



The Orchidist

SFOS May 17 2023 Program

James Furst

Outdoor Orchid Growing and the Enjoyment of Cultivating Large Specimens



I Love Orchids and I Can Not Lie. I started collecting as a hobby 15 years ago when I stopped at a local nursery and bought a beautiful Catalonia “Why Not” which I call “Little Red” to this date. Like most collectors, I started small and my collection grew too well over 500 completely naturalized orchids, which I care for daily.

I have a High Tech Computing background by trade, but when the pandemic began, I started an Instagram page under the title “Outdoor Orchid Growing by James Furst” (@Mr1st) to expose people to my Orchid Collection and especially my Specimens. I was amazed at the number of persons globally who share the same love for orchids and the outdoors as we do here at the SFOS.

I am so honored to speak with the SFOS and will be discussing Outdoor Orchid Growing in South Florida (Zone 10B) and how I grow Specimen Orchids while taking care of my collection and managing daily life. I will also be showing the group Orchids from my collection as well as Videos of their beautiful growth throughout the year.

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

President's Message

Greetings to all South Florida Orchid Society Members...

In April, we hosted Serena Roman as our Guest Speaker. I received many comments afterwards of how much our Members and guests enjoyed Serena's presentation. Serena and her Orchid Company LADY VANDA also provided the beautiful plants for our Raffle Table. So...thank you Serena Roman!

MAY 17th, 2023 PROGRAM...

We are looking forward to welcoming our new speaker James Furst. Although James is not an Orchid Vendor, he's well known by many in the Orchid world for being a very successful grower of large and beautiful specimens of orchids. Come and listen as James shares his valuable knowledge and experience of **ORCHID GROWING AND CULTIVATING LARGE SPECIMENS.**

THE Raffle Plants this month will be provided by our friend Yolanda and QUEST ORCHIDS...so BUY MORE TICKETS!!!

JUDGING

Tonight's judging points will be included in the final tally for the 2022-2023 SFOS Judging Awards which will be presented at the June 2023 Meeting. So bring your flowering plants in at 7:00 pm for Certified SFOS Judging. Judging will begin at 7:30 pm.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The SFOS Board installed SFOS Member Margaret Marshall as our new Secretary to the Board at the April 2023 Board

Meeting. We are very grateful to Margaret for taking on this job, and welcome her and wish her every success in her new position.

2023-2024

Review the Slate of Candidates for Nomination submitted by the Co-Chairs of our SFOS Nominating Committee. Voting will take place at the May 2023 SFOS Members Meeting.

SFOS MINI-AUCTION SERIES

We will continue to offer items donated by our members for bid by Silent Auction. We accept cash or checks for the winning bids. You can become a part of this success story by donating plants or items, and becoming a successful bidder. **ALL PROCEEDS EARNED GO TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMING AT SFOS** which is a Non-Profit 501(c)3 organization.

As always, please **LIKE AND SHARE OUR SFOS FACEBOOK PAGE** with your Social Media friends.

We extend our condolences and prayers to the friends and family of Marilyn Strauss.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our May meeting.

Sincerely,
Chris Alger, President
South Florida Orchid Society

Membership Corner

As I have said in the past and in letters to some of you - I'm working on the Roster for 2023-2024. If you have not checked your information - please do so at once and let me know - it will soon be too LATE!

I have been getting some renewals and will be happy that I don't have to take them out of the up-coming Roster. I have also been getting ads in for the Roster - Thank you for that.

At the writing of this I have not received any applications for Membership - however there maybe something in my mail when I get home from this dog show.

I should make it home a few days before the May 17th Meeting - so I'll say - Hope to see you there.

The South Florida Orchid Society is sad to report the passing of a long time Member/Past President/Life Member - Warren Kelly. SFOS sends our sympathy to his family and to all who knew him.

Sally Taylor—Membership Chair
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Marilyn Strauss

Dear South Florida Orchid Society Members...

It is with sadness that we have learned that Marilyn Strauss, our SFOS Member and Former Treasurer of the Board, passed away on April 21st, 2023.

Marilyn was Appointed Treasurer by the Board of Directors of SFOS for the period of January 1st, 2022 through January 2023, until she could no longer serve due to serious illness. Marilyn was a great asset to SFOS and I know I speak for all of the Board of Directors that we will miss her and always be grateful to her dedicated and faithful service to South Florida Orchid Society.

Marilyn passed away peacefully in her home while under the care of Hospice and with family present, which was her wish. Not only was Marilyn a SFOS Board Member, but she also had many very close friends in SFOS who I know will miss her greatly.

Rest in Peace Marilyn...

Your friends at South Florida Orchid Society

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President - Javier Morejon

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Directors:

Term Ending 2024 - Steve Rodriguez, Michael O'Dea, Barry White

Term Ending 2025 - Joyce Ritter, James Furst, Chris Alger

Term Ending 2026 - Annette Rodriguez, Erna Maxwell, Nancy Crisler

Show Chairman - Vacant

Special Director - Publications and Photographer - Ron Hunt

Judging Chair - Erna Maxwell

Special Director - Co-Chair Judging - Julie Rosenberg

Past President - Chris Alger

This Slate of Officers is a joint effort of Erna Maxwell and Sally Taylor.

SFOS April 19 2023 Judging Report

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

Blue Ribbons:

- Onc. sphacelatum - Barry White
- Den. tortile - Lisa Coello
- Pot. Elegant Walker 'NN' - Lisa Coello
- V. Pakchong Blue x V. tessellata - Lisa Coello
- Max. Mem. Ben Berliner - Danny Gallardo
- Den. Panama Red - Danny Gallardo
- Den. smillieae - David Foster
- Alcra. Clinton Cooper (Mtssa. Charles M. Fitch x Onc. leucochilum) - David Foster
- Ctna. Henry Wan (Grt. Why Not x Bro. negrilensis) - David Foster
- Smbc. Keith Goldson - James Furst

Red Ribbons:

- Miltassia Shelob 'Tolkien' - Danny Gallardo
- Asc. Cherry Blossom 'Carmela' - David Foster

Thank you for displaying your blossoms. We look forward to many more next month.

Erna maxwell, Judging Chair.

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April 19 2023 Meeting Photos



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Annette Rodriguez, Erna Maxwell, Nancy Crisler

Directors, Term ending in 2022

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Directors, Term ending in 2023

Ralph Hernandez, Javier Morejon, Joyce Ritter

Immediate Past President—Chris Alger

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Special Directors—Ron Hunt & Julie Rosenberg

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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Become a Member of the South Florida Orchid Society!

MEMBER BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES

- **MEETING AND MIXING** with many friendly and helpful orchid “neighbors”, amateurs, advanced collectors and commercial growers.
- **WELCOME KIT** includes a copy of “*An Introduction to Orchids*” our book that covers just about everything you need to know to successfully grow orchids in South Florida.
- **MONTHLY MEETINGS** with lectures by leading local and national orchid authorities.
- **FREE REFRESHMENTS!**
- **MONTHLY RAFFLE TABLE AND SILENT AUCTION!**
- **EXHIBIT TABLE** each month for displays of member’s plants.
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See you next month!

Ron Hunt — Editor, *The Orchidist*