



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society CATTLEYA CURRENTS

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President's Message



Hi Orchid Lovers,

Are you shuffling things around in your orchid collection to make way for some new orchids that you might be purchasing if you are lucky enough to be able to go to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival taking place at the Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center Friday-Sunday, May 13-15 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily? Tickets are \$15 at the door. It is

strongly recommended to buy tickets in advance to save money and time waiting in line for entry. www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com/tiof/public/index.php

A member of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society that we don't see as often as we would like to, and who presents orchid lectures at various orchid societies, is joining us for our Tuesday, May 10 meeting. Omar Gonzalez knows a lot about the pros and cons of orchid growing in South Florida. He has belonged to many orchid societies and volunteered his services to them. He volunteered at Bonnet House and helped with their orchid collection. He has helped professional growers in their nurseries to get caught up while learning about orchid culture from them. He has learned how to flask orchids. He has attended the Cattleya Symposium and regional AOS meetings. He is bringing all his combined knowledge to our members in his discussion on "Cattleya leopoldii now named Cattleya tigrina." We would love to have our members and guests join us for this interesting discussion. There will be plants for sale as well.

As a reminder, for our members we have DBOS t-shirts (\$22.00) for sale as well as Dr. Martin Motes' book, *Florida Orchid Growing* (\$15.00). Both will be available at the May meeting. Additionally, we will have a sample of a DBOS polo shirt at the May meeting along with an order sheet so you can specify size(s).

We were fortunate to have Jose Exposito, owner of Soroa Orchids and Curator of the Bonnet House orchid collection, as our speaker for our April 12 meeting. Jose spoke about Growing Orchids in South Florida. Jose is extremely knowledgeable about orchids and provided an interesting, entertaining, humorous presentation that our members thoroughly enjoyed.

The DOBS Board and I are lining up the remainder of our speakers for the year and looking at dates for the annual picnic and annual bus trip. These two events will be held in either September or October depending on the availability of a charter bus and picnic pavilion. We will keep you informed. We are also doing preliminary work on the 10th annual show and sale, which will be held November 12-13 at Safe Schools Institute in Boca Raton. We have secured the Croatian American Social Club for our holiday part on Saturday, December 3. Mark your calendar now and reserve these dates. If you are interested in volunteering your time to serve on any of the various DBOS committees, please contact me. It will give you a chance to get more involved, spend more time with orchid lovers, and have some fun while you're at it.

Happy Orchiding!
Cheryl Babcock
DBOS President

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Speaker of the Month

Omar Gonzalez

May 10, 2022 7:30 pm

“*Cattleya leopoldii* (tigrina)”



My orchid passion started after losing a loved one and moving back to Miami, Florida, from Iowa City, Iowa. I could not garden here as the soil was different than Iowa. In 2013 I met David McClean, and obtained orchids, attended Fairchild fall orchid show, traveled to Hilo, Hawaii, and visited Carmela and other nurseries in the area. I was hooked upon my return to Florida.

Since then I've learned the pros and cons of orchid growing in South Florida. I grew indoors with lights and windowsills but found a yard was more spacious. I volunteered at Bonnet House Museum to divide huge *Vandas*, pot or mount *Cattleya* and other genera in their collection.

There wasn't any orchid show I wouldn't attend. I would drive as far as St Augustine or Orlando to hear a speaker. For a while I was a member of at least 10 societies that I would volunteer at to some degree. There wasn't a show I was not helping unload or prepare.

Knowing that societies met on consecutive days, I arranged for speaker tours for Norman Fang, Roy Tokunaga, and Alan Koch. Smaller tours I helped arrange for included Bill Thoms and Plantio La Orquidea. Knowledgeable growers I follow are too numerous to name, but you will find me at their booths.

I helped professional growers in their nurseries get caught up, as they taught me orchid culture. Then I found my knowledge was helpful with sales and got into that as well for others and myself. In no time at all I was into flasking, thanks in part to Tony Millet, who taught me the basics, and Rafael Romero who taught me some advanced techniques. I also attend the *Cattleya* Symposium and follow the flasking guidelines from speakers there. On a closing note, I would recommend attending a regional AOS meeting and see how different parts of the country grow different kinds of orchids. It's about the environment that we grow in.



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Bulletin Board

Presently, 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.

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 and someone will get back to you.

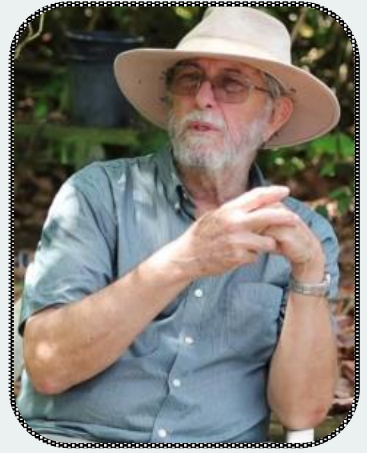
May Climate Data

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*continued*....Click..link below for "**Read this month's complete article at:**"



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Happy Birthday



MAY

May 05 Dennis Pearl

May 12 Janet Baker

May 18 Marlene Sensenig

May 27 Janet Woodhouse

May 29 Jadwiga Hololob

May 31 Heather Nedich

JUNE

June 05 Claudia Barrington

June 18 Lisa Krukoski

June 22 Marty Norris

June 24 Jeri Monical

June 29 Judith Stanich

June 30 Taryn Palo



Highlights From Our April Meeting

Photos Courtesy of John Morris



**Our Speaker
Jose Exposito**



**Membership / Reception
John Williams, Linda Woodhouse,
Kristina Brandt**



**Our President
Cheryl Babcock**



Raffle Table



**Raffle Ticket Sales
Dennis Pearl, Wes and Jacqueline Scott**



Raffle Table



**T-Shirt Sales
Our V.P. Kristina Brandt**



Rick Bellas

Our AOS Representative

Judging and Explaining the Culture of Member's Plants





Laeliocattleya Fire Dance 'Blanche'
BLUE Ribbon Grace Holliday



Dendrobium Little Atrorchid
BLUE Ribbon Susan Kolinsky



Oncidium sphacelatum
BLUE Ribbon Cindy Rostock



Ascocentrum garayi
BLUE Ribbon Cheryl Babcock



Vanda curvifolia franksmithiana
BLUE Ribbon Cheryl Babcock



Chysis limminghei
RED Ribbon Susan Kolinsky



Phalaenopsis (NoID)
CULTURE Ribbon Grace Holliday



Ascocentrum curvifolium
CULTURE Ribbons Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



Cattleytonia Whynot
CULTURE Ribbons Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



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.
Visit four of our members' homes / orchid collections
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse
Committee: Grace Holliday, Susan Kolinsky, Joe Ortlieb and Dennis Pearl
3. **Sep, 2022** DBOS Annual Picnic. Date TBD. DBOS Members and invited guests.
Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt
Committee: Racquel Carles, Jacqueline & Wes Scott
4. **Oct, 2022** DBOS Bus Trip—Date TBD
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 Picnic



Annual Auction



Annual Ramble



Annual Bus Trip to Growers



Annual Holiday Party

Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2022

We thank our members for supporting DBOS during 2020 and early 2021 when we were unable to meet in person. We began holding in-person meetings in June 2021, and our DBOS Board of Trustees began lining up many wonderful activities for the remainder of the year including our profitable auction, our picnic, show, 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 2021 paid members received a beautiful FREE orchid at the December 4, 2021, 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. The DBOS Board of Trustees has arranged dates for 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 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 the month). We've scheduled our Ninth Annual Auction for Tuesday, March 8. We will hold our annual Bus Trip to visit Orchid Nurseries in the Homestead area and our Annual Picnic in either September or October depending on availability of venues. 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

\$30.00/year Couples

\$5.00/year Junior Membership

New Members

\$25.00/year Individual

\$35.00/year Couples

\$10.00/year Junior Membership

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A great big THANK YOU to PUBLIX for donating the refreshments for our meeting every month. There is nothing better than Publix pastries!

Upcoming Orchid Events 2022

Tamiami International Orchid Festival
 Friday-Sunday, May 13, 14, and 15, 2022
 11:00 am – 6:00 pm daily
 Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center
 10901 SW 24th Street
 Miami, FL 33165



Admission: \$15 at the door (Order Tickets in advance to save),
 Kids under 12 FREE!

www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com/tiof/public/index.php

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



www.redlandfruitandspice.com/event/redland-international-orchid-festival-2/



MEMBERS' PLANTS

DBOS members, please send images of some of your favorite orchids at any time to 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!

Pretty Doll

Grace and Bill Holliday



**Miss Joaquin finally showing off
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Schom. Louise Fuchs
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Enc. Cordigera roses x sib.
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Fire Dance
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Lc. Rojo HappyValentine
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Skinneri
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Tristan Fitch crown fox
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**V. Prayat Ratchet x Luzonica
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Waironara Tango Fire
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**White Grace
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**Why Not
Grace and Bill Holliday**



**"Buddy" Peek-a-Boo
Grace and Bill Holliday**



(NoID)
Madeline Felton



(NoID)
Madeline Felton



Vanda (NoID)
Madeline Felton



Vanda (NoID)
Madeline Felton



V. Miss Joaquin 'Douglas'
John Pancoast



T. Jairak 'Moka Spots'
John Pancoast



V. Cherry Blossom
John Pancoast



Den. Yukidaruma
John Pancoast



Den. Aggregatum
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Den. Jenkensis
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Den. Frosty dawn 'Orange Frosty'
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Den. Superbum Syn. Anosmum
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Phalaenopsis (NoID)
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



LC. Fire Dance 'Patricia'
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Phalaenopsis (NoID)
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



(NoID)
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Dtps. Lianher Happy Star Mini Red
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Pot. Sara Wolf 'SVO' x Pot. Star Fire 'Ruben's'
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Perr.. Bangkok Sunset 'Wilas Pink'
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams





(NoID)
Ron Franz



(NoID)
Ron Franz



Phalaenopsis (NoID)
Ron Franz



Dendrobium anosmum
Ron Franz



(NoID)
Ron Franz



(NoID)
Ron Franz



(NoID)
Ron Franz



(NoID)
Ron Franz



Phal. Gigabell

Stephanie and Terry Morkert



Yellow-headed amazon

"Cisco"



Den. Farmeri

Stephanie and Terry Morkert



Dendrobium Airy Peach
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Maxillaria tenuifolia (Coconut Orchid)
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Encyclia Cordigera
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Shomcat (NoID)
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



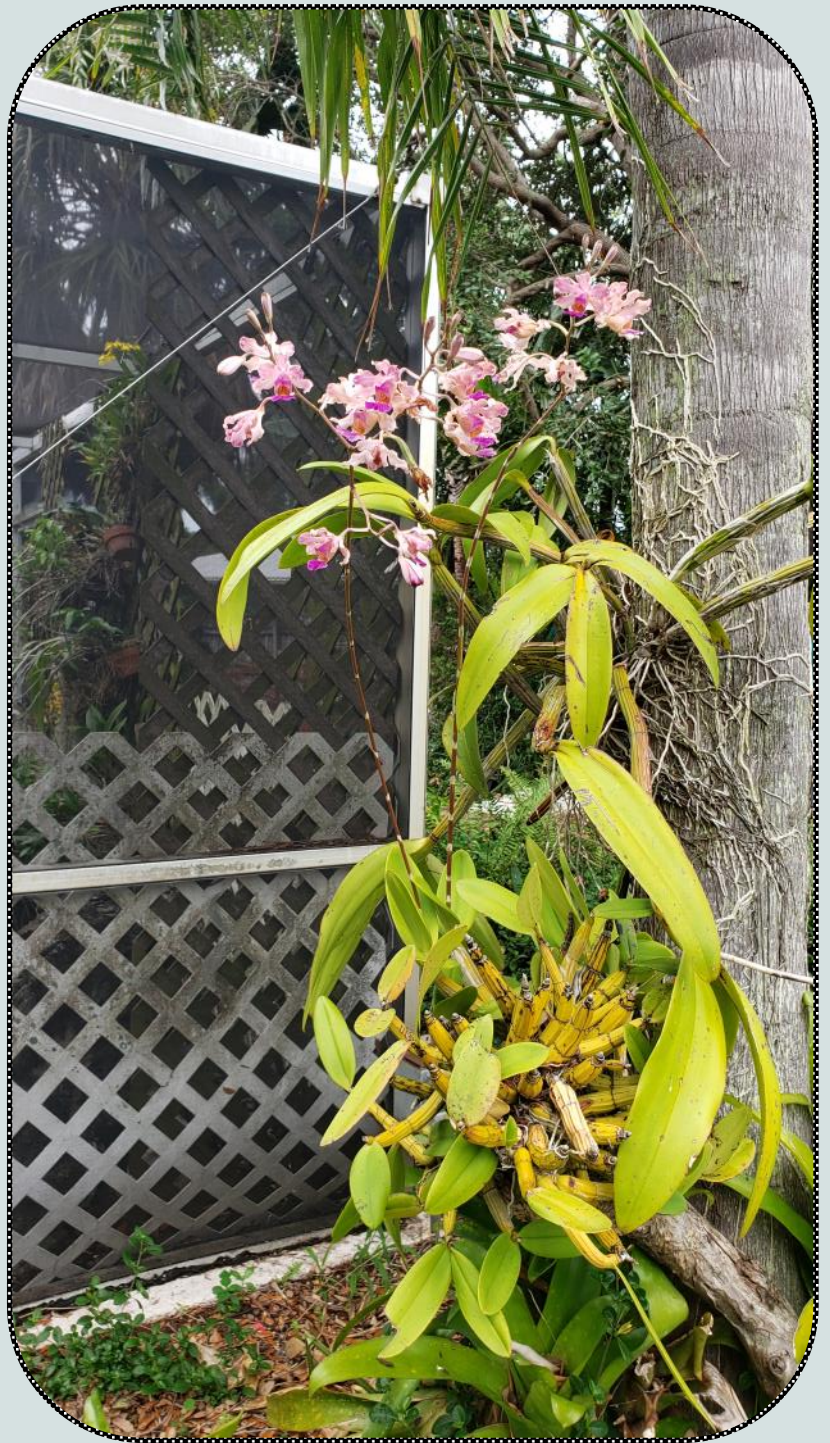
Oncidium sphacelatum (Baby)
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Shomcat (NoID)
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Myrmecocattleya
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Myrmecocattleya (formerly Shomburgkia)
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Dendrobium lindleyi (formerly aggregatum)
Dendrobium Nestor 'Red Dragon'
Stephanie & Terry Morkert





**Myrmecocattleya (formerly Shomburgkia)
Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**Dendrobium densiflorum
Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



Become a Member of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society!

DBOS Welcomes the Following New Members

Linda and Andy Kamm

Barry Silver

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 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/

2022 Committee Positions

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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