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President's Message

Hello orchid lovers!

I will be busy in the next week cleaning up my blooming orchids to try to make them look spectacular so they can be photographed and shared on Facebook and with my friends and family in cold country. Our October speaker, Tom Kuligowski, noted photographer and renowned orchid grower, will be holding a live Zoom program at 7:30 EST on October 13 helping us learn "How to Take Better Pictures of Your Orchid Collection." He will share with us how we can create better images of our personal collections so be prepared with any questions you have. Tom can help you whether you are using a smartphone, point and shoot, or digital single-lens reflex camera. Tom says, "Everyone can improve their images." He adds, "You don't necessarily need a vast wealth of knowledge to capture images of your orchids. Many of today's cameras can do the thinking for you." With some of the orchid photos that I take, my camera must daydream a lot and does not spend enough time thinking about what image it is supposed to capture! Front row seat for me on this presentation.

Tom presents various programs to numerous orchid societies throughout the country. Some of his other programs include "Unusual and Natural Mounts", "What's Light Got to Do with It", and "Angraecums".

It would be remiss to not mention that Tom also has a love for Angraecums and has long been known as the Angraecum man. He has created the Angraecums blog (www.angraecums.blogspot.com) to share growing trends and various culture techniques to help both the hobbyist and professional growers to grow and bloom these magnificent plants for the highest quality flowers.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, will be joining us live via Zoom for our November 10 meeting at 7:30 pm EST. He will discuss one of my favorite and fascinating group of orchids in his presentation on "Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas." He will provide a detailed look at the latest developments in the breeding and growing of these colorful and showy orchids and cover the "best growing practices" for their cultivation. Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

A huge thank you to Jose Exposito. What a spectacular time we had visiting Soroa Orchids for our September meeting and hearing from Jose, owner of Soroa Orchids. The DBOS Board of Trustees hope you enjoyed the video snippets as much as we enjoyed listening, learning, and laughing along with Jose. Head to Soroa Orchids to visit with Jose and purchase some of his exquisite orchids for your collection!

Due to the continued cases of Covid-19, the Board of Trustees has rescheduled the usual December Holiday Party to Saturday, February 20, 2021 if it is safe to hold a party at that time. Members who paid their 2020 dues and attend the February holiday party will receive a FREE orchid.

Happy Orchiding!

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DBOS President

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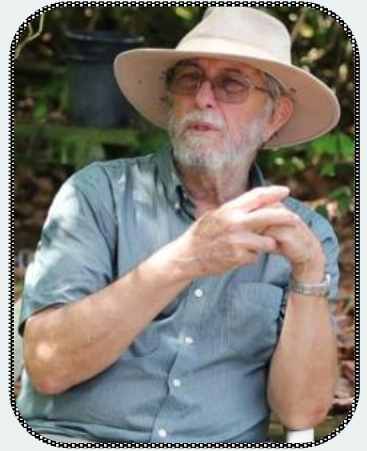
DBOS meetings will be held virtually via ZOOM live for the remainder of the year due to **Covid-19 restrictions**.

In case you missed your email for the recorded video links for the September meeting, check your email for the email sent to you the evening of September 8th from deerfieldorchids@gmail.com.

Please check your email for information pertaining to events for the fall. 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.

October Climate Data

- Average high: 85.4°F
- Average low: 72.2°F
- Average mean: 78.8°F
- Average rainfall: 6.19"



Tasks for October

By Dr. Martin Motes

October is a month of change in South Florida. If the Romans had lived here where we do, they would have named this month for their two faced god Janus. Usually around the middle of the month, and certainly by the end of the month, the first strong cold front pushes into South Florida bringing to a close the monolithic heat and damp of summer and ushering in weather as most of the continent knows it, alternating periods of warmer and cooler. Although warm temperatures will persist for another month or so until the technical end of the hurricane season, the tropics are in retreat and the temperate zone in the ascendancy. Each successive cold front foreshadowed by ever lessening rain storms will progressively cool our temperatures and dry our air. But days are shortening too, providing less hours of sunlight to heat the air and slowing the drying process. Nights are longer and cooler which produces the same effect, slower drying. Now we must start to move into the consciousness of winter and take greater care to insure that our plants are thoroughly dry before we water them again. The shorter days of October dictate that we rise even earlier to water if necessary. Each extra hour of daylight is to be cherished by us as well as our plants.

Most of our orchids are well aware of this sea change. The shortening days of late summer have told many genera to finish their growth and prepare to rest. We need to listen too. And look! The last smallest leaves of these highly seasonal plants will have unfolded at the tips of their new growths telling us that their growth cycle is finished for this year. Himalayan dendrobiums of the nobile type and of the section *Callista* (*D. aggregatum* et al.) now begin their five months of carefree existence in South Florida. They should be put in a bright spot and given no more water and above all, no more fertilizer until after they have bloomed in Spring. *Catasetums*, *mormodes*, *Cycnoches*, *calanthes* and other deciduous types should be treated the same way. Whatever moisture nature provides in the increasingly heavy dew and the passing rains that usher in most cold fronts will be adequate for these plants whose native environment is a seasonally monsoon one like ours. Benign neglect suits these genera just fine and what a relief to the conscience of the ever busy orchidist! The truly devoted will group these genera together, preferably at the edge of the growing area and high up where they will receive the maximum of light and air circulation. Grouped thus, the chance of an accidental watering of these while taking care of the more thirsty genera is minimized. Another strategy is to tip the pots of these dormant genera on their sides thus eliminating much natural rainfall and avoiding a misdirected hose spray. Some growers even remove plants that have finished both growing and flowering from their pots entirely. When new growth begins in the Spring they will receive a fresh start in new medium.

Continue to read complete article for October which also reviews fertilizer and trace element requirements for October on Dr. Motes fogblog at the Link below.



Read this month's complete article at:

<http://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/>

Sign up for Dr. Motes' Newsletter at:

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Speaker of the Month

Tom Kuligowski

Virtual ZOOM Presentation

October 13, 2020

7:30 pm

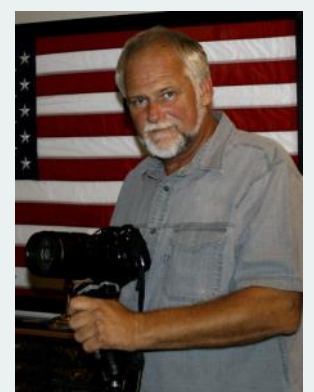
Link to the meeting will be sent to members from deerfieldorchids@gmail.com prior to the meeting.



“Creating Better Images of Your Orchids”

Tom Kuligowski began his photographic career in 1969. In conjunction with an art background he viewed things quite differently and realized there was an innate sense of photographic vision. In the early 1990's, Tom started photographing a neighbors orchids; documenting the progression of growth and the phenomenal blooms that graced the mature plants. It wasn't long after that he started building his own collection. Throughout the years he has incorporated his artistic abilities with various mediums combining his photographic skills creating numerous works depicting the orchids he has bloomed.

“You don't necessarily need a vast wealth of knowledge to capture images of your orchids. Many of today's cameras can do the thinking for you.” With this in mind, Tom teaches members of the societies he speaks at to take better pictures of their own collections. Whether using a smartphone, point and shoot or digital single lens reflex camera; everyone can improve their images. So many people want to share the blooms they nurture on social media sights such as Facebook or Instagram. Tom will show you a few simple techniques to create images that will make you proud of the collections we are so passionate about.



You can contact Tom Kuligowski at:

Facebook: [Tom Kuligowski](#)

Angraecums Blog: <http://angraecums.blogspot.com>

Happy Birthday



OCTOBER

Oct 06 Ken Bingham

Oct 07 Miranda Martinez

Oct 08 Vince Dicks

Oct 10 Denise Bordeau

Oct 12 Raquel Carles

Oct 17 Malcolm Taylor

Oct 25 Rose Pangerl

Oct 26 Stephanie Morkert

Oct 27 Deborah Balfour

Oct 28 Annie Brennan-Smith

NOVEMBER

Nov 02 Mikesha Murray

Nov 03 Liz Huffman

Nov 10 Gail Ritchie

Nov 11 Brian Kenney

Nov 11 Janet Leech

Nov 12 Tonky Bofill

Nov 14 Wes Scott

Nov 18 Janice Dunford

Nov 21 Hal Allen




USPS Issues Wild Orchid Stamps


<https://www.aos.org/News-and-Events/Wild-Orchids-Forever-Stamps.aspx>

AOS FALL MEMBERS MEETING AND AUCTION!

UPCOMING MEETING Fall Members Meeting on October 24th, 2020. Virtual (online) event. Auction open to All! Bidding will begin on (Friday, October 16th, starting at 8:00 AM). [Click here for details.](#)



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The U.S. Postal Service introduced ten new orchid stamps!


The American Orchid Society was honored to host the first day of the issue dedication ceremony at our headquarters.


EVENT: First Day of Issue Ceremony

DATE & TIME: Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: The American Orchid Society Library at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL 33156



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<https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2020/0121ma-usps-to-issue-wild-orchids-forever-stamp-feb-21.pdf>

If you are an American Orchid Society Member, note upcoming Virtual Meeting and Auction.

The AOS 2020 Fall Members Meeting is Going Virtual (Online)!

The health and safety of our Members Meeting attendees is our number one priority. After careful consideration, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic's current trajectory, we've made the decision to transition the 2020 Fall Members Meeting to a fully virtual event to be held on October 24th, 2020.

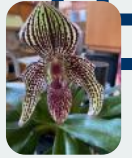
October 24, 2020



<https://www.aos.org/news-and-events/members-meetings.aspx>



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events



These events may be held on the meeting date or on another day of the week instead of a general meeting.

1. **Feb 20, 2021** DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party
The Holiday Party, typically held the first Saturday in December in place of our December monthly meeting was moved to February 2021 in an abundance of caution.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Lisa Sarno
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton, Grace Holliday & Linda Woodhouse
2. **March 9, 2021** DBOS 8th Annual Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
3. **April, 2021** DBOS Annual Orchid Home Ramble
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse
Committee: TBD
4. **Sept, 2021** DBOS Annual Picnic
Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt
Committee: Racquel Carles, Lisa Sarno, Jacqueline & Wes Scott
5. **Oct, 2021** DBOS Annual Bus Trip
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt
6. **Nov 13 –14, 2021** DBOS 9th Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Safe Schools Institute
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb

If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact Cheryl Babcock or Kristina Brandt.



A Girl's Journey through her Orchid Obsession

From Raffle Orchid to Shadehouse

Home of Lisa Sarno
and
Greg Keeseker



My name is Lisa. I have a confession to make: *I'm obsessed with orchids!* I contracted the “orchid obsession” disease about 4 years ago and am a work in progress. Like most of us, it started with just one orchid... a gift, a raffle prize... and that's where it starts!

When volunteers were needed to submit photos for the upcoming newsletters, although apprehensive, I volunteered. Unlike most members with extensive collections of hundreds of orchids, years of growing experience and a plethora of orchid knowledge, I am a newbie. I've admired the beautiful orchid collections of several members for years. During those years, I've used your collections as my inspiration, attend meetings to gain knowledge, and volunteer on the Board and at events to keep active within DBOS. I now submit my story and photos to encourage newbies such as myself and intrigue the orchid experts to follow my journey through this orchid obsession!

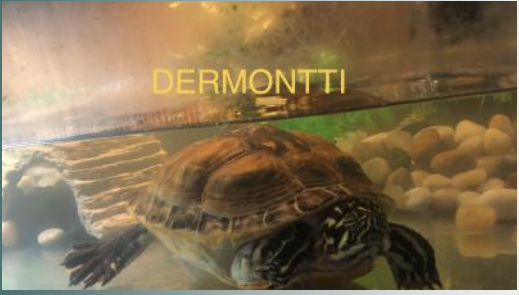
My first meeting was about 4 years ago after I read about DBOS in the Observer. I wanted to get involved in my community and learn more about orchids. At the time, I knew absolutely nothing about orchids. My husband claims I joined for the snacks at the meetings, the free orchids and parties. That is not true, although those are terrific perks! In exchange for the knowledge I receive at the meetings and inspiration from fellow members, I do give back by volunteering at events and sitting on the board as Secretary and Programs Chair. I encourage each of you to consider volunteering by submitting your story and pictures for the newsletter, volunteering for events once we resume in 2021 and participate in other ways.

When I purchased my home in Deerfield Beach 15 years ago, there were no trees. My orchid collection started with the new member orchid I received at my first meeting. Getting orchids to bloom was my first real accomplishment and got me hooked for life. My front porch is the main backdrop for displaying my modest collection by hanging vandas on the side, using plant stands and troughs, hanging orchids on an ornamental piece of metal wall art and mounting phalaenopsis on my robellini palm. I planted eureka palms around the pool area which are now over 20 ft. tall and provide a great area for mounting orchids. A large Boston palm is the host for my new vanilla orchid.

This is all a work in progress. Coconut palms have been planted. I can't wait for them to grow to mount orchids on them. A large bare area in the side yard along the fence will soon have lattice installed to display new orchids. Eventually, shade houses will be installed along that fence. We are also working on a pond area which will have water plants and be the turtle habitat for our three turtles. My home just may be ready to be a stop on a Ramble in 2025!

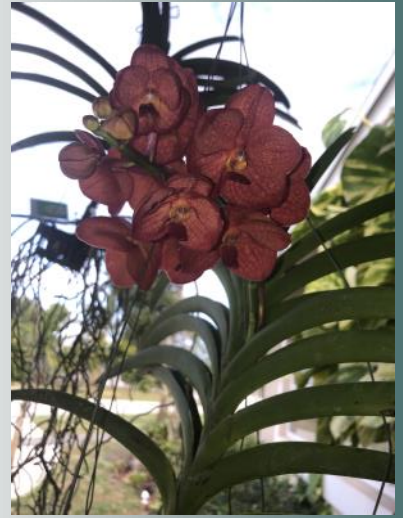
Please enjoy the photos of my modest collection. Thank you, members, that have generously shared cuttings, advice and friendship. DBOS is the best!

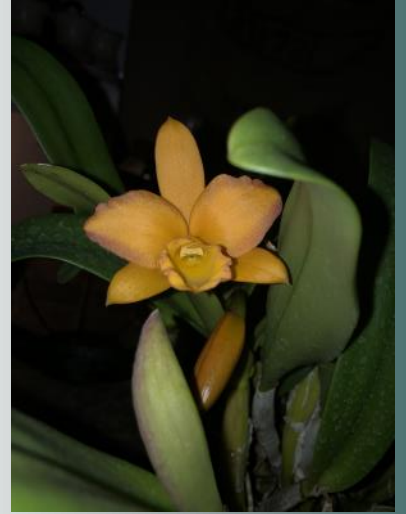
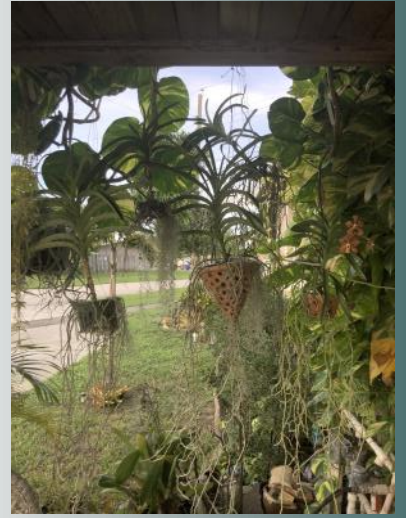




VANILA ORCHID FROM GRACE







DIXIE



AXEL



SIDNEY



DBOS 2015 Show and Sale

DBOS Recruitment Tent
Bonnet House April 2019 Show and Sale

DBOS 2018 Show and Sale

ORCHIDS + TREES = A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN @ THE ARBORETUM

Article contributed by Lisa Sarno



Look! Up in the trees! There are orchids, orchids and more orchids at the Arboretum in Deerfield Beach. The Arboretum is located at 2841 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Deerfield Beach. Thanks to volunteers of our very own Deerfield Beach Orchid Society and Friends of the Arboretum, many trees are now adorned with beautiful orchids on display. This cultural endeavor will expand interest and passion for orchids in our community together with increasing awareness of and membership in DBOS.

DBOS was contacted by one of our members Judith Stanich, who had over 40 orchids she wished to donate.. She contacted Lisa Sarno, DBOS member & Secretary, and Jerry Behan, President of Friends of the Arboretum, to spearhead this collaboration. DBOS member Michael Simon generously donated over 30 orchids, materials and his time in response to our request for donations.

On a beautiful Sunday morning, volunteers from both groups gathered at “The Tree Zoo” to mount beautiful orchids high up in the treetops. DBOS member Diana Fedregon and former DBOS President Kiku Martinson joined the group to donate their time and expertise. (Additional volunteers are needed to periodically maintain the orchids. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Sarno at DeerfieldOrchids@gmail.com)

This event received press recognition by The Observer and The Pelican (Read more at: <https://www.newpelican.com/articles/flora-loving-folks-collaborate-to-bring-orchids-to-the-arboretum/>).



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 2020 this will include their 2021 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 all of our members for supporting DBOS during this unusual year when we have been unable to meet in person and enjoy the many activities that DBOS provides to the members. We hope that you have enjoyed some of the phenomenal speakers who have joined us through Zoom. We might not have had a chance to hear from these gentlemen in person. A shout out to Bill Thoms, Dr. Martin Motes, and Jose Exposito for sharing their time, knowledge, and expertise with DBOS members via Zoom. For the remainder of the year, we are looking forward to Zoom meetings with Tom Kuligowski and Fred Clarke.

We sincerely hope to get back to our in-person meetings in 2021. We have scheduled our January 12, 2021 meeting to be held at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach at 7:30 pm. There will be a limited number of people who are able to attend in person, members will be socially distanced, and everyone must wear a mask. The meeting will also be recorded and sent to members who are not comfortable venturing out. More information about this will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

Our 2021 membership drive will begin in January 2021, however we will accept your membership dues at any time. Our dues structure has not increased. Members who pay their 2021 dues will receive a FREE orchid if they attend the December 2021 holiday party.

Members who did not previously pay their 2020 dues have the option of paying their dues and receiving a FREE orchid if they attend the February 2021 holiday party. Do you only want to renew for 2021 and not 2020? That's fine, too, and you are more than welcome to join us at the February 2021 holiday party. Remember, only 2020 paid members will receive an orchid. This is in respect to the 2020 dues-paying members. If you don't remember if you paid your 2020 dues, please email or call Linda (954-234-4623) or lindawoodhourealtor@gmail.com and she will let you know.

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

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership -- If you are able to renew, you can either call Linda at 954-234-4623 with a credit card 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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2020 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/

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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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