



The Orchidist

SFOS January 18 2023 Program

Landscaping With Terrestrial Orchids with Peter Kouchalakos

Peter Kouchalakos, along with his wife Clara, are the owners of PCK Orchids and Exotic Plants. Peter is a law school graduate who found his true calling in growing and teaching others to successfully grow orchids and other exotic plants.

Peter Kouchalakos likes to call himself the Johnny Appleseed of orchids. As he told a Miami Herald reporter, "I just want to spread the joy. I'm lucky to get to do what I love and get paid for it."

We should all be so lucky!



Learn how easy it is to add these orchids to your landscape. With proper care, you too can introduce fabulous ground-growing orchids that add just the right touch to your tropical garden or your pool patio. Peter will talk about the types of garden habitats these orchids require and what you can expect in the way of performance.

This group of garden orchids includes members of the [Phaius](#), [Spathoglottis](#), [Epidendrum](#) and [Oncidium](#) genera

A variety of orchids will be available for sale after the presentation.
Peter will also provide plants for our raffle table.

President's Message

Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members...and Happy New Year!

Our Holiday Party...

In December, many of us were able to spend an evening together sharing good food and great company with family and friends at our Annual Holiday Party, at Shorty's BBQ Restaurant on US1 near Dadeland.

The highlight of the festive event was when each member chose their gift plant, which was shipped in by air from Carmela Orchids in Hawaii. Thank you Sally Taylor for making the arrangements with Sheldon Takasaki of Carmela. The Orchids were beautiful, many were in bloom or ready to bloom and all will make great additions to our member's private collections. And...thank you to Sheldon.

A special thank you also to Nancy Crisler who brought wonderful delicious desserts, Annette Rodriguez for creating the colorful Holiday Menus for the event and who also spent much of the evening taking photo memories for our Facebook Page. Thanks also to Lisa Coello who managed the members as they selected their gift plant, and Edna, our server, who gave us such awesome service.

And, thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make it a very fun and memorable event.

Volunteers Shine!

We have two SFOS Members who volunteered their time for the Tamiami International Orchid Festival. A big shout out to Lisa Coello and Maggie Echeverria. SFOS receives a generous \$50.00 donation for each volunteer shift worked by our Members and the volunteer Members each receive a commemorative gift and free entry to the show. We will now start compiling a list for those Members who would like to be considered to volunteer for the Redland Show which will take place at the Fruit and Spice Park in May 2023. So...make a note of that on your calendar. We will have a sign-up list available at our meetings.

Speakers Program...

We will be welcoming back **Peter Kouchalakos** this month on Wednesday January 18th, 2023 as our Speaker. He will be speaking on USING ORCHIDS IN THE LANDSCAPE. Peter

lives locally and has a lot of experience with using Orchids and other tropical plants to create a beautiful setting that is good for you and good for your plants. He will have various plant specimens available for purchase and will be supplying our Raffle Table for the evening.

Judging will start at 7:30 pm and the Program will start at 8:00 pm. Be sure to bring your blooming plants in at 7:00 pm if you wish to enter them for the South Florida Orchid Society Certified Judging.

Also, don't forget to contribute some treats to be shared on the Refreshment Table. Everyone enjoys refreshments and we all need to take a turn donating to the Refreshment Table.

SFOS BOARD

As I mentioned in the previous Newsletter, we need to fill several vacancies on our Board. We need a Board Secretary to take notes once a month during our Board Meeting, and we need to fill the upcoming vacancy of the Treasurer's Position. We must fill these positions. They are essential for the Society to function. Please consider giving a little bit of your time and stepping up...our SFOS Board Meetings are normally held at 6:00 pm just prior to our Membership Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month.

Our Membership Chair Sally Taylor has been busy making sure everyone who have paid their 2023 Dues receives their new Membership Badge. Remember to wear it to the meeting so that you will receive a Membership drawing Raffle Ticket when you sign-in. Also, make sure you check off if you have brought a **plant/plants for Judging, refreshments**, are wearing your **SFOS Shirt**, or are an **AOS Member** to receive those complimentary Raffle tickets.

As always, check out our **FACEBOOK PAGE** and hit the **LIKE** Button. Invite your friends to come to a meeting. First time Visitors will receive a copy of our **SFOS Culture Book** as a gift.

Hope to see everyone at our January meeting. If you are traveling then please be safe.

Sincerely,

Chris Alger, President —South Florida Orchid Society

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Happy New Year!

Membership Corner

What a great time was had at the Holiday Party! I did give out Membership Badges to most of you there, There were a few people there that I didn't know were coming and I have mailed Badges to them and to all who have paid their dues, so far.

Since the Holiday Party I had received a few more checks for membership and I have been mailing those badges. I will not be at the January meeting - but if you have sent me your check and I received it before 1/10/23 - your membership badge will be mailed. Remember our President Chris will be able to take your dues (either a check or cash) and give you a receipt - and I will have your badge ready at the February meeting.

I am going to ask that you attend the January Meeting in my place - and do something for me - ask President Chris if there is something you can do to help. IE - maybe sit and welcome people, put table covers on the tables, hand out the tickets to members for different things. You might just find out that it can be fun!

I will be back in town for the February Meeting and maybe - just maybe I'll bring Summer for you all to see - she is now 7 months old and over 55 pounds (she doesn't fit in that little crate any more). Hopefully she will have some points towards her Championship by then.

Hope the New Year is treating each of you great and that things will be better for all of us in 2023! See you in February. But don't forget to go to the meeting for me in January.

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair
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West Palm Beach Judging Center Orchid Auction!

The [West Palm Beach Judging Center](#) is planning an auction for Sunday, February 26, 2023 @ 1:00 pm to be held at the Learning Center at Flamingo Gardens, Davie Florida. This is a fund-raising event for our center to raise money to cover on going expenses for our Judging Center which includes rent, photographer's fees, speaker fees and travel expenses as needed, etc.

We are inviting all affiliated society members to attend this auction and bid on some exciting orchids from some of our judges' private collections, grower donations, orchid books, orchid supplies, memorabilia, etc. to support our Center.

We are not subsidized by the American Orchid Society and any funds raised will be restricted to the use by the WPBJC for expenses mentioned above.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on February 26 at 1:00 pm. Additional information will be sent out closer to the date.

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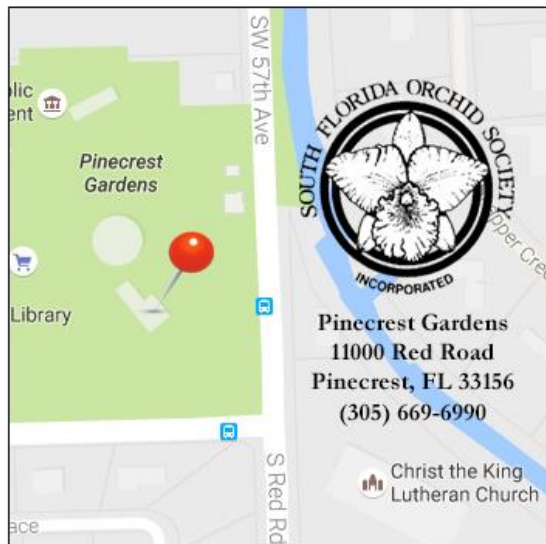
Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
on the third Wednesday of each month.

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*