

# The Orchidist

#### SFOS May 18 2022 Program

## Dr. Alexandra Revynthi "Orchid Pests: Ecology and Management"

Dr. Revynthi is an Assistant Professor at the Tropical Research and Education Center in Homestead, Florida. She comes from Greece and holds a PhD in acarology from the University of Amsterdam with specialization in the behavioral ecology of predatory mites. Dr. Revynthi has a keen interest in arthropod behavior, population dynamics, chemical ecology, biological control and integrated pest management (IPM) in ornamental crops.



Current research and extension efforts focus on developing an IPM program to control the Hibiscus bud weevil (Anthonomus testaceosquamosus), a new invasive species affecting the hibiscus industry in south Florida. Moreover, Dr. Revynthi explores the potential of a predatory mite as a biocontrol agent of the Ficus whitefly (Singhiella simplex). Additionally, she studies acarine pests of agricultural importance with the aim to develop IPM programs to control them.

Acarine pests of interest include new invasive species such as the Lychee erinose mite (Aceria litchii) and the Hemp russet mite (Aculops cannabicola), as well as established pests such as the Two-spotted spider mite (Tetranychus urticae) and the flat mite Brevipalpus yothersi. Extension efforts are also focused on improving detection of the Horntail snail, an invasive species that is under eradication by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry.

#### RAFFLE TABLE

The Raffle Table for our May 18th meeting will be provided by Mac's Orchids. A little history - Mac and Helen are now at their new location - 6800 Appaloosa Trail, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33330. Mac and Helen have been vendors at our annual shows (when we were able to have shows) for many years. Maybe some day you can travel up to Broward County and visit them - I suggest you call Mac (954-410-8580) - as they are often going to Orchid Shows and/or Sales on weekends. Please come out and support the Raffle Table on May 18th.

Sally

#### President's Message

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

If you were at our April meeting then you know our SFOS Certified Judges had another busy evening evaluating all the beautiful blooming orchids which were brought in by our Members. After awarding ribbons for the entries presented at the upcoming May meeting, the Judging Team will be determining which Members will be awarded Special SFOS Certificates for the 2021-2022 Year. Awards will be given out at our June Installation and Awards Ceremony. So, be sure to bring your plants in between 7:00 and 7:30 pm on Wednesday May 18th, 2022 to our meeting at Pinecrest Gardens.

The Workshop in April given by Jim Davison of Jim-N-I Orchids on The Mounting of Orchids was interesting and informative and he came very well prepared with many examples of the different materials which can be used for cultivating and displaying orchids. Jim is an excellent instructor and showed the process step by step. We hope to invite him back soon to show more examples of ways to successfully grow mounted orchids.

This month, bring your questions and any photos for Dr Alexandra Revynthi who will be giving a presentation on "Orchid Pests: Ecology and Management". Dr Revynthi is an Assistant Professor at The Tropical Research and Education Center in Homestead. The program will begin at 8:00 pm immediately following announcements and a Presentation by our Nominating Committee of the 2022-2023 Slate for The SFOS Officers and Board of Directors.

You are welcome to bring in refreshments to share at the meeting and you may want to bring a beverage for yourself.

Be sure to Sign-in at the Hospitality Table when you come into the meeting and you will receive a complimentary raffle ticket for displaying your SFOS Membership Badge. SFOS Members can also participate in special drawings for bringing in refreshments, wearing a SFOS shirt, entering a plant/or plants for judging, and displaying their AOS Membership Badge.

In July, we will be holding our first "SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY BAZAAR, ORCHIDS AND BAKESALE" Fundraiser and all SFOS Members that are interested will have an opportunity to participate. You will be able to reserve a table to sell your own plants, collectibles, art, and other items, donate goodies for our SFOS Bake Sale Table, and bring household items to be sold on our SFOS Garage Sale Table. We hope everyone will look forward to this event. We will have more information available during the announcements this month.

As always, don't forget to check our Facebook Page. Hit the LIKE button and share the Content with your Facebook Community.

Hope to see everyone at this month's meeting.

Sincerely,
Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society



#### **Membership Corner**

I didn't have on the "Happy, Happy Face" at the meeting on April 20th. But it was a "Happy Face" in that we had someone turn in an application for membership - Jany Lopez - will be voted on at the May 18th meeting.

We still have members who have not yet renewed their dues for 2022 - if you are one of them - it is not too late to send me your dues - I have sent you all renewal notices with an envelope and everything - but if you can't find it just send me a check for \$30.00 for a single member or \$40.00 for a family of two - and I'll do the rest.

I'm starting the lay out work on the Roster for 2022-2023 -if all goes well I'll be having it printed and ready for you to pick up at the meeting in July. So I need for each of you reading this to check the 2020-2021 Roster and make sure I didn't make a mistake in your information or if you have changed anything since then - please let me know right away - so I can make the correction and/or change. You can write we a letter (the old fashioned way), call me, send me a text or send me an email (if you email me - you might want to text me and tell me you sent an email - as I don't check email every day).

If you have a business and would like to place an ad in the upcoming Roster - please let me know - right away - ads start at just \$25 and go up to \$100 for a full page. Your ad does not have to be for "Orchids." .We also have ad space available in *The Orchidist*. If you're interested in running an ad there please see Chris Alger, our President, for details and rates.

As always if you have a question - please feel free to call, text or email me - I'll try to answer the question or point you in the right direction for an answer.

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#### **T-SHIRTS**

I can't believe that I sold out of my supply of men's shirts at the April meeting! However, - no worry - I have reordered and if all goes well I will have new shirts at the May meeting. Everyone with their shirt on at the meeting gets a chance (if your name is called) to go to the raffle table. Besides that, look how nice you all look in the Newsletter - Annette takes great pictures of you in your shirts.

Sally

#### **Report from the Nominating Committee Chair:**

Director Lisa Coello resigned at the April meeting from the Board. The Board is looking for a replacement for her and also a Secretary.

Erna Maxwell, Nominating Committee Chair.

#### **April 20 2022 Judging Report**

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

#### **Blue Ribbons:**

- Seidenfadenia mitrata Ralph Hernandez
- Asctm. garay Jorge Merlo
- Asctm. miniatum Pedro Bonetti
- Den. officinale Pedro Bonetti
- Max. tenuifolia Meggie Echevarria
- Den. aggregatum Steve Rodriguez
- Max. tenuifolia Steve Rodriguez
- Bc. Odom's Talent Steve Rodriguez
- Enc. Cindy (Enc. alata x Enc. tampense) Steve Rodriguez
- Paph. concolor Javier Morejon
- Paph. Shin-Yi Isabel Javier Morejon
- Den. QF Mauka Lisa Coello
- Pot. Gerarda Nanda Vardhana 'Sunshine' Ralph Hernandez

#### **Red Ribbons:**

- Phal. Tying Shin Fly Eagle 'Wilson' Alexis Dominguez
- Epi. Mabel Karnda Lise Coello
- C. Tropical Song 'Ocean's Heaven x Rth. guess What SVO AM/AOS - Lisa Coello

- Den. harveyanum Javier Morejon
- Paph. Envy Green (Paph.malipoense x Paph. primulinum) - Javier Morejon
- Enc. Rioclarense Steve Rodriguez
- Enc. Eva's Vino Tinto (Enc. alata x Enc. profusa) Steve Rodriguez
- Brassavola nodosa Steve Rodriguez
- V. mariae Pedro Bonetti
- Bc. David Sanders Jorge Merlo
- Enc. cordigera Alexis Dominguez

#### White Ribbons:

- C. nobilior coerulea Javier Morejon
- Aranda Jiraprapa 'Blue Giant' Steve Rodriguez
- Clty. Ethel's Paradise 'Hawaii' Steve Rodriguez
- Blc. Waianae Leopard x Ctna. Why Not orange Lisa Coello

Thank you for showing your plants. Please check your entries. Some crosses have since been named.

We look forward to another excellent plant table.

Erna Maxwell— Judging Chair. Award photos ©2022, Ron Hunt



Den. aggregatum - Steve Rodriguez



Seidenfadenia mitrata - Ralph Hernandez



Max. tenuifolia - Steve Rodriguez

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#### **AOS Corner**

Unfortunately, the usual AOS corner affiliated society info is AWOL this month. They're having problems coping, just as we all are these days. The graphic posted below was made by the AOS to point to their culture sheets online. I'm not sure how well it will work for everyone. You'll have to give me some feedback on that. We also have a short piece on the next page about the website glossary of orchid names and their pronunciation which I've found to be quite useful.

Ron Hunt — editor, The Orchidist



#### An Orchidist's Glossary

The website glossary is a quick reference enhanced with specifics from A to Z. Learning about orchids can be a challenge. Pronouncing the terms associated with orchid growing is just one of them. Understanding definitions is another. The American Orchid Society has developed a tool on the website to educate us all.

A glossary in general, is an alphabetical list of concepts, terms and words within a given field of knowledge or science. It is in this sense that the AOS has called this an <u>Orchidist's Glossary</u>. It views the listed words from the viewpoint of an orchidist only, and thus is most meaningful when limited to its field. It is far from fully comprehensive, but it does embrace a fairly wide range of words used by orchid growers, orchid botanists, and various orchid authors.

The words listed are printed in several different typefaces. This is intended to aid the reader in quickly distinguishing whether the word refers to a botanical term, a specific name of an orchid, a genus name, or an orchid personality. There are sound files included.

<u>Aerides (ay-air-EE-dees)</u> A vandaceous genus of about 26 species from tropical Asia noted for their fragrant pendent racemes. The genus was first described by Juan Lourerio in 1790, who derived the generic name from Greek to describe these epiphytic plants.

Zygopetalum (zye-go-PET-a-lum) A genus of 15 species of terrestrial and epiphytic orchids restricted to South America. It is related to Colax and Promenaea, having been founded by Hooker in 1827, the name referring to the yoke-like callus on the base of the lip.



# A Aerides lawrenceae'Surprise' FCC/AOS (90 points) Award No:20144019 Exhibitor: Carol De Biase

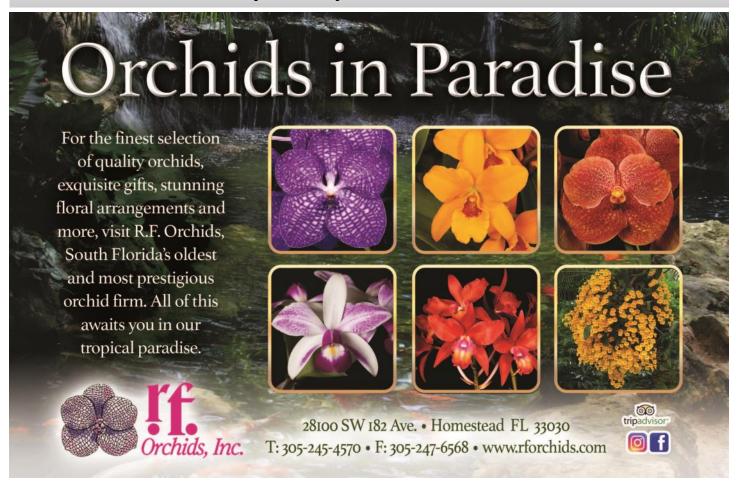
Photographer: Nick Nickerson



**Z**Zygopetalum Artur Elle 'Trey's Legacy'
AM/AOS (81 points)
Award No:20102144
Exhibitor: Wayne Parrish
Photographer: Greg Allikas

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Explore the alphabet to better understand the things you hear while around experienced orchid growers.







SFOS T-Shirts & Polo shirts available! See Sally Taylor for all the details!

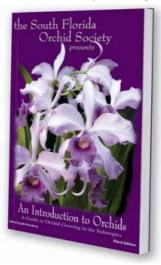
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Everything you need to know in order to successfully grow orchids in South Florida.

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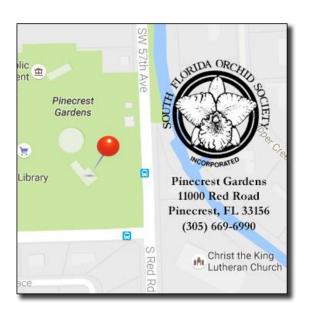
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Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM on the third Wednesday of each month.

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

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#### **Get Vaccinated!**



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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, The Orchidist