



The Orchidist

SFOS March 15 2023 Program

Jim Davison

“Mounting Orchids on Plaques, Baskets and Trees!”

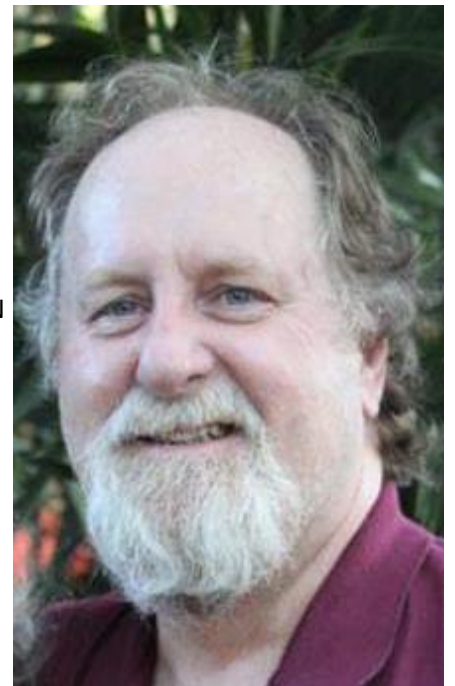
Jim’s appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. Before retiring, he worked as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant.

When Jim retired, he and his wife, Melana, opened their own retail nursery, Jim-N-I Orchids. Before Covid, they were doing the show circuit, selling their Florida grown orchids at shows in Florida including Tamiami and Redland.

Fortunately, shows are starting to take place again in Florida so they’re back on the road once again.

Jim is a past President of both the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society. He is also an accredited American Orchid Society judge.

Jim will be sharing all of the various techniques for successfully mounting and growing orchids on a variety of media. This is sure to be an informative as well as enjoyable presentation!



Jim will have orchids to sell and will also be providing plants for our raffle table!

WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING OUR SECOND SFOS MINI AUCTION !

Paying it Forward!

As you all may remember I was a BIG WINNER at our meeting in February. I went home with 5 plants - which I have not done since we used to meet at the Fire Tower. Before the February meeting I did a little paying it forward - because of some special stuff that happened to me. So again, it is time to PAY IT FORWARD! I have asked Annette and Steve Rodriguez to help me. I was not supposed to be at the March meeting but plans changed and I will be able

to come. Annette and Steve will had 20 raffle tickets to give out to the first 20 people - well 18 people after Annette and Steve take their tickets. So, you will have a chance at the raffle table on me! All you have to do is beat everyone else to the meeting on March 15. See you there!

Sally

President's Message

Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members...

At our meeting in February, we were very fortunate to have Javier Morejon, one of our long-time SFOS Members present a program on Bulbophyllum... how to mount them and grow them in the South Florida climate. Our members really enjoyed his lecture. Javier has over 35 years of experience and can answer almost any question you may ask him concerning Orchids. Thank you, Javier! Quest Orchids provided beautiful plants for our Raffle Table, with many plants in bloom. Thank you, Yolanda!

March 15th, 2023 Program

This month we will be welcoming Jim Davison back as our Speaker. Many of you may remember the Workshop part I that Jim presented last April on Mounting Orchids. Jim is known as an excellent instructor on this subject, and will be sharing his methods on MOUNTING ORCHIDS USING PLAQUES, BASKETS AND TREES. So join us on Wednesday night at Pinecrest Gardens and be prepared to pick up some good tips and learn his methods on this subject. The Program will begin at 8:00 pm immediately following announcements. Jim will also be providing plants for purchase from JIM-N-I Orchids, the family Orchid Company that he owns with his wife Melana Davison. JIM-N-I will also be providing the Raffle plants for this evening.

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

Our Members were very generous and we had the most amazing selection of treats to choose from in February. Please keep up the good work and consider taking a turn and bringing something to share this month. SFOS will provide the plates, napkins and silverware. I always suggest that you bring your own personal beverage container.

Our Board of Directors

Please be sure and read the article in this month's Newsletter recognizing and thanking Marilyn Strauss who served as our SFOS Treasurer for this past year. And, the

SFOS Board is in still in need of a Member to fill the position of Secretary to the Board, and also a vacant Board Position. Board Meetings are normally held once a month between 6:00 and 7:00 pm, just before the Judging and Speakers Program. Many decisions are made by the Board concerning our programming for the coming months. We are all Volunteers working on behalf of the Membership. Come and be a part of this important group.

2023 Membership

Please join me in welcoming new Member Barry White to our Society. Remember to display your Membership Badge and pick up your complimentary raffle tickets when you sign in at the Hospitality Table. Sally will have SFOS shirts for purchase and will be available if you still need to pay your 2023 dues. She can accept cash or checks.

SFOS MINI-AUCTION SERIES...

We held our first successful SFOS MINI-AUCTION at the February meeting. There were eight plants donated by Members for bid using Silent Auction. As was previously announced in the February Newsletter, SFOS is holding a series of mini-auctions in lieu of our ANNUAL AUCTION. Plants and other items are donated by our Members each month, and ALL PROCEEDS EARNED GO TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMING AT SFOS. Keep this opportunity in mind when you are repotting, and donate your divisions to our Mini-Auction. Make sure you check out the plants and bid sheets available this month at the Mini-Silent Auction Table. If you are the successful bidder, we will accept cash or checks.

As always, check out our SFOS Facebook Page, hit "Like", and Share with your Social Media Friends.

See you at our March Meeting. If you are traveling, keep safe.

Sincerely,
Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society

February 1st, 2023

To the Members of South Florida Orchid Society,

It is with great regret that I, Chris Alger as President of the South Florida Orchid Society, recently accepted the resignation of Marilyn Strauss as our SFOS Treasurer.

Marilyn graciously interrupted her retirement from a long career to serve in a volunteer capacity as Treasurer for the Executive Board of the SFOS when that office became vacant with short notice during mid-term in 2021. After Marilyn accepted the invitation, which was made on recommendation by several of our SFOS Board Members, The SFOS Board adopted a Motion on December 31st, 2021 to APPOINT Marilyn Strauss as a SFOS Board Member, and to also APPOINT Marilyn Strauss as SFOS Treasurer effective January 1st, 2022.

Marilyn Strauss is a long-time Member of the South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS) as well as a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS). Marilyn's service as Treasurer under very difficult circumstances is responsible in no small measure for the continuing success of the Mission of the SFOS, which is dedicated to the improvement and conservation of orchids through education and research. The SFOS is a Non-Profit 501(c)3 organization which has been in existence for more than 75 years, and is very dependent on careful and diligent oversight of all the details of SFOS financial affairs. Marilyn's service helped provide that diligent oversight.

On behalf of the entire Board of the SFOS, and myself, I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Marilyn for her service as Treasurer on the Executive Board of SFOS and for her service to the entire Membership and legacy of the South Florida Orchid Society.

Sincerely,
Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society



Photos courtesy of Annette Rodriguez





February Meeting Photos by Annette Rodriguez





Many more Photos on our Facebook Page!



Silent Auction!!!



Goodies!!!



More Goodies!!!!



February 15 2023 Judging Report

Judges: Sally Taylor, Julie Rosenberg and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- *C. lueddemanniana* - Steve Rodriguez
- *Guar. aurantiaca* - Javier Morejon
- *Blc. Hawaiian Leopard 'Meiling'* - Javier Morejon
- *Bulb. Purple Slippers (frostii x guttulatum)* - David Foster
- *Bulb. Emly Siegrist* - David Foster
- *Max. sanguinea* - David Foster
- *Ludisia discolor* - Steve Rodriguez

Red Ribbons:

- *C. lueddemanniana coerulea* - Javier Morejon
- *Bc. Booth Lee 'Venice'* - Danny Gallardo
- *B. Aristocrat (B. glauca x B. digbyana)* - Steve Rodriguez
- *Ctt. Warpaint* - Danny Gallardo

White Ribbons:

- *Bulb. vaginatum* - Javier Morejon

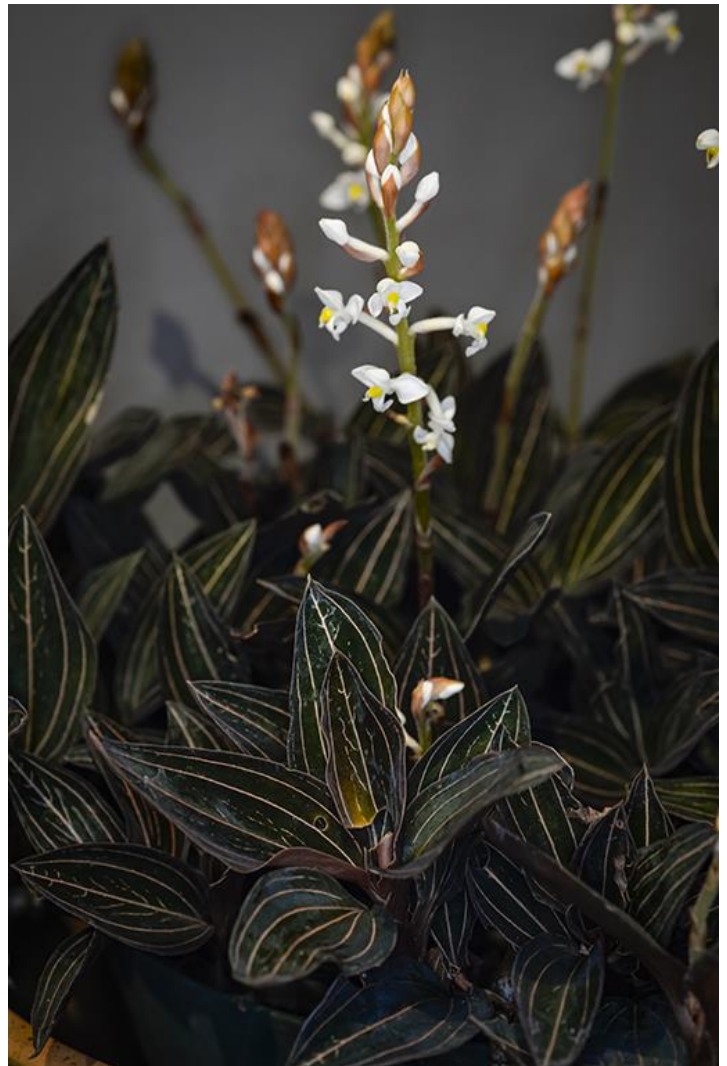
Thank you for showing your flowers. We look forward to more next month. Remember, you receive a free raffle ticket for showing your blooms.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair

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Max. sanguinea - David Foster

Membership Corner

The Board of Directors will be voting on the application of Barry White at the Board Meeting on March 15th. I have also had a few more renewals from our members. I will have Membership Badges at the Meeting on the 15th if you have sent me your renewal.

Our Members know how to keep me happy! Keep those renewals coming.

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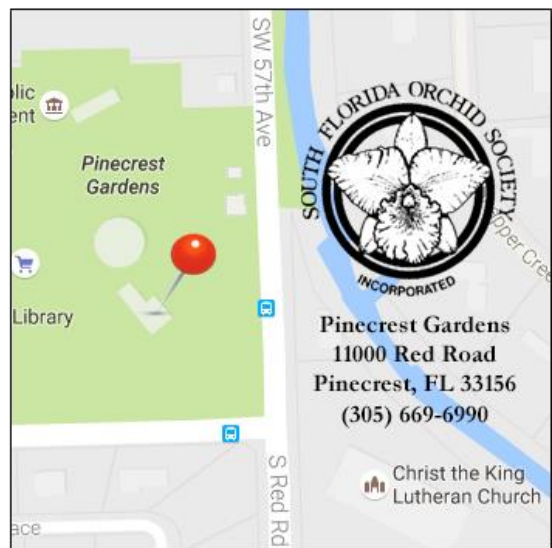
Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
on the third Wednesday of each month.

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

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The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance would like to invite you to attend our annual *Orchid Show and Sale this March 24-27, 2023 in Naples, FL. *

(I-75 North Exit 111 Go West 1 mile left (south) on Livingston to Park on the left.)

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"A Recipe with Orchids"
March 24, 25 & 26th



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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, *The Orchidist*