



# The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS April 17th 2024 Program

## Lou Lodyga

### The History of Unifoliate Cattleyas

Louis (Lou) Lodyga started growing orchids at an early age in Southwestern Michigan. His first orchid was *Cattleya mossiae*, which is a big favorite! In 1968, he started as manager of Black River Orchids in South Haven, Mi., which specialized in mostly species.

Since there were no orchid societies on the western side of Michigan, he started the Dunes Orchid Society in 1969, which was also in South Haven, Michigan. In that same year, Lou entered the American Orchid Society Judging Program along with the owners of Black River Orchids, out of Saint Louis, MO. Judging center.

In 1979, he moved to Miami, FL., to manage the orchid section of Jones & Scully, near Miami International Airport. After the Miami World Orchid Conference in 2008, the nursery moved to the Homestead area.

In 1990, Lou started as a plant inspector with the Division of Plant Industry at Chapman Field, Miami. He eventually progressed to Supervisor, and finally as Regional Administrator, retiring in 2012.

Lou is an original member of COS, which started in 1990, has served as president several times, and is currently secretary.



The plants for our raffle table are being supplied by

[Carmela Orchids!](#)

## President's Message

Hello all,

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

Last Month, we advised members that we were taking volunteers for the upcoming [Redland Orchid Festival](#), occurring from May 17-19. Sign-up sheets will be at the check-in desk. Please talk to Chris Alger.

This month's speaker will be **Lou Lodyga** who will be speaking on the unifoliate cattelys. Lou is a well-known member of the South Florida orchid community. He started growing orchids in Michigan at an early age. He has been an AOS judge since 1969. He moved to Miami in 1979 where he worked for Jones and Scully. From 1990-2012, he worked for the Division of the Plant Industry at Chapman Field in Miami

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 accepted no credit cards please.) I would also remind members to bring something to the refreshment table. Also, if you would like your information to appear in the next member's roster, please see Sally Taylor to make sure your membership is renewed for the next year. Additionally, we will be announcing the April 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 bring them in for judging. Please bring your blooming babies no later than 7:30pm as plants brought in after that time will be ineligible for judging due to time constraints.

Finally, I would like to remind people to bring in goodies for the food table. Remember it is not fair to have only a couple of people bringing in food for the table.

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)



## **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!



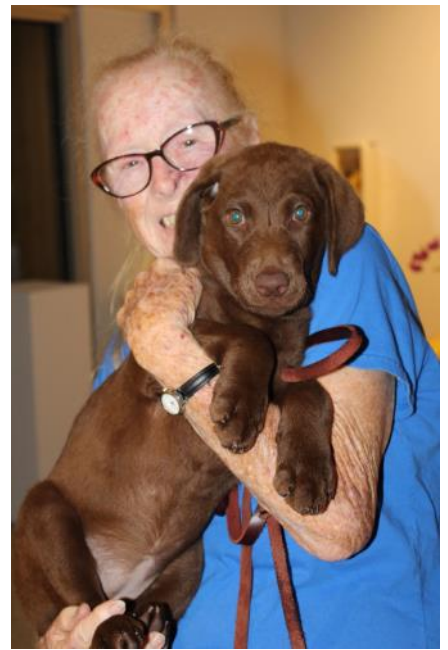
## Membership Corner

It's time again - the April meeting is just around the corner. So, with that in mind - if you have not paid your dues - I sure do need to see you at that meeting (bring your renewal notice filled out and your check or cash)! If you have not paid your dues and still want to remain a Member - you can send me your check and renewal notice. I'm working on the New Roster to be ready for the July meeting - but I need all the information way before that - to allow for set-up and proof reading and printing.

I was very much disappointed with the Members who did not show up at the March Meeting. We had refreshments that were so, so good and so, so much (I ate too much)! The Raffle plants were also delightful (I got a couple). I just have to say - if you miss a meeting, you are the one losing out! When I'm out of town (and you know why - it's that little Summer - showing off) I felt guilty not being at the meeting. I try to make up for not being there in other ways.

Please come out to the April 17th Meeting and try taking an active part in the meeting - we can always use help setting up and putting stuff away as well as the good times we have just seeing someone once a month!

Sally Taylor  
Membership Chair



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## SUMMER'S CORNER

Franklin, TN was not the best show for Summer - she did get ribbons - Owner Handler (OH) and Select. She did not get any big ribbons in the OH group. We then went to Louisville, KY where Summer got Select ribbons but that was all. Then we went to Lawrenceville, GA where Summer was the only Chessie entered - so every day she got Best of Breed (BOB) and OH. The better days were Friday - Summer got a OH Group 3 and then on Saturday she got a OH Group 4. She was good on Sunday but the Easter Bunny didn't give her a big ribbon on Sunday - so we started home. By the time you read this (or before the meeting) we will have shown in Elton, FL and Perry, GA - so here is hoping we will have Big Ribbons to bring to the meeting to show off.

Summer

## RAFFLE TABLE

Although I didn't have anything to do with getting [Lou Lodyga](#) as a speaker for April 17th - I can tell you it will be worth your coming out to hear him. It will also be worth coming out for a shot at the Raffle Table - I have arranged for plants from [Carmela Orchids!](#) Need I say more?

Sally Taylor



Birthday Girls!!!



Member Of the Month!



**Chris Alger**





## Judging Report

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

### Blue Ribbons:

- Recc. Frances Fox 'Sun Spot' - Steve Rodriguez
- Guar. guatemalensis - Steve Rodriguez
- Lsu. Dick Phippen 'Cute and Boot' - Steve Rodriguez
- Den. aggregatum - Steve Rodriguez
- Asctm. ampullaceum - Javier Morejon
- V. Mem. Anna Hatos - Steve Rodriguez
- Den. anosmum 'Steve Sholen' - Virginia Benitez
- Ren. 20th WOC Singapore 2011 (Ren. Kalsom x Ren. Bangkok Flame) - Virginia Benitez
- V. Bangkhutian x Jiraprapa - Virginia Benitez

### Red Ribbons:

- Den. Hamana Lake 'Kumi' - Steve Rodriguez
- Blc. Golden Chieftain 'Akuku' - Steve Rodriguez
- Lc. Blazing Treat 'Krull Smith' - Steve Rodriguez
- Recc. Alexandra Contos - Steve Rodriguez
- V. Violeta x V. Blue Tahourdin - Javier Morejon
- Recc. Frances Fox 'Fire Flame' - Virginia Benitez
- Den. anosmum - Katherine Genter
- Den. anosmum - Katherine Genter
- Den. pendulum - Virginia Benitez
- Den. farmeri albescens - Virginia Benitez
- C. skinneri - Virginia Benitez

Thank you for showing your blooms. We look forward to your flowers in April.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair

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[SFOS Judging Rules](#)



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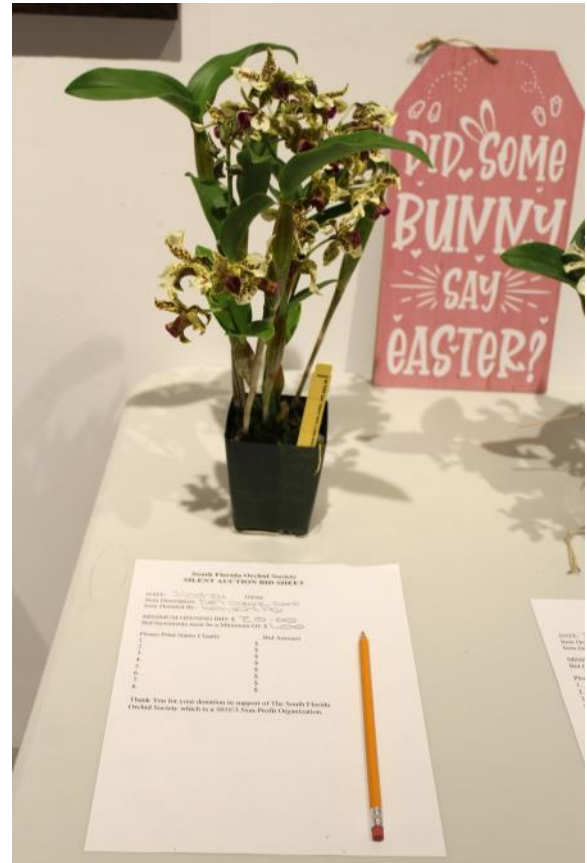
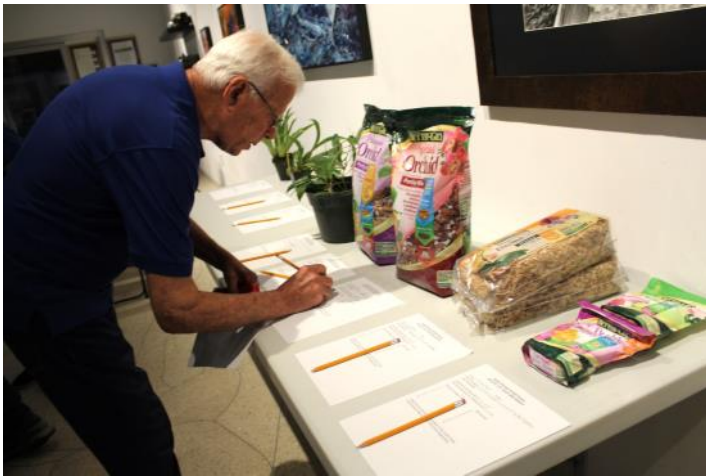




March Meeting!



Always lots of bargains on our Mini Auction table!



# Plant Judging & Photography!





The Miami Beach Orchid Society is thrilled to announce our first-ever Orchids & Arts Festival, a celebration of the beauty and artistry of orchids. This inaugural event promises to be a spectacular gathering of orchid lovers, artists, and enthusiasts alike, showcasing the diverse array of orchid species and the creative expressions they inspire.

**The Orchids & Arts Festival**, scheduled for **May 4th-5th, 2024**, promises a weekend dedicated to celebrating orchids. Co-hosted by the Miami Beach Orchid Society, Foundation for Emerging Technologies, and Miami Beach Botanical Garden, the festival will feature orchid and art exhibits, musical performances, dance showcases, educational sessions, and a vibrant vendors market. Emphasizing our Florida native orchid species, the festival aims to raise awareness about the importance of preserving our delicate ecosystems.

**May 4th & 5th, 2024**

**At the Miami Beach Botanical Garden.**

**2000 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33140.**

**Festival hours are from 9am to 5pm daily.**

**Tickets are \$5, and children are free.**

**[Buy Tickets!](#)**

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May 17-19, 2024

24801 SW 187th AVE. Redland, FL 33031  
Fruit & Spice Park



SFOS T-Shirts & Polo shirts available!  
See Sally Taylor for all the details!

## The South Florida Orchid Society Presents...

### *"An Introduction to Orchids"*

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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**Directors, Term ending in 2025**

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**Directors, Term ending in 2026**

Annette Rodriguez, Erna Maxwell, Nancy Crisler

**Immediate Past President—Chris Alger**

**Show Chairman—Vacant**

**Special Directors—Ron Hunt & Julie Rosenberg**

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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