



The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS November 15 2023 Program

XAVIER CORTADA: "THE UNDERWATER"

A socially engaged art campaign that is facilitating a grassroots climate justice movement in Miami by creating widespread, data-driven, interactive public art installations, exposing the community's vulnerability to rising seas and providing a platform for storytelling, with the ultimate goal of inspiring civic engagement and collective action.

"The Underwater" is a large-scale socially engaged art project by Xavier Cortada that uses elevation-driven art to systematically reveal South Florida's vulnerability to rising seas and mobilize residents to demand that their elected officials equitably plan for a future impacted by climate change. By partnering with local governments, schools, and universities, thousands of Miami-Dade County residents have found their property's elevation above sea level and then installed an "Underwater Elevation Marker" (a yard sign that has the number depicting their house's elevation) in their front yard.

Xavier Cortada is a Cuban-American artist based in Miami, Florida. He pioneered eco-art in Miami-Dade County and was appointed by the Mayor as the county's inaugural artist-in-residence in 2022. Over the last three decades, Cortada has created over 150 public artworks, installations, and collaborative murals across six continents and became the only artist to create work at both of the Earth's poles. His community-driven art has catalyzed over 25 acres of ecological restoration, generated participatory eco-art projects in every Miami-Dade County public school and library, and celebrated scientific breakthroughs such as the discovery of the God particle at CERN. Cortada received bachelors, masters and law degrees from the University of Miami, where he currently serves as professor of practice at the University of Miami Department of Art and Art History with secondary appointments in the School of Law and Miller School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics. Through his foundation, the artist engages people in hands-on projects that generate awareness and inspire action around the climate crisis and other social justice issues. Cortada recently discussed this socially engaged art practice during a TED Talk entitled "A creative approach to community climate action" which has garnered over one million views. Learn more at www.cortada.com



Please Join us on Wednesday, November 15th for what is sure to be an interesting and informative presentation.

Plants for our raffle table are being provided by Motes Orchids

President's Message

Hello all,

First off, I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Last month, we assisted at the first annual Rare Plant Show at the Fruit and Spice Park held, Oct. 20-22. SFOS earned \$65 for each volunteer shift.

Shout out to last month's speaker, Mark Margolis who did a great presentation on catasetums and donated a beautiful catasetum in spike that was put up for auction and won by one of our members!

This month's speaker will be Xavier Cortada who is the artist in residence at Pinecrest Gardens.

I'd 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.) This month is also the last month to pay for the holiday party. Please read the notice in the newsletter and bring in your money to have a wondrous dinner and get your holiday plant. Additionally, we will be announcing the November recipient of the SFOS Member of the month, which recognizes members who contribute time to making SFOS a better orchid society. Also, congratulations to Sally Taylor who was our Member of the Month for October!

On a side note, we would like you to keep Don McDermott in your prayers as he was recently hospitalized. He is home now and feeling better. I would also like you to keep an eye out in your mailboxes, as Sally has sent the renewal forms for 2024 membership out.

Please be sure to come to the meeting and make sure to take part in our silent auction, and raffle. Members with blooming beauties are encouraged to bring them in for judging. Please bring your blooming babies no later than 7:30pm as plants brought in after that time will not be eligible for judging due to time constraints.

Happy Growing,
Javier Morejon

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 BRULÉE

TIRAMISU

BEVERAGES

Choose one (01) of the following:

COCA COLA, DIET COKE, SPRITE

RASPBERRY ICED TEA

PINK LEMONADE

AMERICAN COFFEE

Membership Corner

By the time you all read this, the Renewal Notice should have reached your mailbox! If it did, I hope that it is on the top of your pile of “stuff” to be done! That being said - I passed out Renewal Notices at the October Meeting and to my great surprise I got back a great number of them within the first week! You all are wonderful and our Society is blessed to have you as members!

So - keep me happy by mailing me your check and completing your Renewal Notice (please print everything - making it easier for me to check the Roster).

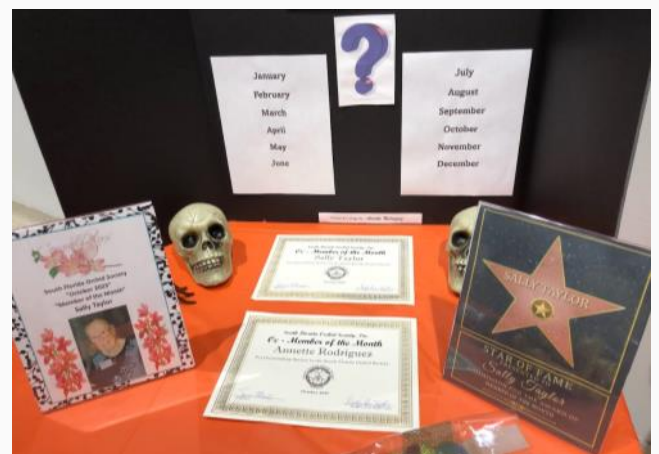
I'm in Ocala, Florida for three weeks - showing your “Mascot” Summer. This first week did not get Summer any ribbons - she had lots of competition. I hope she will settle down a little before we show again on Thursday - I think the cold weather had a lot to do with her actions.

I won't be at the meeting in November - but I will ask all of you to come out and support our President Javier for me! I will be thinking of you all - I will be showing Twister as a “Veteran” and Summer in the regular Breed rings that day.

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair



Member of the Month!





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



South Florida Orchid Society



“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!



October 2023 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Red Ribbons:

Blue Ribbons:

- B. grand Stars - Danny Gallardo
- Den. Pink Surprise "Two-Tone" - Danny Gallardo
- Bc. Florida Stars "Spring Zing" AM/CCM/AOS - Steve Rodriguez
- Bc. Nakornpathome Silver "Granny Smith" - Steve Rodriguez

- B. nodosa ("Mas Mejor" x "Remar") - Steve Rodriguez

Thank you for displaying your blooms. We look forward to many more in November.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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[SFOS Judging Rules](#)



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Everything you need to know in order to successfully grow orchids in South Florida.

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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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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.

**CLICK THE ICON BELOW TO DOWNLOAD AN SFOS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. (PDF)**



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