



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

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Happy New Year! We would like to welcome all of our members into the new year. I think we are going to have an exciting year with lots of adventures. It seems like a long time since the show in November but many thanks go out to all our volunteers who made the show the success that it was. It was nice meeting some of our new members at the show and we look forward to getting to know you better over the next several months. Anyone who still has pre-sale ticket money from the show can get it to Rosemary Chenery at the upcoming meeting.

We will be fortunate enough to have Craig Morell as our guest speaker on Jan 14 at The Woman's Club Of Deerfield Beach at 7:30pm. Craig is humorous guy who will not only explain basic orchid care but entertain as well.

Some of our upcoming highlights include our annual orchid auction at our regular meeting on Tues., Mar 10. Last year we had over 100 orchids to auction off to the highest bidder. This is a crowd favorite and a great time, so mark your calendars.

In April we will be having our Home Ramble in addition to our regular meeting. What we do at this event is to meet at the Woman's Club and then carpool to 4 or 5 members homes to see the various methods used to grow their orchids. There will be drinks and snacks served along the way (anybody who attended the Holiday Party knows how well we eat). This is a very fun day where you can not only pick up growing tips but also get to know your fellow orchidists in a less formal setting than the regular meeting. This is just the beginning. We will have several other events for your entertainment throughout the year.

Hope to see you Tuesday and as always, bring a friend.

Vince

Speaker of the Month

Craig Morell **General Orchid Care**

Craig Morell is the Horticulturist at Pinecrest Gardens. He's been renovating the Gardens since 2004, a year after the Village of Pinecrest bought the property from Parrot Jungle. A lifelong plant collector with a yen for epiphytes, he has a B.S. degree in Horticulture from UF-Gainesville. He previously worked as horticulturist at the Boca Raton Resort, and at an orchid company in West Palm Beach prior to that.

Craig is a career horticulturist, travels widely, and spends his free time orchid-gardening at home in S. Miami, scuba diving, photographing nature and visiting even more gardens.

He sometimes escapes from the Gardens and is occasionally seen in public masquerading as a normal person.

Upcoming Speakers

February-OFE "Orchid Supplies & Chemicals"

March-DBOS Auction

April-Brian Monk "Mini Oncidiums/Tolumnia"

May-Linda Wilhelm from Woodland Orchids

Happy Birthday

Lynn Molitor Jan 4

Dee Glover Jan 5

Robert Hafley Jan 5

Trinh Pham Jan 6

Allen Cogar Jan 11

Jane Maechtle Jan 12

Loretta Baldwin Jan 27

Sabra Cogar Jan 30



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 December meeting!

And special thanks to Publix for donating refreshments

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

We Need Your Help!!!

The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society is in need of your new or used decorative pots for our annual Mother's Day sale.

We are looking for small to medium vessels to arrange our orchids in such as; planters, teapots, pretty containers, lanterns, wine carriers or anything else you think would look nice with an orchid arrangement in it. Use your imagination.



Please bring them to the meeting and give to Cheryl at the membership table. Thank you!

January in your Orchid Collection

Dr. Martin Motes

January is somewhat like December but in reverse, with each succeeding day bringing longer hours of sunlight until days are long enough that afternoons return at the end of the month with extra sunshine to warm us after the extra sharp cold snaps. January, like December, is cold and dry, in fact even colder and drier. Dry is good, cold can be very bad. We need to accentuate the positive by especially careful watering in January. By keeping our plants as dry as possible and spacing our waterings as far apart as possible, we conserve our potential to use water to protect our plants from the cold, keeping our powder dry, as it were. In January water early, water thoroughly when you do and do so sparingly. The cooler overall temperatures of January are much less dehydrating even to plants which have received less water. Remember, many of our orchids come from seasonally dry and cool climates not so different from South Florida. Many orchids are equipped already to handle the drier cooler conditions of our Florida January. A good strategy is to "top-up" the light watering that our plants receive with the passing showers that each successive cold front brings. This slight additional artificial irrigation may prove to be all the watering that many genera need. Such parsimony with watering preserves the possibility of using water on truly cold nights to warm our plants.

Water is the only feasible source of heat available to plants grown in the open, under trees, in shade houses or on patios in South Florida. Ground water here (and in most of the rest of the world is about 63 F. (16C). Water out of municipal systems is not far different. On truly cold nights turning on the water can be of great benefit to our plants, provided that they have not been over-watered in the days and weeks preceding, thus inviting the ever present fungi to do more damage than the cold. For this reason as well, in general, orchids are better off dry until temperatures approach frost or freezing. The logic for maintaining plants dry is not only to minimize fungal problems but also because cold air is typically very dry air. If plants are wet in very dry and rapidly moving air say 10 or more MPH, evaporative cooling can take place, chilling our orchids further and faster than they would if dry. When the water goes on it needs to be in heavy volume and it needs to stay on to keep the plants thoroughly bathed in its warmth. Very still air on the other hand, presents a different danger as frost is possible at temperatures higher than is commonly realized. In calm air frost can form at higher elevations and settle in on plants while the surface temperature is only in the upper 30's (4C). The best forecast for nights when the temperature will hover near 40 is a light wind of 2-5 miles per hour. This light wind mixes the warm air near the surface and draws warm from the earth. Clear, cloudless, still nights with bright shining stars elevate the spirit but harbingers frost.

Forecasts of temperatures below 40 F should stimulate us to action.

If it is not practical to bring all the Phalaenopsis, vandas and hard cane dendrobiums into the house or garage, think of using water to help protect them. Shade cloth or even patio screen like a lacy Mantilla holds in a surprising amount of heat. Under screen, a fine mist head (1/2 gal. per minute) attached to a hose and left running beneath the bench or plant rack will provide several degrees of additional warmth that will often sufficiently temper the chill and ward off any light frost settling in. Growers with swimming pools frequently turn on the re-circulating pump to keep a supply of warm water near the pool's surface where it can add heat to the ambient environment. A few degrees of warmth frequently make all the difference to our sensitive orchids. In more open areas not protected by a permanent irrigation system, an oscillating sprinkler at the end of a garden hose is very effective. These are readily available at Home Depot and garden shops for a few dollars. On frosty nights, start the water at bedtime and let it run until the sun is up. The extra water once or twice in a month will do no harm to orchids that have been properly and judiciously watered the remainder of the month. In fact, these occasions present the opportunity to be sure that excess fertilizer salts have been leached from the pots and medium. A good work can be born of necessity!

Remember that Himalayan dendrobiums and "warm growing" Cymbidium hybrids will positively relish temperatures down to 32F and a light frost is just the ticket for great bloom. Keep the water off these!

In the drought of January, mites, which affect nearly all genera of orchids, continue to be a serious problem that will only get worse. Mite populations will reach a crescendo in March and April but January is a good time to scotch them. Paphiopedilum and other softly leaved genera are particularly susceptible but no genus is free of them. One theory on why deciduous genera such as Catasetum, Calanthe and others lose their leaves hypothesizes that this totally rids them of mites.

Being totally rid of mites is a good thing! Sometimes this is easier said than done because mites reproduce with such voluminous speed. Their life cycle from egg to reproductive adult being is as short as twelve days. In order to control mites one must achieve as total a kill of the population as possible. Total control can only be achieved with two successive sprays. After spraying for mites initially, one must spray again in 7 - 10 days. No single spray is totally effective in killing both adults and eggs and a second spraying is necessary to kill any survivors before they can reproduce. Oil as recommended in the December chapter at 1.5 oz per gal followed in 7-10 days by soap at the rate of 2 oz per gallon is very effective. These treatments are also quite effective against scale and mealy bugs which thrive on drought as well. Be sure your plants are well watered the day before applying both oil and soap and be sure that you cover thoroughly all leaf surfaces especially the lower ones which are mites favorite hide outs. For those who wish to be more aggressive, the University of Florida IFAS recommended chemicals for mite control are:

Avid 0.15 EC
Kelthane T/O
Mavarik Aquaflow
Talstar Flowable

Always follow label instructions for use. Any of these chemicals can be alternated with the soap or the oil in the 7-10 day cycle. Controlling mites pays huge dividends! You'll be surprised at the extra vigor your plants display.

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

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

1. **Mar 10, 2015** DBOS Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Women's Club.
Chairperson: Vince Dicks

2. **Apr 18, 2015** Orchid Home Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.
Leaving Women's Club at 8:30am
Chairperson: Debbie Dicks & Cheryl Babcock

3. **Sept ?, 2015** Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks

4. **Oct. ?, 2015** Fall Picnic/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield Beach Arboretum.
Chairperson: Needed

5. **Dec ?, 2015** 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

2015 Orchid Events

January 17-18

2015 Tamiami International Orchid Festival

The Tamiami International Orchid Festival is Miami's largest, most diverse winter orchid show, paralleled only by the Redland International Orchid Festival in the Spring. The Orchid Festival features the widest selection of affordable and rare orchids available anywhere to admire and purchase. Attend **free** classes for your chance to learn about the world of orchids. And be sure to enter your entrance ticket into the **free** raffle for over FIFTY beautiful orchids. The Orchid Festival is the brain child of Martin Motes and Warren Kelly. Motes Orchids hosts the event, supported by local orchid societies. The AOS provides volunteers and Richard Fulford, a distinguished AOS judge, is Chair of Judging, and assists in the smooth operation of the show. Fifty national and international orchid growers join us to display their plants and sell to the general public.

Dade County Fair Expo Center Fuchs Pavillion, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24th St), Miami, FL
 Saturday 10am to 7pm and Sunday 10am to 6pm
 Admission: \$10 single day or \$16 two days

January 23-25

An Orchid Adventure-2015 Ft Lauderdale Orchid Society Show

The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society proudly presents their annual Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show, "An Orchid Adventure" for 2015. Come and enjoy!

The show features: Beautiful huge vendor exhibits, Local orchid society display tables, Raffles - win orchids!, Orchid artwork from local schools, International plant vendors, Potting and growing supplies, American Orchid Society accredited judging, Hospitality table – store plants, get help taking purchases to your car, Free parking.

NE War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 Friday—Sunday, 10am to 6pm
 Admission: \$12 per person

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 September, October, 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 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, January 8, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, January 12, 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, January 13, 7:30 PM

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society-

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, January 14, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

2014 Committee Positions

1. **Membership..... Cheryl Babcock & John Williams**
2. **Programs..... John Budree**
3. **Newsletter..... Lisa Krukoski**
4. **Sunshine..... Lois Larson**
5. **Raffle Table..... Debbie Dicks & Dennis Pearl**
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... Vince Dicks**

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!

