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November Program of the MONTH!

Don't miss this most informative meeting!

Mike Owen is our Speaker of the Month.

Mike Owen has been the Park Biologist at the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park since 1993. His duties include hydrological monitoring, surveys for listed plant species, Herbarium collection, wildlife observations including road kill data, vertebrate species list, plant species list, non-native plant removal, participates in Prescribed burns, and conducts interpretive programs involving swamp walks, PowerPoint programs and guided walks.

Mike will take us on a tour of his favorite 'back yard' the

Facahatchee Strand, with out us getting our feet wet!!!

He's a fascinating speaker, and talks with great enthusiasm about the native orchids of Florida. For you who saw the film "The Wild Orchid Man - an adventure with Stig Dahlstrom" earlier this year. **Mike** is the Park Ranger who accompanied Stig through the

Facahatchee to find the ghost orchids.

Don't miss this fascinating lecture. **Mike** will **NOT** be bring a raffle table or plants for sale, so members can bring items to sell. The **Board** would appreciate any member donating a plant cutting or duplicate plant to the raffle table to share with others, and help the **club** coffers.

Rosemary Chenery

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LESSONS LEARNED FROM JUDGING

by Juan Bofill

On October 15, 2010 my *Bulbophyllum Doris Dukes* 'Cecilia Bofill' was awarded an 83-point Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM) by the AOS. The award was given by the Florida-Caribbean Judging Center at the Fairchild Tropical Garden in Miami. I purchased this plant at the Delray Beach Orchid Society Show on October 30, 2004. Coincidentally the plant was awarded six years, almost to the day, from the date I bought it.

On October 28, 2006 (this plant is definitely an October bloomer) I took the plant for judging to the Palm Beach Judging Center, at the AOS headquarters in Delray Beach. Although at that time it was "Nominated" for judging, it was later "Passed" for final judging. Two lessons were learned from this experience: Lesson #1 – although a plant may be nominated for judging it doesn't guarantee that it will be judged. Sounds confusing?? During the judging process several plants are pre-selected (nominated) for judging from among all the plants brought to be judged on that day. The nominated plants are then



assigned to the various Judging Teams, who are responsible to determine if they have the attributes necessary for further evaluation. If a plant is passed it is eliminated from further consideration. The fact that a plant is selected for further evaluation does not guarantee that it will receive an AOS award. Lesson #2 – If you take a plant to be judged leave it at the judging center and pick it up after judging is finished. You are always welcome to stay and observe the proceedings but, if you do, stay in the background. AOS judging is an anonymous process and you must avoid prejudicing your plant. The first time my plant was judged I was invited to seat at one of the judging tables. This was an exciting and unique opportunity for someone that was not an AOS judge or a trainee. By a quirk of fate my plant was transferred from another table to the one I was in. Although I know for a fact that the condition of my plant at the time did not deserve an award, I am convinced that my presence at the judges table did not help necessarily.

The flowers of *Bulbophyllum Doris Dukes* 'Cecilia Bofill', like those of most bulbophyllums, last for a week to ten days depending on ambient temperature at the time. Concerned about the condition of the flowers, I waited until the day judging was to take place to prepare the plant. On top of this, having to travel that same morning to Miami for judging limited the time available to prep the plant. Had I given the plant proper preparation, the number of points awarded would have been greater, since the plant had 50% more flowers than previously awarded Doris Dukes. Lesson #3 – proper preparation of plants to be taken for judging can make a difference in the quality of award received, and in the number of points awarded to your plant.

The experienced of receiving an AOS award, regardless of category or points, is an exhilarating experience. Even though it was the second one, this award was as rewarding as the one I received earlier this year for *Bulbophyllum ambrosia* 'Tonky B'. Lessons #4 – If you have a nice plant with lots of flowers don't be afraid to take it in for AOS judging. Even if your plant is not awarded the experience will be worth the effort.



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Calendar of Events

Nov. 2010

Nov. 12-13-14 Fairchild Botanical Gardens, The Ramble, This garden show has been going on for over 70 years. It is a huge event with a large selection of products relating to plants and supplies. 10901 Old Culter Road, Coral Gables Fl. <http://www.fairchildgarden.org/events/?date=11-2007&eventid=130>

Nov. 19-20-21, 2011 American Orchid Society Show and Sale, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33446-4351

Nov. 20-21, 2011 Edison Ford Estates Garden Sale. MacGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, Fl. No admission charge for the garden show. 10-4 each day. There will be about 30 vendors selling all kinds of flowering plants.

Nov. 20-21, 2010 Heathcote Botanical Gardens 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce, Fl., Sat 10-5-Sun 11-4



DEERFIELD BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL DECEMBER MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY

We welcome you all to a fun time at our December Meeting and Party - Enjoy the holiday atmosphere and the company of your orchid friends in a beautifully decorated, open-air courtyard, along with great food, beverages and surprises!!!!

WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Home of Members Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl, Boca Raton, Florida

PARKING: Car pooling encouraged. Map with parking directions to follow.

WHAT TO BRING: An appetizer, hors'dourvers, salad or dessert

RSVP and SIGN UP: See **MARTY HUNT** at our November meeting or call
561-278-5987

All members who renew their membership dues on or before the January meeting will get a special treat.



Growing Tips for September

Dr. Courtney Hackney,
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Dept. Biology, Univ. North
Florida

Whether you grow on a window sill, under lights or in a greenhouse, the start of fall brings the realization that cold weather is around the corner. Will all of those fantastic acquisitions you got last spring and summer fit into your growing space once cold weather arrives?

Like it or not, this is the time to evaluate your orchid collection and decide if there are some orchids that are not living up to your expectations. That does not always mean that they are poor orchids. Every hobbyist has growing conditions and culture habits that favor some orchids, but not others. If you have an orchid that does not grow for you, consider it a space-making candidate. If it is a clone or a plant that has nice flowers, find a good home for it. It is not hard to find a new hobbyist that will be excited to get it. Often, the same orchid that would not grow for you will thrive for someone else.



Purge unhealthy plants from your collection

There are also some orchids that are prone to disease and are destined to eventually die, no matter what you do. Save yourself years of grief and toss it. When you do, you will join the company of many an accomplished orchid grower who fill garbage cans with orchids that did not live up to expectations. Some of these throw-away orchids are genetically inferior, while others had the bad fortune of contracting a disease at some time in their life and could just not grow out of it.



Orchids with genetic inferiorities should be trashed

My own collection is definitely filling every inch of growing space. Many seedlings moved up into larger pots this year. Some of my favorite clones were divided this summer and I always keep an extra piece of my favorites. Eventually, these will find a good home, but it is always a good idea to hold on to a division of your favorites for a year or two after the plant is divided just in case one division does not thrive after repotting.

The hardest orchids to part with are those that grow extremely well, but just do not produce high quality flowers. An orchid that grows well and flowers every year is a keeper. When all of your orchids grow like weeds, consider keeping those orchids that both grow well and produce high quality flowers.

Be sure that your definition of a good bloom is not being influenced by judging standards. If you like an orchid or enjoy its fragrance regardless of its status in the judging arena, keep it.

One of the great aspects of local orchid clubs is that one can see all kinds of orchid species and hybrids. It is the great diversity found among orchids that keep orchid hobbyists' attention year after year. It is not necessary, however, to possess all of them, which is easier said than done. If you find something you really like, discuss its culture with the owner and decide if this is something that you can grow under your conditions.

Most clubs have nice libraries with books on just about every type of orchid and hybrid. Find out everything you can about an orchid that piques your interest. If you take some time before you buy that unusual orchid, there will not be as many orchids to discard in future years. Nothing is more discouraging than having a window sill full of orchids that will just not grow and flower under your conditions.



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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

**DBOS HAS AN ONLINE
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**Plant Table Registration
Instructions**

1. You must have owned your plant for at least 6 months.
 2. Absolutely NO INSECTS.
 3. Your orchid must have a name.
 4. It must be in the correct category. (Ask if you don't know.)
 5. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY the name of the Orchid and your name on the Registration Form.
 6. Try to place your plant in an attractive container to enhance the orchids beauty.
- PLANTS NOT MEETING THESE CRITERIA
MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM JUDGING.

HAVE YOU BROUGHT A FRIEND TO A MEETING?

We thank all our members for their participation in our meetings and their continued support of DBOS!

We are also happy to report that we have been able to keep our dues the same as last year:

Renewals

Individual \$18.00 yr.
Couples \$25.00 yr.
Jr. Membership \$ 5.00 yr.

New Members

Individual \$20.00 yr.
Couples \$30.00 yr.
Jr. Membership \$ 7.00 yr.

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

P.O. Box 732

Deerfield Beach, FL 33443



**DBOS NEEDS YOU.....to remember to
renew your membership!
Bring a friend to the next meeting!
See Madeline Felton or Gail Ritchie**

Calendar of Meetings

Calendar of Orchid Society Meetings & Shows

Contact these Societies to verify their meeting information before attending.

Contact information for May 2010 can be found under affiliated societies at www.aos.org

Thursday, November 11, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, November 8, 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, November 9, 7:30 PM

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

910 E. Hillsboro Blvd. Deerfield beach, Florida 33441

Monday, November 15, 7:30 PM

Coral Springs Orchid Society

Cypress Hammock Park Community Center
1300 Coral Springs Drive, Coral Springs, FL

Tuesday, November 16, 7:30 PM

Sunrise Orchid Society

Witing Hall Recreation Center

6767 NW 24 Street, Sunrise, FL

Wednesday, November 10, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

Saturday, November 20, 10 AM

West Palm Beach Judging Center

American Orchid Society Monthly Judging

AOS Visitors Center/Botanical Garden

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.

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.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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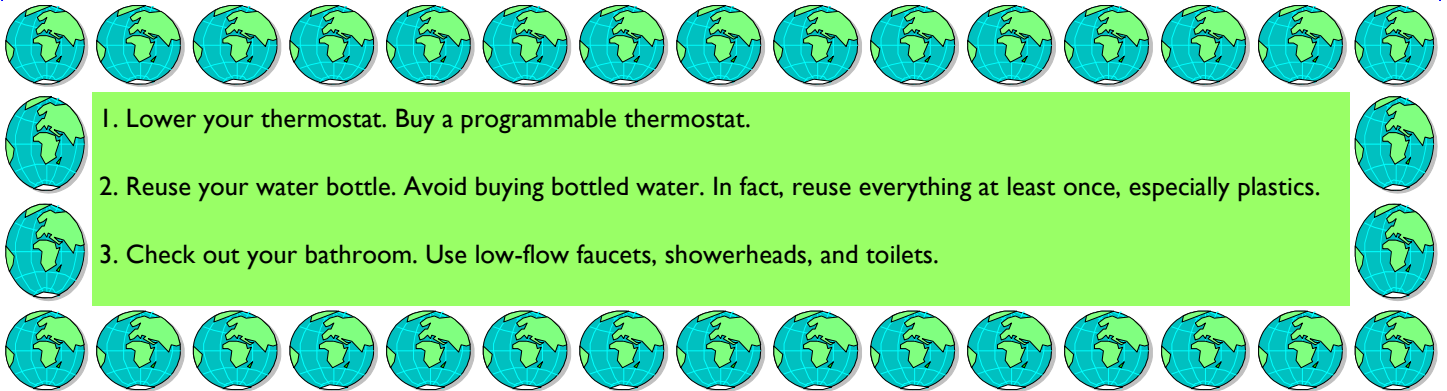
GAIL RITCHIE 10

TONKY BOFILL 12

PAT SHEA 13

TOM TREACY 27

Green Tips for November



1. Lower your thermostat. Buy a programmable thermostat.
2. Reuse your water bottle. Avoid buying bottled water. In fact, reuse everything at least once, especially plastics.
3. Check out your bathroom. Use low-flow faucets, showerheads, and toilets.

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 October meeting!

Grace Holliday

Heidi Feser

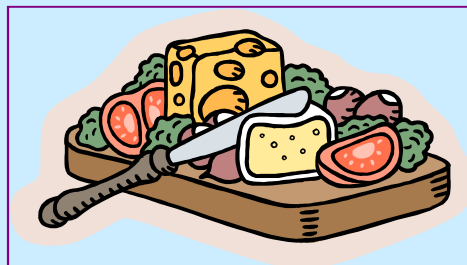
Dennis Pearl

Mary Pritchard

Carol Ott

Debbie Dicks

Norma Melone



October 2010 Show Table

Blue Ribbon Winners!

Category	Plant	Owner
species	<i>Eurychone rothschildiana</i>	Kaler Westphalia
misc.	<i>Catasetum warscewiczii</i> x <i>Catasetum expansum</i>	Donna Edwards
Vanda	V. Kultana Gold x <i>Euanthe sanderiana</i> var. alba	Joe Ortlieb
Dendrobium	Den. Woo Leng	Kaler Westphalia
Cattleya Lavender	Cattlianthe Tristar Bouquet	Joe Ortlieb
Cattleya Art Shade	Lc. Angel Heart 'Nora'	Grace Holliday
Paphiopedilum	Paph. Susan Booth	Ellen Rumble

JOE ORTLIEB




From Joseph Ortlieb

To all my friends...I'm riding the SmartRide from Miami to Key West on November 18-20. It is a fundraising bicycle ride to raise money for HIV/AIDS. I will be riding 165 miles. To find out information and pledge please go to www.thesmartride.org and enter your pledge to my last name. 100% of your pledge goes to charity. Thank you in advance for your great support!

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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.




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