



The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS October 18, 2023 Program

Mark Margolis, Brooklyn born in 1951. Received my Bachelor of Science at University of Wisconsin. Masters degree at Barry University. Taught Science in Dade County Public schools for over 30 years. Married for 27 years and counting, I have a daughter, Caroline, 21 years old. I was introduced to orchids by Phylis Lerner, who made the famous cross *Catasetum Raymond Lerner*. And while touring Jones & Scully, fell in love with the *Catasetum* group. 36 years later I am still in love with the group.

I am a backyard grower in Kendall and I have received over 139 awards for my plants. Still hoping for more.

Mark will share his passion and extensive knowledge of his favorite orchids with us in our next meeting, October 18th.

You won't want to miss this interesting and informative presentation!



Quest orchids will be providing plants for our raffle table.

PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY OCT 18TH, 2023 FOR OUR SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY GHOSTS AND GOBLINS HALLOWEEN PARTY.



**WEAR A COSTUME AND ENTER THE COSTUME CONTEST!!!
YOU MAY JUST WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE.**



President's Message

Hello all,

Fall is here and spooky season has begun.

As mentioned last month, we will be assisting at the upcoming Rare Plant Show at the Fruit and Spice Park on Oct. 20, 21, and 22nd. SFOS is earning \$65 for each volunteer shift.

This month, curtesy of Annette and Steve Rodriguez, we will be enjoying hot dogs and chili! Members are encouraged to bring their favorite condiments, drinks and sides.

I'd also like to remind members that it is important to participate in the silent auction by donating items and bidding on what is brought in. (Cash and checks are accepted, no credit cards.) We will also be announcing the October recipient of the SFOS Member of the month, which recognizes members who contribute their time to help make the SFOS a better orchid society.

As mentioned last month, we are in the process of working with Pinecrest Gardens to see if we can install orchids in the trees at Pinecrest Gardens. Last month a number of our members toured the garden and we have come up with a list of species that should be easy to install and grow in our environment. We will have more information about this project going forward.

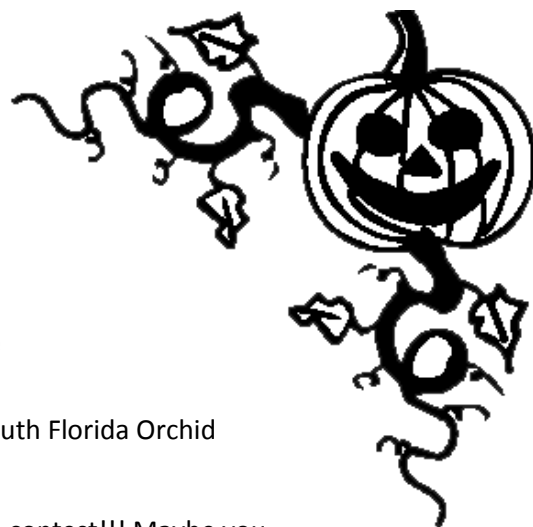
This month Mark Margolis will be speaking on catasetums. Please be sure to come to the meeting to find out more about how to grow these beautiful and unusual plants, and be sure to take part in our silent auction, and raffle.

Also, let me know of any changes or additions you might like to see at our meetings, and don't forget to bring in your blooming plants for judging. Lastly, don't forget that this is still hurricane season and we need to be sure we do all we can to ensure our blooming beauties make it through til November 30.

Happy Growing,

Javier Morejon—President, South Florida Orchid Society, Inc.

SFOS Halloween Party!



PLEASE JOIN US on Wednesday Oct 18th, 2023 for our South Florida Orchid Society GHOSTS AND GOBLINS HALLOWEEN PARTY.

YES, YOU MAY WEAR A COSTUME and enter the costume contest!!! Maybe you will be the one to win a special prize.

Steve and Annette Rodriguez are donating CHILI DOGS. So bring your favorite toppings...Grated cheese, Chopped onions, sauerkraut and any other PARTY FOODS you would like to put on the Refreshment Table such as chips & dip, Coleslaw, veggies, cupcakes and perhaps...witches brew.

Everyone will be able to enjoy eating their refreshments while looking over the incredible selection of donations on the **SILENT-AUCTION TABLES** (cash & check accepted...no credit cards).

REMEMBER...YOU ARE WARNED IN ADVANCE...BEWARE of Ghosts, Goblins, Black Widow Spiders, and Spider webs (no mites allowed) upon entering. Don't forget to bring your blooming plants for SFOS Certified Judging between 7:00 and 7:30 pm. Judging starts promptly at 7:30 pm.

Come and have a fun Orchid filled evening. Speakers Program will begin at 8:00 pm following announcements. Don't forget to invite your friends! And, don't forget to wear a costume if you want to enter the **COSTUME CONTEST**.

Chris Alger, Board Member
South Florida Orchid Society





All MEMBERS

are eligible to

RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY

Raffle tickets for the following categories:

- *Membership
 - *Donating Refreshments
 - *Wearing SFOS Shirt
 - *Entering Plant(s) for Judging
 - *SFOS Members that are AOS Members
- **Members: (Please show your AOS Member Card)



SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY

MINI-AUCTION SERIES

ALL PROCEEDS from items sold on the MINI-AUCTION
go to South Florida Orchid Society for the
benefit of the Society.

Members may donate plants or other items to benefit
this fund-raising effort.

We accept cash or checks only.

Thank you for your support,
The South Florida Orchid Society Board of Director's



“BUY MORE TICKETS!”

Raffle tickets may be purchased with a \$1.00 donation per ticket.

Receive a complimentary

“BONUS TICKET”

for each 5 tickets that you purchase!



Membership Corner

First let me say - what a wonderful turn out of Members at our September meeting. The visitors were such an added bonus! One of them even joined, hope we see them all again in October.

We have New Members - Karen Cochran and Marie L. Serrano (who joined at the September Meeting).

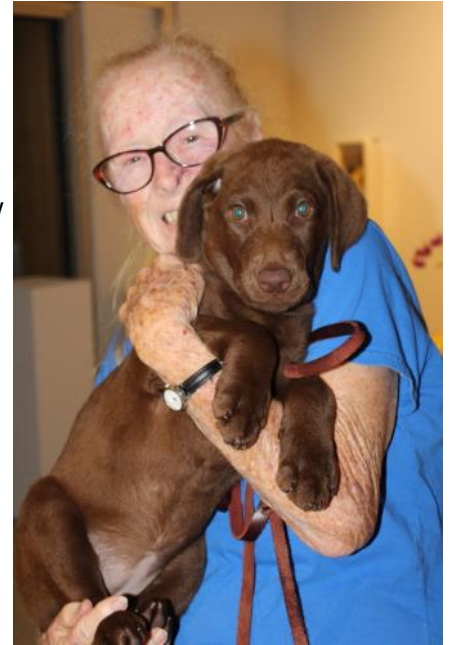
You all know how happy it makes me to have a New Member (or 2 or 3) at each meeting. We are having great programs and Speakers - and can you believe the REFRESHMENTS!!! Annette Rodriguez has been a really busy person - making the food for us! Please support Annette by asking what you can bring to add to the Refreshment Table and maybe even ask if you can help clean up!

I know the October Meeting is going to be a BLAST! I've heard a little about it - come on out and see all the - oh yes - I can't tell you what I know - but you will be glad you came that much I'm sure of.

On a personal note - because I know you all want to know how the Mascot (aka Summer) is doing. Well. She got three Best of Opposite Sex ribbons at the last show - not all we had hoped for - but it was still good. We will be in Tennessee by the time you read this - hope to bring more ribbons to the meeting on October 18th. Summer wants you to know she has a hard time waiting when she sees me in my SFOS shirt. That's her clue that we are heading south and she doesn't stop barking until I put her in the car.

So, come on out and see what's new or different at the SFOS meetings.

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair



Member of the Month for September 2023!



**SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY
"ORCHIDS IN THE GARDEN" PROGRAM**

The South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS) and Pinecrest Gardens have agreed to a joint effort of "Orchids in the Garden." SFOS Members will donate orchid plants to the Garden and the Garden staff will place them throughout the park. The theme will be "Orchids in Nature" so the plants will be placed as much as possible where they might naturally occur as opposed to showcasing the orchids. SFOS has compiled a list of plants, which we believe will do well there. SFOS members will be asked to donate plants from this list. Once the donation is made, the owner will retain possession of the plant until the Garden staff is ready to install it. Donors will receive a letter of contribution for tax purposes based on the supported value of the plant.

This is the plant list:

1. *Brassavola nodosa*
2. *Encyclia tampensis*, *Prosthechea cochleata*
3. *Dendrobium anosmum*, *Den. pierardii*, *Den. primulinum*,
4. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis*, *Den. bigibbum*
5. *Oncidium sphacelatum*
6. *Grammatophyllum scriptum*, both color forms
7. *Phalaenopsis amabilis* (white *phalaenopsis*)
8. *Guarianthe* (*Cattleya*) *skinneri*, *Gur. aurantiaca*, *Gur. guatemalensis*
9. *Schomburgkia*/*Myrmecophila tibicinis*, other species
10. "Gower Ramsey" type *oncidiums*



SFOS Members with plants to donate should contact Julie Rosenberg, <mailto:info@sforchid.com>

Please provide:

- Your name, address, phone numbers, email address
- Scientific name of the plant
- A photo of the plant

If a letter of contribution for tax purposes is desired, please state the value of the plant supported by citations from the internet or other reliable sources.



SFOS Annual Holiday Party!

WE HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL JOIN US AT OUR 2023 HOLIDAY PARTY...

The HOLIDAY PARTY will be held at 6:30 pm December 20th, 2023 at BERRIES IN THE GROVE in lieu of our regular monthly meeting at Pinecrest Gardens. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.

Reservations MUST be made in advance at the Hospitality Table at the October or November SFOS Meeting. The cost for Members and Guests is \$38.40 each, which includes tax and gratuity and can be paid for by cash or check (no credit cards accepted). Checks should be made out to South Florida Orchid Society.

Dinner will include a choice of Entree, Dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Any additional food or alcoholic beverage items, which you may want to order, can be paid for on an individual check.

All SFOS Members which attend the Holiday Party will receive a Member's Orchid Plant as a gift from the Society. Gift Plants will only be ordered for those Members who make and pay for their reservations in advance to allow time for shipping. Guests are always welcome to attend, but only SFOS Members will receive an orchid plant.

Berries is located at 2884 SW 27 Ave in Coconut Grove and has free parking onsite.

Thank you,
The South Florida Board of Directors



ENTRÉE

Choice one (01) of the following:

THE GOOD PLATE

Grilled chicken, Brown Rice, Steamed Vegetables & Mushrooms

THE HOUSE SALAD

Grilled Chicken, Mixed Greens, Tomato Wedges, Avocado, Mushrooms & Mozzarella cheese, tossed in our House Vinaigrette

BERRIES BURGER

Certified Angus Beef Burger (8 oz.) cooked to order, topped with Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickles. Side of French Fries

PUMPKIN RAVIOLI

In our Pink Sauce

DESSERT

Choose one (01) of the following:

BERRIES MERLOT

CRÈME BRÛLÉE

TIRAMISU

BEVERAGES

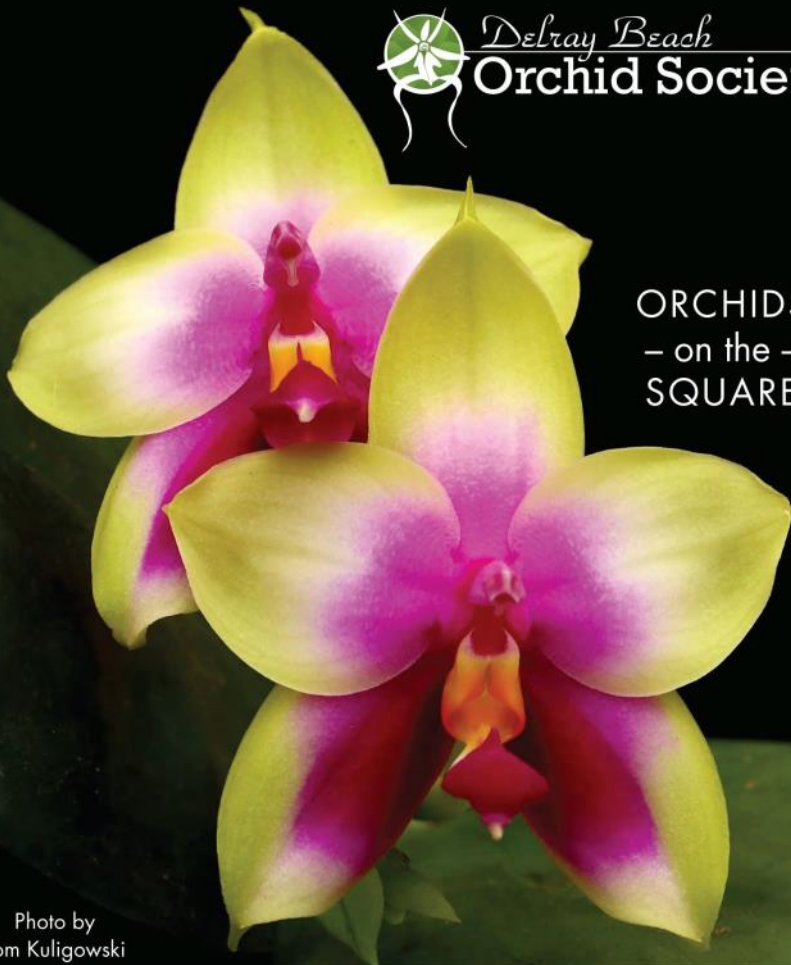
Choose one (01) of the following:

COCA COLA, DIET COKE, SPRITE

RASPBERRY ICED TEA

PINK LEMONADE

AMERICAN COFFEE



ORCHIDS
- on the -
SQUARE

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Tom Kuligowski

Orchid Show & Sale

October 21 and 22

Sat and Sun 10-5pm • Admission \$5.00

Held Inside Old School Square Fieldhouse
51 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach 33444
(N. Swinton Ave and NE 1st Street)

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**Delray Beach Orchid Society
33rd Annual Orchid Festival
Old School Square Fieldhouse
51 N. Swinton Avenue
October 21 – 22, 2023
Saturday 10 - 5
Sunday 10 - 4
Admission: \$5.00**

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for \$1.00 off admission at the door**

(Good for up to 4 people)

September 2023 Judging Report

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

Blue Ribbons:

- V. Mem. Louis Hatos (V. John de Biase x V. tessellata) - Steve Rodriguez
- Bulb. fascinator v. semi alba - Danny Gallardo
- Bc. Maikai "Louise" AM/AOS - Steve Rodriguez

Red Ribbons:

- B. nodosa - Danny Gallardo

White Ribbons:

- C. labiata - Steve Rodriguez

Thank you for showing your blooms. Please have them entered for judging before 7:30 PM.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair. Photos by & ©2023 Ron Hunt

[SFOS JUDGING RULES](#)



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September Meeting Photos!



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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.

South Florida Orchid Society, Inc.

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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.
- **JUDGING** each month by qualified regional and national judges.
- **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** that includes awards given and timely meeting notes.
- **FESTIVE HOLIDAY PARTY!**
- **AIR CONDITIONED** spacious conveniently located meeting hall with ample **FREE** parking.

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