



The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS March 20 2024 Program

The Economic and environmental impact of Miami Dade Heat

Jane Gilbert, Chief Heat Officer, Miami-Dade County

As Miami-Dade County's first Chief Heat Officer, Ms. Gilbert works across departments and cross-sector partners to address the increasing health and economic risks associated with extreme heat. Prior to joining the County, Ms. Gilbert served as the City of Miami's first Chief Resilience Officer for four years. As CRO, Ms. Gilbert led the climate and urban resilience strategy development and implementation for the City of Miami and, in partnership with Miami-Dade County and City of Miami Beach, for the greater Miami region. Prior to her public sector work, Ms. Gilbert managed The Miami



Foundation's civic leadership agenda on sea level rise, Wells Fargo's philanthropy and community affairs in South Florida and served as the Executive Director for 3 nonprofits in Greater Miami. Ms. Gilbert holds a BA in Environmental Science from Barnard College and MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Raffle Plants for this month's meeting are being
provided by Lady Vanda!



President's Message

Hello all,

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

Last Month, we advised members that we were taking volunteers for the upcoming show at the Redlands occurring from May 17-19. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know.

This month's speaker will be Jane Gilbert from the Miami-Dade County Office of Resilience who will be speaking on the Economic and Environmental Impacts of Miami-Dade Heat.

I would like to remind members that it is important to participate in the silent auction by donating items to the auction and bidding on the items that others have brought in. All proceeds from the silent auction go to help support the South Florida Orchid Society.

Cash and checks accepted, no credit cards, please.

If you would like your information to appear in the next member's roster, please see Sally Taylor to renew your membership for the next year and insure that your contact information is correct.

We will be announcing the March recipient of the **SFOS Member of the month**, which recognizes members who contribute time to making SFOS a better orchid society.

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 enter them for judging.

Please bring your blooming babies no later than 7:30pm as plants brought in after that time cannot be judged 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. Remember, bringing a refreshment item entitles you to a free raffle ticket!

Happy Growing,
Javier Morejon



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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ALL PROCEEDS from items sold on the MINI-AUCTION
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We accept cash or checks only.

Thank you for your support,
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“BUY MORE TICKETS!”

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

Receive a complimentary

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for each 5 tickets that you purchase!



Membership Corner

Well here it is newsletter time again! Even that extra day in February didn't help me much. I have heard from Chris Alger and found out that a few more of you have paid your 2024 dues. I thank you for that and I will be putting your Membership Badges in the mail so you will have them for the March 20th Meeting. Guess what - if all goes well I will be home from Kentucky on Monday night (Tuesday at the latest) and **I WILL BE AT THE MEETING!** On that note if you have not paid your 2024 dues I would encourage you to come to the March Meeting, bring your dues with you and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow orchid people.

I have heard that the refreshments you all brought to the February Meeting were really great. I hope you all show up again in March with the goodies - so I can have some too!

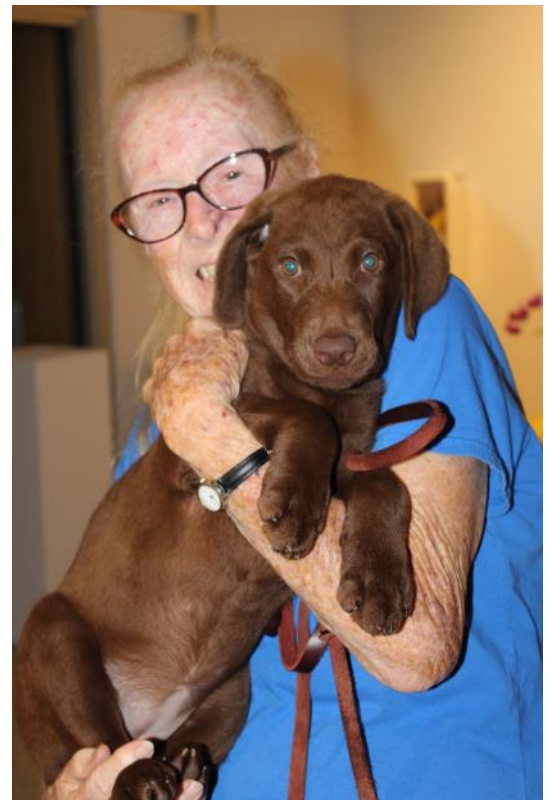
Come to the March Meeting and bring a friend - we can all have a good time - and enjoy the plants we all love so much.

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair

SUMMER'S CORNER!

I know Summer's January was great - but I didn't know it was going to continue so well in February! We traveled to Atlanta, GA and began showing on 2/1. On the 1st Summer got BOS/OH and got an OH Group 3. She got more points towards her next level a Bronze Championship - through the end of that show on Sunday. We came home and showed in Miami on 2/10 & 11 - some ribbons but nothing to brag about - other than Annette and Steve Rodriguez came to watch Summer do her stuff. We then went to Lakeland where we had one good day - 2/18 - Summer got a Select/OH ribbon. We left in the afternoon because of all the rain. We got to Tallahassee on 2/20 and Summer got more Select ribbons until Sunday when she got BOB/OH and then got a Group 3 in OH. By the time you read this we will have been to Franklin, TN and Louisville, KY - let's hope Summer continues her winning ways. We will be at the Meeting on March 20th - please come out and give Summer a pat on the head - she is learning to tap-dance! I'll try to remember to bring her Big Ribbons for you all to see.

Sally for Summer.



Member Of the Month!



James Furst



Nancy Crisler



Judging Report for February 21, 2024

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell:

Blue Ribbons:

- Bc. Karin Lomer - Steve Rodriguez
- Rcv. (Procatavola) Key Lime Stars - Steve Rodriguez
- Bc. Pastoral Innocence AM/AOS - Steve Rodriguez
- B. Aristocrat - Steve Rodriguez
- Lc. Gold Digger - Lisa Coello
- Den. Spring Dream "Appolon" - Danny Gallardo
- Tol. Jairak Flyer "White Beauty" - Lisa Coello
- Den. Takamo Yoki "Sakura" - Steve Rodriguez
- Ludisia discolor - Steve Rodriguez
- Ctt. Siamese Doll "Kiwi" - Virginia Benitez
- V. Ho-Kin Ng - Steve Rodriguez

Red Ribbons:

- Rl.. Aristocrat - Javier Morejon
- Gur. Guatemalensis - Steve Rodriguez
- C. Virgen de Guadalupe - Steve Rodriguez

- Blc. Nugget Digger #57- Steve Rodriguez
- Den. Dr. Ardy Moefty - Danny Gallardo
- Enc. cordigera - Danny Gallardo
- Phal. Zheng Min Bunun - Lisa Coello
- Den. Roy Tokunaga - Lisa Coello
- Paph. liemianum "Star Wars" - Virginia Benitez
- V. Siriporn Pink - Lisa Coello
- V. Patchara Delight - Virginia Benitez
- V. Pedro Bonetti "Ng Nator" - Virginia Benitez
- Prra. Rapeepath (Vasco. Pine Rivers x Prra. Bangkok Sunset) - Virginia Benitez
- Onc. Snow White - Danny Gallardo
- V. Junior Scott - Virginia Benitez

Thank you for showing your blooms. You receive a raffle ticket for bringing your plants. We look forward to your flowers next month.

[SFOS Judging Rules](#)

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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Laplanthes cassicula

Credit: Oscar Perez RGB Kew



East Everglades Orchid Society is hosting an AOS sanctioned outreach judging on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at the R. F. Orchids Banyan Pavilion located at 28100 SW 182 Avenue in Homestead, FL. Plant registration begins at noon and judging will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Please share this information with your members so they bring in their beautiful, blooming orchids to be considered for a prestigious American Orchid Society award.

As an added benefit, R. F. Orchids is having a sale that weekend. So, bring in your plants, maybe win some awards, and buy that one-of-a-kind orchid you simply can't live without!

Contact me if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there!

Tere Camacho

President —East Everglades Orchid Society

SFOS February Program. Serena Roman: Lady Vanda! !



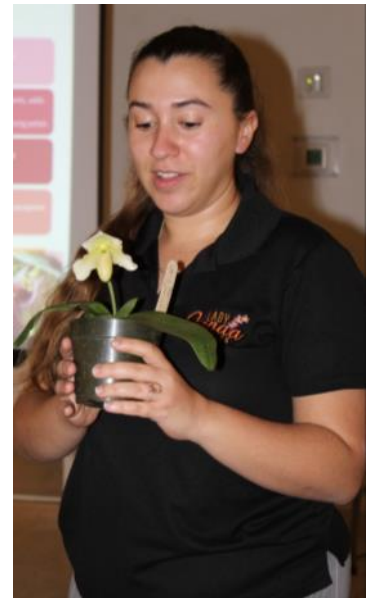
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Directors, Term ending in 2026

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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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- **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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- **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** that includes awards given and timely meeting notes.
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