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Happy March to all our Orchid friends. Boy did it come in like a LION. I trust you all heeded the warnings so kindly send by Marting notes, in his 'blast' emails. Watch out for the cold, and know what to do.

This month one of our own life time members, Carol holdren will be speaking on the 10 orchids you SHOULD own. I'm trying to guess, and can only be sure of one, Lady of the night, Brassavola Nodosa. This gentle delicate white flower is fragrant at night, so it can attract it's pollinator, the moth.

Please try to come early and bring a friend. This will be a great beginners lecture, and have plenty of interesting hints and information for those of us who have been fortunate enough to have owned orchids for some time.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Don't forget your dues for the 2013 year are due. See page 10 for the dues structure.

Regards,

Rosemary

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February Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Dendrobium	Den. Blue Foxtail (= <i>Den. arcuatum</i> x Den. Udom Blue Angel)	Carol Ott
Dendrobium	Den. Golden Arch (= <i>Den. speciosum</i> x Den. Lynette Banks)	Vince & Debbie Dicks
Oncidium	Oncidium Golden Afternoon 'Rich Yellow' (syn: <i>Wilsonara</i> Golden Afternoon) (= <i>Onc. Tigrina</i> x <i>Onc. sphacelatum</i>)	Grace Holliday
Ascocentrum		Grace Holliday

AOS Corner

AOS Orchids online! As I mentioned last month, the magazine *Orchids* is now available online. All AOS members are able to access the digital magazine by logging on to the AOS website using their current user name and password; then click on the link to view the magazine. It is portable; it may be download each month and available to read offline. It may be printed – as many pages as needed. No more waiting on the mail to see the new magazine each month. Each month will be readily available before the print copy is mailed.

If you are not a member of AOS, we invite you to join us. For the cost of a domestic membership (\$65 per year) in the AOS you will receive the digital version no matter where you are. Remember, one years' membership includes the twelve magazines per year, access to the members' only section of the website, free or discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta, the annual Orchid Source Directory, discounts at select orchid vendors and back issues of AOS publications as well as being part of a worldwide orchid community who share your passion for orchids. For exact cost of digital and print memberships, check the website at www.aos.org. Non US delivery of magazines may be part of your subscription basically for the additional cost of mailing.

\$50,000 for Orchid Research

The AOS is soliciting its members and the general public for practical or applied orchid research ideas that could be immediately used by hobbyists and commercial growers. The ideas will be reviewed and the winners will become proposals to be sent to various universities or institutions of higher learning. The AOS has received this generous donation that will be used to fund the research at the institution(s) submitting the proposal(s). Send your ideas to ideas@aos.org. No idea is too "far out." Please note, however, that submitting the idea to the AOS does not qualify for any of the research grant. The grants will be disbursed only to established research institutions.

Happy Birthday

Robert Fabricant Mar 4

Terry Perone Mar 7

Friederike Hafley Mar 12

Debbie Dicks Mar 15

Denice Willis Mar 15

John Babcock Mar 25

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 **January** meeting!

Donna Edwards
Mary Pritchard
Millicent
Stephanie Morkert

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

While scanning the **Members Only** portion of the American Orchid Society web site, I discovered a link to these amazing videos of orchids as they mature and flower.

Click on **Orchid Videos** in the list on the left of the page.

<http://www.healingorchids.com/livingtreeorchidvideos.html>

I encourage you to become a member of the AOS for just \$65 a year.

Join today and begin receiving a wealth of membership benefits including:

- TWELVE issues of award-winning ORCHIDS magazine
- Access to reliable on-line orchid information and features available only to our members at www.aos.org
- Receive the annual Orchid Source Directory detailing orchid suppliers worldwide
- Free and discounted admission to [more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta](#)

10% discount on purchases on-line at www.aos.org including discount on back issues of ORCHIDS magazine and on American Orchid Society published books

Rosemary Chenery
AOS representative

Speaker of the Month

Carol Holdren

Ten Orchids You Should Own

Carol Holdren is a long time orchid lover with a history of willing participation in the affairs and activities of orchid societies. She was Director of Personnel at an independent supermarket chain before moving from Indiana to Florida in 1984. She finished her BS in Business at Florida Atlantic University when she wasn't fishing or boating with her husband John.

She also bought a purple *Vanda* at a local botanical garden show. That plant led to several others as well as membership and participation in the local orchid society. As her collection grew she and some of her orchid friends took a class in Orchidology at the University of Florida. Carol also began attending the West Palm Beach Judging Center and became an accredited judge in 2003. She is presently Vice-Chair of the West Palm Beach Judging Center. Carol is a director of the International Orchid Foundation.

Carol will be speaking on "Ten Orchids You Should Own", a program that evolved from discussions with orchid professionals and hobbyists. There will be something for new growers as well as long time hobbyists so we hope to see you there.

Please Join Us at our Mother's Day Sale

South Gazebo—Mizner Park

Boca Raton

Saturday, May 11

10am to 4pm

Orchid Arrangements for Sale

Orchid Raffle

Get your picture taken amongst the orchids

Please Renew your Membership today

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.

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

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

1. **Apr. ??, 2013** Orchid Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.
Leaving Women's Club at 9am
Chairperson: Needed Assistant: Needed

2. **Oct. ??, 2013** Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield
Beach Arboretum.
Chairperson: Needed

3. **Nov ??, 2013** Second Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Madeline Felton

4. **Nov ??, 2013** Fall Show and Sale. To be held at the Civic Center in Pompano Beach.
Saturday & Sunday Chairpersons: Rosemary Chenery

5. **Dec 10, 2013** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here

Chairperson: Needed

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

GROWING TIPS

for March

By

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Spring is here; at least it was today. No matter when it finally arrives, there are a few indicators that should be obeyed when it does. For me, small dead roaches in a cup of water said it was. Empty cups are left on benches among plants and moved around each week to be sure that my watering is thoroughly soaking pots and media. It is surprising how often I find a portion of a bench that seems to be neglected when it comes to water. The drowned roaches, however, indicate that some insects are beginning to hatch and become active, thanks to warmer night temperatures.

If you follow this column you may remember that the large roaches, "Palmetto Bugs", that rule Florida have been my worst enemy since moving here five years ago. An old friend, Karen Tobiassen, suggested that I try Orthoboric acid. Sold in a fine granular form, the product was initially scattered around on benches especially where I had either seen roaches during one of my late night "roach hunts" or seen roots eaten by what I suspected were roaches. Some was also applied on the surface of extra orchids to be sure there were no negative effects on my orchids.

Initially, I was disappointed because there was no pile of roach corpses scattered under benches. After a couple of weeks, I noticed fewer damaged roots near areas where the Orthoboric acid had been placed and dead roaches nearby. Most important was the fact that these dead roaches were terminal larval stages that are the most destructive because they live in the bottoms of orchid pots. They were often found during repotting and very hard to kill with pesticides while hiding in the pot among the medium and crock or Styrofoam peanuts. Better still was the fact that the orchids and their roots in pots saturated with the stuff looked just fine when I removed these from their pots. An application throughout the greenhouse in early fall seemed to eliminate these pests all winter.

Their return was not surprising, given the fact that there is lots of nature outside the greenhouse that sneaks in during winter. A spring application will begin this month even though I have seen no apparent damage yet.

There is a mystery that has long intrigued me with respect to orchids and disease. There are number of commercial growers and friends from whom I receive orchids where I expect problems. It is not the quality of their orchids, but the fact that plants from them develop more than a normal level of diseases once in my growing area. Why? I have examined these plants carefully, looked at nutrients in their tissues that are usually high, and not found satisfactory answers. Conversely, my orchids as well as those from some other growers rarely have these problems even though they are growing side by side.

My suspicion was that my own plants had some type of immunity or at least resistance to many diseases that these other orchids did not have. While plants do not have circulatory systems where disease fighting cells will move to diseased areas, they do have an immune response. The immunity is stimulated by previous attacks from pathogens and communicated around the plant via plant hormones called auxins. Even more interesting is the fact that some auxins can be passed from plant to plant via the air, even to plants of different species.

A new product that attempts to stimulate Systemic Acquired Resistance (SAR) is now being marketed for various vegetable crops and is reputed to boost the plants immune system, increase plant growth and flowering and even decrease the incidence of Botrytis. Will such a product work on orchids that grow slowly and are members of a distinctly different plant family? Pesticides that confuse insect molting cycles seemed like wild ideas at one time, but are now part of my pest control. Who knows what this new product will do? Only time will tell.

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Membership News!!

As you all know, when you bring a guest to a meeting the guest will receive 5 raffle tickets for a chance to win an item from our raffle table.

Now, if your guest should become a member, you will receive 10 raffle tickets at the next meeting! That is a win-win for everyone involved.

So round up your friends and invite them to join us at one of our monthly meetings. We always welcome new members.

2013 Orchid Events

March 8-10, 2013

Fairchild International Orchid Festival

Fairchild Tropic Botanic Gardens

10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL

Over 50 vendors, garden workshops, walking tours, food and entertainment

9:30am to 4:30pm all days

Admission: Free for members and children 5 and under, \$25 non-member adults, \$18 seniors 65 and up, \$12 children 6 to 17.

March 30-13, 2013

Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Expo & Sale

3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie, FL

Experience the beauty of orchids at Flamingo Garden's 32nd International Orchid & Bromeliad Show. The International Orchid & Bromeliad show is the most popular event at Flamingo Gardens with over 30 of the best orchid & bromeliad vendors selling rare and exotic species from around the globe. The Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents their annual American Orchid Society judged show of award winning orchids in the Gallery, along with lectures and demonstrations from orchid experts. Find orchid supplies and enjoy live music, food, and for Easter kids can meet the bunny and make crafts.

9:30am to 4:30pm all days

Admission: \$18 ages 12+, \$10 ages 4-11, ages 3 and under free, members free

April 27-28, 2013

Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale

559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

This annual plant sale features over 80 vendors with an amazing assortment of quality plants and goods. Palms, orchids, bamboo, begonias, bromeliads, fruit trees, and many other types of plants will be for sale. This is your opportunity to learn about the plants that grow well in South Florida and it's the best place to find something new for your garden. The American Hibiscus Society, Sunrise-Conrad Chapter & Greater Palm Beach Rose Society will be having their annual show & judging featuring many of the state's best blooms. Plants will be available at their booths. The Palm Beach County Woodturners will be selling a large selection of their beautiful woodturnings. Memberships will be available at the gates.

Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 9am-4pm

Admission: Members Free, Non-Members \$10

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.

New Dues for 2013

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.

<u>Renewals</u>		<u>New Members</u>	
Individual	\$20.00 yr.	Individual	\$25.00 yr.
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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

Share Your Story...

Be Part Of The Newsletter

In order to keep the newsletter interesting, I'm suggesting that members share their stories with us. We've had articles from members in the past and everyone loved it! I think that this will be a fun way to learn what other members have to contribute. We've all had our experiences with orchids... Now is the time to share yours with us. All articles can be given to me at a meeting so I can scan it into the newsletter. Or, you can email it to me at

DBOSorchids@gmail.com. It must be in typed form. Pictures are okay. The article:

"Email me your story today!"

Once, Twice, Three Times A Member

We always encourage members to bring a guest to our educational monthly meetings. This helps promote and increase our membership. Our speakers cost money. After an individual is a guest more than 2 times, they are no longer considered a guest and need to join the society by paying the Annual Dues. Being a member has so many benefits why would you not want to join after being a guest a few times? See Donna Edwards for New Membership

Calendar of Meetings

Thursday, March 14, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, March 11 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, March 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. Judging Plant Table.....Don Carpenter/Juan Bofill/Rosemary Chenery
4. Newsletter.....Lisa Krukoski
5. Librarian.....Diana Foulke
6. Meeting PlaceTBD
7. Sunshine.....Lois Larson
8. Nominating..... Rosemary Chenery
9. Publicity.....Rosemary Chenery
10. Plant Table.....Speaker or DBOS
11. Events.....Madeline Felton
12. Refreshments.....Mary Pritchard
13. AOS Representative.....Rosemary Chenery
14. CourtesyDenice 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

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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!