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## President's Message

Hi Orchid Lovers,

I am really excited about our April 11 meeting when Jim Roberts from Florida SunCoast Orchids will be speaking on "A Few Encyclias to Enjoy." This is a good intro to species easily grown here in Florida and goes into a few of their hybrids. It is a great program for species identification. Jim will be bringing lots of plants to sell, and we all know he has beautiful and unique orchids. He will have orchids for the raffle table as well. Hope it is my lucky night to win one!

So much to report on since my last message. DBOS' 10th annual Orchid Auction was March 14, and Mac Rivenbark, our outstanding auctioneer, did a fabulous job. We had orchids from Mac's Orchids, Motes Orchids, Orchids in Bloom, Quest Orchids, Soroa Orchids, and many of our members donated orchids, Hoyas, and a variety of other items. We made over \$3,100.00 profit, with \$1,526.00 of that from our member's donations. A huge thank you to everyone who made the auction a fun and successful event.

Many of our members thoroughly enjoyed our popular Home Ramble on March 25 where we visited four of our members' homes to view their impressive collections and to see how they grow and display their orchids. We would love to come to see your orchid collection next year, and we are giving you a year in advance to begin sprucing up! Let me know if you are interested in being included on a stop for the 2024 ramble.

I had the pleasure of co-chairing the Bonnet House 14th Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival again this year with Jose Exposito from Soroa Orchids and Curator at the Bonnet House, along with the Bonnet House team. Lovely orchids and other items were offered by the 34 vendors who participated in the Festival. It was a tranquil and enchanting setting to stroll through the Bonnet House grounds on a beautiful spring weekend! A special thank you to our members who volunteered their time to talk orchids to the people who visited our Deerfield Beach Orchid Society booth.

It is time to renew your DBOS membership for 2023, so plan to pay by cash, check (made payable to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society), or credit card at the April meeting. \$25/single and \$35/double membership. Alternatively, contact Linda Woodhouse, Membership Chair, at [lindawoodhousesrealtor@gmail.com](mailto:lindawoodhousesrealtor@gmail.com), call her at 954-234-4623, or mail check to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33443. After the April meeting, an e-version of the directory will be sent to all paid members.

Any new members who joined during the November 2022 Orchid Obsession show and sale, the April meeting is your last opportunity to pick up your free orchid or book. If your plans have not allowed you to attend the meetings in the past, the April meeting has a great speaker and we would love to welcome you into the society.

Our May 9 speaker is Brian Spittler from Ohio. Enjoy your orchids before the weather gets too warm.

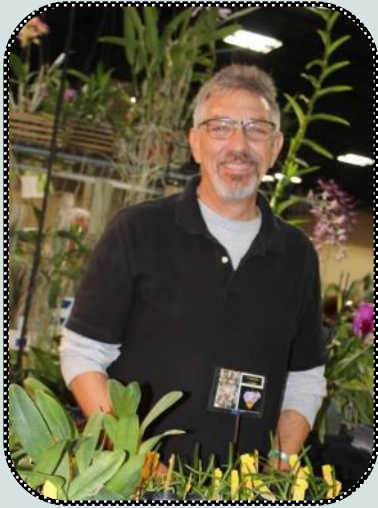
**Happy Orchiding!**

**Cheryl Babcock**  
DBOS President

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# Speaker of the Month

Jim Roberts

Florida SunCoast Orchids

April 11, 2023 7:30 pm



## “A few Encyclias to Enjoy”

It was in the college days of 1979 when I first encountered orchids during a routine doctor's visit. While there, I noticed a large cattleya orchid on his desk. I asked the fateful question: “What kind of flower is that?” To which the physician laughingly replied, “You do NOT want to know!” A short story by the doctor about his all-consuming hobby ensued and within two days I had gotten two orchids of my own.

During those college years in Northfield, Minnesota, I was put in charge of the St. Olaf greenhouse and its repository of orchids. I knew little about the plants but read everything I could get my hands on. After graduating, I moved to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands where I happened upon a sidewalk sale by the local orchid society. I joined the group, learned much about growing in a tropical arid environment, the native orchid species, and won my first AOS award for *Encyclia bifida* 'Loves Favor' AM/AOS.

Leaving the island three years later, I found myself trying to take 10 boxes of plants through customs back to Minnesota. Little did I know that the customs encounter would be easiest part. It was a totally new experience trying to grow plants in a cold Midwestern state. Many plants did not survive. Many did, and I learned that orchids actually could be grown quite successfully in the stifling environment of a house surrounded by ice and snow.

During those return years in Minnesota, I worked in the horticulture industry, served in various capacities with orchid organizations and lectured to many garden clubs. I also had the privilege of traveling extensively around the United States, Europe and Hawaii for my career, visiting all of the major orchid nurseries. It was during this time that I started to turn my avid hobby into a small business.

In 2001, I moved to Florida with a small collection of plants and the dream of operating an orchid nursery became a reality. We currently grow our beauties in three gutter connected greenhouses encompassing 10,000 square feet of growing space. As always, I strive to grow and sell the best quality orchid plants for all our customers, and to build a lasting reputation in the industry as one of the very best. My deepest thanks to all those who patronize our business.

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Florida SunCoast Orchids is led by Jim Roberts, a leader in the growing orchid industry of Florida, operating throughout the state of Florida as well as supporting national market demands.



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2023 DBOS Membership Annual Fees**

**New Members: \$30/Single or \$40/Couple ~ Membership Renewal: \$25/Single or \$35/Couple**

**Reasons to join or renew your membership in the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society**

**Monthly Events**

DBOS & AOS Members  
Prize Drawings  
Guest Speakers  
DBOS & AOS Members Plant  
Judging/Awarding Ribbons  
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 or to pay by credit card, please contact Linda Woodhouse, DBOS Membership Chair, at [lindawoodhouse Realtor@gmail.com](mailto:lindawoodhouse Realtor@gmail.com) or call 954-234-4623. If you prefer to pay by check, make it payable to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society and send to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33443-0732. DBOS meetings held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 (except December Holiday Party).

**Membership year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2023, and DBOS 2023 renewals DUE by April 12**

# Happy Birthday



## **APRIL**

**April 01 Nye Woodhouse**

**April 02 Myra Tucker-Joeckel**

**April 02 John Morris**

**April 13 Roe Ramos**

**April 14 Linda Woodhouse**

**April 19 Cynthia Cummings**

**April 21 John Pangerl**

**April 22 Denise Rough**

**April 20 Jesus Hill**

**April 25 Lisa Sarno**

**April 29 Virginia Bauer**

**April 30 Elaine Mende**

## **MAY**

**May 05 Dennis Pearl**

**May 10 Thomas Milo**

**May 11 Barry Silver**

**May 12 Janet Baker**

**May 19 Stephanie Currie**

**May 25 Jennifer Fox**

**May 27 Janet Woodhouse**

**May 31 Heather Nedich**



### Bulletin Board

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, 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach FL 33441.

Please check your email for information pertaining to our social events for 2023. Announcements will be sent to you as information is available. If you have a question, send it to [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) and someone will get back to you.

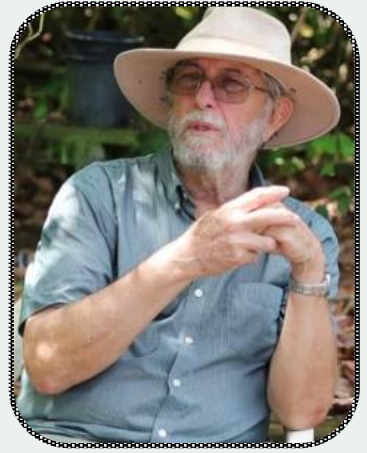
### April Climate Data

Average high: 83.8°F

Average low: 67.6°F

Average mean: 75.7°F

Average rainfall: 3.36"



## April in Your Orchid Collection

By Dr. Martin Motes

Far from the cruelest, April is the kindest month to South Florida orchid growers. The weather in April is definitely settled into warm, even deliciously hot, with passing cold fronts only adding the delight of a pleasant change in temperature. The clean, bright days brimming with abundant sunlight and the low relative humidity create the high drying potential that orchids love. Now we can get our orchids off to a great start on the growing season by practicing our very best watering skills under ideal conditions. Water heavily when you water and allow the plants to dry thoroughly before watering heavily again. Drying 'hard' in the Spring will produce benefits all season. We want to get our plants well launched while leaving all the fungi high and dry.

The new shoots of *Oncidinae*, *grammatophyllums* and *dendrobiums* are quite cup-like; care must be taken that water does not stand too long in these immature growths. Water these types very thoroughly with two or three applications of water spaced 10-15 minutes apart. Water should run freely through the pot on each application. Saturated thoroughly in this fashion the plants will need only weekly watering. Even more care should be taken with the soft plicate leafed genera like *Catasetum*, *Mormodes*, *Cycnoches*, *Gongora*, *Calanthe* and *Thunia*. The new growths of this type are rolled together (the fancy word is convolute) like a collapsible drinking cup. These should be grown in water retentive media that should be saturated at each watering to permit the developing roots to have abundant water but allow the vulnerable new growth extra time to dry. Feel the weight of a pot when you have finished watering. Be sure it is heavy with water. If it's not water one more time. With plants properly spaced, good drying should not be difficult in the hot dry air of April. But do be careful to water early enough in the day to allow the tender new growth to thoroughly dry by twilight.

With vandaceous orchids grown in slatted baskets, most growers find that they dry altogether too well in April. Vandas can be watered almost every morning in April. Indeed, a second light watering or misting in mid-afternoon in April and early May is often beneficial provided the crowns and leaf axils of the plants have time to dry completely by nightfall. Another strategy under high drying conditions is to bend the rules, at least occasionally, and water heavily in mid to late morning. Late waterings on weekend mornings (you didn't want to get up early, any way) provide relief for plants that are more stressed on week days with their owners absent. Very occasionally, one needs to break the rules absolutely and water thoroughly (not just mist) in the mid to late afternoon so the plants can slowly absorb the water across the cool hours of the night. This is the season that one must be sure that Vanda roots have turned overall dark green when we have finished watering. Two applications of water to the point of runoff spaced several minutes apart should accomplish the required color change from white to totally green. Saturated roots are absolutely necessary to provide the plants the moisture the plants need to withstand the heat and dry air typical of April. Sometimes, particularly at this season, the roots will not change color even after the second or third application of water. This lack of response to water is because the roots have become so dry that they are repelling rather than absorbing water. They are behaving like a cork in a wine bottle. The grower must exert special effort to re-saturate the roots. Often this will require 4 or 5 waterings to the point of run off spaced 15 minutes apart. Once the roots have been changed to the healthy overall green, normal applications of water should bring them around in future.

With increased heat and light and the onset of growth, fertilizer becomes more crucially important to the plants. Balanced time release pellets (13-13-13) can still be applied to potted plants provided the duration is 180 days or less. Most time release fertilizer breaks down faster under South Florida conditions and should be exhausted by October when we will want our plants to slow down. The brand marketed at retail as "Dynamite" is generally considered by professionals as superior in reliability to other types. In April, 15-5-15 can be applied to most genera at the rate of 2 tsp. per gal every two weeks. Vandas, ascocendas, *Aerides*, *et al* will benefit from a full tablespoon of 15-5-15 weekly during this high energy period. One can also apply high phosphorous 'Bloom Booster' fertilizer once or twice at this time to stimulate them to flower for Mothers' Day or failing that to win those trophies and A.O.S. awards at the Redland International Orchid Festival the next weekend. High phosphorous (we use Millers' *Solugrow* 8-48-12) also stimulates root action and is important in getting all genera off to a good start on the growing season. This is

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## **Highlights from Our March Auction Meeting, Annual Home Ramble, Bonnet House Festival, and Member's Plants**

Your eyes aren't deceiving you, and you don't need to adjust your glasses. We know that you thoroughly enjoy the fantastic photos of our meetings and events and particularly of your fellow Deerfield Beach Orchid Society members' plants each month in our newsletter. Our newsletter editor, Terry Morkert, has suffered a tear to his right rotator cuff. Terry painstakingly spends hours sizing photos to make the spectacular displays that we feast our eyes on monthly. Now his pain is real, and it is excruciating! Imagine him trying to use the keyboard and maneuver the mouse left handed to get the photos in place. We have told Terry to not be concerned about including the photos in the April newsletter and to include them in an April supplement in a couple of weeks or to include them in the May newsletter, whenever he feels better. Here's to Terry's speedy recovery.

Cheryl Babcock, President



# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

## 2023



1. **January 28** DBOS Annual Bus Trip to Growers.  
Meet at Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach at 7:45am and return by 6:15pm.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt
2. **March 14** DBOS 10th Annual Orchid Auction to be held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club.  
FREE EVENT Public Welcome. Preview at 7:00 pm—Auction begins at 7:30 pm.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
3. **March 25** DBOS Annual Home Ramble. DBOS members only.  
We will visit DBOS members' homes / orchid collections.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse
4. **October TBD** DBOS Annual Picnic at Tradewinds Park. DBOS Members and invited guests.  
Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt  
Committee: Racquel & Felipe Carles, Steve Brandt
5. **November 11-12** DBOS 10th Annual Orchid Show and Sale, Orchid Obsession. Safe Schools Institute.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb
6. **December 2** DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party to be held at the Croatian American Social Club at 6:00 pm.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse  
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton, Grace Holliday

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



**Annual Auction**



**Annual Ramble**



**Annual Bus Trip to Growers**



**Annual Picnic**



**Annual Holiday Party**

# Upcoming Orchid Events 2023

## Redland International Orchid Festival

Located at the idyllic Redland Fruit and Spice Park in South Dade, the Redland International Orchid Festival is world renowned as a bucket list event for orchid lovers. Join the best orchid growers in the world along with fellow avid orchid fans for three and a half days of pure orchid mania.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 19-21, 2023

10:00 am - 6:00 pm daily

Fruit and Spice Park

24801 SW 187th Ave

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<https://redlandorchidfestival.com/>



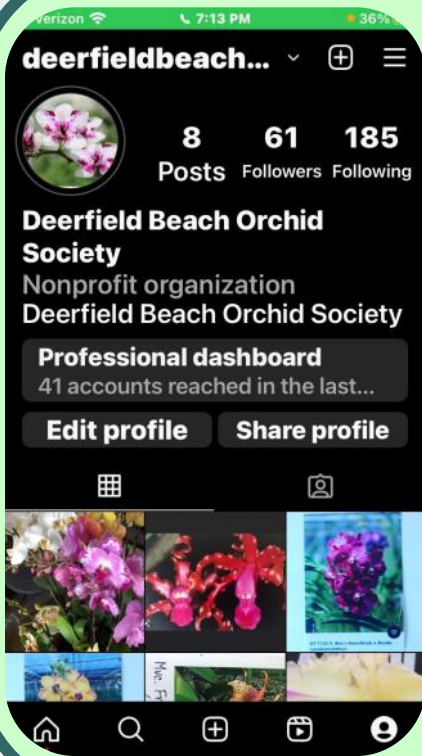


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## Become a Member of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society!

### 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.

**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](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) or call 954-234-4623

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## Calendar of 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  
910 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441  
<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/](http://www.brosonline.org/)

**4th Thursday Every Month 7:00 PM**

**Except November and December**

### Tropical Orchid Society

Mounts Botanical Gardens  
531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL  
<http://www.tropicalorchidsociety.org>

## 2022 Committee Positions

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