



The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS June 19 2024 Program

South Florida Orchid Society cordially invites all Members and Visitors to attend the **2024-2025 INSTALLATION CEREMONY** of the SFOS Board Executive Officers, Directors, and Special Directors to be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 8:00 pm at PINECREST GARDENS.

AWARDS will be presented this evening by the SFOS Judging Chair to Members in several categories for plants they submitted during the 2023-2024 year.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES of RECOGNITION will be awarded to SFOS Members for their VOLUNTEER SERVICE during 2023-2024.

There will be no SFOS Certified Judging this evening, but Members are encouraged to bring in their blooming plants to display in the room and share with the guests.

A Buffet Reception will be held for everyone's enjoyment. The Theme this year will be "PICNIC IN THE PARK" and it is suggested that Members bring in their favorite "Picnic Type" hors d'oeuvres, fruit and cheese and meat platters, macaroni and potato salads, chips, desserts and beverages to serve during the Reception.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this SPECIAL EVENT recognizing our AWARD WINNERS, and joining us in thanking our VOLUNTEERS for their service to SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY.

Sincerely, The South Florida Orchid Society Board of Directors



PLANTS FOR OUR RAFFLE TABLE THIS MONTH ARE BEING PROVIDED BY SERENA ROMAN, LADY VANDA!



President's Message

Hello all,

I would like to start by inviting all members and guests to attend the 2024-25 installation ceremony of SFOS Board Executive Officers, Directors, and Special Directors at our meeting on, Wednesday, June 19 at 8:00pm. We will also be presenting awards to members and giving special recognition to our volunteers during the event. **There will be no SFOS judging**, but I encourage members to bring in their blooming plants to display in the room and share with the attendees.

A buffet reception will follow. The theme is Picnic in the Park and members are encouraged to bring in picnic type foods such as fruit, meat and cheese platters, macaroni and potato salads, chips, desserts and refreshments.

Lady Vanda will provide plants for our raffle.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the volunteers who braved the hot weather during the International Orchid Show held last month at the Fruit and Spice Park. The orchid festival will be donating \$260 to the club for their efforts.

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 June recipient of the SFOS Member of the month, which recognizes members who contribute time to making SFOS a better orchid society. Kudos to **Don McDermott**, our 2nd VP and program chair whom we recognized for his efforts last month.

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

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

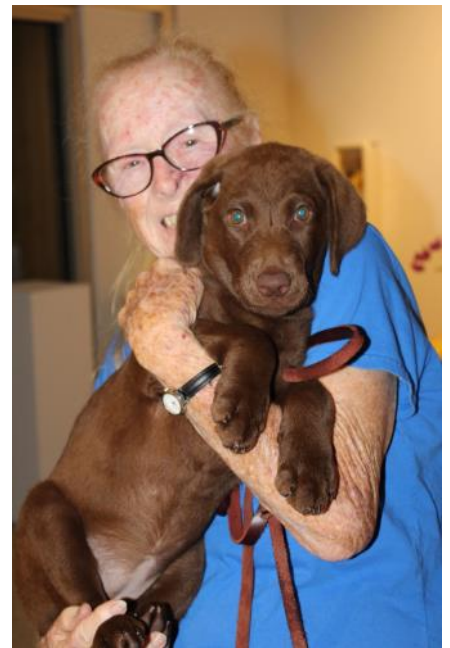
I have received a few more Membership renewals - for which I thank you. If you have not yet paid your 2024 Membership Dues - if you bring me your notice, cash and/or check to the meeting on June 19th (checks must be made out in full to "South Florida Orchid Society, Inc.") I will do all I can to see that your information stays in the 2024-2025 Roster.

I have been working on the new Roster and hope to have it to each Member in July before our meeting. I will not be at the July meeting as I will be in Concord, NC.

In my absence from the July Meeting, I hope that you all will come out and support the President and Board Members. I will be thinking about you all.

Looking forward to seeing you on June 19th.

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!

Since I saw you all in May at the Meeting, my Mom took me to Fletcher, NC. On the way there I got to see my breeder (Shellie) and my doggy mom (Stormy) - also some goats which were ok and some horses which I didn't like - they are too big.

In Fletcher I got a few ribbons and had some fun - on the final day I got the Big Ribbon for Owner Handler Group 4 - it seemed to make my Mommy happy.

We got home and I got confused - because I had to go from the house to the RV and stay in there - something was wrong with the air conditioning in the house. Only thing was the RV was now going on a trip.

Mom tells me we have a show in Tampa just before the meeting in June - I sure hope I can get another Big Ribbon to bring to the meeting and show you.

Summer



Member Of the Month!



Don McDermott

Don McDermott is our Second Vice President and Program Chair.

He's the guy who lines up all the great speakers we are so fortunate to enjoy.

If you have a program suggestion or speaker you would like to see, he's the guy you want to talk to.

Congratulations Don!

You're our Member of the Month!



May 2024 Judging Report

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

Blue Ribbons:

- *Max. tenuifolia* - Margaret Marshall
- *C. intermedia alba* 'Penn Valley' AM/AOS - Danny Gallardo
- Vcs. Lilac Blossom 'Charmer' - Danny Gallardo
- Alcra. Clinton Cooper (Mtsa. Charles M. Fitch x *Onc. leucochilum*) - David Foster

Red Ribbons:

- Ctsm. Mem. Mark Beightol - Javier Morejon
- Ctsm. Aileen Cruz Merced - Javier Morejon
- E. Rioclarense - Danny Gallardo
- *Coryanthes verrucolineata* - Danny Gallardo
- *Epi. tampense alba* - David Foster

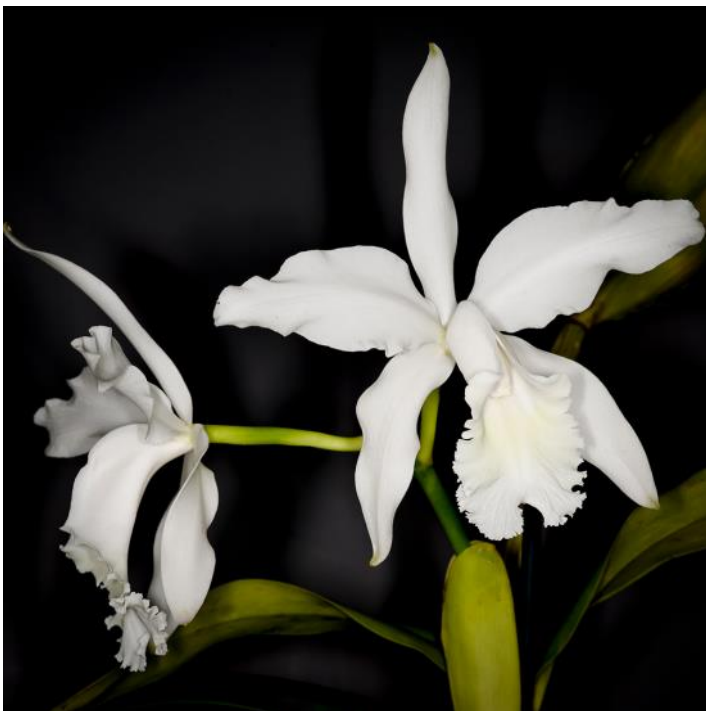
Thank you for showing your Orchids. There will be no judging in June. We look forward to your blooms in July.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair

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[SFOS Judging Rules](#)

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May Meeting Photos!



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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!



South Florida Orchid Society, Inc.

Board of Directors

President: Javier Morejon

1st VP:—Sally Taylor

2nd VP:—Don McDermott

Secretary:—Margaret Marshall

Treasurer:—Randall Breitwisch

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

Immediate Past President—Chris Alger

Show Chairman—Vacant

Special Directors—Ron Hunt & Julie Rosenberg

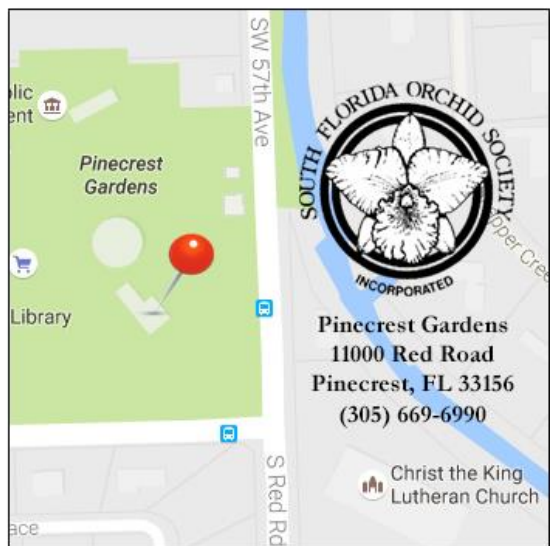
Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM
on the third Wednesday of each month.

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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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. (PDF)**



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