



The Orchidist

SFOS April 19 2023 Program

SERENA ROMAN, LADY VANDA

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Serena Roman

Serena will be speaking this month on Vanda Cultivation.

She will also be providing plants for our Raffle table as well as having plants for Sale!

Membership Corner

Well it has happened again! Just when I think I'm not going to hear from any one I get the news that we have a new Member (Charles Flick) and also returning members (Vickie and Grant Hawk). I'm hoping that they will all be able to come to the meeting on April 19th.

If you have not done this - **Please, Please**- check the current 2022-2023 Blue Roster and make sure your information correct. If something needs changing please let me know, as I will be putting the 2023-2024 Roster together in the next two months. As usual, I hope to have the New Rosters ready for the July meeting.

Thank you Members for all the help you have given me this year and for your loyal support of the South Florida Orchid Society.

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair



Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members

Hope this message finds you all well and enjoying the weather in between the April Showers.

In March, we had a really great meeting. Our guest speaker Jim Davison came back to share more information and tips on different methods you can use for mounting your Orchid plants on baskets, plaques and trees. Jim & his wife, Melana also supplied the beautiful plants for our Raffle table. Thank you to Jim & Melana, and we look forward to having you back again in the near future.

April 19, 2023 PROGRAM

Serena Roman, owner of LADY VANDA ORCHIDS will be our Guest Speaker this month. Her presentation will be on **"THE CULTIVATION OF VANDA ORCHIDS"**. Serena will have plants available for purchase, and will be supplying plants for our Raffle Table. The program will begin at 8:00 pm immediately following announcements.

JUDGING

As Members, you are encouraged to bring your blooming plants at 7:00 pm to present for SFOS Certified Judging, which begins at 7:30 pm.

REFRESHMENTS

We continue to serve some very nice refreshments at each meeting due to the generosity of our Members. Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to our refreshment table.

OUR BOARD of DIRECTORS

The SFOS Board installed Randy Breitwisch as our new Treasurer in March. Randy will be a valuable addition to our Board. He is very interested in researching and making the necessary improvements in our financial systems, which will help keep our Society fiscally strong as we continue to recover from the effects of the Pandemic.

2023-2024

And, on that note, it is time again for our yearly elections. We are hoping to find a member who would like to serve on the Board as a Director for this coming year 2023-2024. The SFOS Board meets at 6:00 pm at Pinecrest Gardens

just before the SFOS Judging and the Monthly Speakers Program. We also must find a Member who would like to serve as SFOS President for 2023-2024. Elections take place in May, and the Installation and Awards Ceremony is held in June. We welcome Members as guests at our Board Meetings. If you are interested and would like to attend, please let us know. SFOS Board members are all Volunteers who work diligently to plan future programming and make financial decisions in the best interest of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP

Sally Taylor, our Membership Chair has announced that we are welcoming new member Charles Flick and returning Members Grant and Vickie Hawk. Don't forget to wear your Membership Badge and sign in at the Hospitality Table to receive your complimentary **MEMBERS ONLY RAFFLE TICKETS** for *Membership, Entering a plant for Judging, Wearing a SFOS shirt or bringing a donation for the Refreshment Table*. If you're an SFOS Member and have not yet renewed your membership, please see Sally to do so. The 2023-2024 SFOS Members Roster will be going to print soon so be sure your contact information is correct and advise Sally of any changes

SFOS MINI-AUCTION SERIES...

Check out the plants and other items donated by our Members and fill out a Silent Auction Bid Sheet. This month will be our third in the Mini-Auction Series, and we hope to continue the success of the first two Mini-Auctions. If you are a successful bidder, we will accept cash or checks. If you would like to donate or purchase an item, please know that **ALL PROCEEDS EARNED GO TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMING AT SFOS** which is a Non-Profit 501(c)3 organization.

As always, **LIKE AND SHARE** our **SFOS FACEBOOK PAGE** with your Social Media friends. See you at the meeting!

Sincerely,
Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society

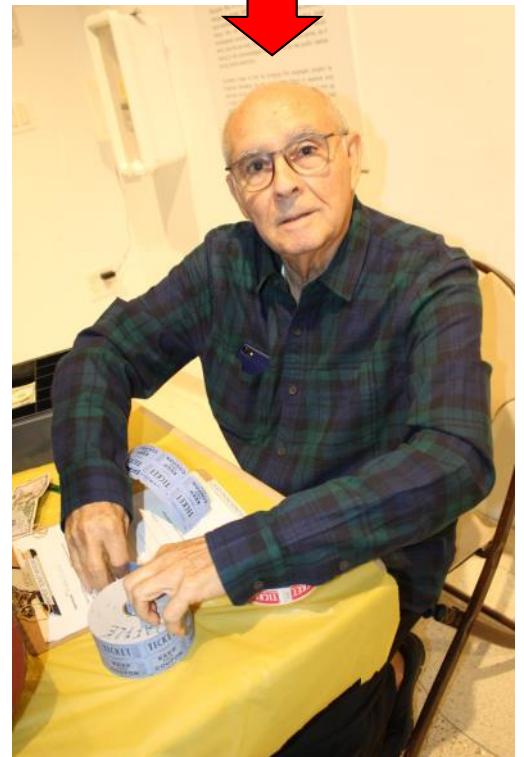
March 2023 Meeting Photos



Our hard working Board of Directors, ... working hard.
Doing whatever it is they actually do! ;)
Hint.... They actually do quite a lot!



Wanna learn how to successfully grow orchids in this neck of the woods?
Yep, we got you covered there as well. Just check out our very own
publication. It's a bit dated, but hey... the info is still valid.
Oh, and be sure to get the editor, Julie Rosenberg, to autograph your copy!



Want Raffle Tickets?
You need to see this man! Carlos can fix
you right up... for a price.

March Meeting Photos!



Food and Orchids... or is it Orchids and Food? I keep forgetting!

March Meeting Photos!



**The Paparazzi
have arrived!**



We'll once again be doing our ever popular silent auction! Bring any plants, or ART or whatever. All proceeds go to help fund the Society. And, believe me, every dime helps!



March Meeting Photos!



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Jim and Melana Davision gave a very informative presentation on the art of successfully mounting all types of orchids! As you can see, they had a captive audience! Hint... we locked the doors! (NO, not really!!!)

March Meeting Photos!



Jim and Melana Davison with our very own president, Chris Alger!



Our Birthday Girls... Sally Taylor and Chris Alger!



Two very special people, Steve and Annette Rodriguez!
Annette is directly responsible for many of the great pictures in this newsletter and Steve, ... well, he's one of the best growers in the SFOS. Enough said!

March 15 2023 Judging Report

Judges: Sally Taylor, Julie Rosenberg and Erna Maxwell **Red Ribbons:**

Blue Ribbons:

- Den. spectabile - David Foster
- Ludisia discolor - Jany Lopez
- Gur. guatemalensis - Steve Rodriguez
- Den. aggregatum - Jany Lopez
- Den. farmeri - Jim and Melana Davison
- Epi. Hokulea "Big Red" - Danny Gallardo
- Den. aggregatum - Danny Gallardo
- Pot. Shinfong Little Sun "Young-Min Golden Boy" - James Furst
- Den. aggregatum - James Furst

- Den. aphyllum - Barry White
- Den. anosmum - Maggie Echevarria
- Aranthera Anne Black - Danny Gallardo
- Ctna. Why Not - Danny Gallardo

Thank you for showing your planta. We look forward to more next month.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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Den. farmeri - Jim and Melana Davison

Gur. guatemalensis - Steve Rodriguez (3 Photos above)



Den. aggregatum - Danny Gallardo



Den. aggregatum - Jany Lopez

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Directors, Term ending in 2022

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Directors, Term ending in 2023

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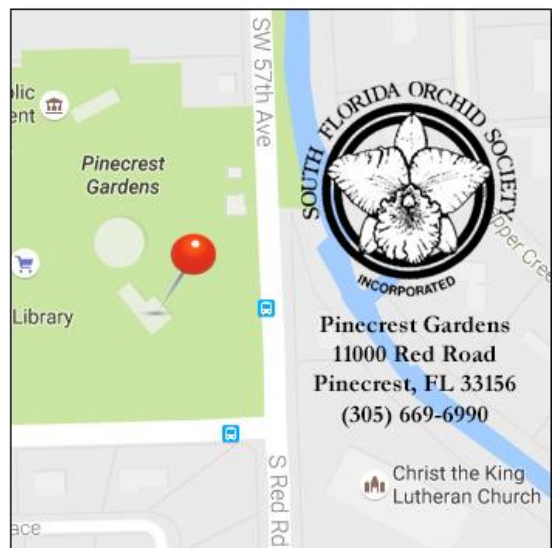
**Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
on the third Wednesday of each month.**

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

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Get Vaccinated!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As you may have noticed, there are a LOT of Dendrobium aggregatums in this months newsletter.

It's entirely possible that some (or all) of them are mislabeled with the wrong grower listed. Totally my fault. I did not properly log them at the time of photography.

If you see a plant that you believe is mislabeled, please let me know and I'll try to correct it.

Having said that, I'll just add that I will not be held responsible for any bloodletting should two or more of you decide that the same plant belongs to you. You'll have to hash that out among yourselves and then let me know what you decide. I presume you all have light sabers.

In any case, I regret the confusion and promise to do better in the future.

—Ron

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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, *The Orchidist*