



# The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS December 20 2023 Program

## Happy Holidays

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

Our 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.

Due to the terrible weather that prevented some of our members from attending the November meeting we have decided to allow members who have not already signed up to do so at the restaurant.. However, in order to receive your holiday plant you **must** contact Chris Alger either via phone or text message ASAP. You can find her contact information in the current Roster.

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.



### 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

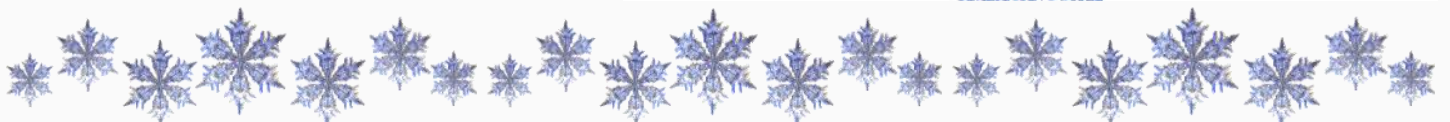
*Choose one (01) of the following:*

COCA COLA, DIET COKE, SPRITE

RASPBERRY ICED TEA

PINK LEMONADE

AMERICAN COFFEE



## Membership Corner

Hello to all of you South Florida Members (and any friends) that are reading this. I heard about the November Meeting and all the rain! Well I have had rain and really cold weather at the dog shows in November too.

I'm so please with the number of renewals I have already received and the ones I will get when I arrive home in a few days. I promise I will have the 2024 Membership badges ready to hand out at the Holiday Party.

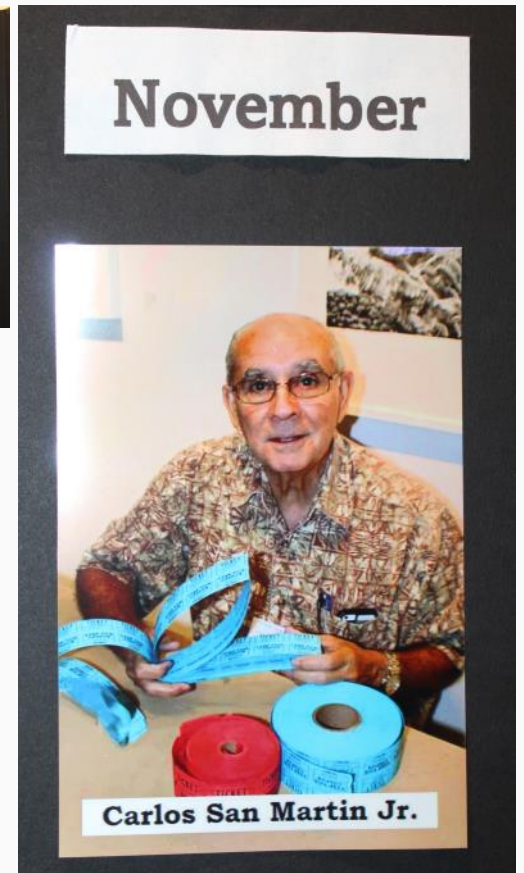
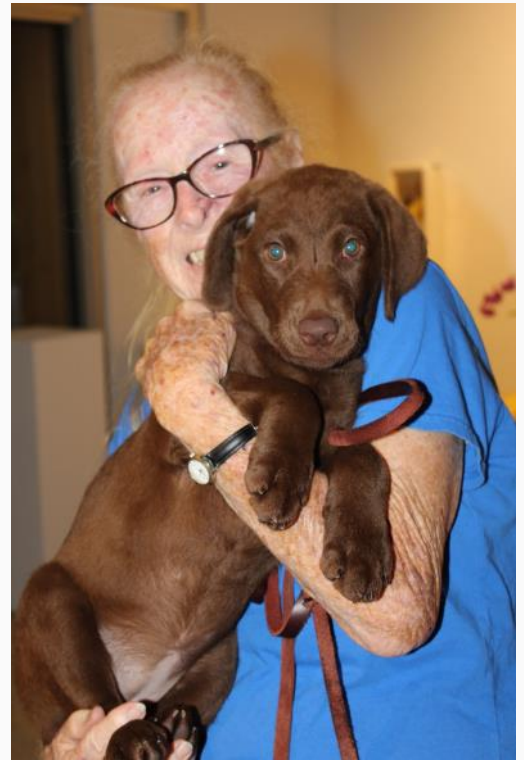
I know I will not be at the January Meeting - as Summer is in at least 10 days of showing in Brooksville. Summer will bring her ribbons to the next meeting we are home for - and I'll explain then what she did that was amazing.

Another note on the personal side - is that I had a niece that was just 53 years old pass away on November 22nd in Virginia. On the day I heard that news I was already sad - because on November 20th I had to put my wonderful dog Twister down, he was 11 3/4 years old.

I still have T-Shirts - if you would like one - call me or send me a text. I can bring it to you at the Holiday Party.

So now, it is time to look to the future and the New Year - 2024! I hope all of you will be enjoying the Holiday Season with family and loved ones. Here is also hoping that we get to see a lot of each other in the year 2024.

Sally Taylor  
Membership Chair





November 2023 Meeting Photos!



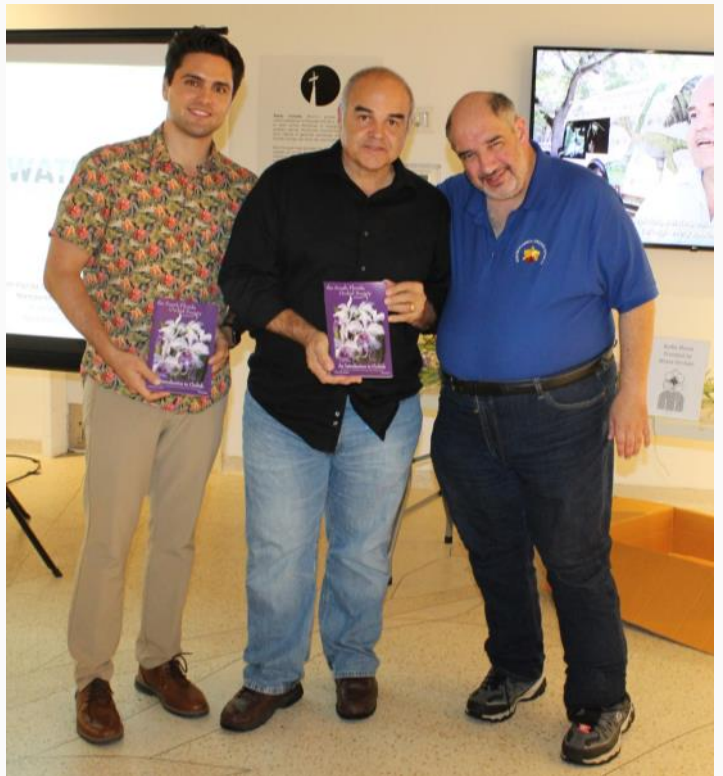


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Edited by Julie Rosenberg

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

Pick up your copy today at better orchid sellers or at SFOS monthly meetings!



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See Sally Taylor for all the details!



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**Directors, Term ending in 2026**

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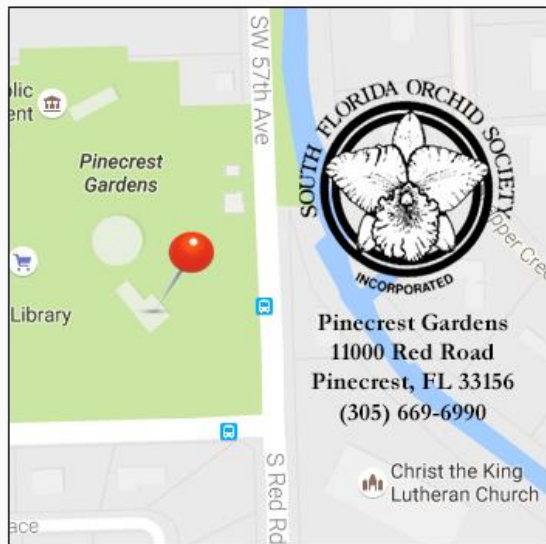
Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM  
on the third Wednesday of each month.

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.

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