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The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS August 20 2025 Program

Large Orchid Problems!
When Your Plant Takes Over Divide and Multiply for Success

Our August program promises to be hands-on, informative, and a whole lot of fun! We'll be tackling a topic every orchid grower eventually faces: what to do when your orchid outgrows its pot, its bench, or perhaps even your patio. This is your chance to learn, and practice, the art of dividing large orchids for healthy growth and more blooms in seasons to come.

This will be an interactive presentation where everyone is encouraged to participate in the division process, share tips, and ask questions throughout. By the end of the evening, you'll leave feeling informed, confident, and inspired to take on even your most overgrown plants.

We are grateful to several generous members who have offered plants for our demonstration, especially Charles Asche who will be providing some larger orchids for our group's enjoyment.

We'll also be continuing our very popular Silent Auction series this month, so bring your bidding spirit. You never know what treasures you might take home.

Please mark your calendars and join us:

Wednesday, August 20th

7:00 PM

Hibiscus Room, Pinecrest Gardens

**Come ready to learn, share, & enjoy another great evening
with fellow orchid lovers.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

President's Message

Dear SFOS Members,

Well, we finally got it—**RAIN!** And not just a light sprinkle, but a real, steady soaking. The kind that makes orchids lift their leaves, roots come alive, and the whole garden seems refreshed. After weeks of watching the skies, it's a welcome change and a reminder of how quickly nature can give our plants and us a boost.

Our **August meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, August 20th at 8:00 PM** in the **Hibiscus Gallery at Pinecrest Gardens**. This month's topic, "**Large Orchid Problems! Time to Divide and Multiply for Success,**" will be an interactive, hands-on session where you can learn the proper division process firsthand. The Hibiscus Gallery always provides a beautiful backdrop for our gatherings, and I'm looking forward to another lively evening of sharing, learning, and connecting with fellow orchid enthusiasts.

As we head into our August meeting, I'd like to share a few important updates and opportunities to get involved.

This month, I'd like to invite everyone to bring a growing tip or trick that makes orchid care easier—or even saves a plant's life. Whether it's your secret repotting method, a watering schedule that works wonders, or a clever way to protect blooms, sharing your knowledge helps us all become better growers.

Another exciting opportunity is just around the corner—the **Redlands International Orchid Festival**. This is the month to sign up as a volunteer! **SFOS receives a \$65 donation** for every member who participates, and volunteers get to enjoy the festival for the day. It's an incredible event filled with orchids from around the world, and your participation helps strengthen our Society in a big way. If you wish to volunteer, look for the **Redland Orchid Festival** sign up sheet and add your name to the list.

We'll also be holding our **monthly auction**, which is a vital way to support our Society. If you have a kieke or a larger plant you no longer need, consider donating it. Your Orchid will find a new home with a fellow member, and your contribution will help fund SFOS programs, events, and community outreach.

We're also excited to welcome the newest members of our SFOS family — **Melissa Alatraste, Adonis Goosby and his son Adonis II, Bonnie Seipp, and Fleta Stamen!** Each brings their own unique enthusiasm and love for orchids, and we're thrilled to have them join our community. If you haven't met them yet, be sure to introduce yourself at the meeting, share a smile, and help them feel right at home. After all, one of the greatest joys of SFOS is the friendships that grow alongside our orchids.

Finally, I want to emphasize something close to my heart—the **importance of the South Florida Orchid Society**. We are more than just a group of orchid enthusiasts; we are a community that grows together, supports each other, and keeps the love of orchids alive in South Florida. Your energy, ideas, and generosity are what make SFOS truly special.

Thank you for being such a vital part of this journey. I can't wait to see you all on the 20th!

Warm regards,
James Furst
President
South Florida Orchid Society

Membership Corner

Hi everyone! I won't be at the Meeting on August 20th. I had full intentions of having the New Roster's printed and mailed in July. But that didn't happen and I owe all of you an apology!

Summer, Skeeter and I were on a 5-week trip and the internet connection didn't work for me. So I didn't get the Roster done. But it is now at the printers and I hope to get it mailed as soon as I pick it up. You all should have it before the meeting.

Hope to see you all again real soon - please come out to the Meeting and support the President and all the other Board Members and the worker Bee's!

Sally Taylor
Soon to be retired as
Membership Chair again!



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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!

We are finally home for about 10 days! Mom has had me so many places - Ft. Myers to see Aunt Robyn (got me nails done there), then to Doswell, VA for 4 Dog Shows - I got two nice ribbons but not the kind my Mom really likes. Then we went to West Friendship, MD for 3 shows - I only got 2 Select ribbons there. We then went to Concord, NC for 8 shows! That was a lot of showing - I got 3 Select ribbons, 1 Best of Breed/OH ribbon and 1 Best of Opposite/OH ribbon and that day I got my Mom a really Big Owner Handler Group 4 Ribbons - Mom said she was really proud of me. We then went to Greenville, SC. That's where I met Mom three years ago and got to start traveling all over with her. I got 4 BOS/OH ribbons but nothing in the OH Group. We left Greenville and came home - finally. I don't know when we will be leaving again but I think it will be around the 11 - Mom was talking to Aunt Robyn again about doing my nails. I think Mom said I'd be able to see everyone again in September.

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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- **MEETING AND MIXING** with many friendly and helpful orchid “neighbors”, amateurs, advanced collectors and commercial growers.
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