



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

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Spring is here! I got so excited I wet my plants!
The cold weather is behind us so we can look forward to lots of new babies bursting open for our delight. Not to mention all the good shows coming up!

Our club is getting ready for our Annual Mother's Day Sale to take place at Zion Church. We need help arranging and selling orchids May 10-13th. Please sign up with Charlene Reiff at the April or May meeting. We will be having an orchid arranging lecture in May, so don't feel that you can't arrange orchids. You'll be a pro before you know it!

Don't forget our annual Orchid Ramble on April 28th leaving from the Women's Club at 9am and ending with a BBQ-pool party at Vince and Debbie Dick's house. More details will be given at the April meeting.

With the help of donations from our members, we are beginning to transform the Memorial Garden at Zion. I will be sure to take before and after pictures to show you.

For the first time in a LONG time Deerfield Beach Orchid Society will be having a Show! It will be in November 2012. More details to follow at the April meeting. Also in November, we will have another fabulous motor coach trip hosted by the Felton's. We will travel north for the day. Save the date sheets will be given out at the meeting.

Our Speaker of the Month is John Budree. His bio can be found on page 4. He has a special treat for the first 30 people that show up. Get there early!

Bring a friend! That's an order!
See you Tuesday!
Happy Easter!

Heidi Feser
President

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March Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Cattleya	Rhyncolaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Lawless Romeo 'Juliet'	Diana Foulke
Cattleya	Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Caribbean 'Orange Bowl' HCC / AOS	Joe Ortlieb
Species	<i>Cattleya skinneri</i> var. <i>coerulea</i> 'Robert' x <i>Cattleya skinneri</i> var. <i>alba</i> 'Viva el Jardin'	Joe Ortlieb
Species	<i>Dendrobium palpebrae</i>	Ti Pham-Oh

Grand Champion Winner Joe Ortlieb



Happy Birthday

Jim Peer April 4



REFRESHMENTS

We are always in need of refreshments for our meetings. Refreshment sample ideas are: cookies, fruits, cheese platters, cakes, breads, candies, pastries, nuts or anything else you can think of. You will receive a raffle ticket for every refreshment you bring in. All goodies are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the following people for providing refreshments for our **March** meeting!

Janet Peer
Heidi Feser
Mary Pritchard
Denice Willis
Dennis Pearl

Please remember to sign the refreshment list so you can be acknowledged!

Save the Date!!

November 10, 2012 Saturday

**“Deerfield Beach Orchid Society” Second Annual Bus Trip
 Visiting 4 plus 2 growers on the East Coast of Florida**

Leaving Deerfield Beach promptly at 7:00 a.m. and returning 10:00 p.m.
 Contact Madeline Felton 561 368-0808 or 954 415-6163
 More information coming in September!!!!!!

Hope you will be able to join us because we are going to have a lot of fun with several special surprises!!!!

Speaker of the Month

Growing Bigger, Better Cattleyas John Burdree

My name is Ramnarine John Budree, I was born in Trinidad and migrated to Florida about ten years ago. In Trinidad I grew many different types of orchids and took part in many shows, but there was always something more I all ways wanted to learn about orchids.

So when I came to Florida I got involved with orchids on a different level, here I got to grow all those types of plants that I read about, I met the people that grew and wrote the articles that I had read. So I started on a journey; I started to go to shows, and what you do when you go to a show? YOU BUY ORCHIDS which you know nothing about in the hope you can grow or flower it [yeah right] I always liked Paphs. but I was told I could not grow them, so this became a challenge to me, and those plants seemed to be very interesting as well.

I met Jack Schendowich, Warren Kelly {Orchid World}, Bob Skully{Jones & Skully}, Mr. Frank Smith {Krull-Smith}. These people know how to grow orchids, but not just orchids, but paphs, cattleyas, phals ,dendrobiums, oncidiums, e.g. Krull Smith has more AOS awards than any other orchid grower past or present. Mr. Frank Smith is a very good grower and very experienced Paph grower. I had an opportunity to work with him at the 19 WOC in Miami 2008 and I tried to absorb as much of his knowledge as possible. I also did an exhibit on my own. after that I started to grow many types of Paphs and today I own over 600 Paphs. as well as about 1000 other types of orchids. In short I have been growing Orchids for about 30 years, I have grown from flask to flower



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

These four events will be held on the meeting date or on another day of the week instead of a general meeting.

1. **Apr. 28, 2012** Orchid Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.
Leaving Women's Club at 9am
Chairperson: Heidi Feser. Assistant: Madeline Felton

2. **Oct. 27, 2012** Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield
Beach Arboretum. Our regular October meeting to be held here.
Chairperson: Linda Howe Co-Chairperson: Nancy Shatz

3. **Nov. 10, 2012** Second Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Madeline Felton

4. **Dec 8, 2012** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Place to be determined. Our regular Decem
ber meeting to be held here.
Chairperson: Susan Kolinsky

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

GROWING TIPS

for March

By

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Once again, it is time to repot many kinds of orchids. For new orchid hobbyists, repotting can be a scary task. Once it is done successfully a few times, this gets to be more of a chore than something to be dreaded. Most orchids with bulbs, e.g. cattleyas, dendrobiums, oncidiums, etc should be potted as soon as they start their new growth, which is now. Many species and hybrids have or are about finished flowering, another good time to repot. The biggest issue for many new hobbyists is “How do I know it is time to repot my orchid plant?” Orchids are not like other plants in that they prefer to be left alone and not repotted constantly if the medium they are in is in good shape and not turning into something that looks like garden soil. The following is some basic advice.

Carefully grab the plant (not the pot) and lift gently. If the plant starts to come out of the pot it has either lost its roots or was not well established. Either way, it needs repotting. If the medium has turned to “mush” or looks like potting soil, it is time to repot. If the plant has bulbs that are out of the pot and the medium looks like soil it is time to repot. Never repot because you want to divide the orchid. That may be a consequence of repotting, but never repot for that reason. The larger the plant, the better flowers you will see next year. The following is the process I follow for any orchid that has bulbs.

First, I remove the orchid from the old pot and cut the roots about 2-3 inches from the rhizome. Few roots survive repotting and cutting these off now avoids potential rots later. All roots that are black and clearly dead are removed entirely. Next, I use a fine jet of water to remove any particles of the old medium from the remaining roots. The same jet of water is used to wash any brown tissue from the bulbs. If you have scale on an orchid, a fine jet of water removes scale and does not harm the plant or spread disease. Be sure to wash under the rhizome, too, because scale can hide there and reappear later on your newly repotted orchid. This is a very effective way to get rid of scale in a small collection. If the rhizome was cut or there are any cut surface, sprinkle the wound with cinnamon or other topical fungicide and let it dry. Set the orchid plant in its new pot without medium and sit it in a relatively dry shady place for a week or two. After your orchid has dried thoroughly, place it in its new pot and add medium. Most growers put some large material, e.g. lava rock, plastic peanuts, etc, on the bottom of the pot to enhance drainage and then add the medium.

The new pot should allow your orchid to grow for two years without growing out of the pot, so place the old growths at the pot edge and new growths in the center. It may seem like the pot is too small for dendrobiums if you follow the two year rule, but dendrobiums like to be pot bound and will grow best if new roots quickly contact the side of the pot. Small wires that attach to the side of the pot (pot clips) and hold the rhizome in place may be necessary if the orchid does not have many roots. My preference is to use a stake and tie one of the bulbs tightly to it and then fill the medium around the orchid and roots, pressing down on the medium to be sure there is tight contact of the orchid with the medium. This is a necessity if your orchid is to grow. If the rhizome wobbles, roots will be damaged each time the plant moves when watered.

Mist the plant lightly until new growth appears. If your timing is right, new roots will begin to appear soon, indicating that your orchid is ready to grow and that it is time to return to your regular regimen of fertilizing and watering. The rule of thumb is; if you are not sure of the proper size pot for your orchid, err on the side of the pot being too small.

Phalaenopsis, paphs and phragmepediums do not have pseudobulbs are treated differently. Repotting orchids without pseudobulbs will be discussed in the next column.

7 Ways to Guarantee Healthy Orchids

It is not as hard as many people think to grow orchids and keep them healthy. If you follow a few simple steps, you should have no trouble. Here are some key ways to guarantee your orchids will be healthy and happy.

1. Provide sufficient lighting.

Orchids should receive on average ten hours of medium light every day. If you're growing them in your home, a window exposed to the south is an excellent choice. Windows facing north usually do not give or receive enough light and those to the east or west have too few hours of good light. In the summer, you may need to use drapes to defuse light that is too bright.

2. No sudden temperature changes.

Orchids don't have very much flexibility at all for temperatures which have sudden fluctuations. If you are growing your orchids outside in the garden, temperature is going to be critical to whether you have healthy flowering orchids or not. If a front should come through and raise or drop the temperatures by ten degrees, the orchids may not survive. This sudden change in temperature can upset their cycle of growth, cause anemia and allow them to acquire diseases, such as rot. Make sure you only purchase orchids which can do well in your location and that you grow them inside if there is often rapidly changing weather.

3. Select orchids which do best in the temperatures you can provide.

Do some homework before purchasing orchids. Different species of orchids have very specific temperature ranges. Don't try to grow an orchid that needs 80 to 90 degree day temperatures if you do not have that temperature range each day where you live. Orchids grow everywhere from the tropics to snow-covered peaks. Know in advance the requirements of the orchid you purchase and stick to these, whether inside or outdoors.

4. Keep your orchids clean.

If you are one of those people who goes weeks without cleaning your house, you may not have the right personality for growing orchids. In order to be healthy and thriving, orchids need to be clean. In their natural environment, which in most cases is tropical, orchids are cleaned daily by rain showers which get rid of dust and insects. You should wipe the dust and dirt off your orchids at least once a week.

Occasionally, you should combine several drops of vegetable oil emulsion insecticide (not mineral oil) with a pint of lukewarm water and sponge it onto the orchid foliage. It will give the plant a polished look and protect it from pest damage.

5. Fertilize orchids appropriately.

Manures are the most dangerous orchid fertilizers to use and often the most used. If you are a beginner, you might want to try other fertilizers first. Overall, the best fertilizers to use are liquid: manure water, commercial concentrates, and nutrient solutions.

Manure water is made by putting two cups of ground manure into a gallon jug and then letting it sit for a week or so. Then you should dilute it even more by pouring one-fourth cup from the jug into a quart of water. This solution is to be carefully poured at the edge of the pot and should not come in contact with foliage, pseudo bulbs or rhizomes. There are many synthetic fertilizers you can buy for orchids and you can also make nutrient mixes, the recipes of which have been handed down from gardener to gardener through the years.

6. Do not over-water orchids.

An over-watered orchid is going to become sick and die. On the other hand, occasionally forgetting to water an orchid will rarely result in sickness or death. When an orchid's roots are healthy and dry, they will be white. Check frequently to make sure your orchids do not have green roots, as that is an indication of over-watering. Other indications of over-watering are growing scum, moss or weeds.

7. Repot your orchids when necessary.

This is the scariest step of all for most new orchid gardeners, but orchids do need to be repotted if the plants are too large for the pot or if the compost is worn out or too alkaline. Leaving an orchid in old compost is worse for it than disturbing the roots. Repot with care and your orchids should suffer no ill effects. Stay tuned for next month when I'm going to tell you exactly how to repot your orchid in 7 easy steps.

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Membership News!!

As you all know, when you bring a guest to a meeting the guest will receive 5 raffle tickets for a chance to win an item from our raffle table.

Now, if your guest should become a member, you will receive 10 raffle tickets at the next meeting! That is a win-win for everyone involved.

So round up your friends and invite them to join us at one of our monthly meetings. We always welcome new members.

2012 Orchid Events

April 7-8, 2012

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show & Sale

American Orchid Society judged orchid show, rare and exotic orchids and bromeliads, orchid displays, orchid supplies, orchid classes and demonstrations, food and music.

9:30am to 4:30pm

Admission: \$18 ages 12+, \$10 ages 4-11, ages 3 and under free and members free

April 13-15, 2012

St. Germain Orchids—Spring Orchid Festival

A spectacular festival of exotic orchids in a picturesque garden setting. Peruse the beautiful blooms while savoring a mouth watering barbeque, luscious desserts, beverages and entertainment. Receive free tips on orchid care.

9am to 4pm

Admission: Free

May 18-20, 2012

Redland International Orchid Festival

Featuring 50 vendors from all over the world and the U.S., walking tours, lectures and demonstrations.

Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Homestead, FL

9:00am to 5:00pm

Admission: \$10

May 26-27, 2012

14th Annual Orchids in the Park

Fundraiser to benefit Project Cradle, a program at the University of Miami Mill School of Medicine that provides assistance to children and young adults living with HIV/AIDS. You'll find great plants, great prices and help a great cause.

Dante Fascell Park, 8600 SW 57th Ave (Red Road)

10:00am to 5:00pm

JUST A REMINDER: Use of the membership roster is limited to the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, American Orchid Society and affiliated society news dissemination only. Use of the roster for commercial purposes is prohibited and is cause for cancellation of membership for misuse.

New Dues for 2012

We thank all our members for their participation in our meetings and their continued support of DBOS!

The dues increase was required by increases to fixed costs to run the Society. We sincerely appreciate our members continued support of the Society.

<u>Renewals</u>		<u>New Members</u>	
Individual	\$20.00 yr.	Individual	\$25.00 yr.
Couples	\$30.00 yr.	Couples	\$35.00 yr.
Jr. Membership	\$ 5.00 yr.	Jr. Membership	\$10.00 yr.

You are encouraged to bring a guest to our meetings or bring a neighbor who can share your love and enthusiasm for these lovely plants and get to know our members and learn more about this "wonderful addiction".

Thank you for a wonderful year, and we hope to keep you as a member in our Society.

Mail your dues payable to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

Share Your Story...

Be Part Of The Newsletter

In order to keep the newsletter interesting, I'm suggesting that members share their stories with us. We've had articles from members in the past and everyone loved it! I think that this will be a fun way to learn what other members have to contribute. We've all had our experiences with orchids... Now is the time to share yours with us. All articles can be given to me at a meeting so I can scan it into the newsletter. Or, you can email it to me at

DBOSorchids@gmail.com. It must be in typed form. Pictures are okay. The article:

"Email me your story today!"

Once, Twice, Three Times A Member

We always encourage members to bring a guest to our educational monthly meetings. This helps promote and increase our membership. Our speakers cost money. After an individual is a guest more than 2 times, they are no longer considered a guest and need to join the society by paying the Annual Dues. Being a member has so many benefits why would you not want to join after being a guest a few times? See Gail Ritchie for New Membership

Calendar of Meetings

Thursday, April 12, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, April 9 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

1955 E. Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Tuesday, April 10, 7:30 PM

**Deerfield Beach Orchid Society-
Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach**

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, April 11, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

2012 Committee Positions

1. Membership..... Vicky Edgcomb
2. Programs.....Stephen Lunsford
3. Judging Plant Table.....Don Carpenter/Juan Bofill/Rosemary Chenery
4. Newsletter.....Lisa Krukoski
5. Librarian.....Diana Foulke
6. Meeting PlaceHeidi Feser
7. Sunshine.....Lois Larson
8. Nominating.....Debbie Dicks
9. Publicity.....Rosemary Chenery
10. Plant Table.....Speaker or DBOS
11. Publicity.....Rosemary Chenery
12. Events.....Madeline Felton
13. Refreshments.....Mary Pritchard
14. AOS Representative.....Rosemary Chenery
15. CourtesyDonna Edwards

Sunshine Committee

Did you know that we have a **Sunshine Committee**? Lois Larson is kind enough to send a card to any society member that is ill or in the hospital. If you know of someone that could use a little uplifting card, please contact Lois either by phone 954-782-2314 or email at loisj2200@yahoo.com

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Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, founded in 1965, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. The purpose of our society is to stimulate interest, provide education and enable the exchange of information among those interested in the culture of orchids in all of its aspects. We are affiliated with the American Orchid Society.

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

We meet once a month (except December when we have our Annual Meeting at another location) on the second Tuesday of the month. Our meetings are held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Center, located at 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd. The building is located 2 miles east of I-95, on the south side of Hillsboro Blvd. Meetings start promptly at 7:30 pm.

Each meeting consists of a educational program about orchids, refreshments provided by the members, ribbon judging of member's plants, a raffle table of orchids and orchid sales either by the speaker or members.

The general public is invited to attend.

INVITE A FRIEND!