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Hello Everyone!

We will be privileged to have Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids as our speaker on August 11th. Glen will be coming all the way from Galway, NY to educate us on paphiopedilums. That, by the way, is harder to spell than pronounce (for me anyway). Should be a great evening.

Our November 7-8 show is approaching and Debbie will begin handing out pre-sale tickets at the August meeting. They will come in a packet with instructions inside. The show is our single most important event of the year and we will be asking for your help again in spreading the word. Thanks ahead of time!

Dennis will have more information about the October picnic at the upcoming meeting as well. And finally, for all you lucky souls who have purchased your seats for the upcoming bus trip, the time is growing shorter and hopefully the anticipation is growing higher.

Hope to see everyone at the upcoming meeting! And as always, bring a friend!

Vince

Happy Birthday

Millicent Hammill Aug 1

Rosemarie Seifert Aug 3

Hilde Richardson Aug 11

Stephen Lunsford Aug 14

Ken Erwin Aug 15

Josee Lapointe Aug 16

Lucie Alessio Aug 23

Madeline Felton Aug 23

Juan Bofill Aug 28



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!

Dennis Pearl

Carol Ott

Mary Pritchard

Janet Baker

Marilyn McMullen

And special thanks to Publix for donating refreshments

Please remember to sign the refreshment list so you can be acknowledged!

Speaker of the Month

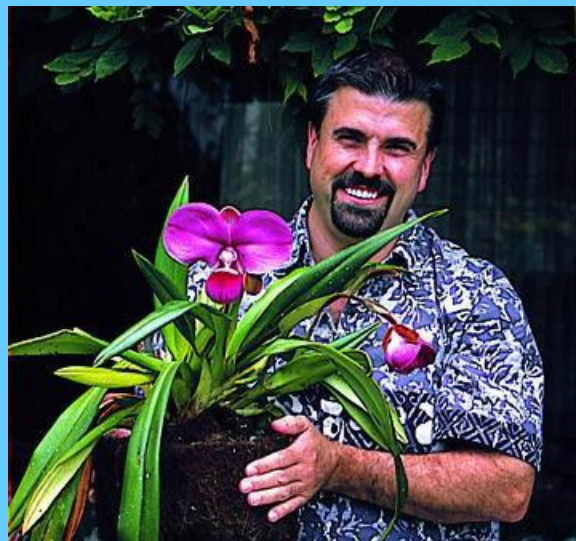
Glen Decker

Paphiopedilums

Glen Decker began growing orchids at the age of 15 and holds the degree of Associate in Applied Science in Ornamental Horticulture. Glen is presently the owner of Piping Rock Orchids in Galway New York.

He was the previous chair of the American Orchid Society's Publications Committee and a past Director of the Orchid Digest Corporation. Glen has won numerous AOS awards, including the Butterworth Prize, Nax Trophy, WW Wilson Award and the Carlyle A. Luer Award.

He has appeared in Martha Stewart's Better Living Magazine and on a PBS TV special "Orchid Delirium". He rewrote the Slipper section of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "The Best Orchids for Indoors" and was the technical editor for the "Orchids for Dummies" book. He also has written many articles on Paphiopedilums and Phragmipedium, which have been published worldwide



Highlights From Our July Meeting

Photos courtesy of John Morris



August in Your Orchid Collection

Dr. Martin Motes

July and August are the two most similar months in South Florida. Most of the advice on watering, disease and pest control in last month's calendar still apply but subtle changes are taking place. Although it may not seem so, as temperatures climb into the low nineties most afternoons, summer is in retreat: each day a little shorter, each night a little longer. With shorter days the importance of watering as early in the morning as possible comes to the fore. With less hours of sunlight to dry the plants, extra care should be taken in choosing when to water. Back to the basics of the classic saying: If a Vanda looks like it needs water, water it; if a Cattleya or Oncidium looks like it needs water, water it tomorrow. If a Paph or a Phal looks like it needs water, you should have watered it yesterday. If plants retain water even from an early morning watering, allowing them to dry a bit harder before the next watering is always a good idea. An extra day of drying rarely does harm.

August should provide numerous opportunities to dry each orchid to its desired level of dryness. Take the opportunity to dry your orchids "hard" at least once but preferably twice in August. This will give your orchids a leg up on their mortal enemies, the fungus, before the drizzle of September switches the advantage to our adversaries. August is definitely not the month to over indulge in water. September, the soggiest of months, is next up. The corollary to this calculated drying is the concept that when watering in August above all water thoroughly. If watering is necessary be sure that the roots and medium are totally saturated with the application. The drizzling rains of September are so detrimental precisely because they keep the foliage of the plants wet unduly long. We want our plants which are still growing to receive plenty of water but also plenty of drying time.

Good air circulation and proper watering are the keys to disease prevention. Remember that your plants will have increased considerably in size by this point in the growing season. They have added extra growths and extra leaves across the summer. August is a good time to evaluate the spacing of our plants. Remember the old Florida saw that one needs a cat to grow good orchids because when properly spaced a cat should be able to navigate the benches between plants without knocking them over. While we can not recommend specific chemicals, the county agent recommends Banrot, a convenient combination of Thiophanate-methyl and Truban which controls a number of leaf-spotting diseases and soft rots, for home owner use. A combination of Thiophanate-methyl and mancozeb has also been recommended. This can be found pre-packaged as Duosan. If one can overcome the aversion to chemicals and can learn the safe application of them, they are valuable tools to better orchid growing. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure especially before the soft, slow drizzle of September sets in.

Lengthening nights in August mean cooler nighttime temperatures. Many sympodial orchids are reaching the end of their growing cycle and require less nitrogen. Cattleyas and oncidiums have maturing bulbs. Genera that become deciduous in winter like nobile dendrobiums, calanthes and catasetums should be given much less nitrogen in August to prevent them producing an unwanted off season growth and perhaps forgetting to flower. Substitute an additional application of potassium nitrate and Epsom salt (1TBS each per gal) instead of the balanced 20-20-20. Vandas will respond well to this also, as several of the parental species of our hybrids produce blooms on shortening day lengths and lower levels of nitrogen in their fertilizer seems to egg them on. As explicated in the last chapter, modern research indicates that orchids require less phosphorous than previously thought. This concept should lead us to more judicious use of phosphorus. Fertilizer high in phosphorus may still be of some value at the end of the growing season, perhaps not so much as stimulus as shock. One or two heavy applications in succession, a week or so apart will certainly provide all the phosphorus and all the stimulus (or wake up shock), our plants require to bloom.

Snails can be somewhat of a problem in August too, but left to multiply they will be in their full glory when those slow unrelenting rains of September set in. Control them with baits in pellet or liquid/paste form. Remember, these are baits; the pests are drawn to them. Therefore apply lightly, but frequently. Because they wash away in the heavy rains, baits should be reapplied every two weeks. One pellet every two to three feet will do the job, but one application will not. Given a choice, the smallest pellets baits are best. They keep us from over applying and also pose much less threat to neighborhood pets. A small bait pellet in a Vanda crown is a nuisance, a large bait pellet can be a disaster.

If you have been waiting to make cuttings of the terete vandas or reed stem epidendrums, you can wait no longer. The potting season is drawing absolutely to a close. Pot up those overgrown Phals, before they even think of spiking. Re-set those strap leaf vandas early in August whilst they still have just enough time to re-establish themselves in the September humidity and before the cool weather arrives and their root growth slows or stops. As in all seasons, be sure that the plants are firmly set in their containers. There is no "wiggle room" this late in the growing season to restart tender roots that have been chafed off a loosely set plant. As the cooler weather approaches try to give plants that have been repotted late more protection from the first cold snaps.

The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society
presents

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Welcome New Members!!

Elvia & Brian Kenney
Ken Erwin

Upcoming Speakers

August-Glen Decker-Paphiopedilums

Please Like Our New Facebook Page



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. **Mar 10, 2015** DBOS Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Women's Club.
Chairperson: Vince Dicks

2. **Apr 18, 2015** Orchid Home Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.
Leaving Women's Club at 8:30 a.m.
Chairperson: Debbie Dicks & Cheryl Babcock

3. **Sept 26, 2015** Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks

4. **Oct. 24, 2015** Fall Picnic/DBOS Birthday Party. Location: Quiet Waters Park
Chairperson: Dennis Pearl & Lisa Krukoski

5. **Dec ?, 2015** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here
Chairperson: TBD

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

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New Dues for 2015

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
P.O. Box 732
Deerfield Beach, FL 33443

2015 Orchid Events

September 12 & 13

Mounts Botanical Garden Everything Orchids: A Shady Affair Plant Sale

Mounts' Everything Orchids weekend event is made for the shade. This plant sale offers a great opportunity to acquire the best orchid and shade loving plants. Fun and informative lectures will be offered on topics such as Basic Orchid Care, Shade Loving Plants and Fragrance Plants. The area's premier plant vendors will be selling begonias, bromeliads, orchids, ferns, hoyas, aroids and more. Magnificent tabletop arrangements will be offered in a silent auction to benefit the Garden

Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415
Saturday & Sunday 10am to 4pm
Admission: Members Free, Non-Members \$10.00

November 7 & 8

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society "Orchid Obsession" Show & Sale

Come join us for a wonderful AOS judged show and sale with many vendors and suppliers to take care of all your orchids wants & needs.

Emma Lou Olsen Civic Center, 1801 NE 6th St., Pompano Beach, FL33060
Saturday & Sunday 10am to 5pm
Admission: \$5.00 Free Parking

Win FREE Raffle Tickets for You and Your Guest(s)

The chances of you winning a stunning orchid or other enticing item 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 September, October, November or December 2014, this will include their 2015 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

- Monthly Orchid Raffles
- Guest Speakers Monthly
- Monthly Newsletters
- Monthly Drawings
- Annual Show & Sale—Orchid Obsession
- Annual Home Ramble
- Monthly Judging and Awarding of Ribbons to Member's Orchids
- Annual Bus Trip
- Annual Orchid Auction
- Annual Picnic
- Annual Holiday Dinner
- Access to our Orchid Library
- Insightful & Informative Web Page

For further information on how to join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS), please contact Cheryl Babcock or John Williams, DBOS Membership Chairs, at crbabcock1@netzero.net or call 954-464-8996

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.

Calendar of Meetings

Thursday, August 13, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, August 10, 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, August 11, 7:30 PM

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

2015 Committee Positions

AOS Representative	Vince Dicks
Events	Cheryl Babcock Debbie Dicks
Librarian	DBOS Officers/ Board of Directors
Membership	Cheryl Babcock John Williams
Newsletter	Lisa Krukoski
Nominating	DBOS Officers/ Board of Directors
Plant Judging	John Budree
Publicity	Cheryl Babcock
Raffle Table	Debbie Dicks Dennis Pearl
Refreshments	Mary Pritchard Dennis Pearl Millicent Hammill
Sunshine	Lois Larson
Webmaster	Joe Ortlieb

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