



The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS May 15 2024 Program

Mark Margolis: [Catasetems](#)

I am a retired Dade County Public School science teacher. Taught 35 years in this community, married, with a daughter soon to graduate college. About forty years ago, I started taking an interest in orchids, and then subsequently became obsessed with the Catasetum family. I am a backyard hobbyist and over the years, have acquired roughly 1000 catasetem babies. I started to take my plants for judging and began another journey in growing orchids.

I have now received about 140 awards, including two FCC'S. I enjoy spreading the news about my favorite plants, talking to many societies, local and around the country.



**For my talk, I am going to explain
the latest information on
growing this exotic,
misunderstood, easy to grow
group of orchids.**



This months raffle plants are being provided by [Soroa Orchids](#)!



President's Message

Hello all,

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

Last Month, we advised members that we were taking volunteers for the upcoming [Redland International 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 Mark Margolis who will be speaking on growing the genus catasetum. He is a retired Miami-Dade County Public School teacher who taught in the community for 35 years. He started growing orchids about 40 years ago and became obsessed with Catasetems, of which he now grows of 1000. He has received 140 awards for his plants including two FCC's.

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, please.) Additionally, we will be announcing the May 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 in 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. 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



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!



Membership Corner

I have not had any renewals since our Meeting in April. I have started working on the new Roster and I will continue to try to include you if you get me your renewal right away.

NEW - THIS IS IMPORTANT - all checks must now be made out in full to - South Florida Orchid Society, Inc. – sorry, the bank will not except check made out to SFOS any longer!

Please remember the Board has voted that if you don't have your Membership Badge you will not be given a Membership Ticket for a chance at the Membership Plant. If you have missed placed or lost your Membership Badge you need to call or text me and I will do everything I can to get you a new one right away.

We still have T-Shirts for sale at the meetings. Having an SFOS T-Shirt on gets you a ticket for a chance at the T-Shirt plant raffle.

I feel like I may be leaving out something - but I can't remember what it might be - so if I remember it before the Meeting I'll make a note of it and tell you at the meeting on May 15th. See you there.

Sally Taylor

Membership Chair



SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY now has Shirts available! A beautiful Royal Blue!

Ladies V neck Cotton (a little lighter in color - but still blue)

- Sm, Med, L, or XL at \$18.25
- 2XL at \$19.25
- 3XL at \$21.50

Ladies or Men's - Polo - in either Polyester or Cotton

- Sm, Med, L, or XL at \$25.75
- 2XL at \$26.75
- 3XL at \$28.00



The shirts can be seen at our meetings and orders placed at that time. All shirts must be paid for when ordered. Watch an up-coming newsletter for a good reason to wear your new shirts to the meetings.

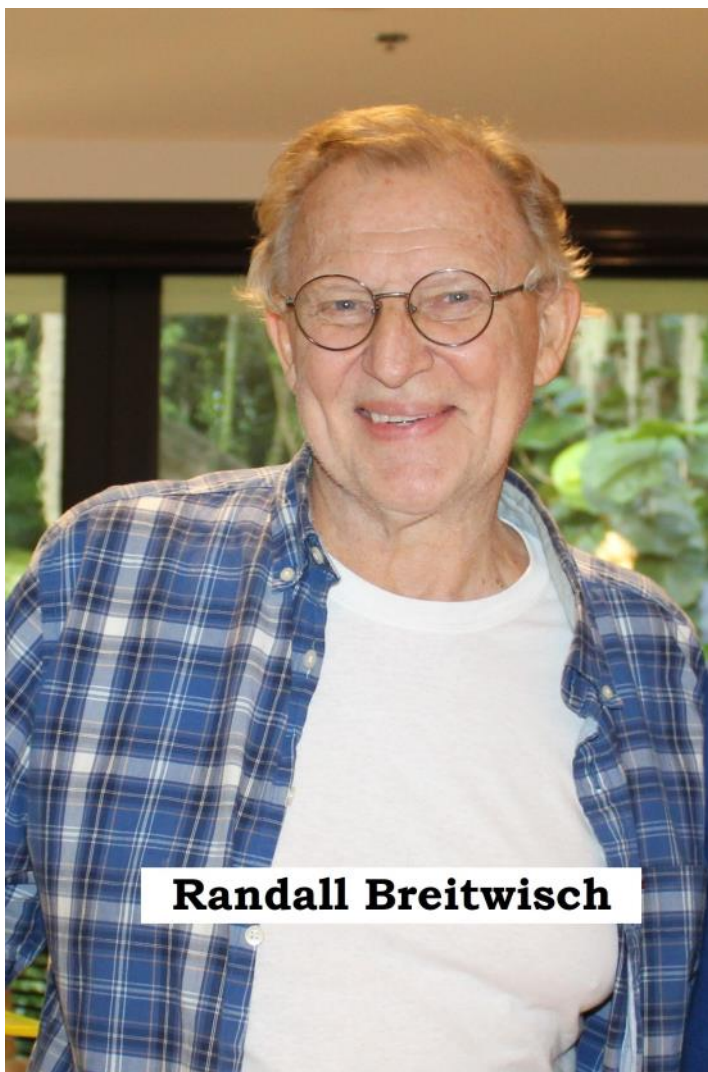
SUMMER'S CORNER

Mommy said I could tell you that I got a 4th Place Ribbon in Franklin, TN. We will be at a Dog Show in Perry, GA before we come to the Meeting on May 15th. I hope to get a big ribbon in Perry that I can show you. See you on the 15th.

Summer



Member Of the Month!



Randall Breitwisch

Randall (Randy) Breitwisch is the current South Florida Orchid Society Treasurer. Randy is the guy who keeps our finances in tip top shape.

And, since we're still up and running, he's apparently doing a pretty good job.

Congratulations, Randy! You're our Member of the Month for May, 2024!



April 2024 Judging Report

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

Blue Ribbons:

- *Chiloschista viridiflava* - Javier Morejon
- Ctt. Gigi Andrae Louis - Steve Rodriguez
- *Den. aggregatum* - Steve Rodriguez
- *V. curvifolia f. franksmithiana* - Steve Rodriguez
- V. Viboon Sunset - Virginia Benitez
- Vasc. Roll on Red - Virginia Benitez
- Prra. Tony Tan Keng Yam 'Orange Burst' - Virginia Benitez
- *Den. jenkinsii* - Virginia benitez
- Grt. Why Not - David Foster

Red Ribbons:

- Paph. Lady Isabel - Javier Morejon
- *Seidenfadenia mitrata* - Javier Morejon
- Myc. Keith Goldson - Steve Rodriguez
- Eny. Golden Sunburst - Steve Rodriguez
- Myc. Elegance - Steve Rodriguez
- Grt. Why Not 'Roundabout' AM/AOS - Steve Rodriguez
- Myl. Quest Fanguito - Steve Rodriguez
- V. Sompoi - Steve Rodriguez
- *Den. aggregatum* - Maggie Echeverria

Culture Ribbons:

- Grt. Why Not - David Foster

Thank you for bringing your flowers. We look forward to more blooms in May.

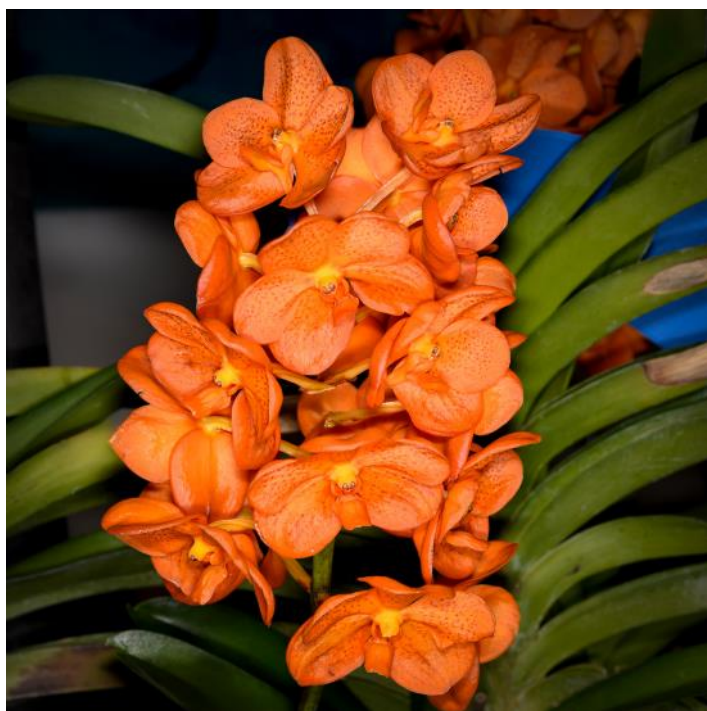
Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

[SFOS Judging Rules](#)

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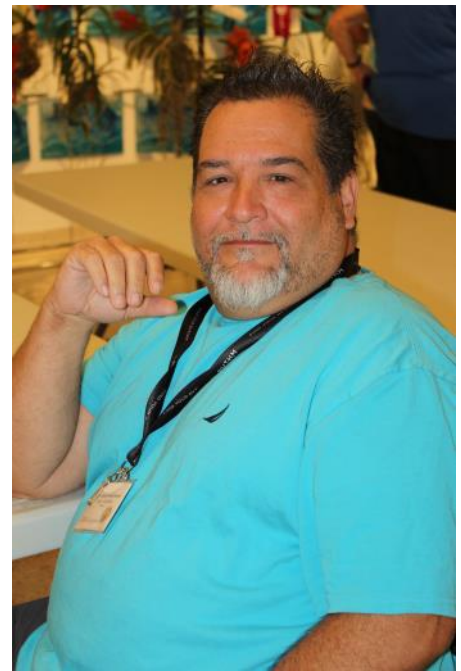


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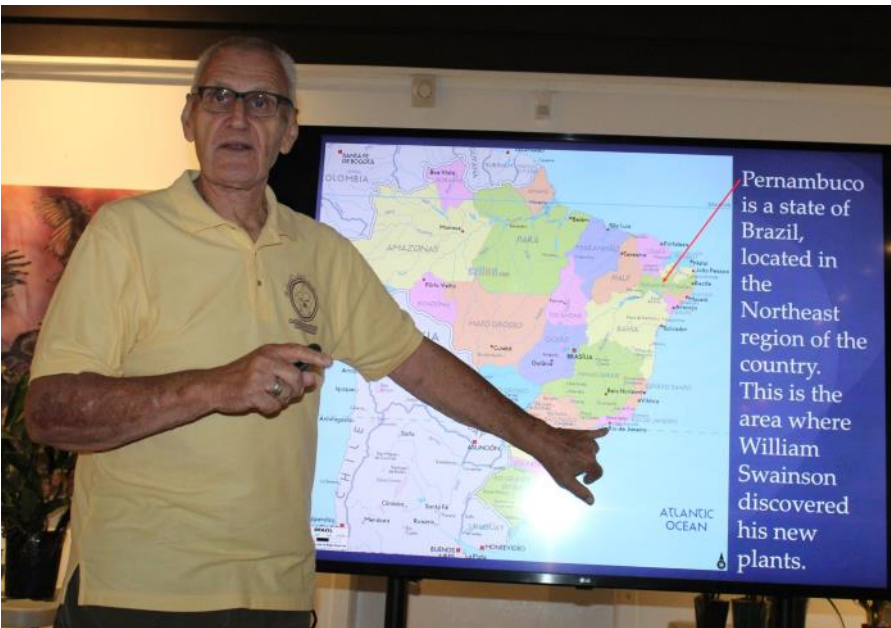
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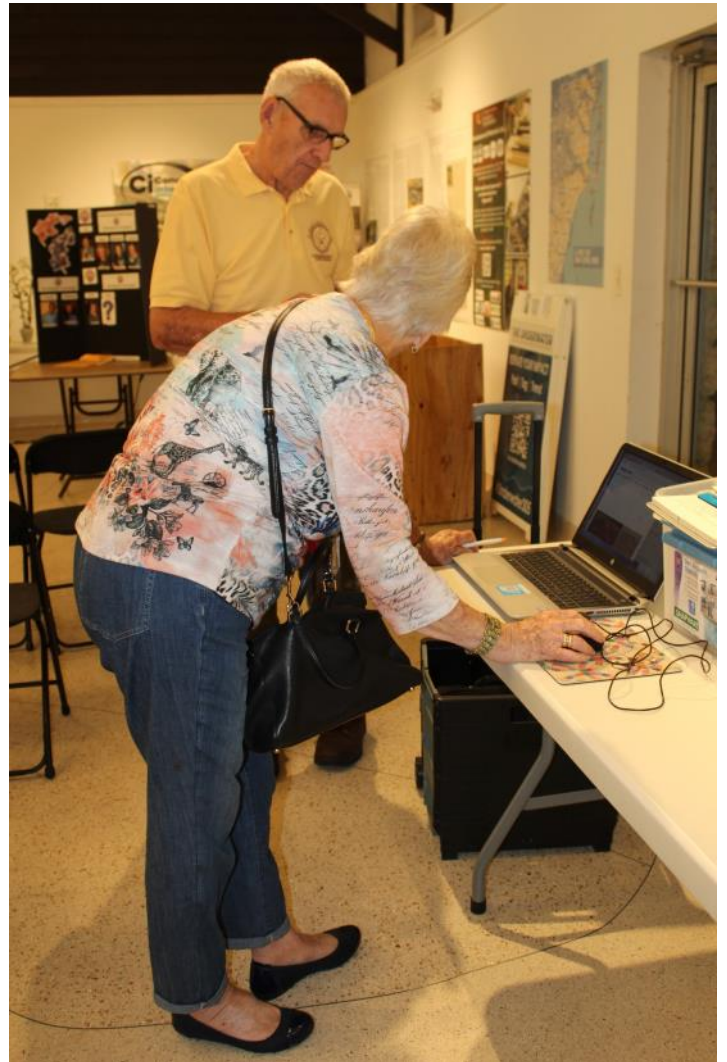
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See Sally Taylor for all the details!

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, Terms ending in 2024

Steve Rodriguez, Michael O'Dea, Barry White

Directors, Term ending in 2025

Vacant, James Furst, Chris Alger

Directors, Term ending in 2026

Annette Rodriguez, Erna Maxwell, Nancy Crisler

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Special Directors—Ron Hunt & Julie Rosenberg

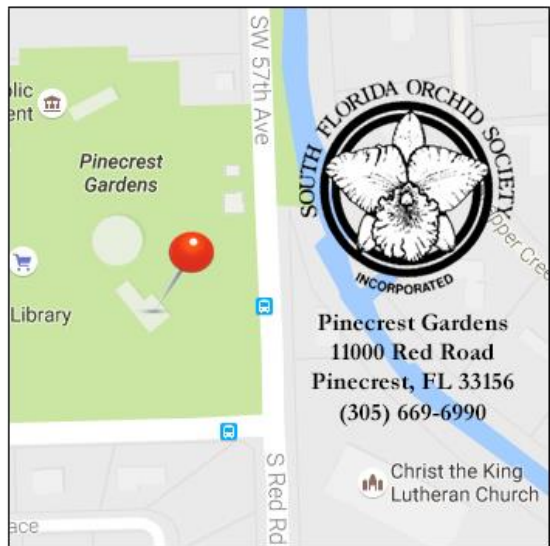
Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
on the third Wednesday of each month.

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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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. (PDF)**



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