



# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

## CATTLEYA



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## President's Message

### Happy St. Patrick's Day!



The DBOS Board of Trustees and I imagine each of you are hoping like we are that things will soon be better as more vaccinations are given and Covid-19 cases seem to be diminishing so we will be able to hold in-person meetings again later this spring. We miss seeing you in person and enjoying the beautiful orchids that you bring to share on our hobbyist table. Our newsletter editor, Terry Morkert, has been doing a fabulous job of sharing many of the photos of blooming orchids from our members. If you have photos of orchids that you would like to share with us, please send the photos to [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com), and we will see that Terry gets them for a future newsletter.

We are pleased to welcome our speaker for the 7:30 pm, March 9 Zoom meeting, John Romano, who will be speaking on Soft Cane Dendrobiums. John started growing orchids at the age of 13 and spent several years working at different garden centers. At JEM Orchids in Delray, he worked as their grower for several years. John is a member of the Coalition for Orchid Species, FOG, and the Newbie FOG groups on Facebook and also runs the Sobralia, Brasolia, and Dendrobium species groups on Facebook as well as the Let's Talk Orchids group, and he hosts the YouTube show. He has had a new species of Sobralia named after him, *Sobralia romanoi*, and has received many awards for Dendrobiums. 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.

Prem Subrahmanyam was our February DBOS speaker and spoke about Florida's Endangered Orchids. Prem, a Florida native, 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. 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, Prem shared many of his fabulous photos during his presentation.

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.

Happy Orchiding!

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### Bulletin Board

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 February meeting, check your email for the email sent to you the morning of February 11th from [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) containing the recorded link.

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](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) and someone will get back to you.

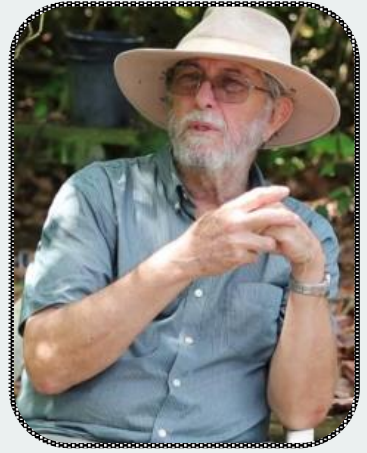
### March Climate Data

Average high: 80.7°F

Average low: 64°F

Average mean: 72.4°F

Average rainfall: 2.56"



## March in Your Orchid Collection

By Dr. Martin Motes

Whilst March never comes in like a lion in South Florida, occasionally it slinks in like a bob cat. Frost is not unheard of in the first few days of the month. The more cold sensitive genera, hard cane dendrobiums, phalaenopsis and vandas may well need some protection even into the middle of the month. Overall, however, March brings us some of the most ideal orchid growing conditions of the entire year. Dry air, low humidity and wide swings of day to night temperatures optimize both blooming and rooting of most orchids. In March, Nature gives orchidists growing outside a free sample of what life would be like with a covered green house. With little or no additional water falling from the sky and drying breezes acting like fans, we are in total control of our plants' water needs. Now, we can water properly: very heavily, and allow the plants to dry thoroughly in the near desert air before the next heavy application of water.

The ideal growing conditions of March present a great opportunity to get our plants off to a superlative start on the new growing season. The virtuous among us, who have already re-potted their cattleyas and other sympodials as they have finished blooming across the winter, can smile serenely, assured of their place in orchid heaven. For us few reprobate it is still not too late to catch up with virtue. In addition to flowered-out plants, now is also the time to replant those genera which are breaking or ready to break their dormancy; i.e. catasetums, mormodes, calanthes and those Himalayan species that have finished flowering. Now is also an excellent time to re-pot those hard cane dendrobiums that need it, with the reminder that they really don't like to be disturbed and relish their roots being crowded in the pot. For those commercially mass produced plants grown in peat based mixtures, repotting is necessary in any case as the peat mix will not last out the summer and will likely rot all the roots. Hopefully these will have rooted so thoroughly that the roots have formed a solid mass that can be shifted undisturbed to a new only slightly larger pot. Otherwise the roots will need to be washed clean and lightly trimmed. Rock, tree fern, coconut husk, charcoal/wood chip mixes are best replacement media for the long haul. All of these materials have a life expectancy of several years before they break down in South Florida wet humid summers.

Attention to fertilizer in March will pay high dividends later on. As many sympodial orchids are commencing their growth cycle, now is a good time to apply slow release fertilizer to last the season. The 13-13-13, 180 day formula marketed at Home Depot as 'Dynamite' (Nutri-cote in commercial sizes) is the best available. Its plastic coating is superior to others and relatively unaffected by heat, an especially important consideration in S. Florida. Applied now it will be exhausted by September when we want to slow our plants down in anticipation of bloom and dormancy. The wide temperature swings of March also maximize the effectiveness of high phosphorous 'Bloom Booster' fertilizer. The extra phosphorous in these formulas probably does not really stimulate flowers (most likely the opposite) but does help rooting. Two applications a week apart will speed the rooting process. Return to regular 15-5-15 fertilizer weekly thereafter as the excess phosphorus in the "Bloom Booster" interferes with minor element absorption to an inordinate degree in our highly alkaline South Florida water. ....Continued.....



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# Speaker of the Month

## John Romano

Virtual ZOOM Presentation

March 9, 2021 7:30 pm

### “Soft Cane Dendrobiums”

John Romano will be our March speaker, with a program on genus *Dendrobium*. The dens' native range spans from India all the way to New Zealand. Many are popular and grow well in South Florida.

John started growing orchids in 1979 at the age of 13. He worked at Waterloo Gardens, Inc in Exton, PA and Gilberties Garden Center in Delaware County, PA. In 2002, he got hired at JEM Orchids in Delray as their grower and worked there until 2005. John is a member of Coalition for Orchid Species, FOG, and Newbie FOG groups on Facebook. He runs the *Sobralia* and *Brasolia* group and the *Dendrobium* species group on Facebook as well as the Let's Talk Orchids group and hosts the YouTube show.

In 2014 John had a new species of *Sobralia* named after him, *Sobralia romanoi* and has had Den Spring Bird 'Karashiki' HCC/AOS, Den Yellow Paney 'March' AM/AOS, Den miyakei 'Other Worlds' CCE/AOS, Den faciferum 'Other Worlds' AM/CCM/AOS, Den amoenum 'Other Worlds' CBR/AOS awarded since 2015.

In addition to his accomplishments as an orchidist, John is a licensed healthcare provider, licensed as a massage therapist, specializing in sports/athletic massage and pain management in 1986 first in PA, then licensed in FL in 2005. President for Broward County chapter of the Florida State Massage Therapy Association in 2009–2014 and the current state 2nd vice president. He teaches continuing education for healthcare providers in MPS Therapy, Pain management, Medical massage and Aromatherapy. He was selected as one of the top 10 therapists internationally by the Madison Ave's Who's Who in 2009; selected as a member of the International Sports Professionals Association for outstanding work on professional athletes in 2010; and selected as an official therapist for the 2012 Olympics in London.

**Link to the ZOOM meeting will be sent to members from [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) prior to the meeting.**



# Happy Birthday



## 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 31 Sandy Steinberg**

## APRIL

**Apr 01 Nye Woodhouse**

**Apr 02 Myra Tucker-Joeckel**

**Apr 02 John Morris**

**Apr 08 James Peer**

**Apr 10 Laura Dardour**

**Apr 10 Maren Domich**

**Apr 14 Linda Woodhouse**

**Apr 19 Cynthia Cummings**

**Apr 21 John Pangerl**

**Apr 22 Denise Rough**

**Apr 20 Jesus Hill**

**Apr 25 Lisa Sarno**

**Apr 29 Virginia Bauer**

**Apr 30 Elaine Mende**





# 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](mailto: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.



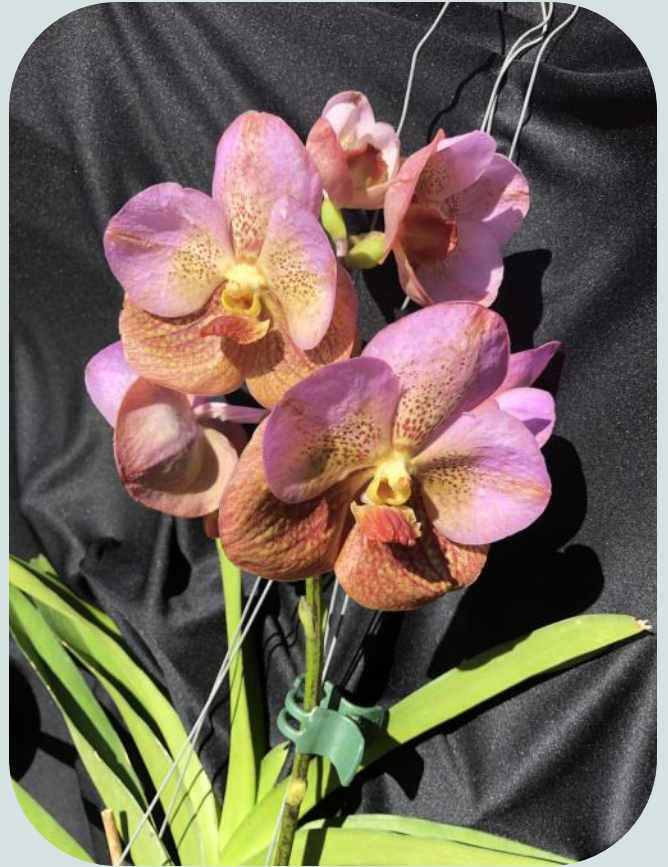
*Take it virtual!*

**Oncidium sphacelatum**

**Madeline Felton**



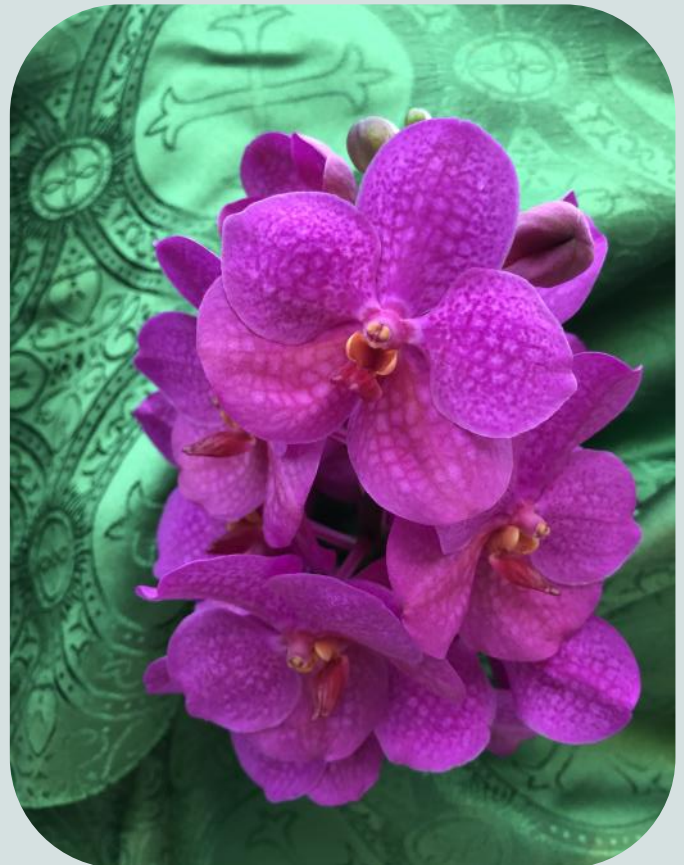
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**Vanda NOID**  
**Madeline Felton**



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**Cattleya NOID  
Madeline Felton**



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**Lois Larsen**



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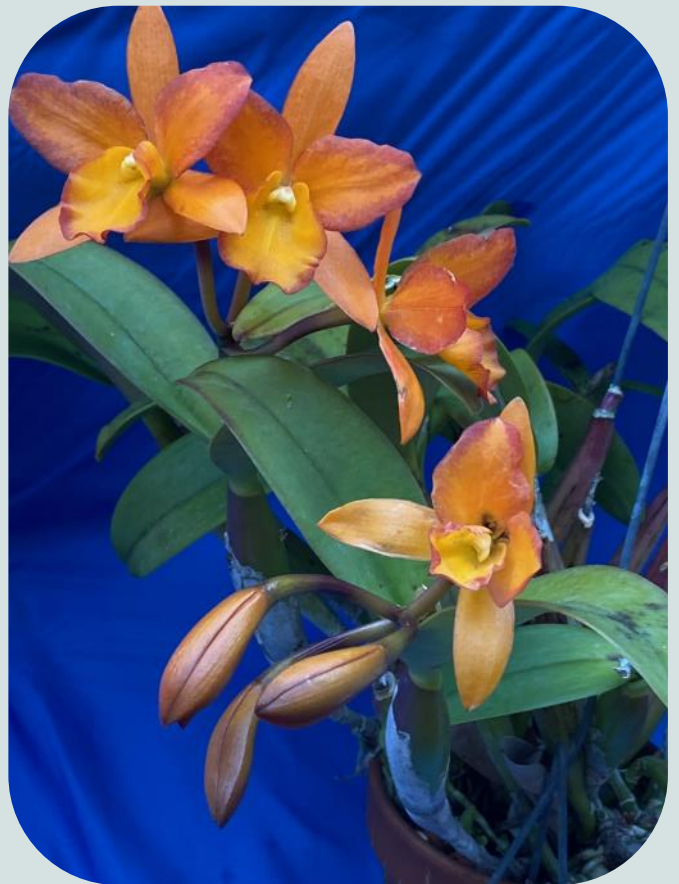
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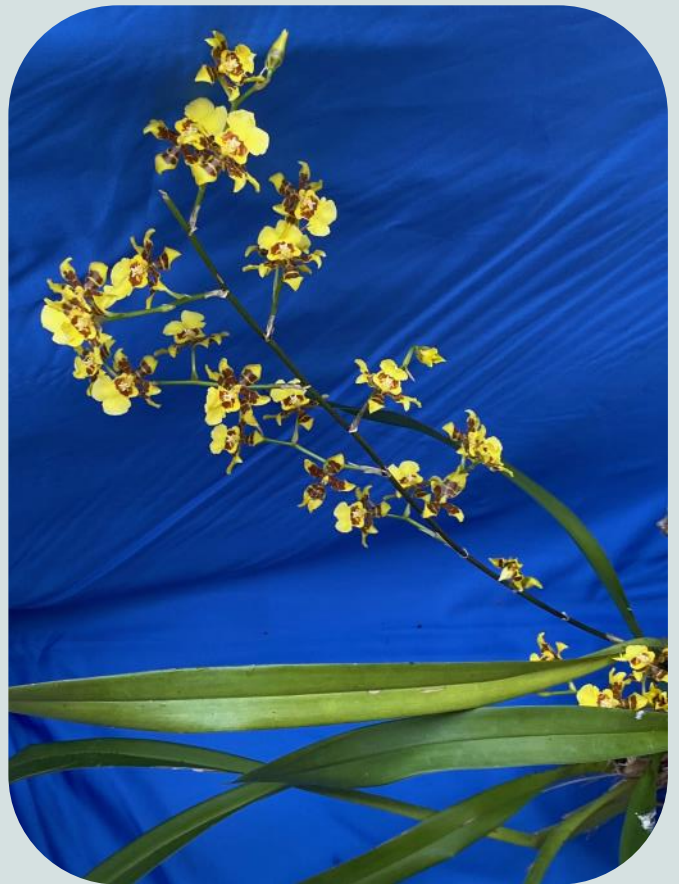
**Calathea vestita**  
**John Pancoast**



**Bic. Fuchs Orange**



**Paph. Emerald Magic 'in-charm' x Paph. In**  
**-Charm Gold '2007 #F'**  
**John Pancoast**



**Oncidium species**  
**John Pancoast**



**BLC. Momilani Rainbow 'Waldor'**  
**John Pancoast**



**Vanda Motes Blue Bird x V. Motes Ruby Pixie**  
**John Pancoast**



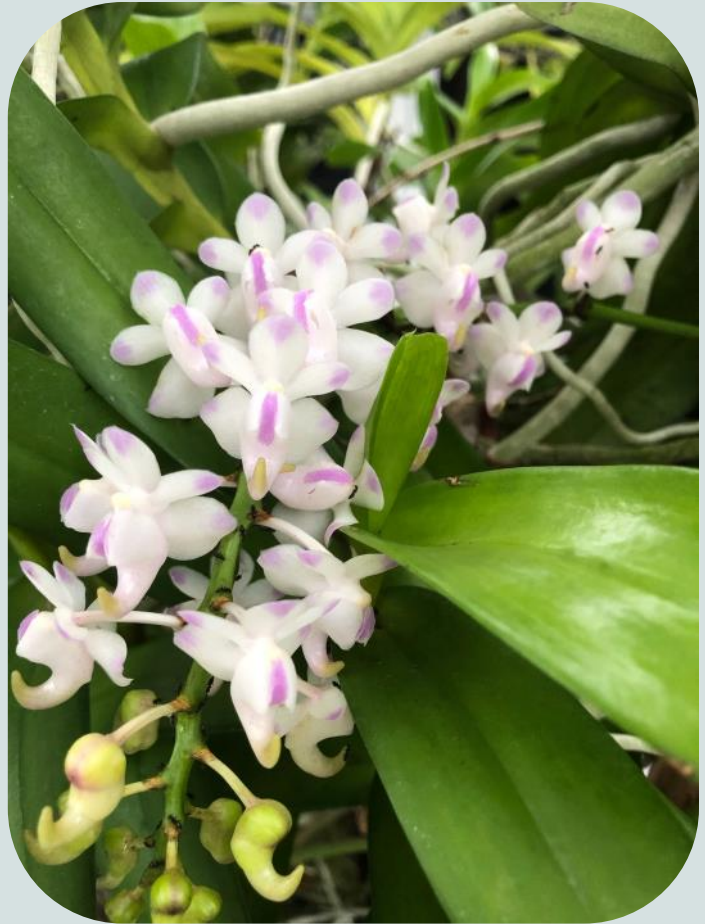
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**Vanda Mona Church**  
**John Pancoast**



**Aerides odoranta**  
**Rosemary Cheney**



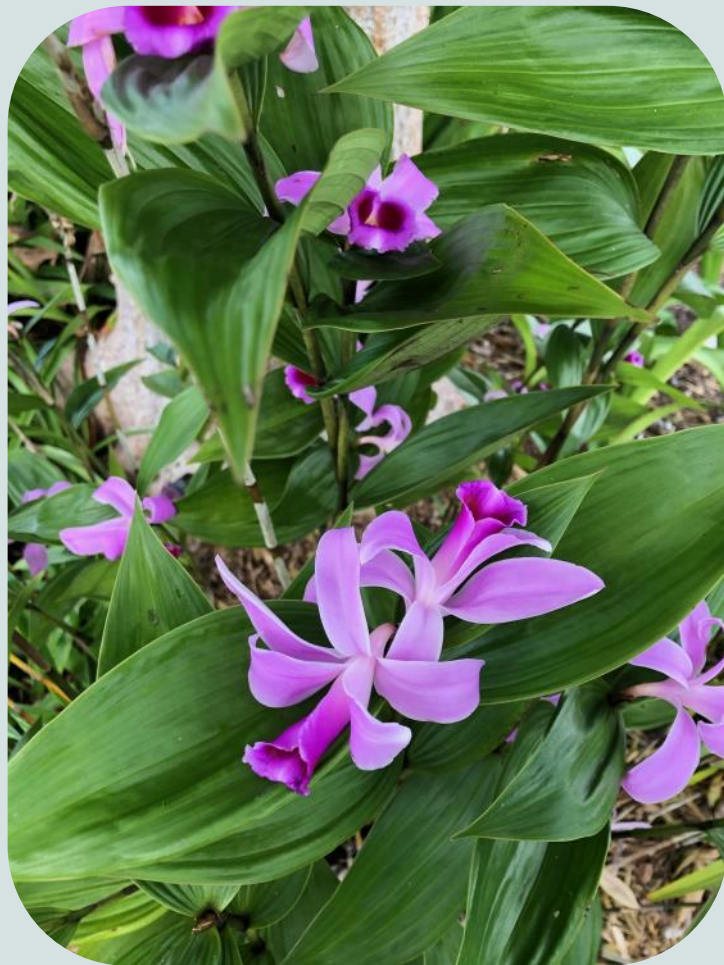
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**Rosemary Cheney**



**Maikai meumi**  
**Rosemary Cheney**



**Sobrelia bradeorum**  
**Rosemary Chenery**



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**Rosemary Chenery**



**Oncidium sphacelatum**  
**Grace Holliday**



**Hawaiian Prominence**  
**Grace Holliday**



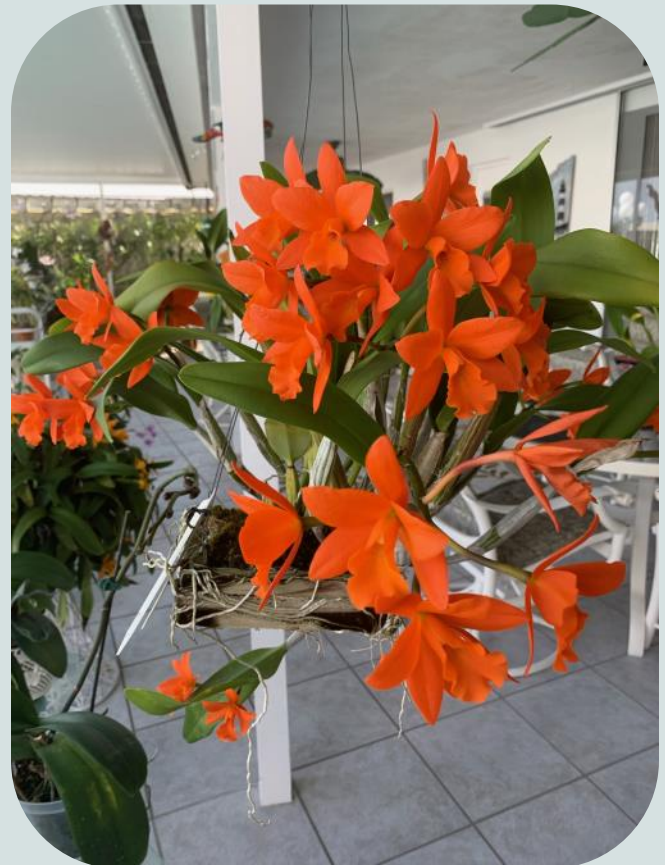
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**Blc. Lawless Zaubierflote**  
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**Pot. Love Passion 'Island Romance'**  
**Grace Holliday**



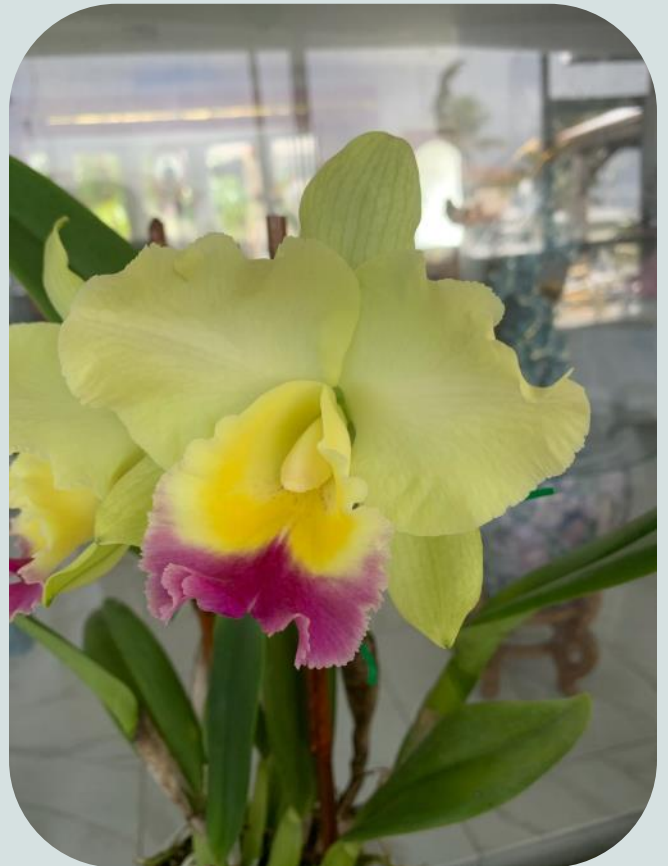
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Grace Holliday**



**Guatemalens  
Grace Holliday**



**NOID**



**Rlc. Chomthong Delight 'yellow watermelon'  
Grace Holliday**





**Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'Waldor'**  
**Cheryl Babcock**



**Rlc. Annie Belle 'Krull-Smith' AM/AOS**  
**Cheryl Babcock**



**NOID**  
**Cheryl Babcock**



**Slc. Gregory Darden**  
**Cheryl Babcock**



**Den. Country Girl 'Warabeuta'**  
**Cheryl Babcock**



**Blc. Bouton D 'CR' NN**  
**Cheryl Babcock**



**Vanda and NOID Phals  
Cheryl Babcock**



**Vanda Josephine Van Brero x Vanda miniata  
Cheryl Babcock**



**NOID**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



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**Mojarra Kiti**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**Broughtonia negrilensis**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**NOID**  
**Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**NOID**  
Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



**NOID**  
Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



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Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



**Dendrobium Farmeri**  
**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**Bulbophyllum NOID**  
**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**Dendrobium Farmeri**  
**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



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**Dendrobium NOID**  
**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



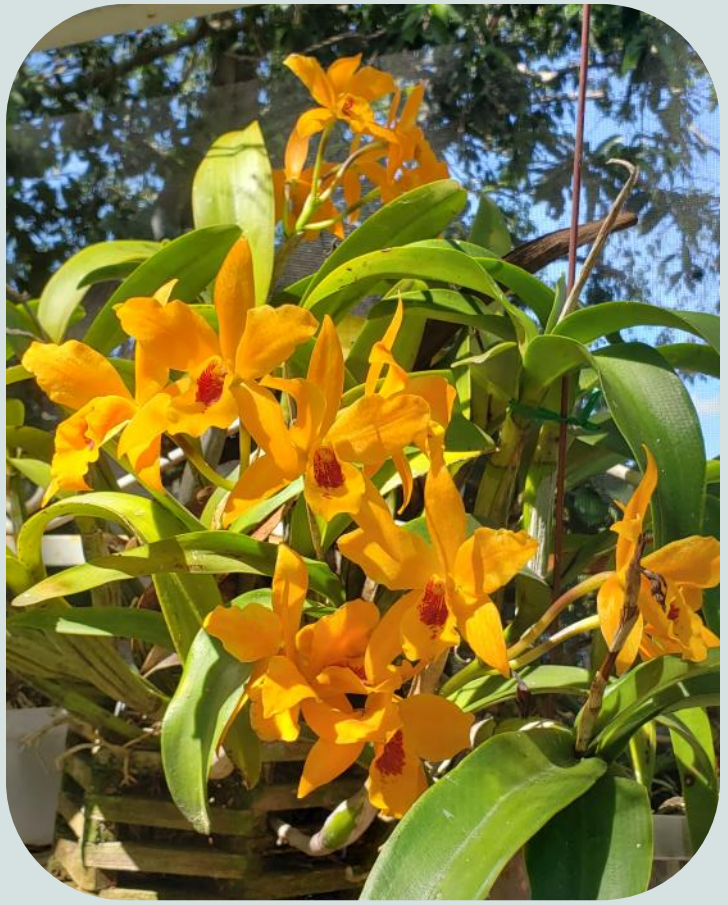
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**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



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**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**Dendrobium Aggregatum**



**Gold Digger**  
**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**Cattleya Skinneri**  
**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**Schomburgkia NOID**  
**Stephanie & Terry Morkert**

## 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](mailto: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; Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids in California who showed amazing photos of his unique orchids; Wendy Mazuk, who shared stunning photos of Dendrophylax lindenii, better known as the elusive Ghost Orchid, and Prem Subrahmanyam, who spoke about Florida's Endangered 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 re-view 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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## 2021 Committee Positions

### 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/](http://www.brosonline.org/)

**In the meantime, support your local vendors through online ordering and/or gift certificates so you can buy new orchids later.**

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### 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)