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President's Message

Happy Mother's Day!

BREAKING NEWS...NEWS ALERT...JUST IN... NEWS BULLETIN!

Yes, the time has finally arrived where the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society will begin holding live meetings. The DBOS Board of Directors has been evaluating the situation, following the guidelines of the CDC, Governor DeSantis, and the local ordinances, and we will begin holding in person meetings at our regularly scheduled June 8 meeting. More information about speaker, raffles, members' hobbyist table, etc. will be shared with you through gmail and in our June newsletter. Just wanted to give you a heads-up!

Our April speakers, Dee and Jesse Vance from Nature's Relics, provided us with an informative meeting and lovely journey through their tranquil, beautifully landscaped garden setting. We attempted (key word) to record the entire tour through a live, on-site Zoom recording. We apologize for the poor quality of our video attempt, however, the information provided was extremely interesting and informative. A huge thank you to them. Now that you may be getting out and around more plan on calling and setting up a time to go down and visit. They welcome scheduled guests. I find that many of my orchids that are mounted do extremely well and often better than their counterparts in pots.

Our May speaker, Tim Culbertson, is Zooming in to us from California. Tim has a passion for plants and great experience in working with orchids at places such as Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia, tending orchids at the Smithsonian Institution and the United States National Arboretum, where he collected rare plants and documented cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. What a wealth of experience. He will be sharing a presentation with DBOS members on Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond. He has so many topics that he could speak about that it was hard choosing one topic. We chose Encyclias because they have such lovely flowers, fragrances, and ease of growth.

Take a few moments to read through Dr. Martin Motes tips on taking care of your orchid collection this month. I am getting ready to head out now before it gets too warm. We recently had our home repainted, so it meant taking all the orchids and Hoya's away from the house and the watering system that my husband installed for me. Today is the day that they will all be put back, and it will give me a little time to inspect them. Below, you will see a sampling of the work in store for me.

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Happy Orchiding!
Cheryl Babcock
DBOS President



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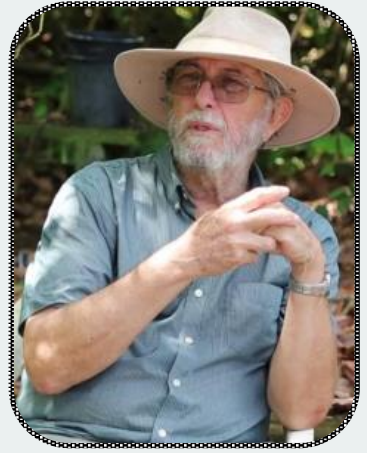
DBOS meetings will be held virtually via ZOOM live until further notice due to **Covid-19 restrictions**.

In case you missed your email for the recorded video link for the April meeting, check your email for the email sent to you the afternoon of April 13th from 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 and someone will get back to you.

May Climate Data

Average high: 87.2°F
 Average low: 72°F
 Average mean: 79.6°F
 Average rainfall: 5.52"



May in Your Orchid Collection

By Dr. Martin Motes

May is a month of transition in South Florida. Early in the month we can expect the driest weather of the year. Because of the clarity of the air and lack of cloud cover, temperatures rise rapidly in the late morning and can reach the upper eighties or nineties by mid afternoon before cooling substantially in late afternoon. Fortunately, over night radiant cooling rapidly dissipates the previous day's heat. May mornings are a delight, the wise orchidist rises early to enjoy them and to finish his chores before the heat sets in. Chief of these should be extensive dragging of hoses.

May's wide temperature swings and dry air suit our orchids to a tee. New growths on sympodial orchids are developing apace and by continuing the careful watering practices of April (i.e drenching them thoroughly with repeated applications of water to saturate their roots and potting media, then allowing them to dry to nearly 'hard' dry) we can launch them into the summer in vigorous, disease-free growth. Remember, this saturation can only be achieved with two or more soakings to the point of runoff spaced a few minutes apart. Merely holding the water on the plant extra long will not suffice. The water needs to slowly soak into the roots and media. Test the weight of a "benchmark" plant to be satisfied that it is sufficiently heavy to be totally soaked. The arid air of early May will quickly dry the foliage but the roots can draw on the deep reservoir of water that you have provided with this careful, complete watering.

With the increased heat and light of May we do not want to put our orchids on too lean a diet. Fertilize with up to 2 tsp. of 15-5-15 per gal of water every week or so. Alternating with Epsom salts and potassium nitrate at 1 tbs. each per gal. is still a best practice during May. Always substitute fertilizer for a watering and apply like the water in two doses to the point of saturation. Never follow the widely stated but antiquated advice to "water before fertilizing". It's a receipt for over watering without any basis in logic or science, Now is also a good time to apply a soluble trace or micro element fertilizer. Follow the dilution rates on the package as mixtures and strengths differ. You can apply this in conjunction with the Epsom salts/potassium nitrate but never with the 15-5-15, 20-20-20 or any other fertilizer containing phosphorus. In South Florida's highly alkaline water the phosphorus interacts with the other metallic elements, reducing the effectiveness of the trace elements. Potassium nitrate, 13-0-46, is the perfect companion to minor elements because it not only lacks phosphorus which would hinder the absorption of the trace elements but the nitrate nitrogen seems to enhance their uptake.

May is still prime time for re-potting. With cattleyas, dendrobiums and other sympodials, the virtuous among us have long since finished this labor of love, but the majority of us are faced with the moral dilemma of doing the potting now or waiting until next year with the pseudo bulbs of our plants overhanging their pots and proclaiming to the world our sloth. The one instance in which this dilemma must be resolved absolutely in favor of the plant, is when the media has broken down in the pot. This condition will encourage root rot to become stem rot which will pursue the rhizome even into those over arching bulbs. If in doubt, give the media the "nose test". A pinch of media taken from below the surface of the pot should smell "sweet". A sour smell or the odor of a pond bottom indicates media that is broken down and must be replaced as soon as possible.

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Speaker of the Month

Tim Culbertson

Virtual ZOOM Presentation

May 11, 2021 7:30 pm



“Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond”

Although I teach middle school kids for a living, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up my own babies is a blast. I am the youngest accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation on Encyclias of Mexico and Beyond. These spectacular cattleya relatives grow well outside in subtropical climates like Southern California and much of Florida, and with their compact habit, great fragrance, and ease of growth, these are delightful plants for every collection. By extending the traditional definition of Encyclias to include recently separated groups like Anacheilum, Panarica, Prosthechea, Euchile, and others that I and many of you grew up calling Encyclia, we end up with a diverse, beautiful, fragrant, exciting group of plants and flowers; if we add those to the wonderful flora of Mexico and Central America, we have a group that every collector should grow. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of the range of plant habits, floral forms, and fragrances of Encyclia broadly, as well as an appreciation of their lovely flowers and ease-of-growth. In addition, I can provide a selection of blooming-size Encyclias from Central and South America, both species and a few hybrids.

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Link to the ZOOM meeting will be sent to members from deerfieldorchids@gmail.com prior to the meeting.



Happy Birthday



MAY

May 02 Zoe Bejar

May 05 Dennis Pearl

May 10 Sylvia Cardinale

May 12 Janet Baker

May 16 Kent Strunk

May 18 Marlene Sensenig

May 25 Jennifer Fox

May 27 Janet Woodhouse

May 29 Jadwiga Hololob

May 31 Heather Nedich



JUNE

June 05 Claudia Barrington

June 05 Michael Gittleman

June 11 Jackie Adamo

June 14 Claudette Bish

June 15 Sami Alvarado

June 18 Lisa Krukoski

June 22 Marty Norris

June 22 Denise Rouah

June 23 Carol Stokrocki

June 24 Jeri Monical

June 29 Judith Stanich

June 30 Taryn Palo





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 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!



**New Cypress Mount Acquisition—Ready for new orchids
Linda Woodhouse**



Oncidium sphacelatum
Linda Woodhouse



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Linda Woodhouse



Dendrobium Joyce Kelly
Linda Woodhouse



Bulb. gracillimum
John Pancoast



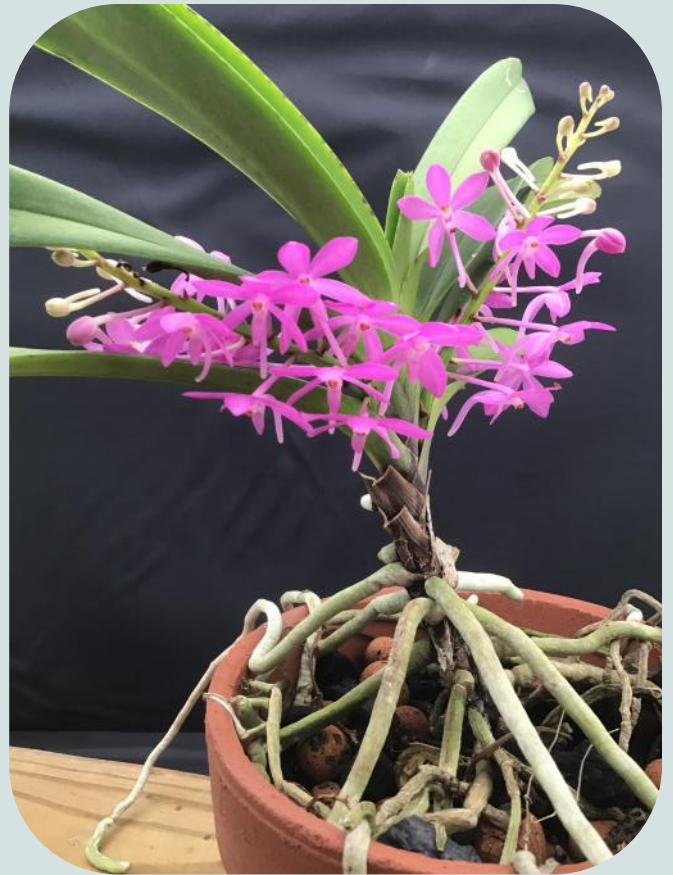
Bulb. Meen Juvenile Hawk
John Pancoast



V. ampullacea x self
John Pancoast



**Slc. Love Fresh 'SVO' x Pot. Little Toshie
'Gold Country' AMAOS
John Pancoast**



**V. Cherry Blossom
John Pancoast**



**Den. crumenatum
John Pancoast**



**Seidenfadenia mitrata
John Pancoast**



**Hawaiian providence
Madeline Felton**



**Hawaiian providence
Madeline Felton**



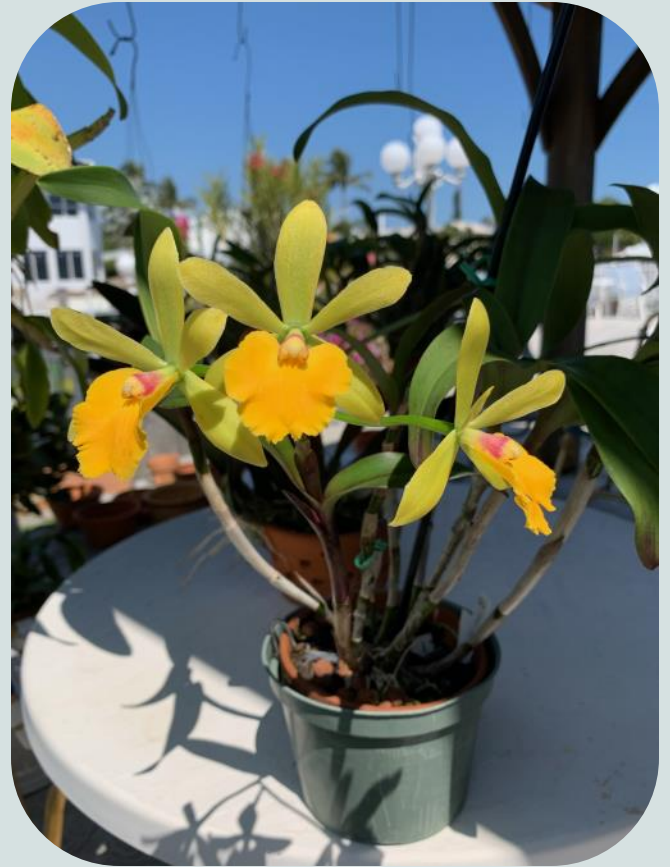
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Madeline Felton**



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Madeline Felton**



Rhyn. Gigantea Coerulea
Grace Holliday



Sergioaro Yokosuka Story 'Little Oriole'
Grace Holliday



Epi. Serena O'Neill
Grace Holliday



**Sweet Sixteen
Grace Holliday**



**Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' HCC/AOS
Grace Holliday**



**Vanda Pray at Muang Ratch x Luzonica
Grace Holliday**



**Vanda Pachara Delight pink
Grace Holliday**



**Vanda No Id
Grace Holliday**



**Mem. Louise Fuchs
Grace Holliday**



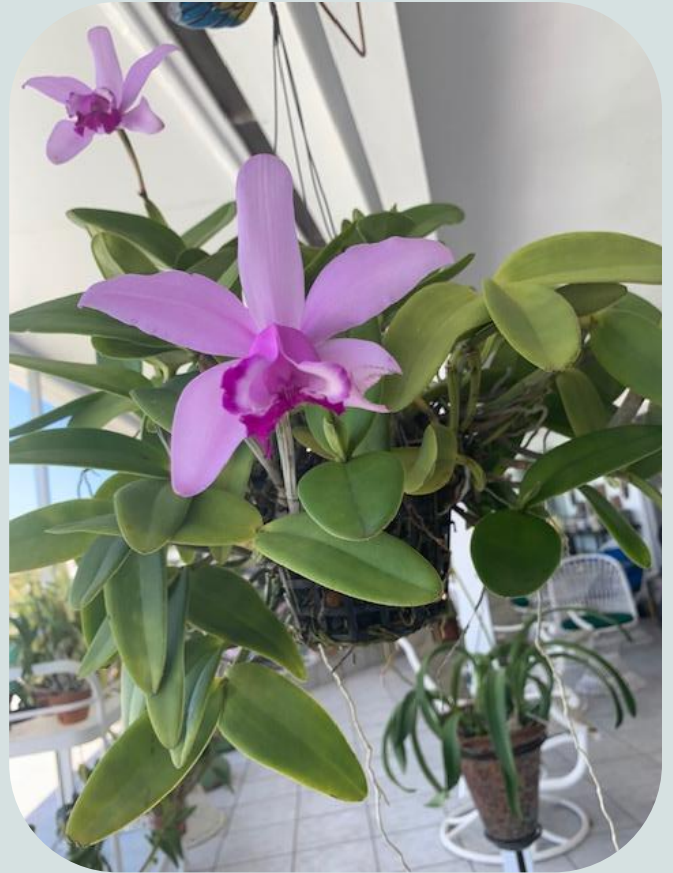
**Epi. Serena O'Neill
Grace Holliday**



**Envy Golden Sunrise
Grace Holliday**



**Enc. Cordigera Rosea x Sib
Grace Holliday**



**Cat. Intermedia
Grace Holliday**



**Asda. Pedro Bonett
Grace Holliday**



**Yellow spathoglottis
Grace Holliday**



Burana Beauty
Grace Holliday



Fire Dancer 'Blanche'
Grace Holliday



Vanda No Id
Grace Holliday



Loddigesii
Grace Holliday



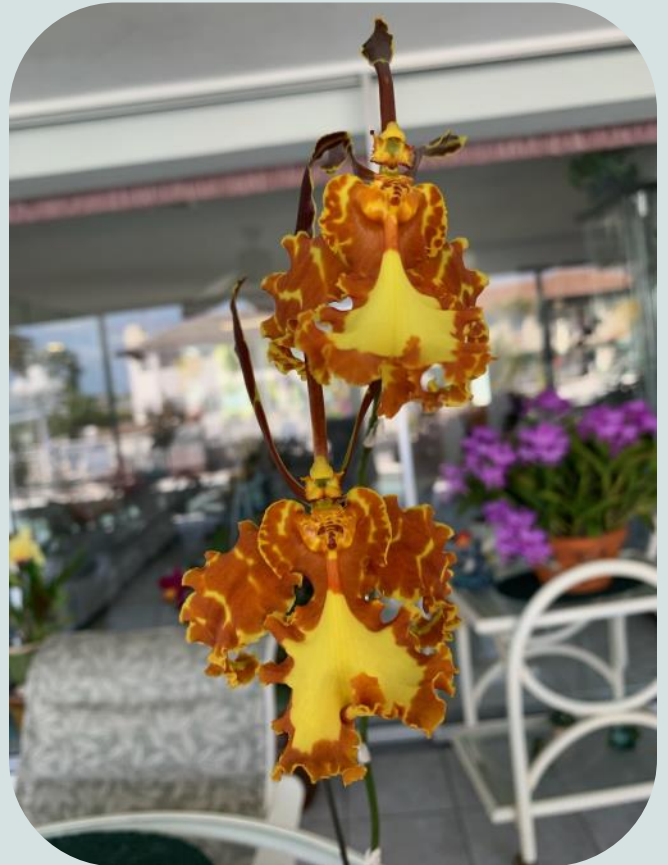
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Grace Holliday**



**Vanda Pink Spots
Grace Holliday**



**Pretty Doll
Grace Holliday**



**Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' HCC/AOS
Grace Holliday**



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Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



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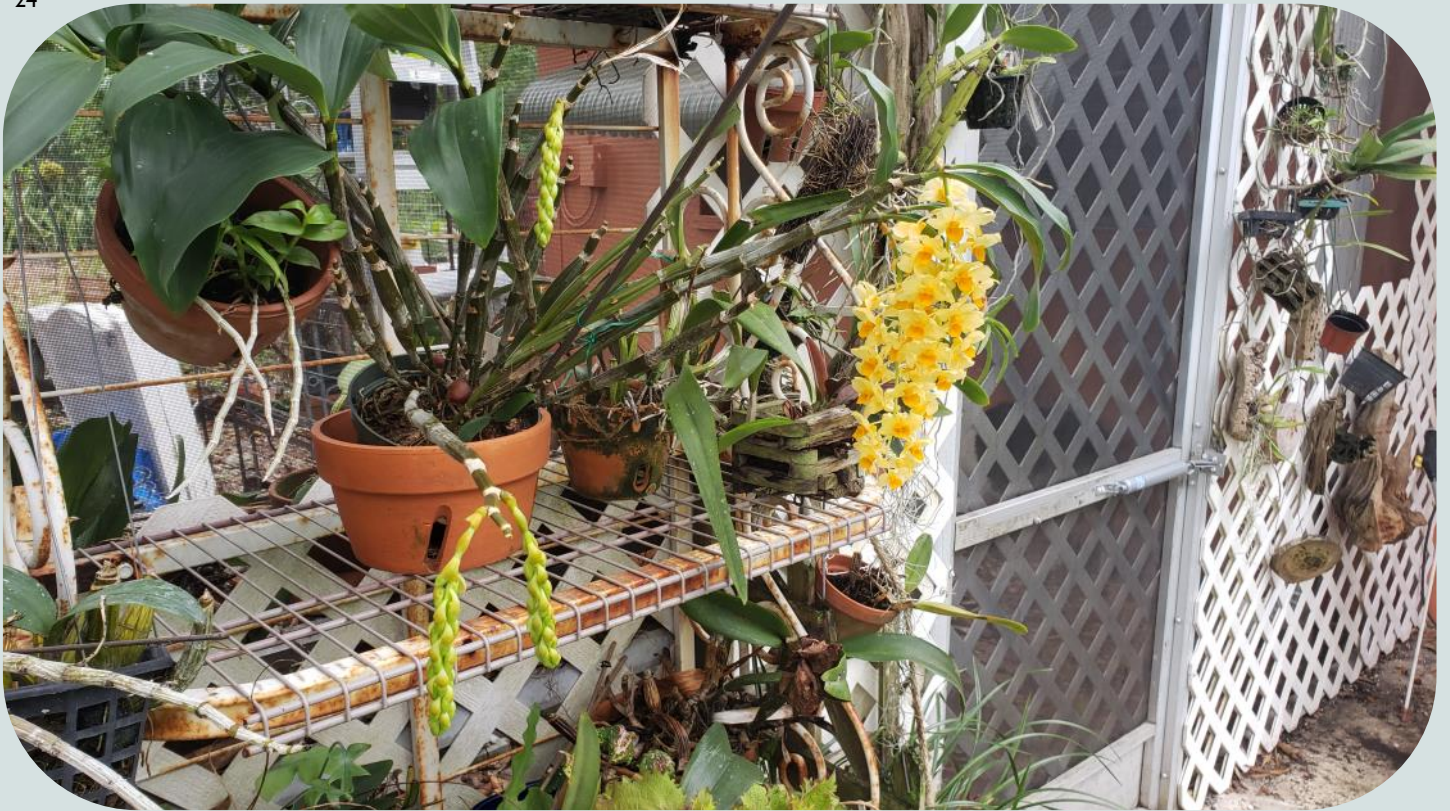
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Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



Dendrobium densiflorum
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Den. densiflorum
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Den. densiflorum
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Onc. Wilsonara Tropic Breeze 'Everglades'
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Encyclia Rioclarense
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Oncidium sphacelatum and Onc. Wilsonara Tropic Breeze 'Everglades' HCC/AOS
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Maxillaria tenuifolia (coconut orchid)
(Coconut pie fragrance)
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



No ID
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Dendrobium chrysotoxum
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Schomburgkia No Id
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Vanda No ID
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Schomburgkia No Id
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' HCC/AOS
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



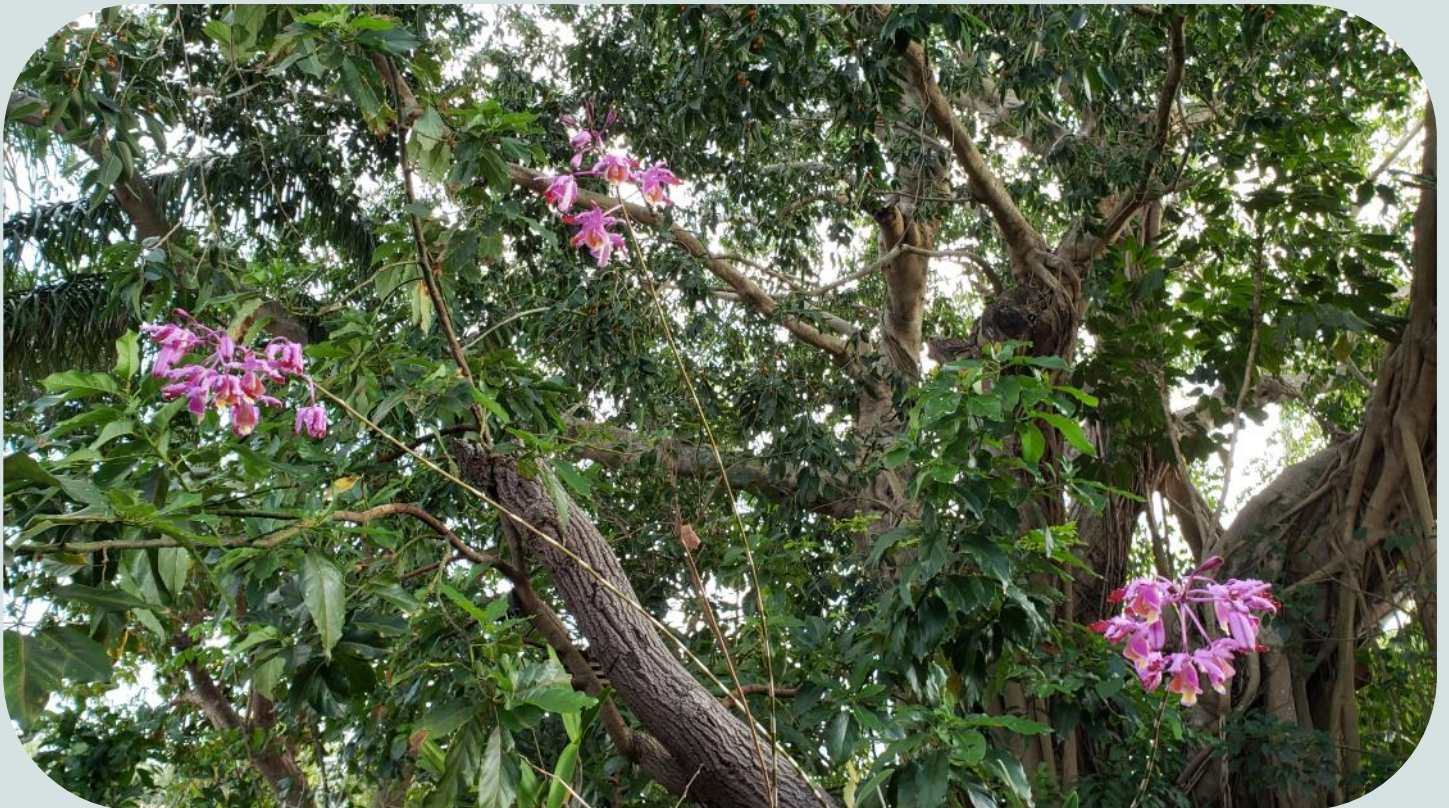
Brassavola nodosa
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Schomburgkia grandiflora
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Schomburgkia grandiflora
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Schomburgkia grandiflora
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 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.

Membership Renewals

\$20.00/year Individual

\$30.00/year Couples

\$ 5.00/year Junior Membership

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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/

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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