



# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society CATTLEYA CURRENTS

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## President's Message

Hi Orchid Lovers,

We are delighted that Jim Davison, co-owner of Jim-n-I Orchids with Melana, will be our speaker at the July meeting. His discussion will be on Catasetinae and provide an overview on the culture and care of prominent Catasetinae species and their hybrids. This is an introductory lesson into the marvel of color and form of the Catasetum alliance, including Catasetum, Clowesia, Mormodes, and Cycnoches.

This month I thought it would be fun to share some interesting facts about orchids. For example, the smallest orchid is the size of a dime, and orchids are one of the largest and oldest family of flowering plants. According to a <https://laidbackgardener.blog>, "The orchid family (Orchidaceae) is, with the Asteraceae\* or sunflower family, the largest in the world, containing some 28,000 species distributed in 763 genera. There are four times more orchid species on this planet than mammal species! Orchids are both very ancient and very modern. They are among the oldest known flowering plants, with the oldest dating back 112 million years ago to the Early Cretaceous, when dinosaurs ruled the earth. By 64 million years ago, they had evolved pollinia and by 35 million years ago, many had become epiphytes. However, orchids continue to evolve to this day and about 20 new species are described every year."

According to <https://naturalorchids.com> blog, "the most highly coveted of ornamental plants the delicate, exotic and graceful orchid represents love, luxury, beauty, and strength. In ancient Greece, orchids were associated with virility. In fact, Greek women believed that if the father of their unborn child ate large, new orchid tubers, the baby would be a boy."

What, people eat orchids? I often see orchid flowers adorning plates in fine dining establishments. According to the <https://everydayorchids.com>, "Most species of orchids are not toxic or poisonous to cats, dogs, or humans. However, if ingested, orchid parts can cause stomach upset and discomfort. For the most part, orchids are safe to have in your home if you also have pets or small children." I would like to lose weight but do not believe orchids will be part of the plan—carrots, celery, and lettuce for me!

According to <https://www.britannica.com>, "with the right care, orchids can live for several decades, and some specimens are known to be well over 100 years old." Hmmm, although many of my orchids have survived for the 10 years that I have been an orchid grower, others have not. Gives me an excuse to buy more orchids!

We have interesting speakers lined up for you throughout the summer and fall on some great topics to help assist you in adding to and/or caring for your orchid collection. A big thank you to Carol Holdren, Honorary Lifetime Member of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS), our speaker at the June 14 meeting. Carol is the director of the International Orchid Foundation; accredited American Orchid Society judge, WPBJC; and board member of Flamingo Gardens.

Happy Orchiding!  
Cheryl Babcock  
DBOS President

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# Speaker of the Month

## Jim and Melana Davison

July 12, 2022 7:30 pm

### “The *Catasetum* Alliance”

Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim’s appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. Before his recent retirement, he worked as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as “The Orchidiva.” They are currently preparing a new greenhouse and shade area and have opened their own retail nursery, Jim-N-I Orchids. Together, Jim and Melana have seven grown children and five grandchildren. They live in Homestead with their two dogs, four of the five grandchildren and 5,000 plus orchids in their own collection, many more in the nursery.

They specialize in *L. anceps*, *C. walkeriana*, and *C. aelandiae*, and *Phalaenopsis* species. Their *Catasetinae* talk provides an overview on the culture and care of prominent *Catasetinae* species and their hybrids. This is an introductory lesson into the marvel of color and form of the *Catasetum* alliance, including *Catasetum*, *Clowesia*, *Mormodes*, and *Cynoches*.



*Catasetum pileatum*



*Clowesia warscewiczii*



*Mormodes ignea*



*Cynoches providence*

### Bulletin Board

DBOS holds monthly in-person meetings.

We look forward to seeing more of our members at our upcoming meetings. Remember, we meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach FL 33441.

Please check your email for information pertaining to our social events for 2022. 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.

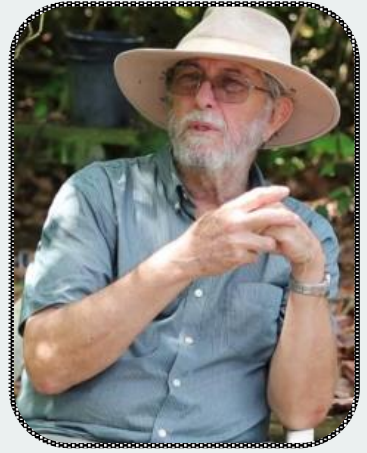
### July Climate Data

Average high: 90.9°F

Average low: 76.5°F

Average mean: 83.7°F

Average rainfall: 5.79"



## July in Your Orchid Collection

By Dr. Martin Motes

Although it mostly passes unnoticed to millions locked in their air-conditioned bubbles, July in South Florida is quite different from June. While the pattern of afternoon showers built from the moisture of the morning's sea breeze persists in July, the thunder-storms are sharper and shorter. The clouds linger less and the foliage dries more quickly. Less quantity of rain falls in July than in June and periods of several days typically pass without a drop. This is good news for orchid growers. July (and August) allow orchidists to focus on the first essential of orchid growing, drying the plant out.

Frequently, neophyte growers ask "What if I go away for several weeks in the summer and there is no one to water the plants?" The response is "That's wonderful". Experienced growers use the break in the rainfall during July and August to dry their plants "hard". Depriving orchids of water for several days until they and the media or baskets they grow in are bone dry is essential to good orchid culture. By drying the plants hard, one deals a severe blow to orchids natural enemy, fungus. Orchids have evolved to withstand drought because fungus can not. During severe drought fungus' only defense is to cease all growth and retreat into a spore stage. Hopefully (and with good cultural management) these pathogens will not be aroused from this slumber until the first drizzle of September sets in, allowing our plants two months to mature and harden their growth making them less vulnerable to the September conditions which give some advantage again to the fungi.

Careful watering and judicious drying will do more than any other practice to ensure healthy plants. Drought is the orchid plants armor against disease. Be sure that your plants dry as completely as the weather of July permits. Nonetheless, as our plants are in full growth they need adequate water in July therefor after a hard drying, orchid plants need a thorough re-hydration. If the next rain fall is insufficient to saturate pot, roots and media, the grower should add to the natural moisture until he is sure both roots and media are saturated, using two or three applications of water spaced a few minutes apart. When the plants stop dripping is the time to apply the next dose of water. Don't stop watering until the "heft" of the pot tells you that it is holding as much water as it can. More typically in July, orchidists should use these opportunities when more moisture is required to substitute fertilizer for water and saturate the roots and the media in the same thorough manner. In July typically think of fertilizing rather than watering. Weekly application of a commonly available balanced fertilizer (20-20-20 or 18-18-18) at two teaspoons per gal. will supply the nutrients that our plants require in this period of lush growth. This balanced formula should be alternated every other week with potassium nitrate and Epsom salts (one tablespoon each) to supply the extra magnesium and potassium we now know are plants need on a regular basis. Even better (although not so readily available) lower phosphorus fertilizers containing extra magnesium and calcium with a formula like Peter's Excel (15-5-15) have been.....*continued*..... ..

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# Happy Birthday



## JULY

**July 01 Lois Larson**  
**July 03 Judy Klein**  
**July 06 Darcy A. Corsaut**  
**July 07 Barbara Weimer**  
**July 11 Ron Franz**  
**July 13 Doug Dicks**  
**July 14 Kristina Brandt**  
**July 14 Wes Scott**  
**July 19 Cynthia Cummings**  
**July 23 Kathy King**  
**July 30 Kay McGinn**  
**July 31 Felipe Carles**

## AUGUST

**August 01 Millicent Hammill**  
**August 03 Tina Huyghe**  
**August 09 Kip Tatman**  
**August 14 David Bowe**  
**August 23 Madeline Felton**  
**August 25 Joni Goldberg**  
**August 27 Tomer Avivi**  
**August 28 Steve Brandt**  
**August 30 Elaine Mende**



# Highlights From Our June Meeting

## Photos Courtesy of John Morris



**Our Speaker  
Carol Holdren**



**Welcome - Membership  
Linda Woodhouse**



**Meeting announcements  
Our Past President  
Joseph Ortlieb**



**Raffle Ticket Sales  
Dennis Pearl and Raquel Carles**



**Raffle Table**



**Raffle Table**



**Snack Table  
Dennis Pearl**



**Shirt Sales  
T-Shirts and Polo Shirts  
Vice President  
Kristina Brandt**



**Member Plants Judging  
Past-Past Past President  
Rosemary Chenery**



**Paraphalaenopsis labukensis Seidenfadenia mitrata**  
**BLUE Ribbon Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**Cattleya Why Not**  
**BLUE Ribbon Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**Dendrobium Fire Wings "Oden's Delight"**  
**BLUE Ribbon Carol Ott**



**Myrmecophila Hedii x Mcp. Lyonisii**  
**BLUE Ribbon Susan Kolinsky**



**Conference Gold**  
**BLUE Ribbon Grace Holliday**



**Brassolaelia Yellow Bird**  
**BLUE Ribbon Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**Myrmecocattleya Kieth Goldson**  
**(Mcp. Tibicinis x C. Memoria Tom Fennell)**  
**RED Ribbon Susan Kolinsky**



**'Tagfelloff' (NoID)**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**Cattleya (NoID)**  
**Gail Ritchie**



**Epidendrum Ciliari**  
**Gail Ritchie**







# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

2022 - 2023



1. **Mar 14, 2023** DBOS 10th Annual Orchid Auction to be held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club.  
FREE Public Welcome  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
2. **Apr, 2023** DBOS Annual Home Ramble. DBOS members only.  
We will visit DBOS members' homes / orchid collections.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse
3. **Sep, 2022** DBOS Annual Bus Trip to Growers—Date TBD
4. **Oct 16, 2022** DBOS Annual Picnic at Tradewinds Park. DBOS Members and invited guests.  
Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt  
Committee: Racquel Carles, Jacqueline & Wes Scott
5. **Nov 12–13, 2022** DBOS 10th Annual Orchid Show and Sale, Orchid Obsession. Safe Schools Institute.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb
6. **Dec 3, 2022** DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party,  
to be held at the Croatian American Social Club.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse  
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton,  
and Grace Holliday

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



## Annual Bus Trip to Growers



Annual Auction



Annual Ramble



Annual Bus Trip to Growers



Annual Holiday Party

## Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2022

We thank our members for continuing to support DBOS. The DBOS Board of Trustees has lined up many wonderful activities for the remainder of the year including our bus trip, picnic, show and sale, and holiday party. We always hold our monthly meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, except for December when our annual holiday party replaces our meeting. DBOS paid members for 2022 will receive a beautiful FREE orchid if they attend the December 3, 2022, holiday party.

We kicked off the 2022 membership drive at the November 13-14, 2021, DBOS 9th Annual Show and Sale, Orchid Obsession, and welcomed 19 new members into the Society. These new members were invited to join us at the December 4, 2021, holiday party; the ninth annual auction on Tuesday, March 8 where they had the opportunity to bid on some lovely orchids to jump start or add to their collections; and the Annual Home Ramble on April 2nd where we visit members' homes to view their collections and have breakfast, lunch, munchies, and lively conversations. Why not save back \$20 (individual) or \$30 (couple) to renew your membership knowing that you will receive a lovely free orchid at the 2022 Holiday Party (always held on the first Saturday of December). We will hold our annual Bus Trip to visit Orchid Nurseries in the Homestead area in September (TBD) and our annual Picnic at Tradewinds Park on Sunday, October 16. We will round out the year with our annual show and sale in November and our holiday party in December. We have a lot of fun at our monthly meetings and learn from our speakers and from each other.

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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### New Members

**\$25.00/year Individual**

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# Upcoming Orchid Events 2022



[www.redlandfruitandspice.com/event/redland-international-orchid-festival-2/](http://www.redlandfruitandspice.com/event/redland-international-orchid-festival-2/)

## Redland International Orchid Festival

The original beloved Orchid Festival is back!

Friday through Sunday, October 7, 8, and 9, 2022

10:00 am—5:00 pm daily

Redland Fruit & Spice Park

24801 S.W. 187 Avenue

Homestead, FL 33031

Admission: \$15

305-247-5727



# MEMBERS' PLANTS

DBOS members, please send images of some of your favorite orchids at any time to [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) so we can share them with our membership. Mother Nature doesn't always allow some of our beautiful 'orchid babies' to bloom at the right time for our monthly meetings. We enjoy seeing your blooming orchids in the newsletter as well as in person on our members' table at the monthly meeting. We often see 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. Please also continue to bring in your blooming orchids to our member's table for judging at our monthly meetings.



Take it  
Virtual!

**Vanda Noid**  
**Ron Franz**



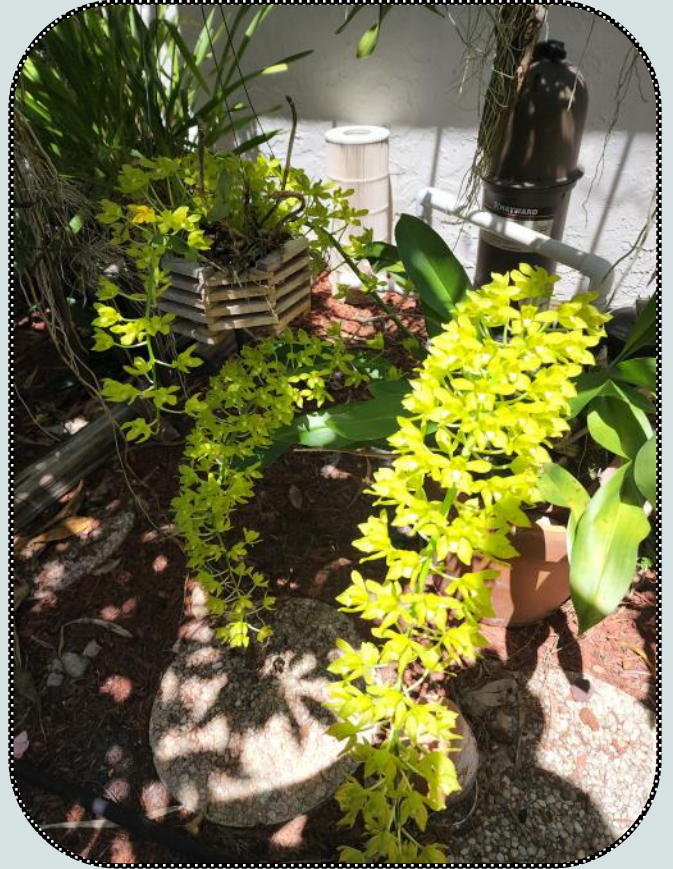
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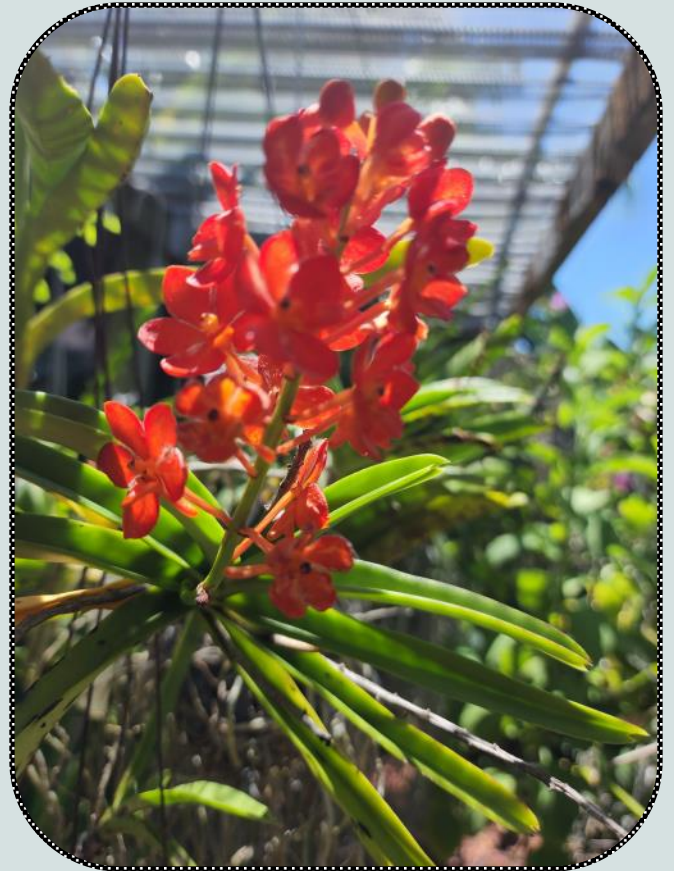
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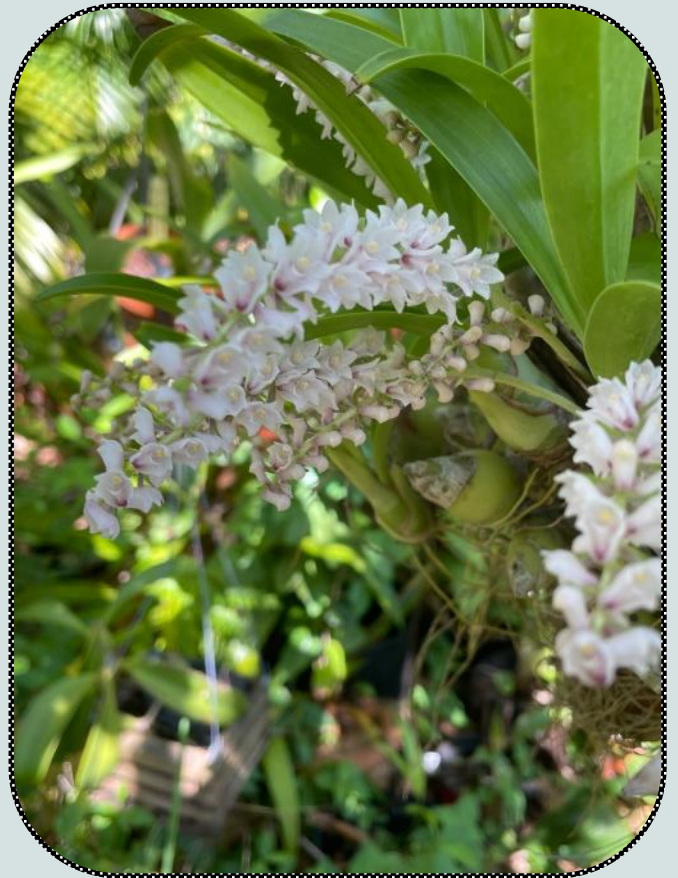




**B. regina x cordata**  
**John Pancoast**



**Bulb. maxillare**  
**John Pancoast**



**Eria hyacinthoides**  
**John Pancoast**



**Jo\_ *Chiloschista parishii*\_  
John Pancoast**



**Lot. *bicolor* x *pohlitinoco*  
John Pancoast**



**Milt. Sao Paulo  
John Pancoast**



**Onc. Sharry Baby  
John Pancoast**



**Perr. Bangkok Sunset**  
**John Pancoast**



**Perr. Thai After Glow**  
**John Pancoast**



**V. Sagarik Gold x V. curvifolia**  
**John Pancoast**



**Vanda NOLD**  
**John Pancoast**



**Dendrobium NoID  
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Dendrobium NoID  
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Eplc. Mae Bly 'Emy'  
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Garnet Beauty  
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Louise Fuchs  
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Perreiraara Rapeepath  
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Sonja jo  
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Stars and Stripes  
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Vanda Luzonica**  
Grace and Bill Holliday



**Vanda NoID**  
Grace and Bill Holliday



**Vanda NoID**  
Grace and Bill Holliday



**White Grace**  
Grace and Bill Holliday



**Oncidium sphacelatum**  
**Stephanie and Terry Morkert**



**Schomburgkia NoID**  
**Stephanie and Terry Morkert**



**Schomburgkia NoID**  
**Stephanie and Terry Morkert**



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



**Wilsonara Tropic Breeze 'Everglades' HCC/AOS**  
**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



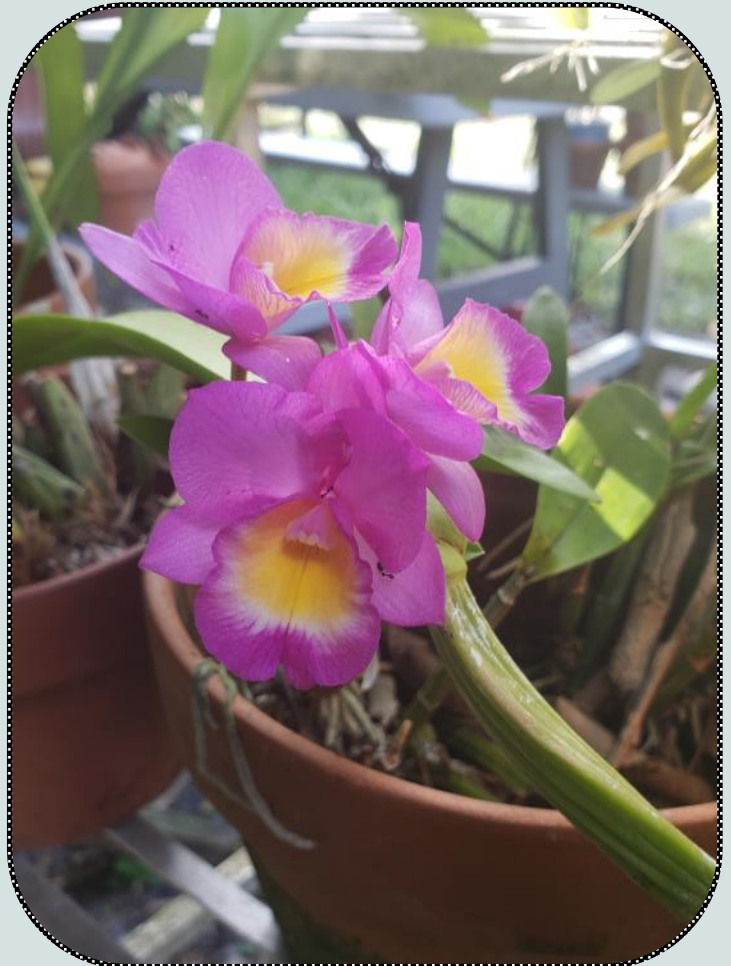
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## Become a Member of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society!

### 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.

**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

DBOS members have access to our orchid library, insightful and informative web pages, opportunities to purchase plants from our speakers, tips from our members, and 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

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## Calendar of Meetings

**All Societies below have  
returned to  
In-Person 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/)

## 2022 Committee Positions

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Advertising	Raquel Carles Dennis Pearl
Events	Cheryl Babcock Kristina Brandt Linda Woodhouse
Librarian	DBOS Officers & Board of Directors
Membership	Linda Woodhouse John Williams
Newsletter	Terry Morkert
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Photographer	John Morris
Plant Judging	Rick Bellas
Programs	Cheryl Babcock
Publicity	Cheryl Babcock
Raffle Table	Raquel Carles Dennis Pearl
Refreshments	Dennis Pearl
Sunshine	Lois Larson
Webmaster	Joe Ortlieb Terry Morkert

### **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)