



The Orchidist

SFOS February 15 2023 Program

Javier Morejon: Bubophyllums!

I am a lifelong native of Miami, born here in 1973. I started growing orchids around 1987-1988 and have been an active grower for the last 35 years. Like many, I started with the standard cattleyas and dendrobiums, which I still grow and moved on to the weird stuff after a few years thanks to mentors like Bert Pressman and Mirta Russis Heineman.

These days I have a collection of 250 plants 2/3 of which are species or primary hybrids. These include several species and hybrids of *Bulbophyllum*, which is the subject of the talk. I will be showing how I grow and mount these orchids and why I believe they are among the best orchids for this area.

When I'm not with my orchids am growing my other passion, heirloom vegetables.



Quest Orchids will be providing plants for our Raffle Table the month!

Membership Corner

I am so happy about the renewal Memberships coming in - both by mail and at the meeting. Our President, Chris has kept me up-dated on the January meeting renewals. Since I will be home for a week before the meeting on February 15th I will have your Membership Badge at that Meeting for you to pick up. So mark your calendar and don't forget the Meeting.

I would like to ask each one of you reading this Newsletter to think about a friend - remember what that is? a person you know who might just like Orchids too - to come to the meeting with you! You might just find out that it is fun!

I writing this while still in Atlanta, GA at a dog show and freezing most of the time. I'll be happy to give you an up-date on Summer at the meeting - it's a Big One.

I will also have T-Shirts at the meeting - if you are interested in one.

Thank you all for the support you are giving me - it makes the job much easier.

Sally Taylor
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President's Message

Greetings and Happy Valentines to all South Florida Orchid Society Members...

At our meeting in January, we welcomed back Peter Kouchalakos as our Guest Speaker. His topic on Growing Orchids in the Florida Landscape was very well received by all those who attended the meeting. Thank you, Peter.

February 15th, 2023 Program

This month, our speaker will be long-time SFOS Member and Orchid grower Javier Morejon. Those of you who know Javier, know he is very knowledgeable about orchids and occasionally assists our SFOS Certified Judges. He is going to do a Presentation on Bulbophyllum, including how to mount them and grow them in our South Florida climate. The Program will start this Wednesday night at Pinecrest Gardens at 8:00 pm immediately following announcements. Quest Orchids will supply raffle plants

Judging

All SFOS Members are encouraged to bring your blooming Orchids in at 7:00 pm to enter for Judging. Certified SFOS Judging starts at 7:30 pm.

Refreshments

Thank you to everyone who brought the goodies to share at our January Meeting. It was a chocolate lover's delight. Please take a turn and bring something for the Refreshment Table this month. It is suggested that you bring your personal beverage container with you, as we do not always get donations of bottled drinks. And, I am still hoping a member will volunteer to serve as Hospitality Chair to set up the Refreshment Table before the meeting. SFOS has the tablecloth, plates, napkins & silverware available for you to use. It is not a difficult task, but it does help the Refreshment table to look a lot nicer.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is still looking for a Member to serve a term as Secretary to the Board. This position simply needs to be filled. While the position is **VACANT**, it continually falls on another Board Member to do that job on top of their other duties. The main responsibility as Secretary is to be present once a month to record the

notes at the Board Meeting which normally takes place between 6:00 and 7:00 pm, once a month just before the Judging and Speaker's Program starts.

All of the current Board Members do their best making decisions and working on behalf of the Society. Each of our Members should help to do what they can on behalf of the Society. We all benefit from a well-run and organized Society. And, we are all Volunteers. Please think about it.

2023 Membership

Thank you for everyone who has renewed your 2023 dues. Please remember to wear your MEMBERSHIP BADGE when you sign in at the Hospitality Table. Sally Taylor will be at the meeting if you still need to pay your 2023 dues...also she will have your Badge for you if you haven't received it yet. If you would like to purchase a SFOS Shirt, please talk to Sally. She will have Shirts available for purchase.

SFOS MINI-AUCTION SERIES...

One of our Members suggested we offer several plants/ items for Silent Auction each month to raise money for the society. We could do this in lieu of our YEARLY AUCTION, which we normally hold as one of our only major fundraisers. The SFOS Board has approved the SFOS MINI-AUCTION concept, and several plants, which were purchased by SFOS, will be available at the February Meeting. Several other non-orchid items may also be available. **ALL PROCEEDS EARNED WILL GO TO SFOS.** If any member wishes to DONATE an orchid plant/division (keep this in mind when you are repotting) or any other item for the MINI AUCTION, we will have the SILENT AUCTION forms available. We are a Non-profit 501(c)3 and can provide a Receipt for your donation if requested. We will accept cash or checks if you would like to purchase an item/s from the MINI SILENT AUCTION.

As always, check out our SFOS Facebook Page, hit LIKE, and SHARE with your Social Media Friends.

Hope to see everyone at our February Meeting.

Sincerely,
Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society

January Meeting Pictures



Photos by Chris Alger



January 2023 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell **Red Ribbons:**

Blue Ribbons:

- *C. walkeriana* - Lisa Coello
- *Schmb. undulata* - James Furst
- *V. Philippe Christophe* x *V. insignis* - Lisa Coello
- *Paph. barbatum* x *sib* - Lisa Coello

- *Bc. Jeremy Whyte 'Enigma'* - Lisa Coello
- *Rlc. Krichaya Delight* - Danny Gallardo
- *Onc. Sharry Baby* - Danny Gallardo
- *L. rubescens* - Lisa Coello

Thank you for showing your blooms. Remember you receive a raffle ticket for bringing in your plants.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

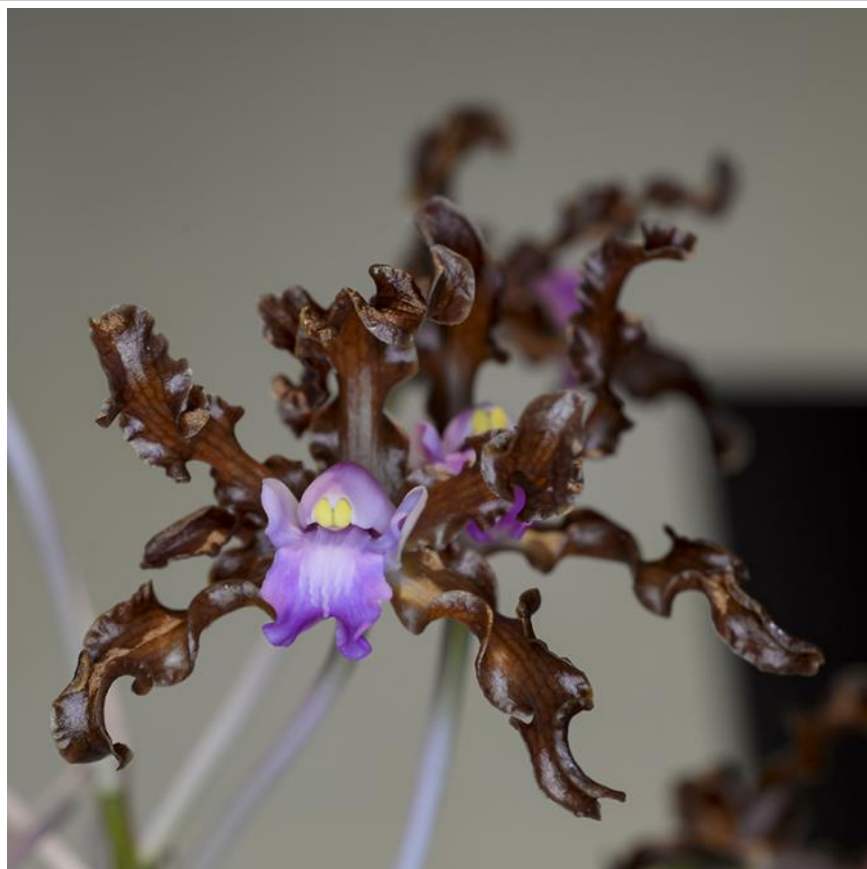
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Paph. barbatum x *sib* - Lisa Coello

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Schmb. undulata - James Furst



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ORCHID AUCTION



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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*