



# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**



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## President's Message

Happy Spring!

We know the hot, sultry days of summer are lurking around the corner. If you are like me, you are grabbing every available minute to work in your orchid collections.

After our fabulous March meeting when John Romano spoke on Soft Cane Dendrobiums, the shuffle began at our house relocating orchids. Remember his words of wisdom?

Labor Day ~ Stop fertilizing. Thanksgiving ~ Stop watering. Easter ~ Start watering.

Our April speakers are Dee and Jesse Vance from Nature's Relics. On Saturday, April 10, several DBOS members, Grace Holliday, Lisa Sarno (our videographer), Linda Woodhouse, and I joined Dee and Jesse and visited their lovely, tranquil garden setting. We attempted (key word) to record the entire tour through a live, on-site Zoom recording. We had a lot of fun filming although the Wi-Fi signal was not real strong in some areas of the garden, and we were a bit too far away from the router at times. There are times when the camera freezes, and we lost the connection. Please continue watching when you encounter brief periods of silence or technical difficulties because we believe you will enjoy the tour and the wealth of knowledge imparted. The recording will be available to DBOS members on Tuesday night, April 13 at 7:30 pm (time of our regular monthly meeting), or after the meeting at your leisure. You will see the approximately 50-year-old Staghorn fern hanging from the 150-200-year-old massive oak. Next, we begin the tour through the bromeliad garden and start admiring some of the massive, and not so massive, exquisite pieces of old cypress and cedar wood tastefully displayed throughout the garden. Dee and Jesse share mounting and display tips on attaching air plants, bromeliads, ferns, and various types of orchids to different pieces of wood and how important it is to match the plant with the piece of wood. They share how they clean and process the wood for various purposes. We finish the tour at their amazing handmade cedar bar, and they demonstrate how to mount an orchid on a piece of cypress. The photo pictured here is of my orchid wall that is full of Nature's Relics old cypress wood with orchids from many of my favorite vendors attached.



Lately, I have noticed that some of my orchids have pieces of the bloom chewed away, and the canes have been chewed into. Several of our members had a conversation on this, and all sorts of little critters were discussed. My little squirrel shown here. This little fella (one of three that use our backyard as their playground) jumped on the hibiscus hedge in front of the orchid house. Little pieces of red started dropping on the bloom? Yes, he managed to chew through the stem, jumped sure, and devoured the entire flower. He has been chased out of the orchid house many times!



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Happy Orchiding!

Cheryl Babcock  
DBOS President

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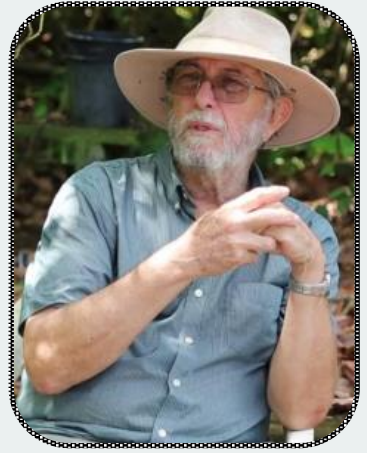
DBOS meetings will be held virtually via ZOOM live until further notice due to **Covid-19 restrictions**.

In case you missed your email for the recorded video link for the March meeting, check your email for the email sent to you the afternoon of March 10th from [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) containing the recorded link.

Please check your email for information pertaining to events for 2021. Announcements will be sent to you as information is available. If you have a question, send it to [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) and someone will get back to you.

### April Climate Data

Average high: 83.8°F  
Average low: 67.6°F  
Average mean: 75.7°F  
Average rainfall: 3.36"



## April in Your Orchid Collection

By Dr. Martin Motes

Far from the cruelest, April is the kindest month to South Florida orchid growers. The weather in April is definitely settled into warm, even deliciously hot, with passing cold fronts only adding the delight of a pleasant change in temperature. The clean, bright days brimming with abundant sunlight and the low relative humidity create the high drying potential that orchids love. Now we can get our orchids off to a great start on the growing season by practicing our very best watering skills under ideal conditions. Water heavily when you water and allow the plants to dry thoroughly before watering heavily again. Drying 'hard' in the Spring will produce benefits all season. We want to get our plants well launched while leaving all the fungi high and dry.

The new shoots of *Oncidinae*, grammatophyllums and dendrobiums are quite cup-like; care must be taken that water does not stand too long in these immature growths. Water these types very thoroughly with two or three applications of water spaced 10-15 minutes apart. Water should run freely through the pot on each application. Saturated thoroughly in this fashion the plants will need only weekly watering. Even more care should be taken with the soft plicate leafed genera like *Catasetum*, *Mormodes*, *Cycnoches*, *Gongora*, *Calanthe* and *Thunia*. The new growths of this type are rolled together (the fancy word is convolute) like a collapsible drinking cup. These should be grown in water retentive media that should be saturated at each watering to permit the developing roots to have abundant water but allow the vulnerable new growth extra time to dry. Feel the weight of a pot when you have finished watering. Be sure it is heavy with water. If it's not water one more time. With plants properly spaced, good drying should not be difficult in the hot dry air of April. But do be careful to water early enough in the day to allow the tender new growth to thoroughly dry by twilight.

With vandaceous orchids grown in slatted baskets, most growers find that they dry altogether too well in April. Vandas can be watered almost every morning in April. Indeed, a second light watering or misting in mid-afternoon in April and early May is often beneficial provided the crowns and leaf axils of the plants have time to dry completely by nightfall. Another strategy under high drying conditions is to bend the rules, at least occasionally, and water heavily in mid to late morning. Late waterings on weekend mornings (you didn't want to get up early, any way) provide relief for plants that are more stressed on week days with their owners absent. Very occasionally, one needs to break the rules absolutely and water thoroughly (not just mist) in the mid to late afternoon so the plants can slowly absorb the water across the cool hours of the night. This is the season that one must be sure that Vanda roots have turned overall dark green when we have finished watering. Two applications of water to the point of runoff spaced several minutes apart should accomplish the required color change from white to totally green. Saturated roots are absolutely necessary to provide the plants the moisture the plants need to withstand the heat and dry air typical of April. Sometimes, particularly at this season, the roots will not change color even after the second or third application of water. This lack of response to water is because the roots have become so dry that they are repelling rather than absorbing water. They are behaving like a cork in a wine bottle. The grower must exert special effort to re-saturate the roots. Often this will require 4 or 5 waterings to the point of run off spaced 15 minutes apart. Once the roots have been changed to the healthy overall green, normal applications of water should bring them around in future.

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# Speaker of the Month

## Jesse and Dee Vance

Virtual ZOOM Presentation

April 13, 2021 7:30 pm

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***www.naturesrelics.com***

**Link to the ZOOM meeting will be sent to members from [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) prior to the meeting.**



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# Happy Birthday



## APRIL

**Apr 01 Nye Woodhouse**

**Apr 02 Myra Tucker-Joeckel**

**Apr 02 John Morris**

**Apr 08 James Peer**

**Apr 10 Laura Dardour**

**Apr 10 Maren Domich**

**Apr 14 Linda Woodhouse**

**Apr 19 Cynthia Cummings**

**Apr 21 John Pangerl**

**Apr 22 Denise Rough**

**Apr 20 Jesus Hill**

**Apr 25 Lisa Sarno**

**Apr 29 Virginia Bauer**

**Apr 30 Elaine Mende**



## MAY

**May 02 Zoe Bejar**

**May 05 Dennis Pearl**

**May 10 Sylvia Cardinale**

**May 12 Janet Baker**

**May 16 Kent Strunk**

**May 18 Marlene Sensenig**

**May 25 Jennifer Fox**

**May 27 Janet Woodhouse**

**May 29 Jadwiga Hololob**

**May 31 Heather Nedich**



# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

## Annual Social Events

2021



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

1. **Sep 14, 2021** DBOS 8th Annual Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
2. **Oct TBD** DBOS Annual Picnic  
Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt  
Committee: Racquel Carles, Lisa Sarno, Jacqueline & Wes Scott
3. **Nov 13 –14, 2021** DBOS 9th Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Safe Schools Institute  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb
4. **Dec 4, 2021** DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party  
The Holiday Party, typically held the first Saturday in December.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Lisa Sarno  
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton, Grace Holliday & Linda Woodhouse

If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact Cheryl Babcock or Kristina Brandt.





# MEMBERS' PLANTS

DBOS members, please send images of some of your favorite images at any time to [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) so we can share them with our membership. We all used to like to ooh! and aah! at our monthly meetings when we had our members' table and people brought in their blooming orchids to show. We often saw orchids that we put on our list of orchids to add to our collections. If we get enough of our members to submit photos each month, we can have a virtual orchid display. So many of you have commented on FOG or Facebook that you have a beautiful orchid to show and no place to take it.



*Take it virtual!*

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**Grace Holliday**



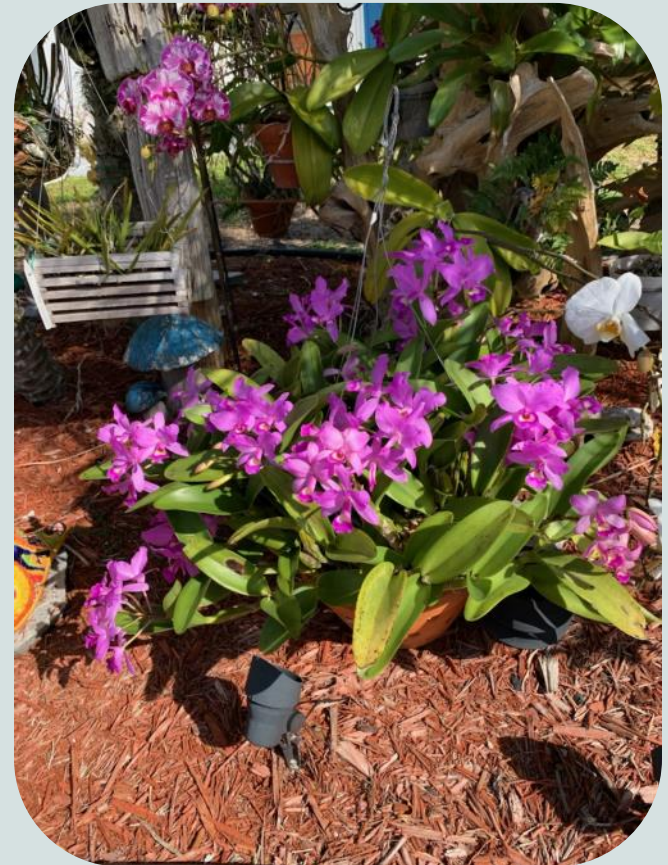
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Grace Holliday**



**Blc. sung ya green  
Grace Holliday**



**Blue Twinkle x Stratiotes  
Grace Holliday**



**C. Tristan Fitch Crown Fox delicato  
Grace Holliday**





**Den. lady pink x Kong dragon  
Grace Holliday**



**Fire Dancer 'Blanche'  
Grace Holliday**



**Elizabeth Palmer  
Grace Holliday**



**Phalaenopsis Dendrobium NoID  
Grace Holliday**



**Phalaenopsis NoID  
Grace Holliday**



**Phalaenopsis NoID  
Grace Holliday**



**Phalaenopsis NoID  
Grace Holliday**



**Phalaenopsis NoID  
Grace Holliday**



**White Grace  
Grace Holliday**



**Why Not  
Grace Holliday**



**Yamadara Redlands sunset  
Grace Holliday**



***Aerangis hildebrandtii***  
**John Pancoast**



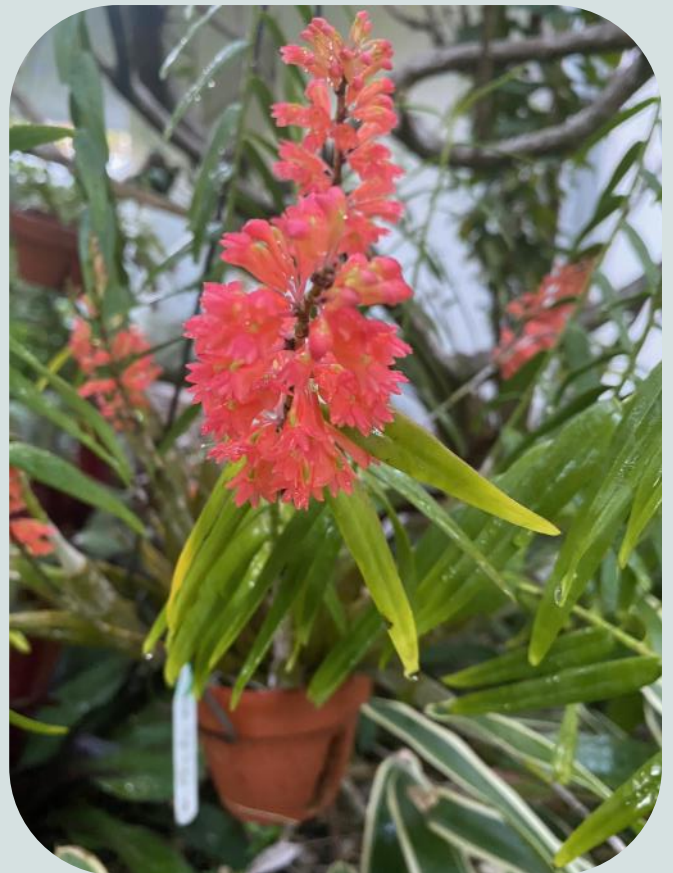
**'Yong's A-doribil Gift' AM/AOS**  
**John Pancoast**



**Den. farmeri**  
**John Pancoast**



**Yukidaruma x Super Star**  
**John Pancoast**



**Dendrobium faciferum**  
**John Pancoast**



**Dendrobium NoID**  
**John Pancoast**



**Leptotes bicolor**  
**John Pancoast**



**Spathoglottis unguiculata 'Grapette'**  
**John Pancoast**



**Vanda mariae**  
**John Pancoast**



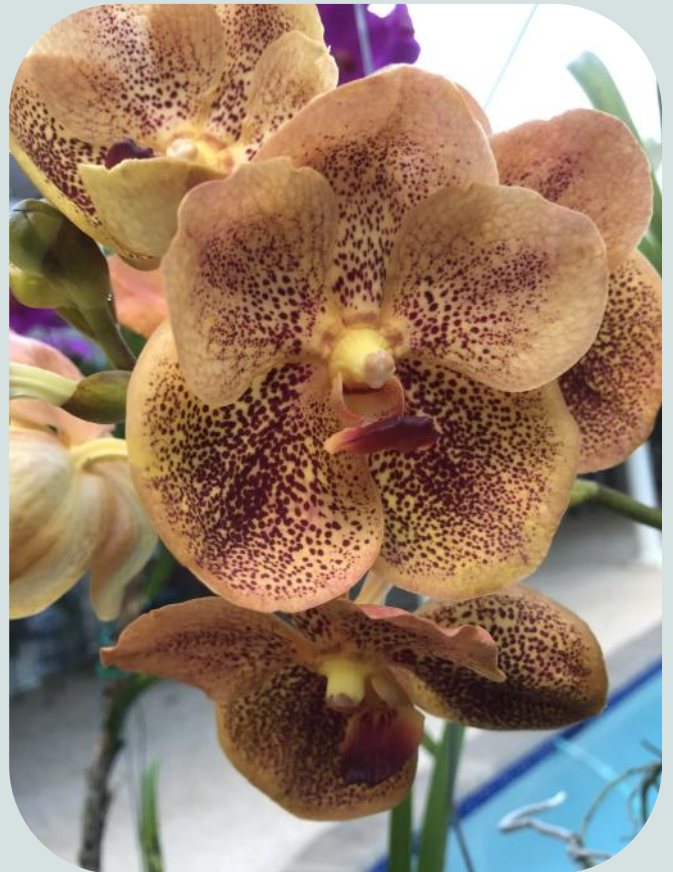
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**Madeline Felton**



**Dendrobium NoID**  
**Madeline Felton**



**Vanda NoID**  
**Madeline Felton**



**Vanda NoID**  
**Madeline Felton**



**Vanda NoID**  
**Madeline Felton**



**Stanhopia**  
**Madeline Felton**

**This is a Stanhopia. It hasn't bloomed in a long time. It blooms from the bottom of the plant. It made me very happy to see.**





**Oncidium sphacelatum**  
**Ron Franz**



**Oncidium sphacelatum**  
**Ron Franz**



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**Cheryl Babcock**



**Blc. Lily Marie Almas**  
**Cheryl Babcock**



**Rlc. Shintong Unique 'Tian Mu'**  
Cheryl Babcock



**Rhyncostylis Pine Rivers 'Pink'**  
Cheryl Babcock

**Clowesia Rebecca Northern**  
**'Grapefruit Pink' AMAOS**  
Smells Like Grapefruit  
Cheryl Babcock





**Den. Jenkensii**  
Cheryl Babcock



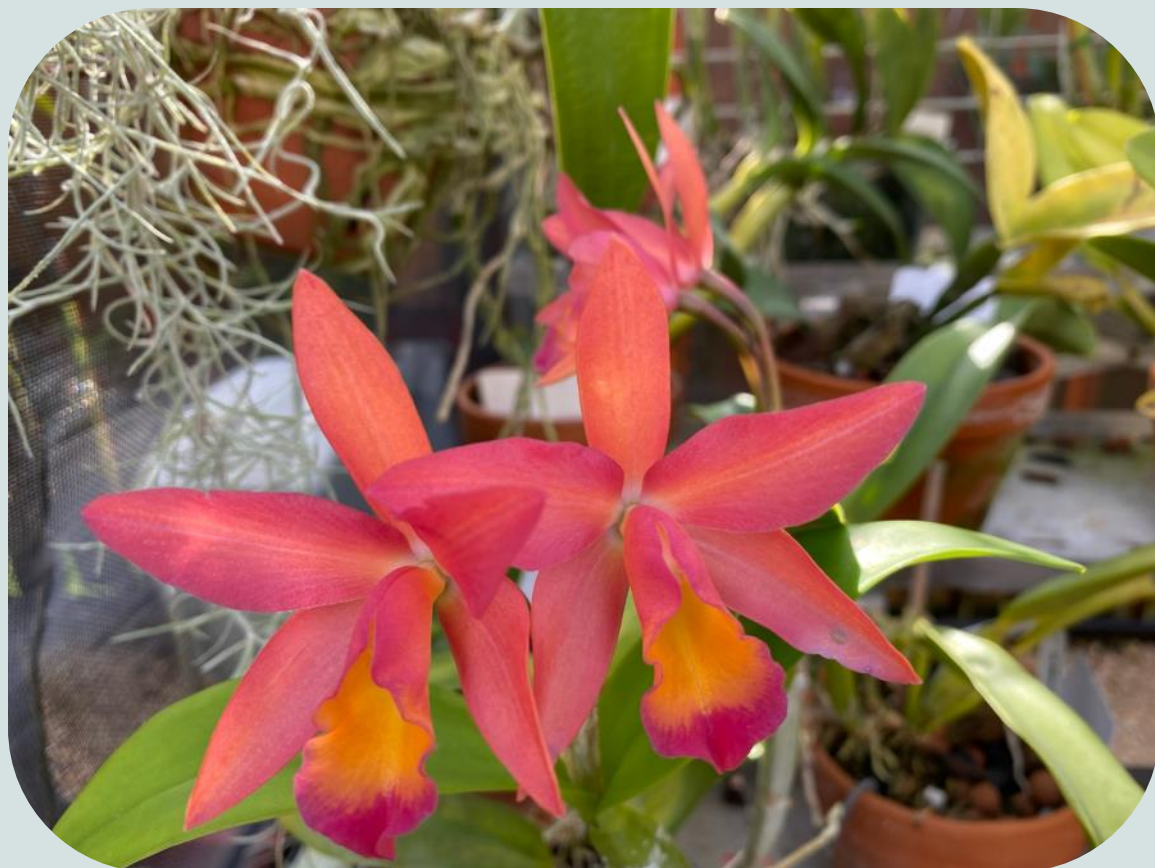
**LMB Five Aces #1 Long**  
(Bard. Nanboh Pixy x Bro. San Guinea) #7  
Cheryl Babcock



**Vanda Ruchiroj**  
Cheryl Babcock



**Den. aggregatum**  
**Cheryl Babcock**



**Caribbean 'Orange Bowl'**  
**Cheryl Babcock**



**Oncidium NoID**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



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**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



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**Liparis grossa**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**Vanda Golden Doubloon**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**NoID**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**Laeliocattleya Pure Soul "Yotaka Morimoto"**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**Rlc. Young Kong "Sun #16"**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



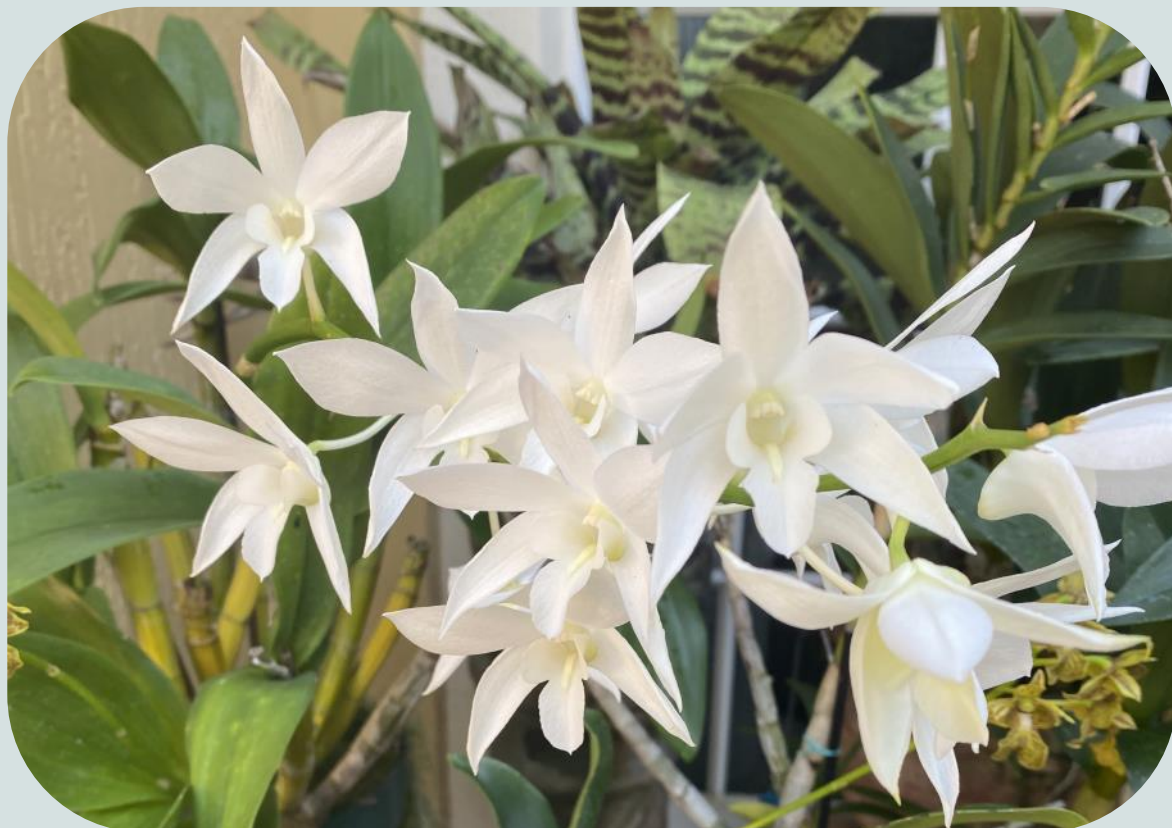
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**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**Cattleman Motta Spot x Ert. Kevin Mark Ragbir 'Pinkie'**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**NoID**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**Dendrobium White Grace**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



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**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



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**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**Dendrobium aggregatum**  
**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



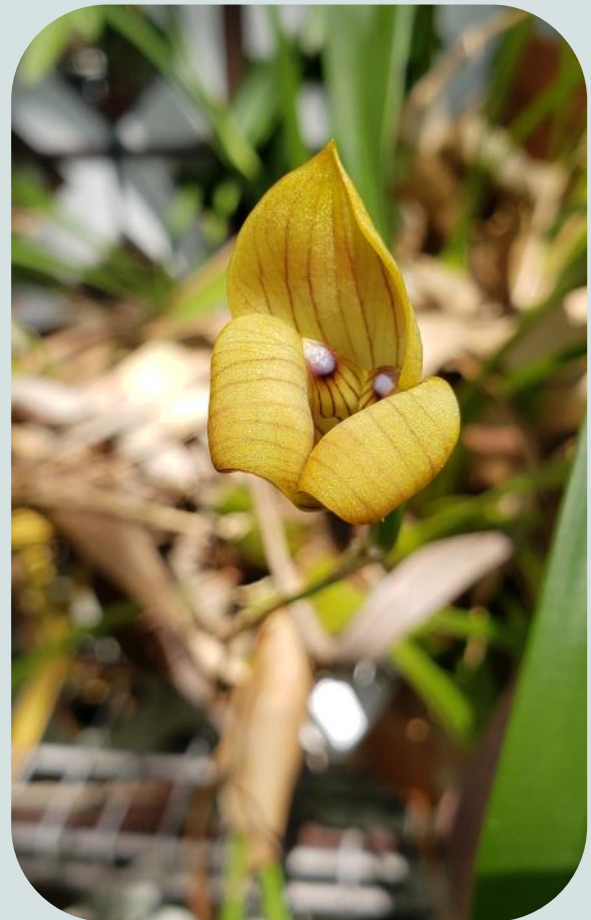
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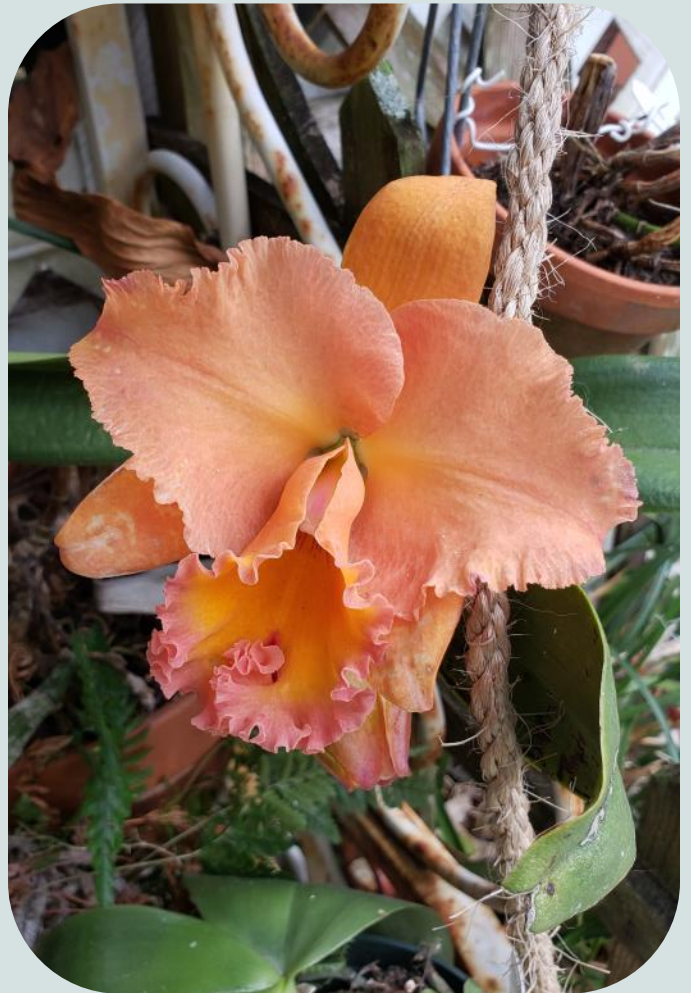
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Stephanie & Terry Morkert



**Bulbophyllum** NoID  
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



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**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**Cattleya NoID**  
**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**NoID**  
**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**

## Become a Member of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society!

### Win FREE Raffle Tickets for You and Your Guest(s) !!

The chances of you winning a stunning orchid or other enticing items off our monthly raffle table are much greater than your chances of winning the lottery. We all like the opportunity to win a new orchid for our collection so why not bring a guest to our next meeting? Guests are welcome at all of our meetings and events. Your guest(s) will each receive five FREE raffle tickets. After a guest visits the monthly meetings twice and wants to continue attending meetings, we respectfully ask them to become a member and pay the annual dues. If a guest joins in October, November or December 2021 this will include their 2022 membership dues as well.

**BONUS:** If your guest joins the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, you will receive 10 FREE raffle tickets!

### Top Reasons to Join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

In addition to access to our orchid library, insightful and informative web page, and occasional plant sale table provided by our guest speakers, DBOS members enjoy the following benefits and activities

#### Monthly Events

- AOS & DBOS Member Prize Drawings
- Guest Speakers
- Judging/Awarding of Ribbons for Members' Orchids
- Newsletter
- Orchid Raffles
- Plant Sales

#### Annual Events

- Auction
- Bus Trip to Orchid Growers
- Holiday Party
- Home Orchid Ramble
- Orchid Obsession, Show & Sale
- Picnic

For further information on how to join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS), please contact Linda Woodhouse, DBOS Membership Chair, at [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) or call 954-234-4623

**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.

## Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2021

We thank our members for supporting DBOS during the surreal year we experienced in 2020 when we were unable to meet in person after our highly successful auction in March. The DBOS Board of Trustees had so many wonderful activities lined up for the year, and we are hoping that they will be even bigger and better in 2021 once the Covid-19 virus is in check, the vaccines are effective, and social distancing is a distant memory.

We figured out Zoom and had some great meetings with renowned speakers that we might not have had the opportunity to hear from for an in-person meeting due to travel schedules. Our speakers included Bill Thoms, who shared great photos of his world-class Bulbophyllums; Dr. Martin Motes, who shared beautiful photos of his amazing vanda hybridizing; a tour of the lovely Soroa Orchids and a walk and talk with Jose Exposito; step-by-step instructions from Tom Kuligowski, who showed us how to take fantastic photos with our cell phones and shared some of his exquisite orchid photos; Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids in California who showed amazing photos of his unique orchids; Wendy Mazuk, who shared stunning photos of Dendrophylax lindenii, better known as the elusive Ghost Orchid, and Prem Subrahmanyam, who spoke about Florida's Endangered Orchids.

If things improve enough to begin holding in-person meetings this year, we will let you know. They will continue to be held at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. However, until that time we have some great Zoom speakers lined up for the first few months of 2021. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, please let us know and one of our board members or members familiar with Zoom will be more than happy to help you. Many of us have found that we can really see and enjoy the photos and take notes and then go back and re-view the recording afterward to catch what we may have missed the first time.

Our 2021 membership drive begins January 12, and we would like to sign up as many members as possible by our March 9 meeting so you will be able to continue joining us for the meetings and recordings. Paid members will receive a FREE orchid at the December 2021 holiday party.

Our dues structure has not increased. If you want to pay by credit card, please call Linda Woodhouse, our Membership Chair, at 954-234-4623, or send a check to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Renewals are \$20/single membership and \$30/couple membership per year.

### Membership Renewals

**\$20.00/year Individual**

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**\$ 5.00/year Junior Membership**

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## 2021 Committee Positions

### Calendar of Meetings

**DUE TO COVID-19, CHECK WITH LOCAL ORCHID SOCIETIES TO SEE WHEN THEY WILL RESUME FACE-TO-FACE OR VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

**2nd Monday Every Month 7:30 PM**

#### **Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society**

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall  
1955 E. Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, Fl

<https://www.flos.org/>

**2nd Tuesday Every Month 7:30 PM**

#### **Deerfield Beach Orchid Society**

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach

<https://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/deerfieldbeachorchidsociety/>

**2nd Wednesday Every Month 7:00 PM**

#### **Delray Beach Orchid Society**

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park  
802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

<http://www.delraybeachorchidsociety.org/>

**2nd Thursday Every Month 7:30 PM**

#### **Boca Raton Orchid Society**

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge  
Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

[www.brosonline.org/](http://www.brosonline.org/)

**In the meantime, support your local vendors through online ordering and/or gift certificates so you can buy new orchids later.**

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**Raquel Carles  
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**Dennis Pearl**

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**Webmaster**

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### **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](mailto:loisj2200@yahoo.com)