



# *Celebrating 80 years!* The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS November 19 2025 Program

## **Joshua Jones**

### **'The Orchid Pyramid' part 1.**

**Focusing on how to grow really great roots.**

Grower, producer, and educator of all things orchid related.

Joshua has been growing healthy and established orchids for over 20 years. Living in Jacksonville, FL his entire life, he started growing orchids with a basic Phalaenopsis and graduated to more complex species and hybrids of all genera.

Eventually learning ceramics on his own and creating orchid pottery with great detail using the best products available.

Branching out to finally create his new venture in life with The Orchid Den. Joshua has received multiple awards for his exceptionally well grown plants, educates about orchid growing, is hybridizing orchids, and you can also watch his YouTube channel (The Orchid Den) to learn more for yourself.



**Joshua Jones**

## **SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY MINI-AUCTION SERIES**

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## President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

If orchids could talk, I'm convinced they'd be telling us how much they love this time of year! Cooler mornings, softer light, and a touch of fall in the air have our orchids responding with vibrant new spikes and blooms, proof that even nature celebrates renewal. It's a wonderful time in South Florida to slow down, enjoy the beauty around us, and let our orchids remind us that growth always follows care.

### **November Meeting Details**

**November 19th, 8:00 PM**

**Pinecrest Gardens**

**Inspiration Center**

For your convenience, we will provide access to the Inspiration Center via the back road for easier load-in and load-out. Additionally, someone will be stationed at the Meadow Gate to assist members, allowing for a much shorter and more comfortable walk to the meeting location.

Featured Speaker:

### **Joshua Jones, The Orchid Den**

Grower, producer, and educator of all things orchid related, Joshua Jones has been cultivating healthy, established orchids for over 15 years. A lifelong resident of Jacksonville, Florida, Joshua began his orchid journey with a simple Phalaenopsis and gradually expanded into more complex species and hybrids across all genera.

His passion for craftsmanship led him to explore ceramics, where he began creating high-quality orchid pottery with remarkable detail. That artistry blossomed into his new venture, The Orchid Den, where his love for orchids and design come together beautifully.

Joshua has received multiple awards for his exceptionally well-grown plants, continues to educate others about orchid culture, and has even begun hybridizing his own unique varieties.

### **Monthly Silent Auction**

After Joshua's presentation, don't forget to join us for our monthly Silent Auction, a fun and friendly way to share, support SFOS, and maybe bring home a new treasure for your collection.

**New Member!** Please join us in welcoming **Marion Lang** to the South Florida Orchid Society!

### **Save the Date!**

### **SFOS Annual Holiday Party**

**December 17th, 4:30 - 10pm**

**Montgomery Botanical Center**

Join us for an evening of orchids, friendship, and holiday cheer as we celebrate another beautiful year together!

Warmest regards,

James Furst

President,

South Florida Orchid Society



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**Thank you for your support!**

### Membership Corner

#### **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!

## SFOS October 2025 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Javier Morejon and Erna Maxwell **Red Ribbons:**

### Blue Ribbons:

- C. Porcia "Cannizaro" FCC/AOS x Guar. Why Not "Comet" - Maggie Echevarria
- Cahuzacara Hsinying Pink Doll "Hsinying" - Melissa Alatraste
- C. Bowringiana - Maggie Echevarria
- Rlc. Amazing Thailand "Rainbow" - Aida Walchli
- Pda. Mimi Palmer - Aida Walchli

- Mcv. Lanny Morry - Margaret Marshall
- Den. Blue Seas - Margaret Marshall
- C. Monte Elegante - Melissa Alatraste
- C. trianae "Recanto" - Charles Asche

Thank you for showing your orchids. We look forward to your blooms in November.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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## Meeting Photos!

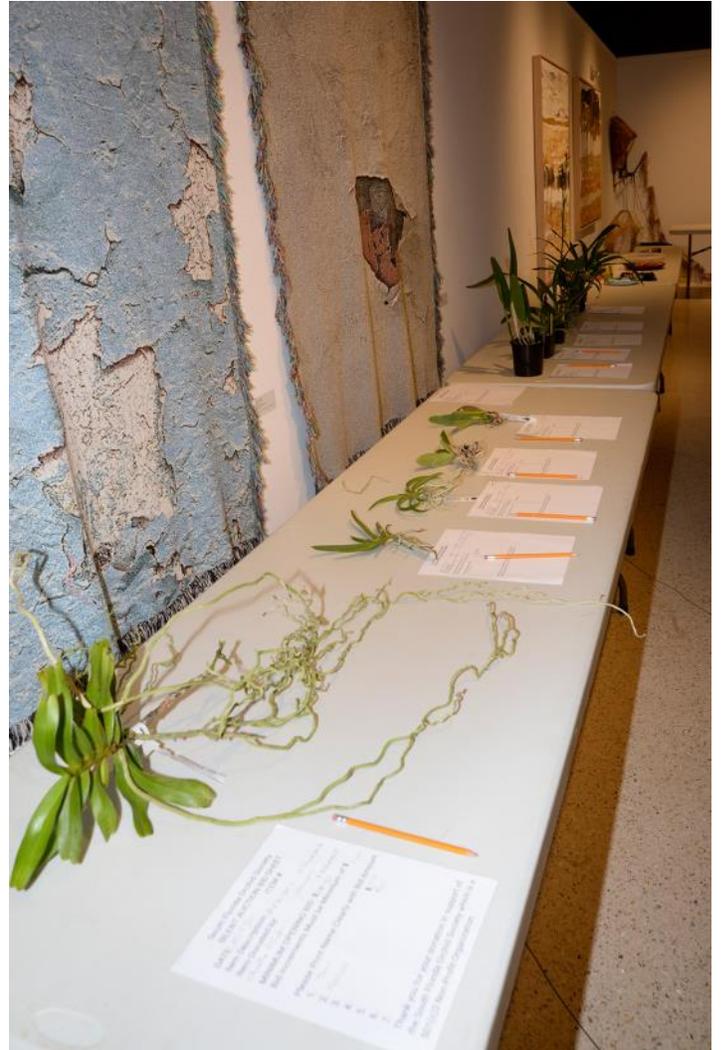
Our speaker for October was AOS president, Cheryl Erins, who gave a fascinating lecture on growing orchids (and other small plants ) in terrariums.



## Meeting Photos!



Some of the beautiful orchids presented for judging in October!



A few of the items up for auction at our meeting in October!



Did someone say, "Plant Raffle"!

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**Directors, Term ending in 2027**

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**Directors, Term ending in 2028**

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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



## 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 SILENT AUCTION!**
- **ORCHID 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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