



The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS April 16 2025 Program

Larry Cox

"A Slipper Collection for South Florida."

Larry Cox acquired his first orchid, a cattleya, in 1972. His second was a paphiopedilum, Paph. Maudiae 'Magnificum.' The cattleya is long gone, but he still has a piece of the paph. When he began with paphs, he commonly heard, "You can't grow those in South Florida," but the first one lived and bloomed, and the paphiopedilum collection continued to grow. In the mid 1980's most of the other orchids were sold or given away, all for the love of paphs. In 1989, he moved from his South Miami residence to a more spacious property in the farming district of southern Miami-Dade County where he built his dream greenhouse of 3000 square feet. He has suffered setbacks, such as hurricane Andrew in 1992, but with perseverance and with the discovery of new paph species, and the consequent new hybrids, Larry's love of paphiopedilums has been renewed repeatedly. In 1983, Larry won his first AOS award for Paph. Maudiae coloratum 'Elektra' AM/AOS, one of the first vinicolors. Since then his orchids have earned over fifty AOS awards, including four FCC's.



A number of years ago, Larry retired from thirty-seven years as a teacher, the last fifteen teaching Advanced Placement high school English. He now spends his time reading, traveling, maintaining his property and, of course, growing paphs. Larry has experimented with other orchid genera and has found success with lycastes, phragmipediums, and pescatoreas. He has even rediscovered the wonder of cattleyas, particularly species.

Larry will be presenting a collection of twenty-five slipper orchids from three genera which he recommends for our climate and growing conditions!

Larry will have a few plants for sale.

Plants for our Raffle Table will be provided by

Serena Roman: Lady Vanda



Membership Corner

It was so great to be in town for the March Meeting. If everything goes as planned, I should be at the Meeting on April 16th.

I don't think I got any Renewals in the mail since our last meeting. I'm waiting for you all who have not yet paid dues for 2025 to send me your checks. I have sent Notices to you all - "Tag Your It - now".

WE HAVE NEW MEMBERS! I am so pleased to tell you all that we have new Members - Martin A. Rivas and Ariel F. Girardi joined in February. At the Meeting in March we also got new Members - Omar Gonzales and Antonio J. Cotarelo. I'm so Happy to Welcome the New Members to our Society! I hope are New Members will become an active part of our Society. We are always looking for Members to help out - I can almost promise you as a New Member if you come out to the Meeting on April 16th we can put you to work!

I will have T-Shirts at the Meeting if you are interested - you get a ticket for having your T-Shirt on.

Speaking of tickets - you get a ticket for bringing Refreshments, Plants for Judging (only 1 ticket no matter how many plants you bring), being a Member, bringing an item for the Silent Auction Table. Don't forget you get a Bonus Ticket if you buy 5 Raffle Tickets. All those tickets add up to a chance for a plant from the Raffle Table.



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

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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

We went to West Palm Beach the day after our last Meeting for a Dog Show - but I didn't get any real Big Ribbons - just 2 little ones. Mom said by the time you read this we will have been back in West Palm and be on the Elkton and then Perry, GA before the April 16th Meeting.

I sure hope I get some Big Ribbons that I can bring to the Meeting in April and show you.

Hope to see you at the April 16th Meeting.

Your South Florida Orchid Society Mascot!

Summer



I sure hope I get some more of those Big Ribbons on this trip - so I can bring them in for you all to see.

SFOS Member of the Month!



Charlie Flick!

Congratulations to Charles Flick who was awarded South Florida Orchid Society Member of the Month for March 2025.

Charles opened his beautiful gardens for SFOS Members and guests to tour on March 1st.

Charles serves on the SFOS Board and also is a generous supporter of our Silent Mini-Auction Table with his Orchid donations.

Congratulations on March Member of the Month Charles and thank you for all you do for our Society.



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.

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The South Florida Orchid Society Board of Director's

SFOS March 2025 Judging Report

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

Blue Ribbons:

- Vanda Roll on red - Virginia Benitez
- Den. Little Atro - Virginia Benitez
- Den. Roongkamol Vejvarot - Virginia Benitez
- Den. Roy Tokunaga - Virginia Benitez
- Den. spectabile - Virginia Benitez
- V. Goodwin's Thai Sunset (V. Rasri Gold x V. Dr. Anek) - Charlie Flick

Red Ribbons:

- Ludisia Discolor - S. Rodriguez
- Guar. skinneri Cal Orchid 4N - Charles Asche
- C. Aristocrat - Charles Asche

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

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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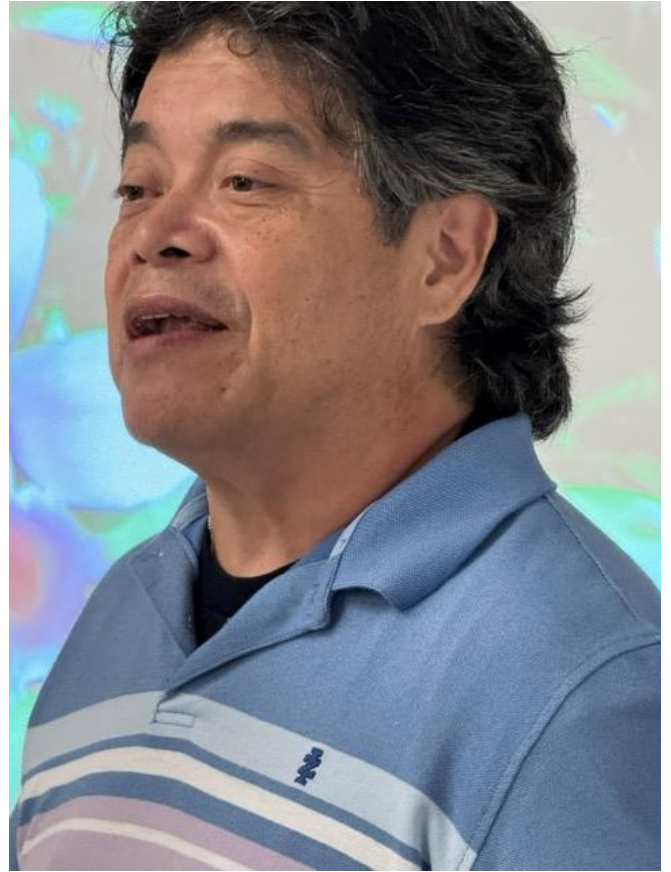
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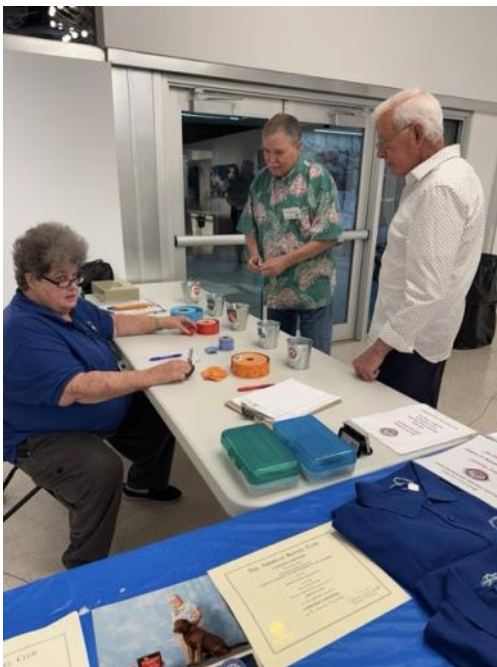
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SFOS Proposed ByLaw Revisions

The South Florida Orchid Society ByLaw Review Committee (Chris, Charles, Margaret, Randy and Nancy) have successfully completed a review of the current ByLaws and would like to propose a thorough revision for 2025. Since this is a full revision of the original document, **please read it through carefully**. The Committee hopes you will find that it is much more in line with our current organization.

The Committee is proposing that the Society reduce the total number of Directors to be more in line with our current organizational size. The Committee also recommends that the Society set the terms of office to two years rather than three. The Committee feels that these changes will be advantageous and help SFOS recruit interested leaders for the long term. In addition, the Committee have fine-tuned the roles of all board positions, and reduced the number of Standing Committees.

The South Florida Orchid Society is grateful to all of the Board members who dedicated their time to this effort. And a Special Thank You to Nancy Crisler for taking on the considerable job of rewriting and preparing this document.

The South Florida Orchid Society Membership will be asked to approve the Committee's recommendations at the May Member's Meeting.

Please click on the PDF icon to view a copy of the proposed ByLaws.



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When	April 03, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	April 16, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EDT	May 08, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	May 15, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by March 31</i>	<i>Master Orchidist Series</i> Growing Orchids Indoors and In Terrariums Light, media, pots! Successful steps to cultivate orchids indoors.	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by May 05</i>	<i>Master Orchidist Series</i> Calming Your Fears About Repotting Orchids Learn about using the best media and techniques, growing orchids indoors.
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Chris Satch Orchid Grower and Professor at NY Botanical Gardens	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Janeil Payne Long time orchid grower and AOS Orchid Judge



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Directors, Terms ending in 2025

James Furst, Chris Alger, Charles Flick

Directors, Term ending in 2026

Vacant, Erna Maxwell, Nancy Crisler

Directors, Term ending in 2027

Vacant, Maggie Echeverria, Caridad Balseiro

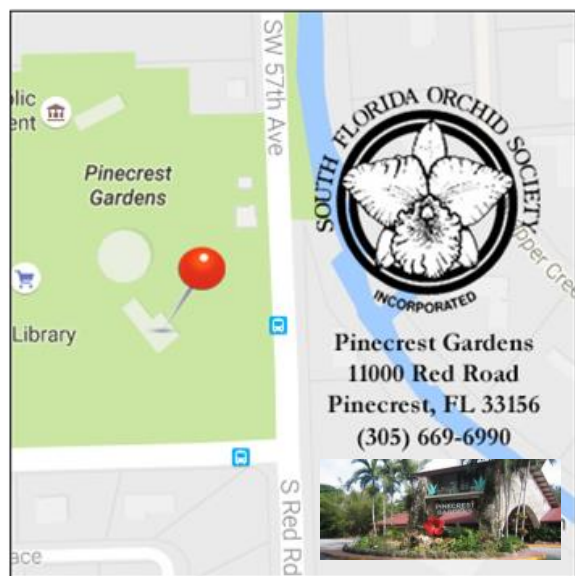
Immediate Past President—Javier Morejon

Show Chairman—Vacant

Special Directors—Ron Hunt & Julie Rosenberg

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

Orchid registration begins at 7:00PM.
No plants will be registered after 7:30PM
Program begins at 8: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.
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