



The Orchidist

SFOS October 19, 2022 Program

Roger L. Hammer

Roger Hammer is an award-winning professional naturalist and a survivalist instructor for the Discovery Channel's reality TV show *Naked and Afraid*. He was the manager of the 120-acre Castellow Hammock Nature Center for the Miami-Dade County Parks Department for 30 years, retiring in 2010. He received the first Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award presented by the Florida Native Plant Society's Dade Chapter in 1982, Tropical Audubon Society honored him with the Charles Brookfield Medal in 1996, in 2003 he received the Green Palmetto Award in Education from the Florida Native Plant Society, and in 2019 he received the Florida Native Plant Society Mentor Award. Roger has given keynote speeches at Florida Native Plant Society state conferences as well as the 2008 World Orchid Conference held in Miami. He was also the opening speaker at the American Orchid Society's 100-year anniversary celebration held at the Biltmore Hotel in Miami in 2021. In 2012 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Florida International University.

Roger's first passion with the flora of Florida was finding and photographing Florida's native orchids, and during his travels he discovered two species of native orchids in Florida not previously known to occur in the state. And, in 1979 he discovered a population of atala butterflies, listed in 1965 as presumed extinct, and the discovery made *National Geographic* magazine.

He is the author of *Everglades Wildflowers*, *Florida Keys Wildflowers*, *Central Florida Wildflowers*, *Complete Guide to Florida Wildflowers*, *Attracting Hummingbirds and Butterflies in Tropical Florida*, *Exploring Everglades National Park*, *Paddling Everglades and Biscayne National Parks*, and *Florida Icons: 50 Classic Views of the Sunshine State*. He lives in Homestead, Florida with his wife, Michelle.



Photo by Paul Marcellini

Roger's presentation will be on *Wild Orchids of South Florida*.

Roger will also bring along some of his books to sell. Cash or Check only.

Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members...

Our Speakers Program in September featured Serena Roman also known as Lady Vanda. She gave a great Orchid talk, and supplied beautiful plants for our Raffle Table and Special Members drawings. Thank you to Serena for your presentation at our September meeting.

THE PROGRAM THIS MONTH...

The Program at our Meeting on October 19th, 2022 will feature the well-known Naturalist and Photographer, Roger Hammer. He will be speaking on the WILD ORCHIDS OF SOUTH FLORIDA. Roger is an Author and will have some of his books available for purchase. The Program will start at 8:00 pm at Pinecrest Gardens.

THE STORM...

Well, we dodged a bullet here in Miami. But, our friends and family and many orchid collectors and growers in Southwest Florida took an incredible hit from Hurricane IAN. I am grateful that most damage in Miami was minimal and, we know that people are facing an uphill battle in recovery and rebuilding their homes and businesses in Ft. Myers and surrounding areas and of course the barrier Islands.

With the collaboration of SFOS Members Lisa Coello, Erna Maxwell and Don McDermott, we were able to arrange the purchase of this month's Raffle Plants from Jerry Meola and PELICAN COAST FARMS, which is located in Ft Myers. PELICAN COAST FARMS survived IAN but with considerable damage to their Greenhouses. You may remember Jerry, as he was always a Vendor at our SFOS Miami International Orchid Show held in previous years at the U of M. I am glad we were able to support PELICAN COAST FARMS and purchase our Raffle Plants from him for the October Meeting. Thank you Lisa, Erna and Don for making this possible.

JUDGING...

Members may bring their **BLOOMING** plants at 7:00 pm to enter for South Florida Orchid Society Certified Judging. Judging begins at 7:30 pm and this is your opportunity to earn Ribbon and Culture Award Points for the 2022-2023 Year. Any SFOS Member bringing in a plant or plants for Judging will be eligible to participate in a **COMPLIMENTARY SPECIAL RAFFLE DRAWING**.

REFRESHMENT TABLE...

Members and guests enjoy being able to serve themselves snacks from our refreshment table, but only a few members have been consistently generous in donating treats to share with the rest of us. So...we need to ask ALL of our SFOS Members to consider taking a turn and bringing in light refreshments. SFOS supplies paper plates, napkins and silverware. So...think about bringing something to share with others for the Refreshment table. We always have a **SPECIAL RAFFLE PLANT DRAWING** to thank you for being a part of this. Also, I am **STRONGLY SUGGESTING** you bring your own beverage container with you. We do not always get bottled water or beverage donations. If you are donating a beverage that needs to be chilled, you may want to bring it in an ice chest or an ice bucket and also donate some disposable cups, which we do not currently have.

If you are interested...consider volunteering to be a SFOS HOSPITALITY CHAIR. The refreshment table needs to be set up before the meeting starts, and also cleared at the end of each meeting. Currently there is no one covering that job so maybe you would be willing?

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President's Message

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THE TAMIA MI INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL...

Please read the article in this Newsletter about the Volunteers who served on behalf of SFOS at the recent Redland International Orchid Festival. We will be compiling a new list for those of you who wish to reserve a spot to volunteer at the upcoming Tamiami Show January 13th thru 15th, 2023. You may sign up at the October and November Meeting.

HOLIDAY PARTY...

We are currently planning our ANNUAL SFOS HOLIDAY PARTY that will be held on Wednesday evening, December 21st, 2022 at the Shorty's BBQ located on US 1 near Dadeland. As is our tradition, each SFOS MEMBER that attends will receive an orchid plant from the Society as a gift. So, come, enjoy a delicious dinner, and share a happy moment with friends. You may make your RESERVATION at the October or November meeting. The cost will be \$35.00 for each Member or guest and we will accept cash or checks only (no credit cards). RESERVATIONS must be MADE and PAID in advance of the Holiday Party, as we will be ordering the gift Orchids to be delivered from Hawaii. (Menu will be available at the Meeting).

Don't forget to wear your Membership Badge, and sign-in. Please introduce yourself to and welcome our new Members.

Check out our **SFOS FACEBOOK PAGE**, hit the LIKE button, and SHARE it with your **FRIENDS**.

Hope to see you at our October Meeting...

Sincerely,

Chris Alger, President

South Florida Orchid Society



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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.

REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS!

This is a big **"SHOUT OUT"** and THANK YOU to those South Florida Orchid Society Members and Friends who volunteered in the name of SFOS this month at the **REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL** held at the Redland Fruit and Spice Park.

Please join me in thanking...

- Lisa Coello (x 2 shifts)
- Maggie Echeverria
- Don McDermott
- Dora Cieply
- Adele Barndollar

In addition to each volunteer receiving a gift and free entry to the Festival from the Redland International Orchid Festival, South Florida Orchid Society has received a generous donation in the amount of \$300.00 from the Redland International Orchid Festival thanking us for the time and effort of these volunteers.

We have already started compiling a list of those who wish to volunteer in the name of SFOS at the upcoming Tamiami International Orchid Festival, which will be held on January 13th thru 15th, 2023. The sign-up list will be available at the Hospitality Table at our October 19th, and November 16th, 2022 Meetings.

When you see these volunteers, please remember to tell them **THANK YOU!!!**

And, thank you to Karina and Bart Motes and the Redland International Orchid Festival for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

The South Florida Orchid Society Board of Directors

Membership Corner

The SFOS Board voted on the Membership Application of Michelle Anseeuw- to become a member - hope she gets to the next meeting so we can welcome here.

Now I put on the SAD FACE - I have not received any more new applications. As a Member - can you get a friend to join us? We sure could use the help. Just being a member of the SFOS is great - but you will be surprised at what you will get out of the SFOS if you take an active part. We need new members, we need you all to bring in orchids for judging, bring a refreshment to share - I'm sure if you just ask Chris will be happy to put you to work - you could help at the welcome table!

I have been an active member since 1985. I can't tell you how many friends I have made it that amount of time. I know I don't get to every meeting - because I do a lot of traveling with my dogs - but if I'm in town - I'm at the meeting.

I therefore challenge you to give it a try. We need a few more Directors for the Board - and you don't have to wait to be asked - just let me know you are interested and I'll take care of the rest!

See you on Wednesday, October 19th.

Sally Taylor

Membership Chair

There will be T-Shirts at the October 19th meeting - you can put one up and put it on. I don't have all sizes - but I do have a few.

September 21, 2022 Judging Report

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

Blue Ribbons:

- V. Pachara Delight - Maggie Echeverria

Red Ribbons:

- Vasco. Laem Sing - Maggie Echeverria

White Ribbons:

- V. Horned Frog (V. Karnda 'Hampton' x V. coerulescens) - Maggie Echeverria

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

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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V. Pachara Delight - Maggie Echeverria

Photos From Our September Meeting!



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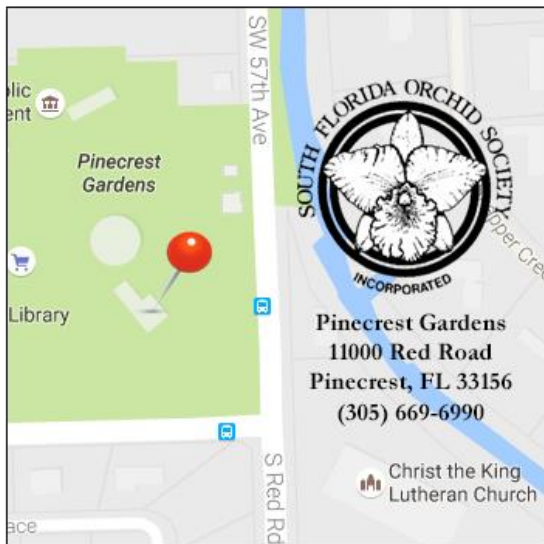
Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
on the third Wednesday of each month.

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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