



The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS February 21 2024 Program

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Serena was unable to attend last months meeting but has graciously agreed to reschedule to this month.



Serena Roman

Serena will be speaking this month on the Cultivation of Paphiopedilum, and Phragmipedium orchids in South Florida.

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

JOYCE RITTER

Our Society is saddened by the loss of Joyce Ritter on January 4, 2024. I cannot tell you the exact date that Joyce joined our Society - it was some time in the past 10 years. Joyce became an active Board of Directors member and was at every meeting she could possibly attend. She would take minutes at the Board Meetings when no one else would. In the past year or so, we were saddened when she could not attend a meeting because of illness - knowing she would have been with us if at all possible. To say that Joyce will be sorely missed is an understatement. The South Florida Orchid Society sends its deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends of Joyce Ritter.

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair

President's Message

Hello all,

First off, I would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Last Month, we assisted at the Tamiami Orchid Show. Held at the youth fair pavilion, SFOS earned \$65 for each volunteer shift. Kudos to Maggie Echevarria who won the raffle for our volunteers and took home a number of plants. Thanks to all the members who took a volunteer shift during the event.

This month's speaker will be the Lady Vanda Serena Roman who will be speaking on the cultivation of Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium orchids in South Florida. She will be supplying our raffle table and will have plants for sale.

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.). Also, renewals are due this month. Please see Sally Taylor and bring your checks or cash to renew for the next year. Additionally, we will be announcing the February recipient of the SFOS Member of the month, which recognizes members who contribute time to making SFOS a better orchid society.

As Mentioned last month, SFOS board member Joyce Ritter passed away. We would like you to keep her and her sister Nancy Crisler, who is also on the SFOS board, in your prayers.

Please be sure to come to the meeting and make sure to take part in our silent auction, raffle, and judging. 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.

Finally, I would like to remind people to bring in goodies for the food table. Only a couple of people brought in food last month and it is not fair for them to keep being the only ones to bring something for the table.

Happy Growing,
Javier Morejon

Joyce Ann Ritter

June 15, 1949 - January 4, 2024

There are many things that make attending South Florida Orchid Society meetings special. The presence of Joyce Ritter was one of those things. It was impossible to chat with Joyce and not come away with a smile.

No matter what her troubles she always seemed to be happy. She was one of those rare individuals who brighten whatever room they happen to be in.

We will miss her very much.

Our deepest condolences go out to her sister, Nancy Crisler, as well as her entire family.

[Joyce Ann Ritter obituary.](#)





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)



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“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

Thank You, Thank You to those who came out to the January Meeting and renewed their dues. Chris has given me your names and I will have Membership Badges in the mail to you before you read this. It is important that you remember to fill out the renewal forms at the meeting if you are paying your dues (or if you send me your dues) - as that is what I use to build our Membership Roster - which I will start working on in April. I try hard to record any changes when I find out about them - but that renewal form is my real reminder.

I would love to be at the February Meeting (bring your renewal form) but I will be in Tallahassee showing Summer that day. Please continue to come out and support SFOS in my absence.

You can renew your dues at the February Meeting and I will see you are sent a Membership Badge before the March Meeting.

Please remember that you can take a more active part in the SFOS just by showing up a little before the meeting - help is always needed to set up - and staying a little after the meeting to help put things away. All you have to do is ask - you will be given a job!

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair

Summer's Corner

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Summer was in Brooksville when the January Meeting was taking place and she had a WONDERFUL SHOW! On 1/15, she received a Select Ribbon (defeating other Champions) and we got the Owner Handler Ribbon. We went to the OH Group and Summer was given a Group 1 (a great honor for us). Then on 1/18, Summer got another Select Ribbon (defeating Champions) which finished her Grand Championship we also got the Owner Ribbon. On 1/20 Summer then passes the ATT (which is a Temperament Test). So now, Summer has as titles before and after her name.

We will see you all soon!



January 2024 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell

Blue Ribbons:

- Den. Pink Surprise - Danny Gallardo
- C. Hsinying 'Max Walker' - Danny Gallardo
- Oncidopsis (Oip.) Goldfire Mac 126 - Danny Gallardo
- Paph. Michael Koopowitz - Virginia Benitez
- Rhy. gigantea Peach - Maggie Echeverria
- Laelia rosea - Steve Rodriguez
- C. percivaliana 'Merrill' AM/AOS - Steve Rodriguez
- Paph. Wayne Booth - Javier Morejon

Red Ribbons:

- Rlc. Duh's White 'Wilson' - Aida Walchli
- Phrag. Tireworks 'Starburst' - Virginia Benitez

- Rhy. gigantea - Virginia Benitez
- Rl. digbyana - Steve Rodriguez
- C. Ethel's Paradise 'Hawaii' - Steve Rodriguez
- Paph. concolor - Javier Morejon
- C. Warpaint 'Sun Bulb' - Danny Gallardo

White Ribbons:

- C. Krichaya Delight - Danny Gallardo
- Paph. Susan Booth - Virginia Benitez

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

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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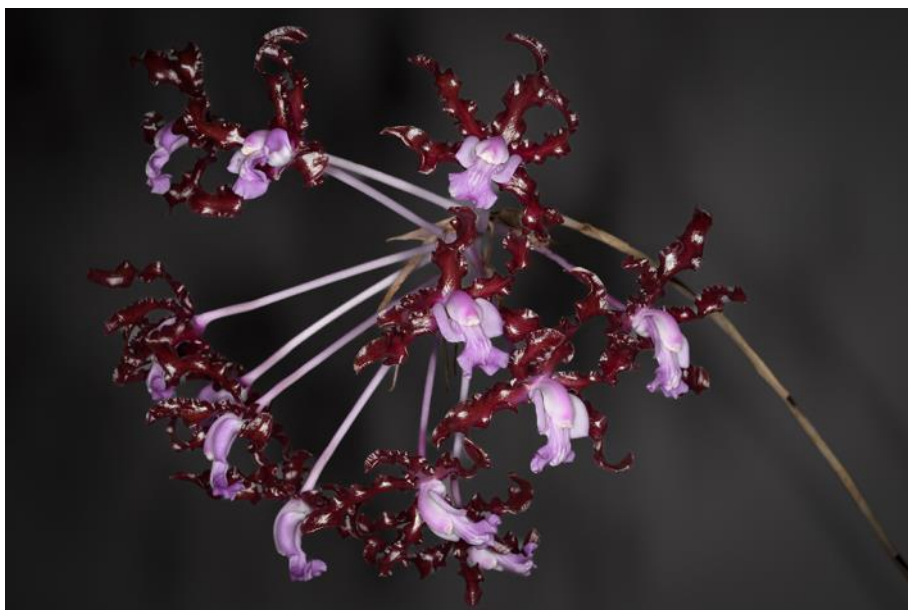
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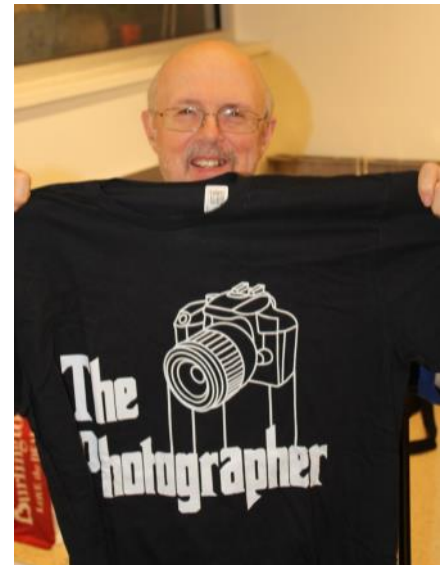
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Directors, Term ending in 2026

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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.

South Florida Orchid Society, Inc.

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- **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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