

February 2018

Meets every third Monday of the month



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone.....hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and may you have a healthy and happy 2018!

First of all, I would like to thank you all for your vote of confidence in selecting me as your COS President. Rest assured that I will do the best

I can, with your help and support, to make our society, not only the Friendliest, but the Happiest Orchid society in South Florida.

The Tamiami Orchid Show is one of the best shows in Florida and this year it was a great one for us. We made a display for COS and were awarded 3rd Place. Our participation earned us a check for \$200. We made \$449 at the Orchid Hotel and \$326 at the plant's raffle donated by our vendors. I want to give a big "Thank You" to everyone who participated in giving a helping hand. It was greatly needed and appreciated. A special raffle ticket will be given to those that so kindly donated their precious time.

We are planning to bring excellent speakers this year. This month we will have Sandi Block-Brezner speaking on "A Review of the Genus Dendrobium, Section Calista". Don't miss it!! It's sure to be a good one.

Among other plans, your Board is planning a bus trip to visit orchid growers in the Florida area. We are also considering the possibility of going to an International Orchid Show. Stay tuned for further notices.

Thank you again for selecting me and I look forward to working with you all.

Carlos

This Month's Speaker

Sandi Block-Brezner



A Review of the Genus Dendrobium, Section Calista

Sandi grew up in St. Petersburg, FL, loving to garden though she mostly grew Staghorn Ferns and Bromeliads. Her love of orchids began in 2009 when she retired and became a Master Gardener in Broward County. In order to earn her Master Gardener certification, she volunteered at the Bonnet House learning about and helping to maintain their orchid collection. Soon afterwards she joined the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society where she is now the 1st Vice President in charge of Programming.

When the West Palm Beach Judging Center of the American Orchid Society began to hold its monthly meetings at Flamingo Gardens in Davie, Sandi began to attend their lectures and stayed to observe the judging sessions. In 2015, she brought an unregistered hybrid to judging and received an HCC. Sandi was fortunate to be able to name that orchid after her two brothers who were deceased. It is Rlc. Memoria Brian Jonathan Susskind 'Brotherly Love.'

Now Sandi is in her second year as a Student Judge with the West Palm Beach Judging Center. You are sure to find her at most of the local orchid shows--assisting in judging or setting up exhibits as she continues to explore all things orchid related here in sunny South Florida!

January Collage



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RENEWAL NOTICE

Dear Member,

Your 2018 COS membership expired on December 31, 2017. 2018 dues are payable now. Checks payable to COS Individual: \$25;

Dual membership: \$35

Family (3 + at one address): \$45

Silent Auction

Remember we are a SPECIES society and we ask you only bring orchid species for our silent auction.

If you want to bid on an orchid, please decide how much you are willing to pay, bid that amount and then walk away from the table.

We kindly ask that you not hover around the table so others may see the what we are offering.

Raffle

Dear Members and Guests,

One of the ways our society raises money to fund all the activities of the club is with the raffle. We use the money to help put food on our table, help to buy the Christmas plants for every member, help pay for the room, and provide plants for our displays at the major orchid festivals. Please think of all the wonderful activities our club helps to provide and do not pass up our raffle table. Your donation helps. Besides the orchid you may win, your donation helps to keep our club alive.



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