



The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS March 18th 2026 Program

Olivier Turina

“TRICHOCENTRUM: WHAT THEY ARE & HOW TO GROW THEM!”

Dear SFOS members!

For March, we're thrilled to welcome Olivier Turina as our guest speaker!

Olivier comes to us from Brussels, Belgium, and now calls Ft. Lauderdale home. He is a passionate hobbyist who loves working with species and primary hybrids across many genera. Fun fact: his plants have snagged eight awards from the American Orchid Society! He has been an active Board member since 2020 and has been sharing his knowledge as a newsletter contributor since 2018 with the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society. If you're looking for some great growing tips, be sure to check out his YouTube channel, "Orchid House, Fort Lauderdale, Florida," where he shares insights and tricks—with over 500,000 views and 5,000 subscribers, it's a treasure trove for orchid lovers! Plus, Olivier is quite the linguist, speaking 7 languages and holding a Bachelor's in Finance and Economics!



Olivier Turina

Looking forward to an amazing spring season together! Happy growing!

Martin A. Rivas
Program Director
South Florida Orchid Society

Please Join Us On Wednesday, March 18th at 8:00PM For What Is Sure To Be A Entertaining And Informative Presentation!

Remember: If You have plants you wish to enter for judging, they must be registered by 7:30PM. Due to time constraints, no plants will be registered after 7:30PM.



President's Letter

SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY

March

Well... the sky finally opened.

After what felt like an endless stretch of cool, dry weather, South Florida finally remembered that orchids, and orchid growers—prefer a little humidity in the air. I suspect more than a few of our plants sighed in relief when that first rain arrived. I know mine did.

March is a fascinating month in the orchid world. Across our collections, something quietly magical begins to happen. Plants that rested through winter suddenly wake up. Roots start reaching. Now growth appears. Buds swell. And before you know it, benches begin to look like a small orchid show.

Sometimes orchids are a good metaphor for life. With the right care, patience, and environment... amusing things unfold. And in begimime—farithais trult!



In his presentation to reach **200**

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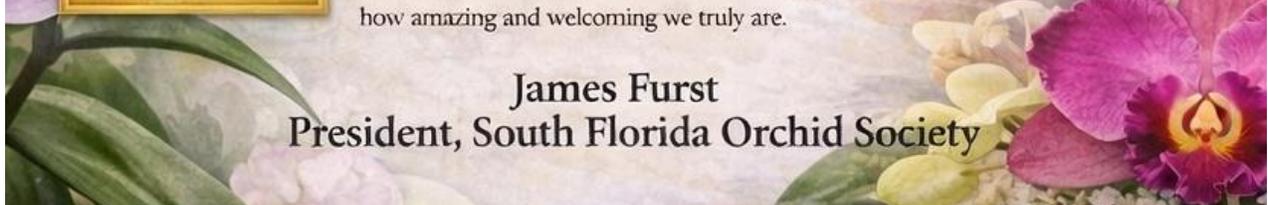
Whether you are new to the South Florida Orchid Society or have been with us for years, we always love seeing a new face. I invite each of you to bring a friend to our next meeting. Help us spread the joy of orchids and show someone who is new to the hobby just how amazing and welcoming we truly are.

April Meeting Extravaganza!

Monday, April 15th

Get ready for an evening of FLJN and ORCHID PRIZES!

James Furst
President, South Florida Orchid Society





SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY MINI-AUCTION SERIES

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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 February 2026 Judging Report

Judges: Julie Rosenberg, Erna Maxwell and Martin Rivas (student).

Blue Ribbons:

- Pot. Love Passion - Martin Rivas
- C. aurantiaca (SVO x Mishima Spots) - Charles Asche
- C. walkeriana "Kenny" (aka C. Snow Blind) - Melissa Alatrasta
- Phal. Yaphon Love Song - Melissa Alatrasta
- Ctt. Varut Startrack "Chien Ya" - Melissa Alatrasta
- C. lueddemanniana v. coerulea - Aida Walchli
- Den. Airy Red "White Edge" - Adonis Goosby

Red Ribbons:

- Rth. Santiago Hernandez - Martin Rivas
- Laelia undulata - Charles Asche
- Den. spectabile - Melissa Alatrasta
- Snn. Teddy Bear (V. lamellata x Sei. mitrata) - Melissa Alatrasta
- C. Francis Cox - Melissa Alatrasta
- C. Schroder's Lilac - Melissa Alatrasta

Thank you for showing your blooms. We look forward to more orchids next month.

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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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!**
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