



Celebrating 80 years! The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS July 16 2025 Program

❁ “Growing in South Florida – 100 Years of Orchid Wisdom” ❁

Details in the President’s Message on the next page!

New Meeting Location!



The Entrance we’ll be using is what they call the **Bus Drop Off**. It’s about half way between the main Entrance and the Community Center.

This month, and probably next month as well, we’ll be once again meeting in the Pinecrest Garden’s “Inspiration Room.” We met there last month and I was personally quite pleased with the room. Garden personal have also been very accommodating by providing rides for those who can’t walk the distance from the Bus Drop Off to the Inspiration Room.

Refreshments will be **pot luck** this month! Members are encouraged to bring their favorite snacks!

Dear SFOS Family

Summer may be sizzling outside, but this July we're turning the heat into **inspiration**, and doing something totally different to celebrate the incredible knowledge within our community. Instead of a traditional lecture, we're inviting **YOU** to help lead an exciting and interactive program we're calling:

❖ "Growing in South Florida – 100 Years of Orchid Wisdom" ❖

Our members will bring over 100 years of combined knowledge as growers, hobbyists, and AOS judges who've faced—and conquered—every challenge the South Florida climate can throw at us. This month, we're tapping into that legacy and turning our meeting into a living library of experience.

🗨️ Here's how you can get involved:

We're asking **every member** to bring **two things** to this special meeting:

1. **A question** that's been on your mind—about pests, potting, blooming, weathering the heat, or anything else orchid-related.
2. **A tip, trick, or hard-earned lesson** that's helped you succeed as a grower.

Whether you're new to orchids or have a greenhouse full of blue ribbons, this is your moment to connect, share, and learn together.

📌 What to Expect

- Real talk on surviving orchid season—humidity, hurricanes, and all
- Tips that actually work in our wild tropical microclimates
- What to do when your cattleyas love the heat but your hair doesn't
- Tales of triumph (and disaster) from patios, lanais, and backyard jungles
- The one time someone used mosquito netting... and it worked
- A rapid-fire round of tricks from growers who've *been there, bloomed that*

Let's also keep building our Silent Auction, which has become a favorite among members. Don't forget to bring cuttings from your plants, perfect for fellow members eager to add something special to their own gardens! With this in mind we will be pausing the raffle just for this meeting. We truly appreciate how much joy and support our members bring to it each month, and we look forward to bringing it back soon.

Refreshments will be served on a potluck basis. As always, we count on our incredible members to bring something for the group to enjoy—whether it's a few bottles of water, a favorite snack, or even those unforgettable chocolate chip cookies that have made surprise appearances in the past!

We're tapping into the strength of our membership—not only to keep the summer buzzing but to remind everyone why SFOS stands out as one of the most unique orchid societies in the country. Come with a question. Leave with answers, new friends, and fresh ideas for your growing journey.

See you there!

Warmest regards,

James Furst

President, South Florida Orchid Society

Membership Corner

I really don't have much to report! I have turned some "stuff" over to Margaret Marshall already and as soon as I have finished the new Roster for 2025-2026 - I will be giving Margaret the rest of the Membership "stuff".

On that note I do hope that all of you will give Margaret the same co-operation that you have shown me in the last (how many) years.

The Roster is almost ready for the printer - and as soon as I have them - I will be mailing them out to every Member.

I will not be at the July Meeting - as I will still be on the road with Summer in North Carolina. We do expect to be home in time for the August Meeting.

Sally Taylor

Membership Chair - Retired



South Florida Orchid Society

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Shirts can be seen and ordered at our meetings. All shirts must be paid for when ordered.

Remember to wear your shirts to our meetings for a special perk!

Summer's Corner!

Mom has had me all over the place! Right after the last Meeting we went to Ft. Myers to see Aunt Robyn - she always does my nails. Then we headed north and ended up in a place called Doswell, VA. I had never been there before. We then went to a place called West Friendship, MD and by the time you read this we will be in Concord, NC and the Greenville, SC before we get HOME.

I'm sorry to report I did not get any nice big ribbons on this trip yet - but I still have more shows to try in.

I hope to see you all in August.

Your Mascot,

Summer





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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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