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## President's Message

Greetings, Hope everyone is staying high and dry. August means the starting of school so in keeping with that theme we will be having class at our August meeting. Instead of a presentation we will be having a 3 station workshop featuring demonstrations on repotting, mounting and chemicals. If you have any questions about any of your plants feel free to bring them along. We do ask you to bring them in a sealed bag to prevent possible contamination to other plants. We will be doing judging and a raffle table as usual.

Do not forget the bus trip on Sept 20. At the time of this letter we had about 10 seats available so the bus is filling up fast. To ensure a seat, contact Cheryl Babcock at 954-464-8996 or Debbie Dicks at 954-551-1410 for information. We will also begin the distribution of Show Tickets at the August meeting so see Debbie Dicks for your tickets.

See you Tuesday and bring a friend or two....Vince



**Welcome New Members!!**

**Lynn & Douglas Molitor  
Dorothy (Dot) McCrain**

## July Ribbon Winners

Catesetum pileatum var. imperiale "Live Oak" X Catesetum John C. Burchett "Ursa Major"	Joe Ortlieb
Vascostylis Pine Rivers	Tammy Hall
Vascostylis Vinita Blue	Terry Morkert
Ascocentrum miniatum.	Grace Holiday
Phaleonopsis Violacea	Tammy Hall
Miltassia Olmec "Kanno"	Claudia
Laeliocattleya Tropical Pointer "Cheetah"	Joe Ortlieb
Vandofinetia White Crane	Garfield Gilchrist
Grammatophyllum Scriptum var. citrinum	Mary Pritchard
Grammatophyllum Scriptum	Carol Ott

## Upcoming Speakers

August—Orchid Repotting, Mounting & Chemicals  
 September-Dan & Margie Orchids "Vandas Do's & Don'ts"  
 October-Tom Kuligowski "Whats light Got To Do With It"

# Happy Birthday

**Millicent Hammill Aug 1**

**Madeline Felton Aug 23**

**Juan Bofill Aug 28**



## 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 July meeting!

Mary Pritchard

Dennis Pearl

Jim & Jan Peer

Cheryl Babcock

And special thanks to Publix for donating refreshments

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

# AOS Corner

*AOS Corner- From the Desk of Laura Newton, Chair- Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee*

Things are sizzling this month!

I encourage all of you to plan to attend the AOS Fall Members' Meeting October 29<sup>th</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with the 16<sup>th</sup> International Slipper Symposium, along with special Meetings and Events for the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, the Pleurothallid Alliance, and the Slipper Orchid Alliance. Check out the extraordinary list of speakers and topics!

- § Manolo Arias- "Solving the Mysteries of *Phragmipedium kovachii* Culture"
- § Chen-Chung Chen- "Multifloral Paphiopedilums in Taiwan"
- § John Doherty- "A Beautiful Mess: Growing and Flowering 2,263 inches of Petals"
- § Robert Fuchs- "Vandaceous Intergeneric Hybrids: Where We Stand Today"
- § Peter Lin- "Novelty Phalaenopsis Hybridizing"
- § Rick Lockwood- "What Do Orchids Eat?"
- § Gary Meyer, PhD- "Dracula Culture and Taxonomy"
- § David Off- "Cattleya Collecting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"

Not only is it a great function for learning, it is also an excellent time to visit with old friends and to meet new Orchid Friends! So, come join us in Florida. Check out both our website [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) (under the Fall Meeting tab on the home page) and [www.slippersymposium.com](http://www.slippersymposium.com) for full details. The webinars are a great way to learn about Orchids from the comfort of your home. On August 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30pm EDT, Lois Cinert will host "Phragmipedium Species and Hybrids."

\*\*This one is for Members only, so if you aren't a member yet, now's the time to join and with the new digital membership of only \$40, it's a steal! If you cannot join us on this date, keep in mind that all of the webinars are recorded and can be found on the website for listening whenever it's convenient for you.

I always learn something new in every issue of Orchids Magazine. This month's issue has an interesting letter written to our resident expert Thomas Miranda, on how to keep up humidity in your growing area. Meena Divakaran has a couple of great ideas, she places carpet padding on her benches and also hangs burlap with a soaker hose, which sound like great ideas to me.

I personally don't own any *Miltoniopsis*, but David Rosenfeld's article and the beautiful photos, also found in this month's magazine, have convinced me that I should give them a try. He covers everything from the history to the culture, so check it out!

In keeping with the "Hot" theme this month...Did you know that we have a monthly checklist on the website (Just look under the All About Orchids heading tab)? It provides great information for the major genera, with info on how to deal with the dog days of summer. Growing our membership, one Orchid lover at a time,

## **Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Bus Trip September 20, 2014**

You won't want to miss our bus trip this year!

We will be visiting 5 orchid growers in the Homestead area:  
RF Orchids, Carib, Hennington Farms, Banjong and Rubens.

Price is \$55

Includes a light Breakfast, Lunch and Happy Hour

The bus is almost sold out!

Only EIGHT (8) seats left which are on a first-come, first-serve basis!

Reserve your spot today.

Contact Cheryl Babcock at [crbabcock1@netzero.net](mailto:crbabcock1@netzero.net)  
and further information will be sent to you along with instructions on  
where to send your check for \$55.00.

## August in Your Orchid Collection

Dr. Martin Motes

July and August are the two most similar months in South Florida. Most of the advice on watering, disease and pest control in last month's calendar still apply but subtle changes are taking place. Although it may not seem so, as temperatures climb into the low nineties most afternoons, summer is in retreat: each day a little shorter, each night a little longer. With shorter days the importance of watering as early in the morning as possible comes to the fore. With less hours of sunlight to dry the plants, extra care should be taken in choosing when to water. Back to the basics of the classic saying : If a Vanda looks like it needs water, water it; If a Cattleya or Oncidium looks like it needs water, water it tomorrow. If a Paph or a Phal looks like it needs water, you should have watered it yesterday. If plants retain water even from an early morning watering, allowing them to dry a bit harder before the next watering is always a good idea. An extra day of drying rarely does harm.

August should provide numerous opportunities to dry each orchid to its desired level of dryness. Take the opportunity to dry your orchids "hard" at least once but preferably twice in August. This will give your orchids a leg up on their mortal enemies, the fungus, before the drizzle of September switches the advantage to our adversaries. August is definitely not the month to over indulge in water. September, the soggiest of months, is next up. The corollary to this calculated drying is the concept that when watering in August above all water thoroughly. If watering is necessary be sure that the roots and medium are totally saturated with the application. The drizzling rains of September are so detrimental precisely because they keep the foliage of the plants wet unduly long. We want our plants which are still growing to receive plenty of water but also plenty of drying time.

Good air circulation and proper watering are the keys to disease prevention. Remember that your plants will have increased considerably in size by this point in the growing season. They have added extra growths and extra leaves across the summer. August is a good time to evaluate the spacing of our plants. Remember the old Florida saw that one needs a cat to grow good orchids because when properly spaced a cat should be able to navigate the benches between plants without knocking them over. While we can not recommend specific chemicals, the county agent recommends Banrot, a convenient combination of Thiophanate-methyl and Truban which controls a number of leaf-spotting diseases and soft rots, for home owner use. A combination of Thiophanate-methyl and mancozeb has also been recommended. This can be found pre-packaged as Dusan. If one can overcome the aversion to chemicals and can learn the safe application of them, they are valuable tools to better orchid growing. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure especially before the soft, slow drizzle of September sets in.

Lengthening nights in August mean cooler nighttime temperatures. Many sympodial orchids are reaching the end of their growing cycle and require less nitrogen. Cattleyas and oncidiums have maturing bulbs. Genera that become deciduous in winter like nobile dendrobiums, calanthes and catasetums should be given much less nitrogen in August to prevent them producing an unwanted off season growth and perhaps forgetting to flower. Substitute an additional application of potassium nitrate and Epsom salt (1TBS each per gal) instead of the balanced 20-20-20. Vandas will respond well to this also, as several of the parental species of our hybrids produce blooms on shortening day lengths and lower levels of nitrogen in their fertilizer seems to egg them on. As explicated in the last chapter, modern research indicates that orchids require less phosphorous than previously thought. This concept should lead us to more judicious use of phosphorus. Fertilizer high in phosphorus may still be of some value at the end of the growing season, perhaps not so much as stimulus as shock. One or two heavy applications in succession, a week or so apart will certainly provide all the phosphorus and all the stimulus (or wake up shock) our plants require to bloom.

Snails can be somewhat of a problem in August too, but left to multiply they will be in their full glory when those slow unrelenting rains of September set in. Control them with baits in pellet or liquid/paste form. Remember, these are baits, the pests are drawn to them. Therefore apply lightly, but frequently. Because they wash away in the heavy rains, baits should be reapplied every two weeks. One pellet every two to three feet will do the job, but one application will not. Given a choice, the smallest pellets baits are best. They keep us from over applying and also pose much less threat to neighborhood pets. A small bait in a Vanda crown is a nuisance, a large bait can be a disaster.

If you have been waiting to make cuttings of the terete vandas or reed stem epidendrums, you can wait no longer. The potting season is drawing absolutely to a close. Pot up those overgrown phals before they even think of spiking. Re-set those strap leaf vandas early in August whilst they still have just enough time to re-establish themselves in the September humidity and before the cool weather arrives and their root growth slows or stops. As in all seasons be sure that the plants are firmly set in their containers. There is no "wiggle room" this late in the growing season to restart tender roots that have been chafed off a loosely set plant. As the cooler weather approaches try to give plants that have been repotted late more protection from the first cold snaps.

# Our July Meeting

Photos Courtesy of John Morris





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

1. **Apr ?, 2015**                      Orchid Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.  
Leaving Women's Club at 8:30am  
Chairperson: Debbie Dicks & Cheryl Babcock
  
2. **Sept 20, 2014**                      Third Growers Bus Trip  
Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks
  
3. **Oct. ??, 2014**                      Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield  
Beach Arboretum.  
Chairperson: Needed
  
4. **Dec ?, 2014**                      Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here  
Chairperson: Grace Holliday Assisted by Debbie Dicks and Cheryl Babcock

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

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## New Dues for 2014

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.

### Renewals

Individual	\$20.00 yr.
Couples	\$30.00 yr.
Jr. Membership	\$ 5.00 yr.

### New Members

Individual	\$25.00 yr.
Couples	\$35.00 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  
P.O. Box 732  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33443

# 2014 Orchid Events

## September 13-14

### **Mounts Botanical Garden Orchid Sale & Shady Affair**

Some of the area's premier plant vendors will be selling a variety of begonias, bromeliads, orchids, ferns, hoyas and aroids. Fun and informative lectures will be offered on topics such as Basic Orchid Care, Shade Loving Plants, and Fragrant Plants. Magnificent tabletop arrangements will be auctioned off in a silent auction to benefit the Garden .

Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL  
 Saturday 10am to 4pm  
 Admission: Members \$35, Non-Members \$40

## September 20-21

### **Ridge Orchid Society Show 'Orchid Jungle'**

Come and explore the many gorgeous displays arranged by orchid societies and nurserymen from all over central Florida. We have vendors who will be selling lots of plants, many in bloom, orchid supplies, and other orchid gifts. We will have a table where, at a small cost, you can have your overgrown orchid beauty repotted. You can purchase tickets to win one of several baskets filled with orchid-related goodies.

Lake Mirror Center, 121 South Lake Ave., Lakeland, FL  
 Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 11am to 5pm  
 Admission: \$4

## November 15-16

### **Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Show**

The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society will hold its third annual Orchid Show & Sale, Orchid Obsession, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, with thousands of specimens on sale from 10 Florida growers ensuring that the fascinating and exotic plants will be appropriate for your own backyard. Our vendors will all mount spectacular displays to be judged by American Orchid Society (AOS) judges on Saturday, November 15. Several non-orchid vendors will provide orchid supplies including everything you need to grow beautiful orchids, plant benches/stands, art, reclaimed old growth cypress wood, and jewelry. Daily lectures will be provided on orchid care.

1801 NE 6th St., Pompano Beach, FL  
 Saturday & Sunday, 10am to 5pm  
 Admission: \$5, children under 12 are free

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

The chances of you winning a stunning orchid or other enticing item 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 November or December 2014, this will include their 2015 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

- Monthly Orchid Raffles
- Guest Speakers Monthly
- Monthly Newsletters
- Monthly Drawings
- Annual Show & Sale—Orchid Obsession
- Annual Home Ramble
- Monthly Judging and Awarding of Ribbons to Member's Orchids
- Annual Bus Trip
- Annual Orchid Auction
- Annual Picnic
- Annual Holiday Dinner
- Access to our Orchid Library
- Insightful & Informative Web Page

For further information on how to join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS), please contact Cheryl Babcock or John Williams, DBOS Membership Chairs, at [crbabcock1@netzero.net](mailto:crbabcock1@netzero.net) or call 954-464-8996

**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.

# Calendar of Meetings

**Thursday, August 14, 7:30 PM**

**Boca Raton Orchid Society**

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

**Monday, August 11, 7:30 PM**

**Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.**

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

**Tuesday, August 12, 7:30 PM**

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

**Wednesday, August 13, 7:30 PM**

**Delray Beach Orchid Society**

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

## 2013 Committee Positions

1. Membership..... Donna Edwards
2. Programs.....Vince Dicks
3. Newsletter.....Lisa Krukoski
4. Sunshine.....Lois Larson
5. Raffle Table.....Vince & Debbie Dicks
6. Nominating..... DBOS Board
7. Publicity.....Cheryl Babcock
8. Plant Table.....Speaker or DBOS
9. Events.....Cheryl Babcock & Debbie Dicks
10. Refreshments.....Mary Pritchard & Millicent Hammill
11. AOS Representative.....Rosemary Chenery
12. Courtesy .....Denice Willis

## 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)

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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!**