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Hello Fellow Orchid Lovers!

My goodness how the year has flown, May is here already!

The spring show was very active again, and I hope you used all your Xmas gift dollars to increase your orchid collection. If not, there's always Redlands International Orchid Festival May 17-19th. If you have never attended this show, I strongly suggest you try to go. Admission is only \$10 to see SIXTY vendors from around the world, a great opportunity to pick up some rare species for your collection to wow us on our display table in the future.

I'd like to thank the entire Board for mounting a wonderful House ramble and April meeting, I hear I missed a lot of fun.

We all need to thank Cheryl Babcock, who has been advertising our meetings both online, and in many community newspapers. We have already attracted a few guests and a new member. If you have a suggestion for Cheryl, to spread the word even further, then please share your suggestions with her at the May meeting.

We would like some help with the web site. It is already structured and hosted, but we could use some assistance in posting new photos of club events. If you have any interest, please contact one of the Board members by phone or Email.

This Saturday is our Mother's day fund raiser at Mizner Park. Debbie Dicks and her committee have been hard at work making some lovely arrangements, and will have a few orchids for sale as well. Please come out and visit us Saturday May 11 from 10 – 4 to assist.

We have a number of social events planned for our club this year. See page 6. Planning is in full swing for our Fall Show, more details to follow..

This month's speaker is Chuck McCartney speaking on Florida Orchids (see his bio on page 4). This promises to be a most informative meeting.

I can't wait to see all of you at the meeting. Bring a friend or two!

Rosemary Chenery

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April Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Species	<i>Encyclia cordigera</i> var. <i>rosea</i>	Joe Ortlieb
Species	<i>Cattleya skinneri</i>	Joe Ortlieb/Dennis Pearl
Species	<i>Miltonia flavescens</i>	Dennis Pearl
Phalaenopsis	Phalaenopsis Fuller's Sunset (= Phal. Taisuco Date x Phal. Chian Xen Queen)	Joe Ortlieb
Phalaenopsis	Phalaenopsis Little Gem (= Phal. Hebe x <i>Phal. sanderi-ana</i>)	Joe Ortlieb

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

Dennis Pearl May 7



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 **April** meeting!

Grace Holliday
Dennis Pearl
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
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Rosemary Chenery
AOS representative

Speaker of the Month

Chuck McCartney

A fourth-generation South Floridian, Chuck McCartney was raised in Homestead, where his family grew up with three generations of the orchid-growing Fuchs family. Orchids are the first flowers he remembers as a child, and he has been fascinated with them ever since.

Chuck graduated from Florida State University in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in English education. He taught English at Miami Central High School for two years before joining the *South Dade News Leader* in Homestead as a staff writer covering such subjects as religion, history, agriculture, and the environment. In 1976, he moved to Broward County, where he first served as copy editor and garden editor for *The Sun-Tattler*, then a Scripps-Howard daily newspaper in Hollywood. He later was named the paper's entertainment editor, and in that position, he reviewed films and stage plays and interviewed celebrities.

In 1984, Chuck joined the staff of the American Orchid Society as assistant editor of the society's publications when the organization moved its national headquarters to West Palm Beach. He eventually became editor of the *AOS Bulletin* (now *Orchids* magazine) and the *Awards Quarterly*, where his journalistic skills and knowledge of orchids helped to improve the look and contents of those publications. He left the AOS in 1989. In April of 2009, Chuck retired after working nearly 19 years as a copy editor with the Broward Edition of *The Miami Herald*.

Chuck has written extensively about orchids for such publications as the *AOS Bulletin* (and later *Orchids* magazine), *The Florida Orchidist*, *The Orchid Digest*, England's *Orchid Review*, the *Fairchild Tropical Garden Bulletin*, and *The Palmetto*, the magazine of the Florida Native Plant Society.

Chuck is especially interested in the native orchids of southern Florida. For more than 30 years, he has followed in the footsteps of Dr. Carlyle A. Luer, author of *The Native Orchids of Florida*, exploring the pine-lands, hammocks, swamps and mangrove forests of the Keys, Everglades National Park and the Big Cypress Swamp in search of our native orchids. He has found and photographed most of the 60 species reported to be native to this end of the state.

Chuck also has studied orchids and other wildflowers in the mountains of western North Carolina, which he has visited since he was 10 years old. He owns a small summer cabin in the mountains and has written about the orchids of that region.

In addition to his magazine articles, Chuck speaks frequently to orchid societies, garden clubs, native plant societies, and natural history groups about the orchids and other wildflowers of South Florida and the Southern Appalachians, illustrating these programs with his color slides.

Chuck has been a member of the American Orchid Society since 1976 and is a longtime member of the Florida Native Plant Society.

Please Join Us at Our Mother's Day Sale

South Gazebo—Mizner Park

Boca Raton

Saturday, May 11

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Orchid Arrangements for Sale

Orchid Raffle

*****Orchid arrangers needed—Please see Debbie Dicks for info*****

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Renewals

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New Members

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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. 13, 2013** Orchid Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.
Leaving Women's Club at 9am
Chairperson: Joseph Ortlieb

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

3. **Nov ??, 2013** Third Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Needed

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 May

By

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May is one of the busiest months for orchid hobbyists. There is still time to repot, fertilize and attend to orchid pests. "Should I repot this orchid?" is a common question. Repotting is most critical and often hard for new hobbyists because it takes a while to learn how to do it properly and it's hard to determine if the orchid should be repotted. The tendency is to want to repot, especially when there are roots going everywhere and a growth is at the edge of the pot. Orchids hate to be repotted, so repotting should only be done when absolutely necessary. Just because an orchid is coming out of the pot is not a reason to repot. Some types of orchids, e.g. dendrobiums prefer to be pot bound and go downhill for a year or two when given plenty of space in a new pot.

If you try to push a finger down into your orchid in a bark mix, is it difficult or does the medium yield easily? If it is relatively easy, the medium has degraded and you need to repot. If it is somewhere in between there may be a solution beyond repotting or not repotting. Hold the pot upside down being careful to hold the orchid itself in case the roots are not firmly attached to the pot. Use a jet of water and direct it at the top of the medium. Sometimes most of the degraded medium will flow from the pot leaving a mass of roots with just a few pieces of hard medium. If the roots are white and hard there is no need to remove the orchid. You can add medium, but do not damage roots as you work the new medium into the pot. I like to use puffed clay pebbles, which are round and easily flow into space between the roots without much effort.

If you do this and find mushy roots the orchid needs to be repotted. Remember that the longer the time between repotting, the more strength your orchid gets and the better the flowers will be next time. Roots are the key to good flowers and repotting removes the majority of them.

There are many orchids sold now in sphagnum. This is a soft medium that tends to stay moist. Typically, phalaenopsis are sold in this medium, but I have seen just about every orchid group sold in it. It is rare for sphagnum to last more than a year. If you can easily pull small pieces of medium from the pot when you purchase it, you likely need to repot the orchid as soon as it finishes flowering.

If you have a small collection, apply Nutricote now if you have not already done so. If you use a soluble fertilizer this is the time to be sure you water weakly, weekly. For cattleyas and other orchids with pseudobulbs, once new growths are mature, fertilizing is not as important, but right now, they are in the growth mode. Other genera, such as members of the vandaceous group, phalaenopsis, paphs, phrags and jewel orchids can be fertilized as long as it is warm. My preference is to use a balanced fertilizer with extra calcium and magnesium. Be careful not to use exotic fertilizers unless you know how it will affect the water pH. That is one of the reasons to recommend simple, slow release type fertilizers such as Nutricote.

Insects also respond to warmer conditions and need to be watched carefully. If scale or thrips are discovered treat quickly before they spread. If just a few are found on one plant remove the orchid and use a fine jet of water to remove the problem, being sure the underside of leaves and rhizomes are washed. If possible, isolate the plant for a month or so and watch it carefully. In my greenhouse, the orchid is sprayed thoroughly and the bench where it was found is also drenched in an appropriate pesticide and the entire area watched through the summer. Over time, most of my insect problems have disappeared, so it is rare for the entire collection to be treated.

This is also the time of year when snails and slugs seem to come from nowhere. Actually, they have been there all along, but the cool temperatures limited their activity. Now, instead of just grazing the algae near the bottom of a pot they emerge and munch on new roots and growths. There are many treatments that work well for these pests depending on your growing area and conditions. Some of these are toxic to pets so read labels carefully.

Last month we published an article by Noah Boorstin about his hobby of photographing orchids. Here are some examples of his photography.



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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

May 5-6th, 2013

Broward County Plant Affair

Plantation Heritage Park, 1100 South Fig Tree Lane, Plantation, FL

Looking for some plants to spruce up your home landscape? Look no further than the Broward County Plant Affair. The popular annual event takes place the weekend of May 5 and 6 at Plantation Heritage Park in Plantation, where you'll find a plant show and sale with up to 30 vendors. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase. For more information, call the park at 954-357-5135

Saturday and Sunday 9am-6:30pm

Admission: \$1.50 per person

May 17-19th, 2013

Redlands International Orchid Festival

24801 SW 187th Ave, Miami, FL

Featuring over 60 vendors from all over the world and the U.S. There will also be walking tours, lectures and demonstrations, crafts, potting and storage tents, food and drink and more.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9am-5pm

Admission: \$10 or weekend pass for \$25

May 25th & 26th, 2013

15th Annual Orchids in the Park Fundraiser

Dante Fascell Park, 8600 SW 57th Ave, South Miami, FL

15th annual orchid sale by Orchid Mania South Florida. Great plants, great prices, for a great cause. Beautiful orchids of all kinds – proceeds benefit the Pediatric AIDS program at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Admission: Free

Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm

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, May 9, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, May 13 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, May 8, 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

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society
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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!