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President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day!

The DBOS Board of Trustees and I hope each of you are well. We are pleased to welcome our speaker for the 7:30 pm, February 9 Zoom meeting, Prem Subrahmanyam, who will be speaking about Florida's Endangered Orchids. Prem is a Florida native who was born and raised in Tallahassee and where he has spent most of his adult life. He and his family have been residing in the Orlando area since 2005. He has been studying Florida's native orchids for approximately 30 years, and when he is not spending time with his family, he is out photographing native orchids (he is an award-winning photographer), growing his own collection of (legally purchased) orchids, developing his orchid-related websites, collecting fossils or geocaching. Among many other accomplishments and work activities, he is a graphic designer and 3-d computer animator. One of his widely seen animations is the series "Florida, the Outdoor Adventure" and "Florida Takes to the Trails", both of which have aired on PBS nationally. An award-winning photographer, his works have appeared in different magazine publications, textbooks, educational displays, orchid society newsletters, and brochures. We are in for a real treat, so we hope you join us. If you cannot attend the Zoom meeting on Tuesday night, a recorded copy of the meeting will be sent to members who have paid their dues.

Wendy Mazuk was our speaker for January. She spoke about *Dendrophylax lindenii*, better known as the Ghost Orchid, which is only found in the Florida Everglades and Cuba. It was an interesting presentation full of wonderful photos. My husband and I looked at each other and agreed that we were happy that we went on a swamp walk several years ago because we do not know if we would muster up the courage to go into the areas that Wendy goes to do her research. You see, we are watching the series on tv where they go in to capture pythons in the Everglades, and we do not want to encounter any of those critters!

It is time for our annual membership drive, and we hope you will renew your membership for 2021. Our renewal dues membership has not increased. Yearly Membership Renewals are \$20.00 (Individual), \$30.00 (Couples), and \$5.00 (Junior Membership). If you do not belong to DBOS and would like to become a member the yearly dues are \$25.00 (Individual), \$35.00 (Couples), and \$10.00 (Junior Membership). Please call Linda Woodhouse, Membership Chairperson, at 954-234-4623 with a credit card to renew (join), or send a check to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 by March 5, 2021. Linda is getting ready to send out information to all members to make this easier for you. Paid members will be able to join our live Zoom meetings and have a copy of the meeting available to them after it.

I thought the name of this orchid, *Pot. Paradise Rose* "My Valentine" was fitting for this time of year. It is happily blooming in my orchid house along with some other truly beautiful orchids.

Happy Orchiding!
Cheryl Babcock
DBOS President



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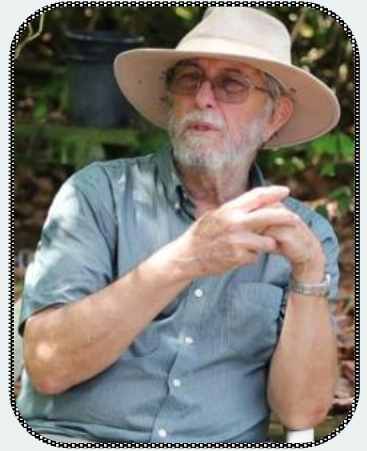
DBOS meetings will be held virtually via ZOOM live until further notice due to **Covid-19 restrictions**.

In case you missed your email for the recorded video link for the January meeting, check your email for the email sent to you the morning of January 28th from deerfieldorchids@gmail.com ([DBOS January Meeting Featuring Wendy Mazuk](#)).

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 and someone will get back to you.

February Climate Data

Average high: 77.7°F
 Average low: 60.7°F
 Average mean: 69.1°F
 Average rainfall: 2.07"



February in Your Orchid Collection

By Dr. Martin Motes

Despite the bloom on the avocados and the burgeoning new leaves on the live oaks, February is not spring in South Florida. Danger of freeze continues past mid month and frost can occur still into March. Even if the weather is balmy it's too early to let down our guard or take down any protection we have mounted against the cold. The trend however is toward the positive as each lengthening day brings extra hours of warming sunshine to begin waking our plants from their long winter's rest.

February characteristically brings a wide swing of day to night temperatures, ideal for spiking ascocendas and vandas but also wringing from the air heavy dews and dense fog. Whilst these add a romantic atmosphere to the South Florida landscape, Wuthering Heights is singularly devoid of snails and slugs (much less Botrytis). The silvery carpet of dew provides a silky path to our orchids for snails and slugs which can range far, under these favorable conditions. They are eager to make a nice meal of your Phalaenopsis leaves or the soft crowns of your vandas before they retire during the dry months of March and April only to dream of the fresh shoots of the sympodial orchids brought forth by the first rains of May. Now is the time to give them a rude awakening. Remember that snail bait is most effectively applied lightly (scatter the pellets every few feet) and frequently (every 7 to 10 days). Two or three applications should do the job.

The heavy fog which can cause condensation on leaves even under cover can also bring trouble. Botrytis is a fungus disease that can disfigure flowers with small black spots. Particularly apparent and annoying on white Phalaenopsis, Botrytis can ruin other flowers as well. Control is typically achieved in commercial greenhouses with fungicide in aerosol forms and by running fans to prevent condensation on the flowers. The latter option is also available to collectors. A small fan turned on the spiking and opened flowers at night will greatly alleviate the pressure of Botrytis. So will, to a degree, the application of soap which we suggested in January to control mites. Bicarbonate of soda, ordinary baking soda, at 1Tbs. per gal will help as well. Quaternary ammonium compounds (Physan, RD40, Consan, pool algicide) also give some control. Maintaining long lasting flowers like Phalaenopsis, dendrobiums and bi-foliolate cattleyas in more perfect condition is well worth the effort. Having waited so long for the flowers we want to enjoy them as long as possible and they do all last longer in cool weather.

The lower overall temperatures of February call for less frequent and lighter applications of fertilizer as was the practice in January. If any reddening of the foliage persists, another application of Epsom salts (1Tbs per gal), preferably in combination with Potassium nitrate, is called for; Nitrate nitrogen being more available to the plants under cooler conditions. If your resolve holds steady not to water (or above all) fertilize those Himalayan dendrobiums, your reward may shortly become evident in bursting flower spikes.

Like the avocados and the live oaks, many cattleyas and other sympodial orchids have bloomed and are just commencing new growth in February. Right after flowering is usually an excellent time for repotting from the plant's perspective and the cool day time temperatures in the greenhouse are hospitable to the orchid grower as well. It's still a bit early to re-basket vandas, but an early start on the cattleyas will allow plenty of time and energy for those Spring chores which are right around the corner. With that thought, setting out to secure a good supply of pots in anticipation of the potting season ahead is on February's agenda.



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Speaker of the Month

Prem Subrahmanyam

Virtual ZOOM Presentation

February 9, 2021 7:30 pm



“Florida’s Endangered Orchids”

Prem Subrahmanyam became interested in orchids at a young age in his boyhood home in Tallahassee, Florida. This was the beginning of a life-long passion for this amazing family of plants. He soon located native orchid species growing in wild areas near his boyhood home, launching a journey of discovery of Florida's amazing native orchids, including the rare and elusive Ghost Orchid. Moving to central Florida in 2005, he has expanded his exploration to central and south Florida, where he can often be found hiking into the wild with his wife, Joy, and/or a few of their fifteen children in tow as photographer's assistants.

He has spent some thirty years tracking down species both common and rare within the wilds of Florida, armed with his camera and a sharp eye. Many of these photographs appear, along with detailed information on Florida's orchid species, on a website that he personally founded and maintains: www.flnativeorchids.com. His photographs and articles have also appeared in many orchid related magazines, wildflowers guides, and books.

His presentation "**Florida's Endangered Orchids**" will discuss a few of Florida's rarest orchids, their natural habitat, and their present status in a presentation that combines scientific information, anecdotes from his time in the field, and award-winning photography in a presentation that you won't want to miss.

Link to the ZOOM meeting will be sent to members from deerfieldorchids@gmail.com prior to the meeting.



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Happy Birthday



FEBRUARY

Feb 01 Linda Trotter

Feb 04 Valentyna Dyecheva

Feb 06 Elvia Kenney

Feb 07 Louise Albright

Feb 08 Don Carpenter

Feb 10 Lisa Ray

Feb 10 Diana Fedrigo

Feb 13 Joseph Ortlieb

Feb 14 Jeff McMullan

Feb 17 Rosemary Chenery

Feb 18 Elliott Hechtman

Feb 22 Rick Bellas

Feb 25 Dot Heley

MARCH

Mar 02 Sharon Collins-Masel

Mar 06 Marjory Morehouse

Mar 14 Heidi Feser

Mar 15 Debbie Dicks

Mar 17 Leticia Buck

Mar 18 Lenore Alford

Mar 21 Rich Masel

Mar 22 Bob Henley

Mar 25 John Williams

Mar 27 Marilyn McMullan

Mar 27 Stephen Leech

Mar 29 Gerd Weimer

Mar 31 Sandy Steinberg





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 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!

**Pot. Paradise Rose 'My Valentine'
Cheryl Babcock**



NOID
Carol Ott



Rhynchoaelia digbyana
Carol Ott



NOID
Carol Ott



Laelia Blue Mist
Carol Ott



Vanda NOID
Carol Ott



Lc. Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin'
Carol Ott



Blc Sung ya Green
Grace Holliday



Booth lee 'Venice'
Grace Holliday



Young Kong
Grace Holliday



Bc Punakea 'Lee'
Grace Holliday



**Gigantea
Grace Holliday**



**Sherry Baby
Grace Holliday**



**Laelia Anceps
Grace Holliday**



**Yellow Bird
Grace Holliday**



**Fire wings
Grace Holliday**



**Fire wings
Grace Holliday**



**Pelataneria Insectifera
Grace Holliday**



**Renanstylis Bangkok Beauty
Grace Holliday**



**Blc Ancile Glowdon
Grace Holliday**



**Hawaiian Star 'Paradise'
Grace Holliday**



**Vandaeopsis Prapin
Grace Holliday**



NOID
Cheryl Babcock



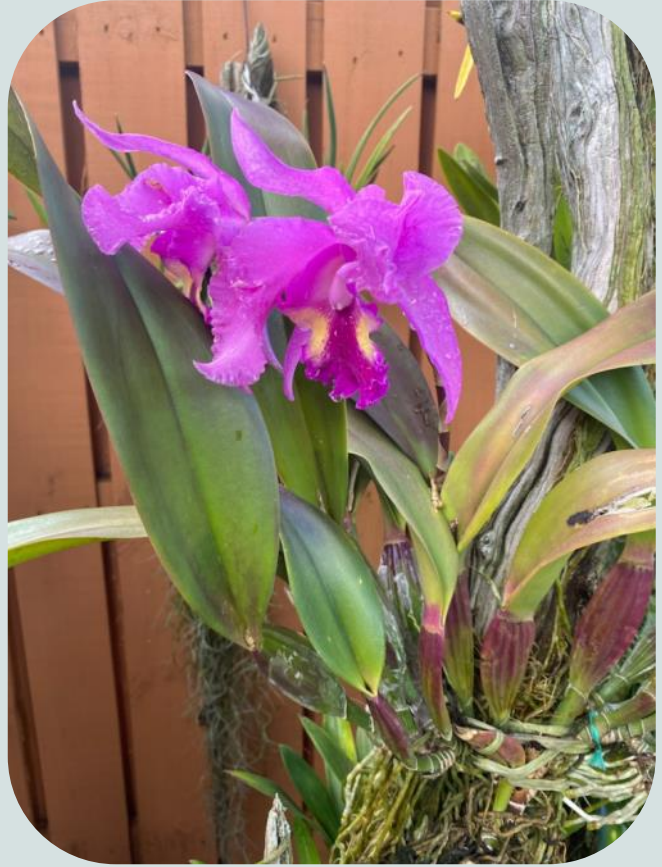
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Rhynchostylis gigantea (Spots)
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Lc. Varut Startrack 'Golden Tiger'
Cheryl Babcock



**Blc. King of Taiwan ' Orchis x
Shomburgkia splend**
Cheryl Babcock



Pot. Theresa Hill 'Krull-Smith', AMAOS
Cheryl Babcock



Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Red Streak'
Rosemary Cheney

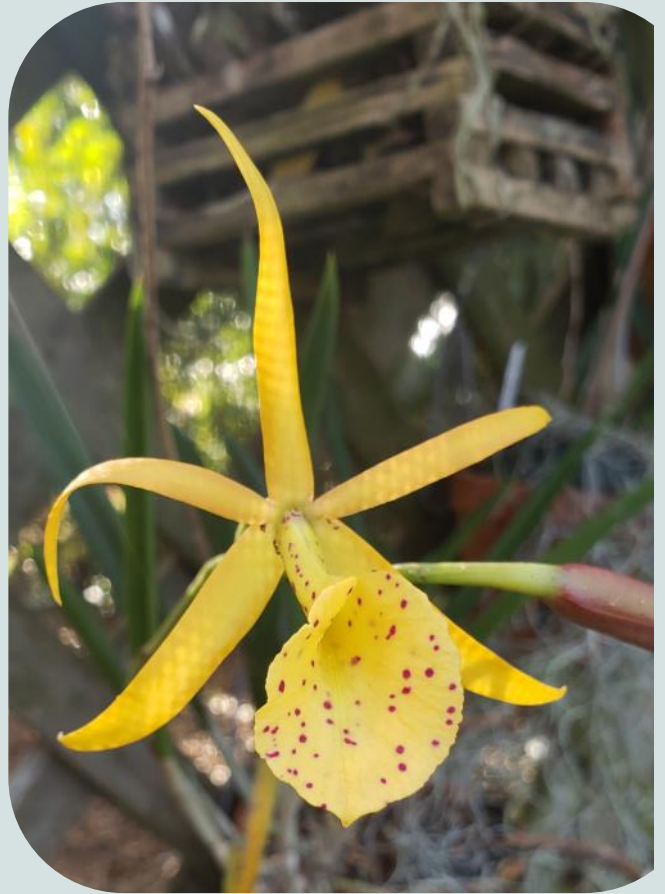


Wilsonara Tropic Breeze 'Everglades'
HCC/AOS
(*Onc. wydleri* x *Onc. Acemanda*)
Stephanie & Terry Morkert





Psychopsis NOID
The "Butterfly Orchid"
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Brassocattleya Yellowbird
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Schomburgkia NOID
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Shomcat NOID
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Bulbophyllum NOID
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



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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 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; and, Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids in California who showed amazing photos of his unique 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 review 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.

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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/

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