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Hello fellow Orchid lovers.

Well spring is almost here, time to have completed most of your re-potting, now that those new roots are showing.

We all seem to have a wonderful assortment of orchids growing in our own habitats. Please consider bringing them to the meeting next Tuesday for judging. Not only does it show the other members what is possible in our humble gardens but we can share comments and suggestions about how each one achieves the splendor of the orchids we all cherish.

After all, adult education is just the sharing of ideas between those with similar interests.

Planning is well underway by Debbie Dicks for the (day before) Mother's Day orchid display and sale at Mizner Park. Be sure to sign up with her at the meeting to participate in putting together the 20 arrangements we will sell that day. Think about donating your plant for a display of the various Orchid Species. This will be a great opportunity for us to show our knowledge of orchids and find new members in the crowd.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Rosemary Chenery

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March Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Species	<i>Cattleya skinneri</i>	Joe Ortlieb
Species	<i>Trichocentrum (Trt.) splendidum</i> (synonym = <i>Oncidium</i>)	Trinh Pham
Cattleya Alliance	Cattleya Caribbean Orange Bowl	Joe Ortlieb
Dendrobium	Den. Golden Aya (= <i>Den. aphrodite</i> x <i>Den. capillipes</i>)	Dennis Pearl
Oncidium	Oncidesa (Oncsa.) Jiuobao Gold (synonym <i>Oncidium</i>) (= <i>Oncsa. Shonan</i> x <i>Oncsa. Kalzumic Delight</i>)	Trinh Pham
Phalaenopsis	Phal. Kaleidoscope (= <i>Phal. amboinensis</i> x <i>Phal. Redwine</i>)	Dennis Pearl
Misc	Phaiocalanthe (Phcal) Kryptonite (<i>Calanthe Rozel</i> x <i>Phaius tankervilleae</i>)	Dennis Pearl

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

Janet Peer Apr 4

James Peer Apr 8

Elaine Mende Apr 30

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 **March** meeting!

Grace Holliday
Marty Hunt
Mary Pritchard
Dennis Pearl
Dee Glover

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

Tom Kuligowski

Instructor: Tom Kuligowski, avid orchid grower, specializes in Angraecums, award-winning photographer for 40+ years, (tk_images@msn.com www.artimages.us)

Angraecums tend to be known for their beautiful, showy flowers, many that are fragrant at night. Some can even become fantastic specimen plants in just a couple of years. With both species and several sought after crosses, the Angraecums offer some very unique shapes along with the most pristine white in any of the orchids. The amazing fact people aren't aware of, is that they can thrive in South Florida's sub-tropical weather or on a windowsill in the not so warm north, if given the chance. This presentation will provide both hobbyists and serious growers with fundamental guidelines to grow these beauties successfully and in turn, grace you with years of enjoyment.

All of the photographs within the presentation are of plants from his collection. Many of them showing the various growth stages (from seedlings to first time bloomers to specimen plants).



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

Get your picture taken amongst the orchids

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

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Renewals

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New Members

Individual	\$25.00 yr.
Couples	\$35.00 yr.
Jr. Membership	\$10.00 yr.

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 April

By

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Theoretically, it is spring, although outside temperatures argue otherwise. Your orchids know the date and are responding with new growth and roots as long as you have maintained appropriate minimum temperatures. This time of year, it is easy to forget about the dramatic fluctuations in outside humidity. This single variable is important when deciding whether to fertilize or water.

If your growing area is getting colder than the ideal it is best to keep your orchids drier than usual to avoid the bacterial and fungal rots. When the humidity is low, as is often the case in cold weather, orchids will dry faster. When cold weather is outside the door, it is better to err on the side of keeping orchids on the dry side. Very soon, both the angle of the sun and rising humidity will provide the ideal growing conditions for most orchids. Begin fertilizing lightly now, but increase the frequency once warm weather arrives. Should humidity remain low as light intensifies, add an additional watering. My rate of watering at this time of year is twice what it is in mid-summer when humidity is high.

My rate of fertilizing is 1/16 the recommended dose, but applied 3-4 times per month instead of one application. This time of year I like to alternate between organic fertilizers, such as fish emulsion, and inorganic types such as a balanced Cal Mag. Once greenhouse daytime temperatures exceed 90 F on a regular basis, I avoid using fish emulsion and other organic fertilizers. At those times, it is best to use a fertilizer that provides nitrogen in the form of nitrate or ammonia, instead of urea. Bacteria use urea and in the process degrade organic potting media and do so very efficiently under higher temperatures. Urea is found in many fertilizers and should be avoided, especially in the heat of summer.

Mature cattleyas complete their new growths quickly and then do not need heavy feeding. Seedlings, however, benefit from regular fertilizing as do many other orchid genera. Phalaenopsis, vandas, and any group from hot climates will grow better in the summer and appreciate a constant addition of dilute fertilizer. Remember the phrase, water weakly, weekly.

If you have just a few orchids make fertilizing simple and apply the slow release Nutricote for most orchids now. That should last six months.

Vandas are one of the groups of orchids that love the heat. If you have a vanda that has become "leggy", i.e. leaves on the top of a long stem with roots at the bottom this is the time to make it more manageable. Vandas that are moved in and out of a sunroom often develop this "leggy" characteristic. Besides being unsightly, vandas with this characteristic seem to slowly go downhill with respect to flower numbers and quality.

There is a solution and it is fairly straightforward. First, soak roots and stem until the stem including the base of leaves that have dropped off is soft. These often become very brittle and prevent new roots from emerging. Soak some sphagnum (Chilean or New Zealand) and wrap it around the stem two inches below the lowest leaf. A mesh bag or pantyhose should be wrapped around the sphagnum and stem stem to hold the sphagnum in place. Water normally and by the end of summer there should be a flush of big roots pushing out the sphagnum. Once roots are two or three inches long, cut the stem just below the bottom root and place the plant in a new basket. Be sure the roots are either staked in the basket or somehow firmly placed in the basket. Be careful with the new roots in the process. The new roots should quickly attach to the basket and be ready for winter. There might also be a new sprout or two at the top of the stem you just cut, if so, do not throw it away. If you lack space, make a new friend with a gift.

Photographing Orchids

Noah Boorstin

When I look at an orchid, I first look for its unique features. Almost every orchid I've seen has something unique about it, whether it is the color, shape, or size. I find orchids so compelling to photograph because of that diversity. Any two orchids can be completely different, and even two perspectives on the same orchid can be nothing alike. When I photograph an orchid, I do my best to bring out the uniqueness of that particular orchid.

The shapes of orchid particularly interest me. I am fascinated by how many different ways there are to look at an orchid and see a different thing every time. When I photograph an orchid, I try to look for a new perspective on it. Most perspectives of an orchid are not often seen, such as looking at it extremely close-up or from an odd angle, so for more interesting pictures I try to find those uncommon angles and photograph them. For some orchids, the more bizarrely shaped ones, finding uncommon views is easy: if the orchid is a weird shape by itself, you can just photograph the whole thing and move on. However, with some orchids, it can be very tricky finding a unique view. That challenge is what I find most compelling about photographing orchids.

The color of orchids also fascinates me. Orchids have a variety of exquisite colors, and when photographing them I try to bring out those colors. The background of a picture is essential to bringing out the colors in the orchid, so when photographing an orchid, I always try to find the right background. I usually do not have too much control over what the background is, as that depends largely on where the orchid happens to be, but I do my best to find a suitable background.

After I have identified a unique characteristic of an orchid, I compose the picture around that trait. If I am trying to bring out the shape of an orchid, I might try something like focusing very closely on that part of the flower, leaving the rest of the picture pleasantly blurry, or by picking an odd angle so that only that bit of the flower is in view. Color is trickier to bring out in flowers. Black backgrounds work well with almost every color, but sometimes they are not available or there is a different, more exciting option such as contrasting colors. For example, with an orchid with red-and-white spotted leaves, I chose a green striped background (made from the leaves of a different plant) to show the colors in a more interesting way.

Lighting is a very important part of orchid photographs, but usually the most difficult to control. If possible to move the orchid, I either put it in deep shade for mellow, even colors or in direct sunlight for highlighting the colors. When I cannot move the orchid, I just end up waiting for the lighting to improve.

What I most enjoy about photographing orchids is the endless diversity of them, which translates into an infinite possibilities in ways to photograph them.

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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

April 27-28, 2013

Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale

559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

This annual plant sale features over 80 vendors with an amazing assortment of quality plants and goods. Palms, orchids, bamboo, begonias, bromeliads, fruit trees, and many other types of plants will be for sale. This is your opportunity to learn about the plants that grow well in South Florida and it's the best place to find something new for your garden. The American Hibiscus Society, Sunrise-Conrad Chapter & Greater Palm Beach Rose Society will be having their annual show & judging featuring many of the state's best blooms. Plants will be available at their booths. The Palm Beach Country Woodturners will be selling a large selection of their beautiful woodturnings. Memberships will be available at the gates.

Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 9am-4pm

Admission: Members Free, Non-Members \$10

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

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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Jr. Membership	\$ 5.00 yr.	Jr. Membership	\$10.00 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

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, April 11, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, April 8 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, April 9, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, April 10, 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

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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!