



The Orchidist

SFOS October 20, 2021 Program

Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim's appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. Before retiring, he worked as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva." When Jim retired, they opened their own retail nursery, Jim-N-I Orchids. Before Covid, they were doing the show circuit, selling their Florida grown orchids to shows in Florida including Tamiami and Redland. Fortunately, shows are starting to take place again in Florida and they are on the road again.

Together, Jim and Melana have 7 grown children and five grandchildren. They live in Homestead with 4 of their 5 grandchildren, helping to raise them.



Jim & Melana will be speaking on "Orchids of Mexico", lots of them familiar and able to grow here very well.

They will also be providing plants for our raffle table as well as having plants for sale.

Greetings to all Members of South Florida Orchid Society.

Fall is finally here & with that it seems that our community is slowly edging back to a more normal life. SFOS started holding in-person meetings again in June, & our next meeting will be on October 20th. We had a fun Bingo Night in June, to welcome people back, & have had some really good speakers in the past few months. If you have a suggestion for a Speaker for a future meeting, please let Carlos Cahiz our Program Chair know.

Remember to present your 2021 SFOS MEMBERSHIP BADGE at the meeting. Wearing your badge helps other people (especially our newer members) to learn your name, & you will be entered into a special MEMBERSHIP DRAWING for an orchid plant. Sally Taylor, our Membership Chair has worked very hard to make sure everyone has received their 2021 badge...please see her at the meeting if you are in need of a badge holder.

And, thank you to everyone who renewed for 2021. Your MEMBERSHIP DUES are very important in helping to sustain the long-standing history of the South Florida Orchid Society. I am thanking you especially because in addition to the yearly expenses SFOS is responsible for, each month there is a cost to rent the space to hold our meetings at Pinecrest Gardens. There is also the monthly expense of paying a "Speakers Fee" to provide the education & expertise for the presentations on growing Orchids, which we all benefit from at our monthly meetings. And, the Society pays the expense for the plants which are used for the SPECIAL DRAWINGS & also for all the plants you each have a chance to win in the RAFFLE DRAWINGS. It is not too late.. please see Sally if you still need to renew your 2021 Membership.

If you have plants you wish to submit for SFOS RIBBON JUDGING, you should bring them by 7:00 pm. Judging is from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. Your plant or plants also have an opportunity to be showcased in our MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. And, for sharing your plant with us, you will receive a complimentary Raffle Ticket. The Program starts at 8:00 pm.

You are welcome to bring an individually wrapped snacks and beverages with you to the meeting. We are still not serving any refreshments from open containers in an effort to maintain safe practices. Also, everyone is still encouraged to wear a mask indoors.

Our thank you goes to Serena Roman, Lady Vanda for the very interesting presentation at our September meeting. Serena shared her knowledge of growing vandas & also brought with her a quite extensive selection of her plants for purchase.

Please welcome Jim & Melana Davison to our October meeting with their talk on "Orchids of Mexico". They will also be providing the Raffle Plants.

SFOS is pleased to announce that we will gather at 7:00 pm in the evening at Shorty's BBQ on NW 87th Ave in Doral on December 15th for our ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. Seating is limited & you may pay for your Reservation by cash or check of \$30.00 per person at our October & November Meeting. Guests are also \$30.00 per person. See the Announcement in this Newsletter for all the details & the menu.

Hoping to see everyone on October 20th at our coming meeting at Pinecrest Gardens.

Chris Alger, President

South Florida Orchid Society

Membership Corner

You all know how to make me HAPPY - we have new members!!! Annie Teijdor-Bakas, Sergio Bakas and Virginia Benitez all joined at the September Meeting. I hope very much to get to meet these new members at the meeting in October. I was in Tennessee for a dog show in September and missed being able to sign them up - but our President Chris Alger did the job.

On top of that we also had some of our members renew their membership - welcome back to Diana Gonzales, Linda and Jim Wheeler. If you have not renewed - I need to tell you - you need to have a 2021 Membership Badge to wear at the meetings to get a Members ticket for a chance at the Membership Plant and then to wear at the Holiday Dinner at Shorty's (on our regular meeting night - watch for details) or you will not be able to pick up a Member plant. If you have not renewed your Membership in 2021 you can still send me a check and I'll see to the rest of it.

I'm sure you all don't want to hear this - but I will be sending out renewal notices in about a month - this will be for the year 2022. We will be going back to our regular rate of \$30.00 for a Member and \$40.00 for a family of 2. Things are getting back to a new normal and we will be having speakers at the meeting I'm sure you will not want to miss. On that note if you know of a Speaker that you would like to have us invite - all you have to do is let Carlos Cahiz know and maybe he can get them on our calendar.

If you would like to get ahead of the game - I will have the 2022 renewal notices at the October Meeting and will be happy to get you all ready for 2022!

On that note I will just say - stay safe and come see us!

Sally Taylor

Membership Chair

SFOS T-SHIRTS

I will have some shirts for sale at the October Meeting - or you can place an order for a shirt - I will see that the order gets place and I will get it to you when it is ready.

Sally Taylor





SFOS Holiday Party!

Baby Back Feast!

December 15th, 2021, which would be our regular December meeting night.

Choice of Entree

Baby Back Ribs Half Rack

Baby Back Ribs & Chicken

Baby Back Ribs & Spare Ribs

Choice of Side Dish

Corn on the Cob

BBQ Beans

House Salad

ALL PLATES INCLUDE

French Fries

Cole Slaw

Garlic Bread

Soda, Coffee, or Tea

Alcoholic Beverages may be purchased separately at the bar.

2255 N.W. 87th Avenue, Miami Fla 33172

Cost is \$30 per member or guest which includes dinner, drink, a holiday plant for each member and a FREE raffle ticket. Dinner is from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

Reservations and Payment **must** be made in advance either in cash or via Credit Card. Checks should be made out to the South Florida Orchid Society, P.O. Box 328615, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33332, or you can call (954) 252-8116.

Reservations and payment can also be made at the next two SFOS meetings.

Seating is limited so be sure to make your reservations early!

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Meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM on the third Wednesday of each month.

Registration of plants is from 7:00-7:30 PM.

Program Begins at 8:00 PM.

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