



# The Orchidist

SFOS September 21, 2022 Program

## Serena Roman Lady Vanda

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**Serena will be speaking on Slipper Orchids!**

**She will also be providing plants for our Raffle as well as having plants for sale.**

## President's Message

### GREETINGS TO ALL SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERS

As I write this message, it is pouring down rain and there is a thunderstorm overhead. There is also a new Tropical Storm in the Caribbean and her name is Fiona. We will keep an eye on the updates, but currently there is no threat to South Florida. The days have started to get shorter and I am looking forward to the cooler weather, which will come with Fall.

### SPEAKER PROGRAM

We welcomed John Romano of J & J Unique Orchids back as our Guest Speaker at our August Meeting. John presented a very interesting talk on "Orchids to Grow in South Florida" that was well received by our Members and Guests. Thank you to John for also providing the many beautiful flowering plants for our Raffle Table.

Our September 21st, 2022 Meeting...PROGRAM BEGINS AT 8:00 pm

Our Guest Speaker will be Serena Roman, also known as Lady Vanda. Serena is very knowledgeable in growing vandas and gave a great presentation at our Meeting in September 2021. This month, she will be sharing information on "Growing Slipper Orchids" in our sub-tropical climate; including specific care tips and which plants she feels are best suited for outdoor growing.

Serena will be providing the Raffle Plants and will have a variety of plants from Lady Vanda available for purchase.

### PLANT JUDGING

We always look forward to seeing our Members blooming plants, so bring them in at 7:00 pm for the SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY CERTIFIED JUDGING, which will begin at 7:30 pm. The Ribbon and Culture Award points will count towards the 2022-2023 Awards and your plant may be featured in our next Newsletter.

### REFRESHMENT TABLE

Please consider sharing some goodies for our Refreshment Table. We will provide the plates, silverware and napkins. Also, it is suggested that you bring your own portable drink container as we don't always receive donations of bottled water.

### COMPLIMENTARY RAFFLE TICKETS

Please remember to wear your SFOS Membership Badge and Sign-in at the Hospitality Table.

Members are eligible to participate in the following FIVE COMPLIMENTARY RAFFLES:

- 1. 2022-2023 SFOS Membership
- 2. SFOS Members, which are current AOS Members
- 3. SFOS Members who enter a plant/plants for SFOS Judging
- 4. Wearing your South Florida Polo/T-shirt
- 5. Donating food and/or beverage item for the Refreshment Table

### THE REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL —October 7-9th, 2022

Join us as we volunteer for this year's REDLAND FESTIVAL, which will be held at the Fruit and Spice Park. Our Society will earn a \$50 donation for each shift worked. And each Volunteer will have get free entrance to the show on the day/ days that you have volunteered to work. Plus, you will receive a LIMITED EDITION COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT.

The shifts are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the hours are 9:45 am - 1:30 pm or 1:15 pm - 5:00 pm. If you haven't

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## President's Message

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already signed up at the August Meeting I need your information as soon as possible as I will be forwarding the Volunteer information to the Redland Volunteer Co-coordinator by the deadline on Tuesday September 20th.

The following information is needed:

Your name

Your email address

Your Cell phone Number

Your t-shirt size

Which shift or shifts you are available to work (or note if you are flexible)

The Volunteer Co-coordinator for the REDLAND FESTIVAL has asked that each volunteer be punctual, as there are no back-ups. Keep in mind that you should allow yourself extra time for parking and walking to the entrance to check-in for your shift.

You may contact me by email at [chris278429@gmail.com](mailto:chris278429@gmail.com) or text me. My cell phone contact information is in the SFOS 2022-2023 Roster. I will confirm with you that I received your information.

Check out our **FACEBOOK PAGE**, hit the LIKE button, and SHARE the page with your FACEBOOK friends.

Looking forward to seeing you at the September Meeting. If you are traveling, please stay safe.

Sincerely,

Chris Alger, President —South Florida Orchid Society

## Membership Corner

The Members of the South Florida Orchid Society always please me! When you think nothing is going to happen - it does and we get a New Member - that is exactly what happened in August. The Board will be voting on the application of Michelle Anseeuw at the September meeting.

I have handed out the new Roster (it has a blue cover) at the July and August meetings. If you were not at either of these meetings - your Roster is in the mail - please be on the lookout for it. When you get it - please - PLEASE - check your information - if I have made a mistake (which might have happened) please let me know. Also if you know anyone in the Membership that has passed away - please let me know. It seems that things like that happen and we don't always know it.

All of you who attended the August meeting got to meet the newest member of my family "Summer". Thank you for putting up with her. She is too young to leave in a crate at home for the 7+ hours that I am away from home for our Board Meeting and Regular Meeting. Come out in September and see how much she has grown.

Sally Taylor

Membership Chair

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## August 17th 2022 Judging Report

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

### Blue Ribbons:

- Den. Thongchai Gold - Danny Gallardo
- Den. Hidden Money - Steve Rodriguez
- Enc. Pinar del Rio - Steve Rodriguez

### Red Ribbons:

- C. Monte Elegante - Danny Gallardo
- Phal. Zheng Min Wisteria - Maggie Echeverria

Thank you for displaying your blooms. We look forward to more next meeting.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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Den. Thongchai Gold - Danny Gallardo

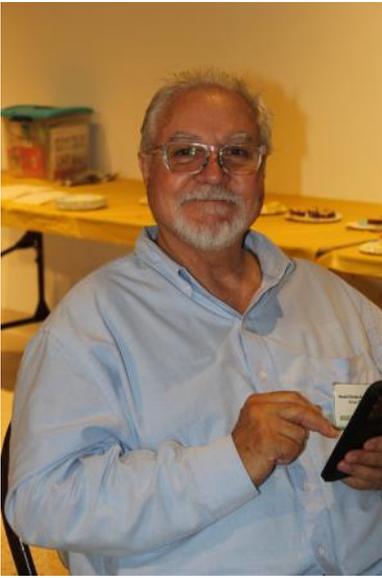


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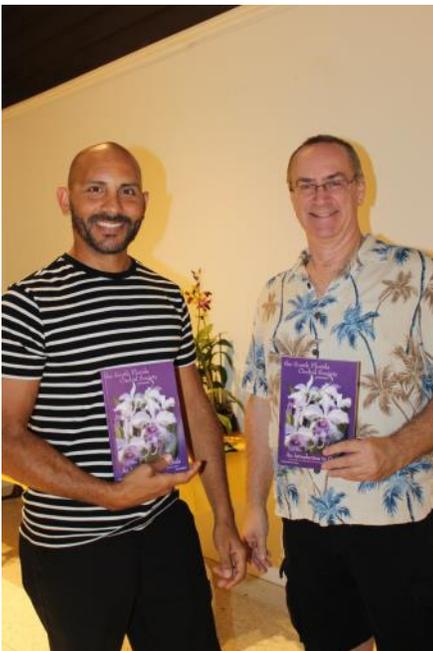
Photos From Our August Meeting!



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**Meeting Photos by  
Annette Rodriguez!**



## ORCHIDS

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### GREAT Ideas

#### Reprint: Homemade Racks for Hanging and Mounted Plants

By Jean Allen-Ikeson

If you grow mounted plants and you have a lot of them, you need a good “vertical bench” on which to hang them. Such racks can be built out of wire mesh and plastic pipe, can consist of just a coil of rabbit cage wire standing on end on a bench or hung by chains from the ceiling, or can be fashioned from one of those discarded wrought iron porch supports that were once so popular on 1950s ranch style homes but now have been relegated to the greenhouse. Vertical benches have the advantage of taking up a small footprint of valuable floor space while providing a home for a large number of mounted plants. Even a little wire mesh tied to the end of a light stand expands the space when you are growing under lights.

Most farm-supply stores and many building centers carry wire mesh that can be used. Chicken wire is probably too lightweight except for the lightest mounts. Mesh with 1-inch (2.5-cm) spacing works well. Plumbing pipe may be purchased in building centers in reasonable lengths. Copy this page with the accompanying photo and take it to the store and tell them, “I want something like this.” You will also need plastic ties such as those used by electricians or heavier single-strand wire to tie the wire mesh to the plumbing pipe.



The best rack I have ever seen was built by Annette Bagby (a retired AOS judge) and her architect husband Jim, who live in Milton, Ontario. The rack was built to house her collection of pleurothallids and other smaller mounted plants in their sunroom greenhouse. Note that the support cross bars may also accommodate hanging baskets for such things as vandaceous orchids. This rack is between 5 and 6 feet (1.5–1.8 m) tall. Such racks are easy to move, sturdy and do not rot. Unless you make the rack wide enough to keep from tipping as in the photo, it might be a good idea to anchor it with a couple of light chains to hooks in the ceiling.



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**Directors, Term ending in 2022**

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**Directors, Term ending in 2023**

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**Immediate Past President—Chris Alger**

**Show Chairman—Vacant**

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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*