



The Orchidist

The South Florida Orchid Society Newsletter

SFOS October 16th 2024 Program

Yolanda Cuesta: Creating Orchid Planters!

Yolanda Cuesta graduated from Florida International University (FIU), in 1986.

Though, her passion for orchids started much earlier, in 1983. Cattleyas and their species, were considered her favorites. Her passion for collecting orchids, would eventually lead her to start hybridizing, around 1984. Her overall goal in breeding was creating compact Cattleyas with art shades tones.

Quest Orchids open up in Horse Country, in 1994. Quest currently grows Cattleyas and many other varieties of orchids, even including Vandas. They can be located off the Turnpike, on exit 23. Their hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday, 9:30 am - 5 pm.



Yolanda will also be providing plants for our raffle table!



President's Message

Hello all,

First off, I'd like to start off by reminding everyone to get their plants prepared and keep Florida's west coast in their prayers. Hurricane Milton is bearing down with near cat-5 winds as this is being written.

This month our speaker will be Yolanda Cuesta from Quest Orchids who will be speaking about putting together orchid planters. She will be providing the raffle plants but will not be selling. Yolanda has been growing orchids since 1983, and she currently specializes in art-shade cattleyas but also grow many other varieties of orchids, including vandas.

I would like to ask that we keep Steve Rodriguez in our prayers as he continues his recovery.

Please remember to bring in your blooming beauties by 7:30pm so they can be judged.

I'd like to remind members that it is important to participate in the silent auction by donating items and bidding on what is brought in. (Cash and checks are accepted, no credit cards.) Additionally, we'll be announcing the October recipient of the SFOS Member of the month, which recognizes members who contribute time to making SFOS a better orchid society. Also please remember to bring in something for the food table.

Happy Growing,
Javier Morejon

WE HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL JOIN US AT OUR 2024 HOLIDAY PARTY

This year's party will be held at 6:00 pm December 18th, 2024 at **EL RINCONCITO LATINO RESTAURANT** located on Bird Road, in lieu of our regular monthly meeting at Pinecrest Gardens. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.

Reservations must be made and paid for in advance at the Hospitality Table at the October or November Meeting. The cost for Members and Guests is \$23.00 each which includes tax and gratuity and can be paid for by cash or check (no credit cards accepted). Checks must be made payable to South Florida Orchid Society Inc.

Dinner will include one choice of seven different Entrees, choice of two sides and a non-alcoholic beverage. Any additional food or beverage items you may want to order can be paid for on an individual check.

All **SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERS** who attend the Holiday Party will receive a MEMBERS PLANT as a gift from the Society. Gift plants will only be ordered for those MEMBERS who make and pay for their **RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW TIME FOR SHIPPING**. Guests are always welcome to attend, but only SFOS Members will receive an orchid plant.

EL RINCONCITO LATINO RESTAURANT is located at 10481 SW 40th St Miami, FL 33165 and has free parking onsite. **PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE LOCATION** as this Restaurant has other locations in Miami.

Thank you—**THE SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD of DIRECTORS.**



SFOS 2024 Holiday Party

December 18th, 2024

El Rinconcito Latino 40TH

MENU

Please Select One Entree From the List Below

- Ropa Vieja (Cuban Shredded Beef)**
- Camarones Enchilados (Cuban Shrimp Creole)**
- Bistec de Pollo (Chicken Steak)**
- Chicharrones de Pollo (Fried Chicken Chunks)**
- Filete de Pescado a La Plancha (Grilled Fish Fillet)**
- Vaca Frita (Fried Shredded Beef)**
- Lechon Asado (Roast Pork)**

SIDES

Select From 2 Sides Below

Ensalada (Salad), Moros (Black Beans & Rice), Arroz Blanco (White Rice), Frijol Negro (Black Beans), Maduros (Ripe Plantains), Tostones (Twice-Fried Plantain Slices), Pure (Mashed Potatoes), Yuca con Mojo (Boiled Yuca w/Onions on Top)

The price for each plate is \$23.00, cash or check only. (PAYABLE IN ADVANCE)

Price includes two sides & a soft drink.

Alcoholic drinks may be purchased separately.

December 18th, 2024 (our regular meeting night)

6:00 — 9:00PM

El Rinconcito Latino 40TH

10481 SW 40th Street (Bird Road), Miami FL 33165

(305) 225-0200



All MEMBERS

are eligible to

RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY

Raffle tickets for the following categories:

- *Membership
- *Donating Refreshments
- *Wearing SFOS Shirt
- *Entering Plants for Judging
- *SFOS Members that are AOS Members

**Members: (Please show your AOS Member Card)



SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY

MINI-AUCTION SERIES

ALL PROCEEDS from items sold on the MINI-AUCTION
go to South Florida Orchid Society for the
benefit of the Society.

Members may donate plants or other items to benefit
this fund-raising effort.

We accept cash or checks only.

Thank you for your support,
The South Florida Orchid Society Board of Director's



“BUY MORE TICKETS!”

Raffle tickets may be purchased with a \$1.00 donation per ticket.

Receive a complimentary

“BONUS TICKET”

for each 5 tickets that you purchase!



Membership Corner

As usual we have a new member - Charles Asche. I'm still getting renewals and we are happy to have them coming in.

Along those lines - I hope to have the Renew Notices in envelopes at the October 16th Meeting - bring your check book (or cash) and I'll be happy to save both me and you the postage.

We could sure use a little help in setting up the room for the meetings, someone to organize the refreshment table, put up the signs, help with the silent auction and also to help clean up and put stuff away after the meet. If you are willing to help see me at the meeting - I'll give you a job for the night or longer (I hope).

The South Florida Orchid Society has been around for more years - then most of us. It is your Society and we need everyone of you and would like to have you come out and enjoy the Fellowship, Speakers, Silent Auction, Raffle Table and Refreshment (thanks to the Members who bring "stuff" for us to stuff our face with).

Sally Taylor
Membership Chair



SOUTH FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY now has Shirts available! A beautiful Royal Blue!

Ladies V neck Cotton (a little lighter in color - but still blue)

- Sm, Med, L, or XL at \$18.25
- 2XL at \$19.25
- 3XL at \$21.50

Ladies or Men's - Polo - in either Polyester or Cotton

- Sm, Med, L, or XL at \$25.75
- 2XL at \$26.75
- 3XL at \$28.00



The shirts can be seen at our meetings and orders placed at that time. All shirts must be paid for when ordered. Watch an up-coming newsletter for a good reason to wear your new shirts to the meetings.

Summer's Corner!

Mom had the Motor Home all loaded up and ready to leave the day after our last meeting - it was not too long of a trip - only to a place called Deland, FL. I was not a Star in Deland - but Mom was happy with my 3 Select Ribbons - she said it was because her friend got to finish she dog (Misty). Misty is almost as old as me - but I'm way ahead of her on titles. We didn't come home from Deland - instead we headed north to Knoxville, TN. While we were in Knoxville - it got a little scary - with that thing they called a hurriucane - but I got to show every day and I made Mom really proud. I got 3 Best of Opposite Sex Ribbons and 1 Best of Breed Ribbon and 4 Owner Handler Ribbons and the best was Owner Handler Group Ribbons 1 - 3rd Place and 2 - 4th Place.

We are leaving on Saturday, October 5th for Lebanon, TN - Mom says I have been there before and that I'll like it. Hope I get more ribbons to show you on October 16th.

Summer



September 2024 Judging Report

Judges: Sally Taylor, Julie Rosenberg and Erna Maxwell.

Blue Ribbons:

- C. Chocolate Drop x Laelia undulata - Steve Rodriguez
- Blc. Hawaii Stars "Pink Lace" - Steve Rodriguez
- Vasco. Pearl Cooper "Sun Kiss" AM/AOS - Steve Rodriguez

Red Ribbons:

[SFOS Judging Rules](#)

- Bc. Jairak Kiku - Steve Rodriguez
- Den. Takamo Yoki "Sakura" - Steve Rodriguez

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

Erna Maxwell, Judging Chair.

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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.

South Florida Orchid Society, Inc.

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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 RAFFLE TABLE AND 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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