering Your Questions	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	The Birds, the Bees and the Orchids Pollination in the Orchid World	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
Presenter	Kelly McCracken Owner High Desert Orchids, Miniature Orchid Specialist	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Doug Martin AOS Accredited Judge, Member-Native Orchid Conference	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

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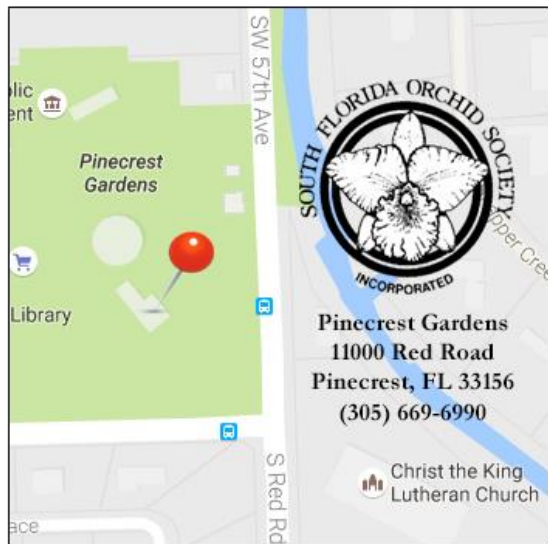
Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
on the third Wednesday of each month.

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

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See you next month!

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