



The Orchidist

SFOS November 16 2022 Program



Omar Gonzalez

A chemist by trade and botanist at heart. I have found orchid growing a rewarding and enjoyable hobby. Work skills are used and are enjoyable for a change. Solving problems is another aspect I enjoy. I had moved back to Miami from Iowa in 2011 when I met a man that gave me some orchids. Spathoglottis, Vanilla, and Sobralia. It took a while for me to give up on a vegetable garden. Eventually I attended an orchid show before my first trip to Hawaii. I visited Akatsuka, Carmela, and became even more obsessed in Orchids. Upon my return, I started growing seedlings under lights, after a year it was obvious that I needed a big yard. An opportunity to volunteer at the Bonnet House gave me lots of hands on experience in managing a Vandaceous collection. From then on, I would learn from anyone that would talk to me, seeking out knowledgeable growers, attending society meetings throughout Florida. I would attend every orchid show from Miami to Fort Pierce. Especially if they had lectures. Eventually some growers took a liking to me and they were a pleasure to get to know. All their wisdom was used to make my collection grow and I figure out how. In that time I cannot tell you of how many plants were lost to being a stranger in my own back yard. I have go on to do orchid seed culture, hybrids, as well as caring for collections in private homes or businesses. I enjoy growing a myriad of genera, thanks to Springwater Orchids, Redhawk Orchids, Bill Thoms, Andy's Orchids, Tamiami Festival, Redland Festival, you get the picture. My hands on experience is extensive with Cattleya, and Vandaceous. I also take care of private collections.

Omar will be providing plants for our raffle table!



SFOS Holiday Party!

Baby Back Feast!

December 21st, 2022, which would be our regular December meeting night.

Choice of Entree

Baby Back Ribs Half Rack

Baby Back Ribs & Chicken

Baby Back Ribs & Spare Ribs

Choice of Side Dish

Corn on the Cob*

BBQ Beans

House Salad

ALL PLATES INCLUDE

French Fries

Cole Slaw

Garlic Bread

Soda, Coffee, or Tea

Alcoholic Beverages may be purchased separately at the bar.

9200 South Dixie Highway (US-1) Miami, FL 33156

Cost is \$35 per member or guest which includes dinner, drink, and a holiday plant for each member. Dinner is from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

Payment **must** be made in **cash or checks only!** Checks should be made out to the South Florida Orchid Society.

Reservations and payment must be received at the November SFOS meeting.

Seating is limited so be sure to make your reservations early!

*subject to availability

Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members...

Our Speakers Program in October featured the well-known Naturalist and Photographer Roger Hammer. Roger presented a very entertaining program on the WILD ORCHIDS OF SOUTH FLORIDA. Thank you Roger for your presentation and the beautiful photos you shared with us.

THE PROGRAM THIS MONTH...

We will welcome back Omar Gonzalez as our Guest Speaker on Wednesday Night November 16th, 2022. Omar will be speaking on Cattleya's and is knowledgeable about many different genera of orchids. Please do join us...the Speakers Program begins at 8:00 pm.

AND ANOTHER STORM...

As I am writing this article, we have now been fortunate again as a second storm, Hurricane Nicole recently made landfall further up the East coast of Florida in the last few days. As the news reports and videos are still reporting the damage, I hope that everyone in South Florida was able to keep their property and shade houses safe during the strong winds, which preceded the storm for several days here.

JUDGING...

All Members are welcome to bring in your blooming plants at 7:00 pm to enter for SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY CERTIFIED JUDGING. Judging begins at 7:30pm and this is your opportunity to earn Ribbon and Culture Award Points for the 2022-2023 Year. Any SFOS Member bringing in a plant/plants for JUDGING will be eligible to participate in a COMPLIMENTARY SPECIAL RAFFLE DRAWING.

REFRESHMENT TABLE...

Many Members contributed treats (and some cups etc.) to share on the Refreshment Table in October. Thank you for your generosity. If you have not taken a turn bringing in refreshments please consider doing so this month. I will still suggest that you bring your own beverage container, as we do not always get bottled water or beverage donations.

I am still hoping that someone will volunteer as SFOS Hospitality Chair to set up the Refreshment table before our meetings start, and to help clear it at the end of each meeting.

THE TAMIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL...

If you wish to participate as a Volunteer in the upcoming Tamiami Show, which will be held on January 13th, 14th and 15th, 2023 you can sign-up at the November Meeting. All volunteers will be given free admission to the Festival on the day/days on which they are volunteering. You can sign-up for a morning or an afternoon shift on the day/days of your choice.

HOLIDAY PARTY...

Make sure and read the details in this Newsletter about our Holiday Party, which will be held at Shorty's BBQ located on US 1 near Dadeland on our regular meeting night in December. As is our tradition, each SFOS Member that attends will receive an orchid plant from the Society as a gift. We need your RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE so that Sally Taylor will know how many gift plants to order to be shipped in from Carmela Orchids of Hawaii. You may pay by **CHECK** or **CASH (no credit cards)** at the November Meeting. The cost for the SPECIAL EVENT is \$35.00 for each member or guest.

As always, don't forget to wear your Membership Badge, and sign-in at the meeting. Please introduce yourself to and welcome our new Members and guests.

There are several positions open on our SFOS Board of Directors. Think about it...we can really use your help if you are willing to donate a little time each month to keep our Society strong.

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

Hope to see you at our November meeting. If you will be traveling for the Holidays, please be safe.

Sincerely,
Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society

Membership Corner

We will be voting on a new Member at the Board meeting of the SFOS on November 16 - Teresa Prol. Please help welcome her to the South Florida Orchid Society. Every time I think nothing is happening and I will be putting on a sad face - a membership application comes in the mail or is handed to me at the meeting. I thank you all so much for keeping me happy.

I know that you won't like hearing this but - last year I thought I was doing a good job by getting the Renewal Notices in the mail December 1. After which I looked at the SFOS By-Laws and found out I should have had the Notices mailed by November 1. Well I missed it by 6 days this year as I put the Notices in the mail on November 7. I know it seems like only yesterday that you filled out the Renewal Notice and wrote a check for dues - but please do it again! Get it out of the way and I'll be able to send you a new Membership Card for 2023! Normally I would have the Membership Cards to hand out at the January Meeting - however I think I will be away at a dog show at time of the January Meeting. If you have not done this before - please check the information that is in the Roster (that's the blue one) under your name. If there is a mistake in that information please let me know on the Renewal Notice, - I'm trying hard to keep things up to date - but reading minds is not one of my talents!

Please keep in mind some of the reasons for Renewing your SFOS Membership - you can bring in your Orchid Plants for Judging - you get a raffle ticket for that - plus the Judges have given Medals out for exceptional Orchid Plants. You also get a raffle ticket for just being a Member. You get a raffle ticket if you bring refreshments to share at the meeting. You get a raffle ticket if you have on your SFOS T-shirt. And finally you get a raffle ticket if you belong to the AOS and SFOS. Oh yes - almost forgot - being a Member of SFOS gets you a Plant at the Holiday Party. Also - your Membership Dues help to keep the SFOS going - being able to bring in Speakers for every Meeting and having a place to meet.

I will not be at the November 16th Meeting as I'm in Ocala at dog shows until the 21st. With that in mind - I know we are all about to go through the Holiday Season - shopping, cooking special stuff, eating too much and just having fun with family and friends! In that light I want to wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season. I will hope to see all of you at the Holiday Party in December!

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair



October 2022 Judging Report

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

Blue Ribbons:

- Bc. Morning Glory - Danny Gaillardo
- Bc. Florida Stars "Ion Drive" SM/SFOS - Steve Rodriguez
- Bc. Florida Stars "Spring Zing" AM/AOS - Steve Rodriguez
- Ctsm. Donna Wise "Lee" HCC/AOS x Ctsm. Darkness (John C.Burchett x Orchidglade) - Steve Rodriguez
- *Bulb. lindleyanum* - Javier Morejon
- *Onc. varicosum* - Danny Gaillardo

Red Ribbons:

- Bc. Morning Glory - Danny Gaillardo
- *Bulb. lilacinum* x *Bulb. careyanum* - Javier Morejon
- *Aerangis biloba* - Javier Morejon
- Vasco. Pine Rivers - Lisa Coello
- V. Uraivan Belle "Spotted Glory" - Javier Morejon
- V. Marijane Thornton - Javier Morejon

Thank you for bringing your blooms. We look forward to more in November.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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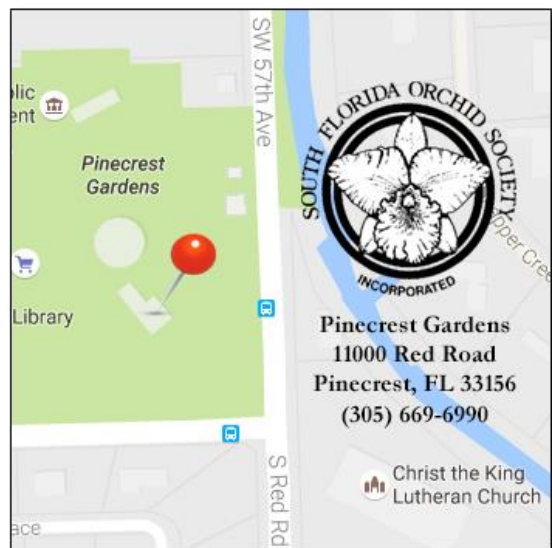
Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
on the third Wednesday of each month.

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

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, *The Orchidist*