



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

August 2013
Volume 48 Issue 8

President

Rosemary Chenery
chen3566@bellsouth.net

Vice President

Joseph Ortlieb
OrtliebRivera@aol.com

Treasurer

Rosemary Chenery
chen3566@bellsouth.net

Secretary

Norma Melone
nmelone@comcast.net

3 Year Trustee

Lisa Krukoski
fre2beme1@comcast.net

3 Year Trustee

Donna Edwards
dkm3088@bellsouth.net

2 Year Trustee

Vince Dicks
vincedic@att.net

2 Year Trustee

Debbie Dicks
vincedic@att.net

1 Year Trustee

Dennis Pearl
timelessobjects@aol.com

1 Year Trustee

Gail Ritchie
ritchiewg@yahoo.com

Hello Orchid Lovers!

Last month I spoke of torrential rains and fungus. Maybe I'm the one for the continuation of this weather and the results. According to our backyard weather station we've had 4.52 inches of rain so far this month. (Reading taken Friday 8/9 at 3 pm)

It was great to see all the members who turned out at the July meeting. The plant table, as usual was spectacular. Alan Cogar, Pres. of the Ft. Lauderdale society was amazed at the quantity and quality of the display. We will try to have an informal discussion of tips and techniques at the close of each meeting, so bring your questions and favorite tips to share with your fellow growers.

Plans for the Nov 2-3 show are moving along. The Emma Lou Olsen Center has been set aside for our use Friday Nov 1 for setup, and Sat. and Sun. Nov 2 and 3 for the show itself.

I will have information packets available at the meeting for anyone wishing to volunteer.

We need chairpersons for the following

- Front door sales & ticket taking
- Vendor communication
- Judging coordination
- Advertising & Promotion
- Refreshments
- Volunteer coordinator

This is our major fund raiser for the year, and provides us the money to hire the speakers, and provide fun events like the ramble and the Fall Picnic, so we want everyone to take a small role to make it a great success.

We still need a couple of folk to step forward and organize the Fall Festival picnic in the Deerfield Arboretum. Please speak to a Board member about your interest in chairing this at the meeting.

I'll see you at our next meeting Tuesday, August 13.
Bring a friend, a refreshment, and a plant in bloom if you can.

Rosemary

Inside This Issue.....

From the President.....	pg 1
Ribbon Winners.....	pg 2
Birthdays / Refreshments.....	pg 3
Speaker Bio.....	pg 4
Annual Social Events.....	pg 6
Article.....	pg 7
Orchid Events.....	pg 10
Calendar of Meetings.....	pg 11

July Ribbon Winners

Vandaceous	Vanda Fat Tuesday (= <i>V. luzonica</i> x <i>V. Guo Chia Long</i>)---(was formerly <i>Ascocenda</i> but now <i>Vanda</i>)	Grace Holliday
Cattleya Alliance	Encyclia Orchid Jungle (= <i>E. alata</i> x <i>E. phoenicea</i>)	Joe Ortlieb

Grand Champion—Grace Holliday



Happy Birthday

Millicent Hammill Aug 1



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 **July** meeting!

Mary Pritchard
Dennis Pearl
Jim & Jan Peer
Millicent Hammill
Stephanie Morkert

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
- Free and discounted admission to [more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta](#)

10% discount on purchases on-line at www.aos.org including discount on back issues of ORCHIDS magazine and on American Orchid Society published books

Rosemary Chenery
AOS representative

Speaker of the Month

Greg Allikas

Orchid Photography

Our August speaker will be Greg Allikas who not only is a world class free lance photographer but an extremely knowledgeable orchidist as well. If you have seen even one AOS Orchid Magazine chances are you have seen some of his photos. In addition to the magazine work , he also photographs for AOS judging centers and sponsored shows. The topic will be Orchid Photography, so feel free to bring your cameras and questions and learn from the best



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. **TBD 2014** 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. **TBD 2014** Third Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Needed

4. **Nov 2 & 3, 2013** Fall Show and Sale. To be held at the Civic Center in Pompano Beach.
Saturday & Sunday Chairpersons: Rosemary Chenery

5. **Dec 8, 2013** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here

Chairperson: Grace Holliday

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

GROWING TIPS

For

August

By

Courtney T. Hackney

Email: Hackneau@comcast.net

While there are many facets to growing orchids that hobbyists must learn, there are only two real stages.

The first stage can generally be called the “learning stage”. Developing familiarity with orchid names, understanding the cultural needs of different orchid groups and finally applying all of the knowledge gained from books, lectures, fellow orchid hobbyists, and experts to your own situation. It does not matter if you grow under lights, on windowsills or in a greenhouse, this “learning stage” occurs. You know you are out of this stage when your biggest problem comes from having more orchids than space.

This phase can take a few years or decades, depending on the individual. Often, the process moves from windowsill culture to lights and finally into a greenhouse. There are great differences between each requiring continual learning and cultural adaptation. Most hobbyists never finish this phase, which is fortunate for those who sell orchids. Hobbyists in this phase must continually replace plants lost as they learn proper culture, pest and disease control and repotting.

Hobbyists in the “learning stage” often lack sympathy for hobbyists that make it to the “containment stage”. This stage is characterized by the need to constantly discard orchids because they keep multiplying. This stage can be confused with a process that occurs in stage one, buying more plants than there is space for. Hobbyists in stage one need to recognize stage two hobbyists because they are a source of both cultural advice and plants. More importantly, orchids from a nearby hobbyist are likely already adapted to local conditions. Their culture, i.e. potting mix, pot type, etc, also provides a model for those in the early stages of stage one.

The transition from stage one is usually not obvious to the grower. It begins when one particular group of orchids, e.g. intergeneric oncidiums begin to fill pots and are always in flower. It might seem that this would be an obvious transition point into stage two, but most hobbyists seem to enjoy the frustration of failure and begin to purchase orchids more difficult to grow.

The usual pattern is to try hybrids of other orchid groups such as Cattleyas. Once these are growing well and the challenge becomes repotting, species begin to grow as a percentage of a collection, often at the exclusion of the orchids that were once such a challenge, but now take up too much space. Hobbyists satisfied with their ability to grow the orchids that initially attracted them to the hobby could easily move into stage two, but sadly most abandon the hobby. For the rest, moving to increasingly challenging types of orchids becomes the mantra. Given the number of orchid species and groups, one may never graduate to the second stage, even though knowledge and cultural expertise becomes extensive.

Ultimately, hobbyists entering stage two either specialize in one group of orchids, e.g. Bulbophylums, or some unique grouping, e.g. Classic Cattleyas. A very few make their own hybrids, which produces the greatest problem plaguing members of stage two; deciding which seedlings to keep. It is one thing to discard a hybrid purchased long ago or a clone for which there are thousands of duplicates, but discarding your own hybrid clones is like tossing your own children out. While each one may not be awardable, each has special attributes that only you as the hybridizer can appreciate.

So, weep for me this fall! Selecting from among my own seedlings that have already been selected for some special trait and/or selecting which of my favorite classic cattleyas or phalanopsis to keep must happen before it gets cold. Or... perhaps I can talk my spouse into expanding my greenhouse! Of course, that can lead to stage three; “the divorce” stage.

Upcoming Speakers

July – Mirta Heineman

August – Greg Allikas

September – Mac’s Orchids

October – Weyman Bussey

November – Quest Orchids



The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society wishes Sandra Zahn-Oreck
a speedy recovery. We hope you get well soon!!!



Please support our sponsors



Joseph A. Ortlieb, D.D.S.
Michelle L. Rivera, D.M.D.

313 S.E. 15th Terrace
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

(954) 427-7513
Pager 1-800-925-8707



Newsletter Ads:

1/8 page: \$10 per month or \$100 per year
1/4 page: \$13 per month or \$125 per year
1/2 page: \$15 per month or \$150 per year
Full Page: \$25 per month or \$250 per year

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

August 10, 2013

Mounting Orchids, An Alternative to Pots

Students will learn how to mount orchids on items such as tree fern, cork bark, cypress and grapevine or how to naturalize orchids in their landscaping. Common questions like what orchids do best on mounts or in landscaping; what do I use to attach the orchid to the mount and how to water after they are mounted.

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, 900 North Birch Rd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Saturday 10 a.m.—12 p.m. Registration required 954 703-2606
Admission: \$30 members, \$35 non-members

September 13, 2013

Diagnosing Orchid Pests and Diseases

Learn about pests and diseases that harm orchids. From bacterial and fungal rots to insects, such as mealy bugs, thrips and scale. Students will learn how to identify the culprits, what products to use to get rid of them, as well as what to do to avoid them in the future. Examples of ailing orchids will be diagnosed. Orchids or leaf samples may be brought in for diagnosis, but **must be placed in plastic bags to prevent contaminating other plants**

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, 900 North Birch Rd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Saturday 10 a.m.—12 p.m. Registration required 954 703-2606
Admission: \$30 members, \$35 non-members

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.
Couples	\$30.00 yr.	Couples	\$35.00 yr.
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, August 8, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, August 12 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, August 13, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, August 14, 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.....TBD
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

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society
P.O. Box 732
Deerfield Beach, FL 33443

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!