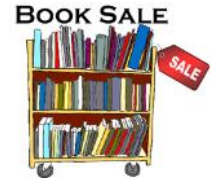




The Orchidist

SFOS July 20, 2022 Program



At our July Meeting, South Florida Orchid Society will present the
**SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY FIRST ANNUAL BAZAAR, ORCHIDS AND
BAKESALE** Fundraiser Wednesday July 20th, 2022 at Pinecrest Gardens.

Everyone is welcome; **ADMISSION IS FREE** and we encourage our Members to invite guests to attend.

Doors open at 7:00 pm for those SFOS Members who are entering their blooming plants for **JUDGING**. Certified SFOS Judging starts at 7:30 pm.

Anyone wishing to preview the many interesting items which will be available for purchase may also come early, and the Sales Tables will open at 8:00 pm.

Our Members have reserved tables...

and will be offering Collector Items such as Beanie Babies, Red Rose Tea porcelain figurines, Heisy Orchid etched vintage glass serving pieces, and Orchid design Noritake China place settings and Serving Items. There will also be vases, Baskets, jewelry, books and other assorted household items.



For those of you who are gardeners, one of our members will be offering Heirloom tomato plant seedlings just in time to get ready for the fall planting season. Also, there will be an assortment of other Veggie and flower seedlings available.

SFOS will be sponsoring...

A **BOOK TABLE** offering Orchid Books and publications, (including a very special item, which will be offered as a Silent Auction).

A **BAKESALE TABLE** with delicious items you can buy to eat or take home. All food items brought in by our Members this evening will be donated to the BAKESALE. So if you are a baker, then please consider bringing brownies, cakes, pies and cookies or purchasing Bakery items to donate to the BAKESALE.



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An ORCHID SALE TABLE with Orchid plants donated by our Members. If you have divisions or something you would like to donate to our ORCHID SALE TABLE, please bring it on Wednesday night.

A GARAGE SALE TABLE...If you have been doing some Spring Cleaning and would like to donate an item/items to our SFOS GARAGE SALE TABLE, we will make space for it. Some items which will be donated are jewelry, a timepiece, and a heater which could be used to protect an orchid collection during a cold front. We will have 501(c)3 donation letters available if you require one. Any GARAGE SALE ITEMS which are not sold will be returned to the donor.

Don't forget to wear your Membership Badge and sign in at the Hospitality Table to receive a special Membership drawing ticket. . Also, for those SFOS Members wearing your SFOS Shirt, bringing a plant for Judging, donating food item/s for the BAKESALE TABLE, or showing your AOS MEMBERSHIP CARD you will be eligible for those special drawings.

Everyone, Members and Guests will each receive a **COMPLIMENTARY TICKET** for a **DOOR PRIZE DRAWING** when you sign in. **There will not be Raffle tickets sold this evening.**

Also, all first-time guests will be presented with a Complimentary Copy of our SFOS Orchid Culture Book.

All purchases can be made by cash or check. **NO CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Come to this SPECIAL FUNDRAISER EVENT, have an enjoyable evening among fellow orchid lovers and support our Society, so that we can continue offering the Speakers Program, Orchid Plant Raffles and Orchid Plant Judging, which are all part of the history of the South Florida Orchid Society.

Presented by The FIRST ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY BAZAAR, ORCHIDS AND BAKESALE COMMITTEE

Membership Corner!

The SFOS Board of Directors will be voting on a New Member - Gloria Marina. We are hoping Gloria will be at the meeting. As for the rest of the Membership Corner information - - - The Roster is at the printers and if nothing goes wrong I will have it for each member at the July 20th Meeting. Any one not at the meeting will be mailed the Roster as soon as I can get it out after the meeting. I hope that I have not made too many mistakes in the Roster - however if you read your information - or see something that does not look right - please let me know. I have proofed and reproofed - but that doesn't mean I have not made any mistakes. Along that same note if you know of someone who might have passed away or is sick please let one of the Board Members know. Keeping up with everyone is a very hard job and takes a lot of time. Thank you all for renewing your membership and helping to keep the SFOS going during these harder than usual times.

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair

I hope that everyone will be excited for our Members Bazaar at the July 20th Meeting - I know I am! I have collectables to bring! I'm also supposed to made a Pineapple upside down cake. See you there! Don't forget we are having plant judging!

Sally

President's Message

Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members!

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

A reception was held at our June 2022 meeting to honor our best growers of the past year and mark the Installation of our Executive Board, Directors and Special Directors for 2022-2023. SFOS Member Jorge Merlo, our Master of Ceremonies, gave a most interesting speech welcoming everyone and speaking about the Mission of SFOS. Jorge also spoke about how most local Orchid Societies are still rebuilding after the Covid-19 Pandemic and the importance of Members volunteering their time and talents. A SPECIAL THANKS to Jorge Merlo for his gracious remarks.

JUDGING AWARDS

Congratulations to **Steve Rodriguez** for receiving the SFOS Special Award for having THE MOST TOTAL RIBBON POINTS for the 2021-2022 Year, and to **Jorge Merlo** for receiving the SFOS Special Award for having THE MOST CULTURE RIBBONS for the 2021-2022 Year. These awards were earned after the culmination of a year's long effort of the care and cultivation of orchids and preparing and presenting their blooming plants for SFOS Certified Judging.

THE JUDGING COMMITTEE

SFOS Judges Erna Maxwell, Julie Rosenberg and judging assistants volunteer their time all year critiquing each blooming plant which is entered for flower quality and awarding the best plants entered with Ribbons and points. A SPECIAL THANKS to Erna Maxwell Julie Rosenberg, Pedro Bonetti, Javier Morejon, Carlos San Martin, Sally Taylor and Ron Hunt who work so diligently at continuing this long-standing tradition of the South Florida Orchid Society. The results are shown in our Monthly THE ORCHIDIST NEWSLETTER and the beautiful photos of the Awarded Plants are the work of our Photographer Ron Hunt. Thank you to all South Florida Orchid Society Members who bring your blooming plants in to our monthly meetings to enter for judging. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to each SFOS Member who participated on the Judging Committee.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Certificates of Appreciation were also awarded to all SFOS Members for served on the Board for the 2021-2022 Year thanking them for their service to SFOS. Also, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to those South Florida Members who volunteered their time to help make our monthly meetings successful and run smoothly. Whether you are handling Raffle Tickets, welcoming members and guests at the Hospitality Table, or are serving on a Committee (Treasurer, Membership, Program Director, Website, Newsletter, Facebook, Roster etc) you are what makes our Society what it is.

THE RECEPTION

If you were unable to attend the Installation and Awards Ceremony, you missed out on an amazing reception with beautiful, colorful, elegant decor donated by Annette Rodriguez, and an absolutely delicious gourmet selection of hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, cheeses, fruits, sandwiches and desserts donated by Nancy Crisler and Annette Rodriguez...thank you! Thank you! Thank you! From all of us.

You will find many photos memorializing the evening and the Awards and Certificates of Appreciation posted on our SFOS Facebook Page by Annette Rodriguez.

At our meeting on July 20th, 2022 at Pinecrest Gardens at 8:00 pm we will be holding our **FIRST ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY BAZAAR, ORCHIDS AND BAKESALE FUNDRAISER**. Please join us and take the opportunity to shop at our tables of Orchids, Collectors' Items, Orchid Books, Jewelry, Bakery Treats, Plant Seedlings, Garage Sale Items and some special Silent Auction Items.

There is still time for Members who would like to reserve a table for the opportunity to earn some money (for your next Orchid purchase perhaps?). Full tables are available for \$100.00 and half-tables are \$50.00.

There will be Orchid Judging, so bring your blooming Orchids at 7:00 pm. Judging starts at 7:30 pm.

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President's Message

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All Food items this evening will be donated to the Bake sale Table for purchase (cakes, cookies, pies etc.), and please also consider donating plants for our SFOS Orchid Sale Table and any items you would like us to offer for sale on our SFOS Garage Sale Table.

Guests are welcome and this event is free to attend. All purchases must be made by cash or check (**no credit cards!**). Doors will open at 7:00 pm if you would like to preview items which will be for sale. The sale starts at 8:00 pm.

Wear your SFOS Membership Badge and don't forget to sign in at the Membership Table. There will be special drawings for SFOS Membership, for those SFOS Members who are also members of AOS, for those who wear their SFOS Shirts, for those who bring in a plant/s for judging and for those who donate food items for the Bake sale Table.

Raffle tickets **will not be sold** this evening, but everyone (members and guests) will receive a **COMPLIMENTARY TICKET** when they come in the door for a chance to win a Special Door Prize.

Hope to see everyone come out and support this Fundraising Event.

Sincerely,
Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society



June 2022 Meeting Photos!



All Photos Courtesy of Annette Rodriguez!
Lots more photos on our Facebook Page!

June 2022 Meeting Photos!





The Importance of Fresh Air

The importance of fresh air to orchids is possibly the least appreciated aspect of growing orchids. All the orchid books tell you to ensure there is air movement around your orchids. For years I kept adding fans to my growing area thinking I was satisfying this basic requirement. But orchids do not want recirculated stale air, they want to be bathed in fresh air, particularly the wafting breezes they get when they are outdoors.

The first time Ruben Saulea of Ruben in Orchids talked to our orchid club, we talked about how I could improve my orchid growing. At that time, we had the traditional greenhouse with a wet wall at one end, exhaust fans at the opposite end and polypropylene covering all the other surfaces. Ruben took one look at the greenhouse and said rip out the water wall and replace the side wall with stucco metal lath, keep the vents open at either end of the greenhouse and open the top vent. This allowed free movement of air throughout the greenhouse during the growing season. A retractable curtain closes off the stucco metal lath during cold weather, but otherwise the plants are always bathed in fresh air. That was the year the greenhouse exploded with new growth and an incredible display of blooms.

I struggled trying to grow vandas in the hoop house covered with greenhouse film with doors at either end. When Rafael Romero of Plantio La Orquidea looked at our growing set up, he told us to rip out the film on the side wall and replace it with stucco metal lath and a retractable curtain. Voilà, the vandas bloomed freely and the incidence of leaf spotting and rots was greatly diminished. During the summer growing season, the vandas are now all moved out into summer shade structures that allow free air on all four sides. The vandas grow like weeds in the fresh breezes.

This demand for fresh air makes sense if you think about how many orchids evolved from understory terrestrials to epiphytes. Many types of orchids left the forest floor to grow high in the canopy on the trunks or branches of tall forest trees where more light was available and where winds were stronger than on the ground.

Wafting breezes offer many benefits to your orchids:

- Fresh moving air improves gas exchange through leaf pores and around the rhizomes and roots, a process that is required for the plant's metabolic processes.
- Fresh moving air cools the leaves during warm weather when high light and high temperatures could otherwise cause the plant to overheat and restrict its metabolic processes, and possibly result in leaf sunburn.
- Fresh moving air helps distribute warm and cold air so extremes in air temperature will not harm the vegetation.
- Fresh moving air helps dry excess moisture from the leaves so bacteria and fungi will not proliferate.

Of course, air movement and humidity must be in balance. In a low-humidity environment, excess air movement will cause more evaporation and possibly result in dehydration. In a high-humidity environment, air movement is a must to

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prevent orchid disease problems.

During the cooler months, your orchids are probably in their winter homes inside. You can group your plants on humidity trays filled with pebbles to hold extra water after watering and provide some humidity around the plants. a fan blowing a gentle breeze around your plants is good. When the temperature is right, you can open a window by your plants and let them get a taste of the fresh air they crave.

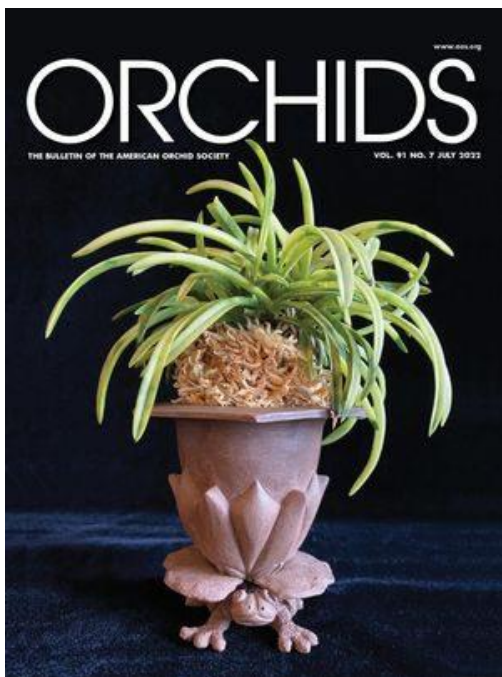
When warm weather returns, try to find a location outdoors where your orchids can get loads of fresh air. a screened porch is great, particularly for phalaenopsis that want shadier conditions and a covered roof where water won't accumulate in the crown of the plant causing rot. Hanging your orchids under a tree where they'll receive dappled light and fresh breezes 24 hours a day will result in an incredible summer growth surge, particularly if you ramp up your watering and fertilizing schedules to match the increased plant vigor.

Proper air movement is just as important to your orchid as providing the proper amount of water and light to your plant. It is also the least appreciated aspect of orchid growing. If you struggle with fungal and bacterial problems on your plants, you can apply chemicals to treat the symptoms. However, in many instances, proper air movement would have prevented the problem from arising in the first place.

- Sue Bottom started growing orchids in Houston in the mid-1990s after her husband Terry built her first greenhouse. They settled into St. Augustine, Florida, Sue with her orchids and Terry with his camera and are active in the St. Augustine Orchid Society, maintaining the society's website and publishing its monthly newsletter. Sue is also a member of the AOS Editorial Board (sbottom15@hotmail.com).

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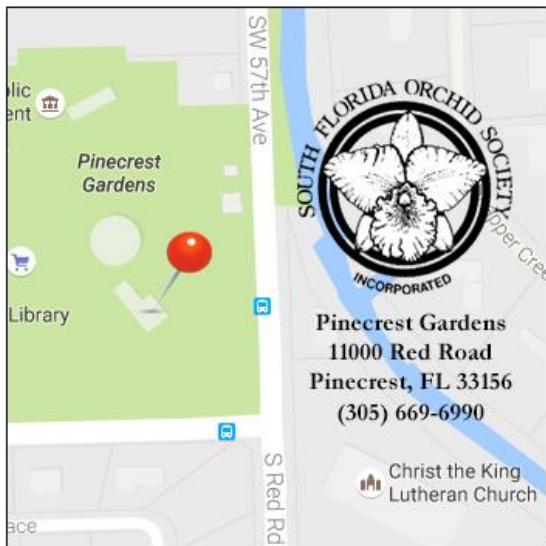
Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
on the third Wednesday of each month.

Registration of plants is from 7:00-7:30 PM.
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See you next month!

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