



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

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President's Message



Hi Orchid Lovers,

We are delighted that Mac Rivenbark, co-owner of Mac's orchids with his wife Helen, will be our speaker at the August meeting. His lecture will be on some amazing orchid plants that grow great here in South Florida. This lecture has a lot of information for both beginners and even the more experienced growers. Mac has gathered advice and information from many large commercial orchid growers and from hundreds of amazing private orchid collections.

He will be able to answer questions during this culture lecture as we all learn from one another. He will bring an assortment of great orchid species and hybrid plants for sale at the meeting.

I joined the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society 10 years ago in August 2012. This month, I will share some of my orchid experiences and tips that I've learned from various speakers and from our members who have always kindly and willingly shared their knowledge and expertise.

My first orchid encounter was the 'orchid corsage' for the high school prom. It was awkward getting it pinned on my formal dress. The next year, I strongly hinted that a wrist corsage would be nice! My next encounter was when I was working for the National Productivity Board in Singapore training their consultants on franchising. On one trip they gave me two big boxes of Singapore orchids to take home (see photos) and all the orchids were in little individual vials. From Singapore, I was headed to Hawaii to do a four-day site visit at a hotel to arrange for a conference. Each night, I faithfully filled the vials with water. Next stop was Los Angeles to visit my daughter. How I got all those lovely orchids home and still blooming and through customs still amazes me!

When we moved to Florida, I often looked at buying orchids and thought they were so exotic that they would be hard to grow. For nine years, I didn't have any orchids. However, students started giving them to me as gifts, so it was time to learn how to take care of them and that led me to DBOS. The best advice that was given to me often in the early days was to buy something in bloom each month of the year, and the chances were that they would bloom at the same time the next year. I have continued this practice for 10 years so you can imagine that my collection has grown over time, something is always blooming, and my wallet has shrunk.

Best tips: Fertilize weekly, weakly! Avoid overwatering. Do not water orchids with an ice cube! Provide proper air movement. Read about the proper light for different varieties of orchids at the American Orchid Society (AOS) website at www.aos.org. Isolate your new orchids for a few days from the rest of your collection. Grow your orchids in ventilated pots, or mount them on wood, cork, trees, etc. Walk through your orchid collection periodically to inspect for diseases or pests. Join an orchid society in your area and the AOS to get tips from your fellow orchid growers on how to grow different varieties of orchids and all other sorts of valuable information. We would love to have you visit DBOS. We hold our meetings at 7:30 pm the second Tuesday of each month at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach.

A big thank you to Jim and Melana Davison, co-owners of Jim-n-I Orchids, our speakers at the July 12 meeting.

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Happy Orchiding!
Cheryl Babcock
DBOS President



Speaker of the Month

Mac Rivenbark

Mac's Orchids

August 9, 2022 7:30 pm

“South Florida Orchid Growing and Best Practices”

Mac and his Filipina wife, Helen, started an orchid business over 20 years ago after many fascinating trips to the Philippines. With extensive study, Mac has become an expert in Philippine and other Asian orchid species and has grown and bloomed over 300 different types.

Mac served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is a past president of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and enjoys giving lectures and educating others about orchids. Come see and hear his exciting, educational, and interesting lecture at the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society's Tuesday, August 9 meeting.

For his lecture, he will bring and show some amazing orchid plants that grow great here in Florida and explain where and how he has seen them grown their best and the type of care needed. This lecture has a lot of information for both beginners and even the more experienced growers. Mac has gathered advice and information from many large commercial orchid growers and from hundreds of amazing private orchid collections. He will be able to answer questions during this culture lecture as we all learn from one another. He will bring an assortment of great orchid species and hybrid plants for sale at the meeting. If you can't wait that long, visit his website www.Asianorchidsource.com or follow him at Mac's Orchids on Facebook. Mac and Helen also have a greenhouse location open, but it is best to call first before visiting (954-410-8580). They are located at 6800 Appaloosa Trail, Southwest Ranches FL 33330.



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 2022. 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.

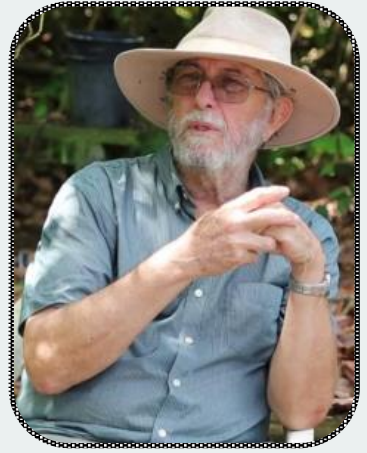
August Climate Data

Average high: 90.6°F

Average low: 76.5°F

Average mean: 83.6°F

Average rainfall: 8.63"



August in Your Orchid Collection

By 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.

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Happy Birthday



AUGUST

August 01 Millicent Hammill

August 03 Tina Huyghe

August 09 Kip Tatman

August 14 David Bowe

August 23 Madeline Felton

August 25 Joni Goldberg

August 27 Tomer Avivi

August 28 Steve Brandt

August 30 Elaine Mende

SEPTEMBER

September 08 Grace Boston

September 08 03 Marsha Winter

September 08 12 Linda Neering

September 08 15 Sue Zimmer

September 08 18 Charlene Reiff

September 08 19 Linda Kamm

September 08 25 Joan Connors

September 08 26 Carol Ott

September 08 27 Sue Gutman



Highlights From Our July Meeting

Photos Courtesy of John Morris



Our Speakers
Jim and Melana Davison

Meeting announcements
Our Vice President
Kristina Brandt



Raffle Ticket Sales
Rosemary Chenery and Raquel Carles



Snack Table

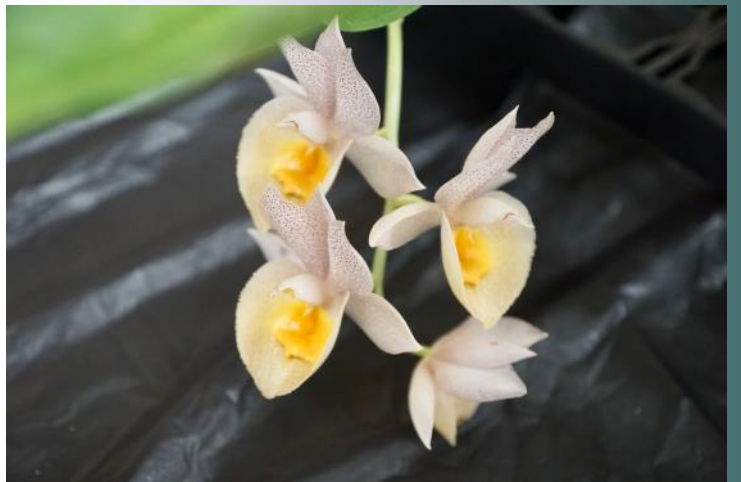


Raffle Table



Orchid Sales







**Member Plants Judging
Past-Past Past President
Rosemary Chenery**



Myrmecocatileya Elegance
BLUE Ribbon Grace Holliday



Ladda Gold
BLUE Ribbon Grace Holliday



Psh. Cochleata
BLUE Ribbon Linda Woodhouse



Nold
BLUE Ribbon Linda Woodhouse



Den. Farmeri Pink
BLUE Ribbon Susan Kolinsky



Bc. Memoria Vida Lee Limelight
BLUE Ribbon Susan Kolinsky



Blc. American Heritage x Pot. Jims Gold Elaine
BLUE Ribbon unknown



Perreresera Rapapath
BLUE Ribbon Grace Holliday



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

2022 - 2023



1. **Mar 14, 2023** DBOS 10th Annual Orchid Auction to be held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club.
FREE Public Welcome
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
2. **Apr, 2023** DBOS Annual Home Ramble. DBOS members only.
We will visit DBOS members' homes / orchid collections.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse
3. **Sep, 2022** DBOS Annual Bus Trip to Growers—Date TBD
4. **Oct 16, 2022** DBOS Annual Picnic at Tradewinds Park. DBOS Members and invited guests.
Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt
Committee: Racquel Carles, Jacqueline & Wes Scott
5. **Nov 12–13, 2022** DBOS 10th Annual Orchid Show and Sale, Orchid Obsession. Safe Schools Institute.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb
6. **Dec 3, 2022** DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party,
to be held at the Croatian American Social Club.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton,
and Grace Holliday

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



Annual Bus Trip to Growers



Annual Auction



Annual Ramble



Annual Bus Trip to Growers



Annual Holiday Party

Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2022

We thank our members for continuing to support DBOS. The DBOS Board of Trustees has lined up many wonderful activities for the remainder of the year including our bus trip, picnic, show and sale, and holiday party. We always hold our monthly meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, except for December when our annual holiday party replaces our meeting. DBOS paid members for 2022 will receive a beautiful FREE orchid if they attend the December 3, 2022, holiday party.

We kicked off the 2022 membership drive at the November 13-14, 2021, DBOS 9th Annual Show and Sale, Orchid Obsession, and welcomed 19 new members into the Society. These new members were invited to join us at the December 4, 2021, holiday party; the ninth annual auction on Tuesday, March 8 where they had the opportunity to bid on some lovely orchids to jump start or add to their collections; and the Annual Home Ramble on April 2nd where we visit members' homes to view their collections and have breakfast, lunch, munchies, and lively conversations. Why not save back \$20 (individual) or \$30 (couple) to renew your membership knowing that you will receive a lovely free orchid at the 2022 Holiday Party (always held on the first Saturday of December). We will hold our annual Bus Trip to visit Orchid Nurseries in the Homestead area in September (TBD) and our annual Picnic at Tradewinds Park on Sunday, October 16. We will round out the year with our annual show and sale in November and our holiday party in December. We have a lot of fun at our monthly meetings and learn from our speakers and from each other.

Our dues structure has not increased. If you want to pay by credit card, please call Linda Woodhouse, our Membership Chair, at 954-234-4623, 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.

Membership Renewals

\$20.00/year Individual

\$30.00/year Couples

\$5.00/year Junior Membership

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\$25.00/year Individual

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Upcoming Orchid Events 2022



www.redlandfruitandspice.com/event/redland-international-orchid-festival-2/

Redland International Orchid Festival

The original beloved Orchid Festival is back!

Friday through Sunday, October 7, 8, and 9, 2022

10:00 am—5:00 pm daily

Redland Fruit & Spice Park

24801 S.W. 187 Avenue

Homestead, FL 33031

Admission: \$15

305-247-5727

Delray Beach Orchid Society 32nd Annual Orchid Show & Sale

October 22 and 23, 2022

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Vintage Fieldhouse at Old School Square

51 N. Swinton Avenue

Delray Beach, FL

Admission \$5.00/Children under 12 Free



<http://www.delraybeachorchidsociety.org/>

Humane Way to Cope with Iguanas in the Garden

Contributed by DBOS Member Grace Boston

GraceBoston2010@gmail.com



Iguanas can be so destructive with their ravenous appetite for all things flower, fruit and foliage. And if you're an orchid enthusiast waiting for a bud to burst into bloom, you certainly want to protect your plant from falling victim to these invasive creatures. One humane way to protect your plants from iguanas is simple, inexpensive, readily available and low tech. I'm talking about bird netting! Bird netting is sold at big box stores in rolls. Simply unroll a section large enough to drape over your plants, flowers and orchids with enough material to completely cover the plant including the sides of the pot. This serves to impede access to the plant and the iguanas move on. I've used this method successfully for the past two years and have seen my orchids flower and bloom without any damage as well as my impatiens, alocaceas and sweet potato vines. Remember to check the netting occasionally as your plant continues to grow by pulling it away from the plant so that it does not grow through the netting and become entangled. Bird netting will allow air, water and nutrients to make their way to the plant and prevent the unwanted iguana. Good luck!





MEMBERS' PLANTS

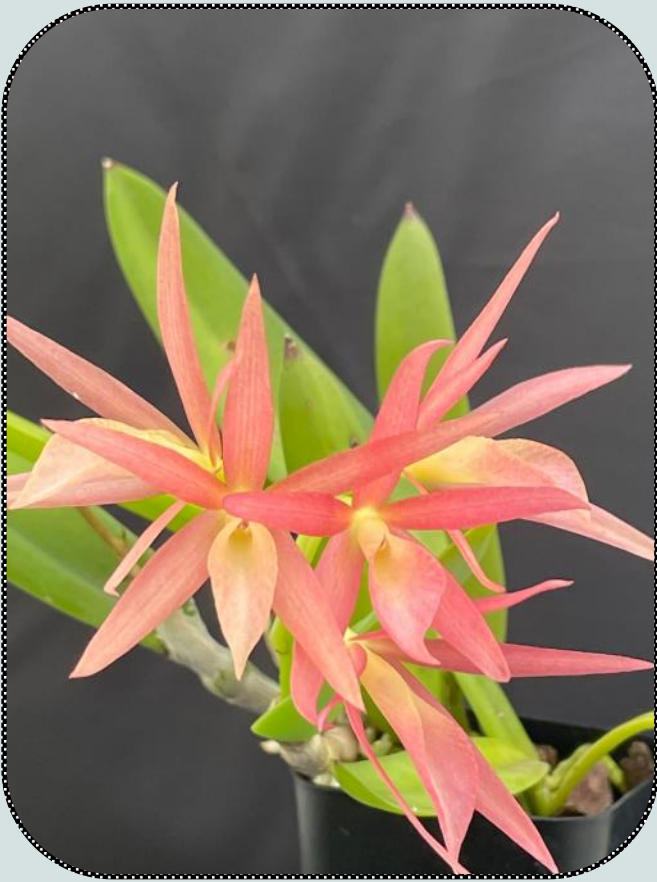
DBOS members, please send images of some of your favorite orchids at any time to deerfieldorchids@gmail.com so we can share them with our membership. Mother Nature doesn't always allow some of our beautiful 'orchid babies' to bloom at the right time for our monthly meetings. We enjoy seeing your blooming orchids in the newsletter as well as in person on our members' table at the monthly meeting. We often see orchids that we put on our list of orchids to add to our collections. If we get enough of our members to submit photos each month, we can have a virtual orchid display. Please also continue to bring in your blooming orchids to our member's table for judging at our monthly meetings.



Take it

Virtual!

Aeridovanda Kasorn's Orchid Tactic
John Pancoast



B. nodosa* x *C. alagoensis
John Pancoast



Cycnoches peruvianum
John Pancoast



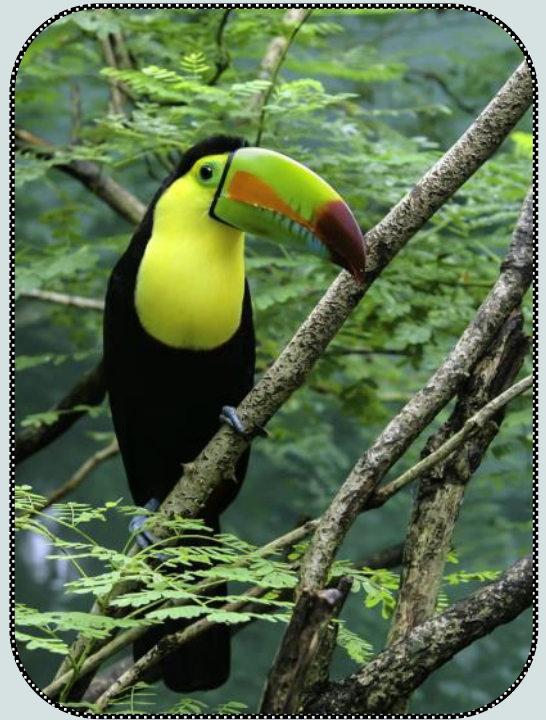
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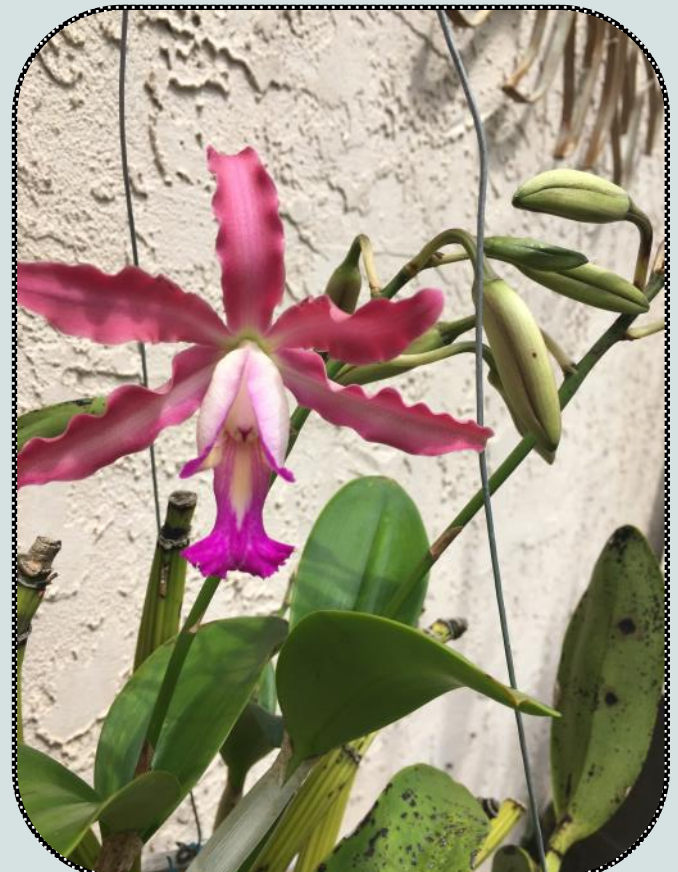
***Dyakia hendersoniana* 'Hawaii'**
John Pancoast



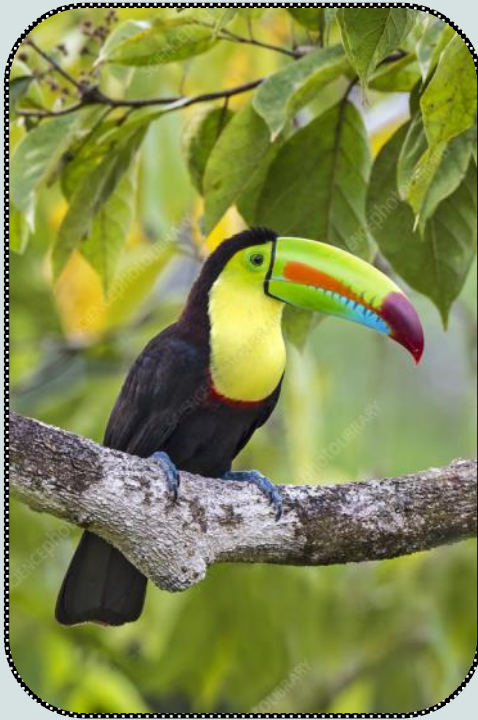
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John Pancoast



Phalaenopsis Nold
Madeline Felton



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Susan Kolinsky



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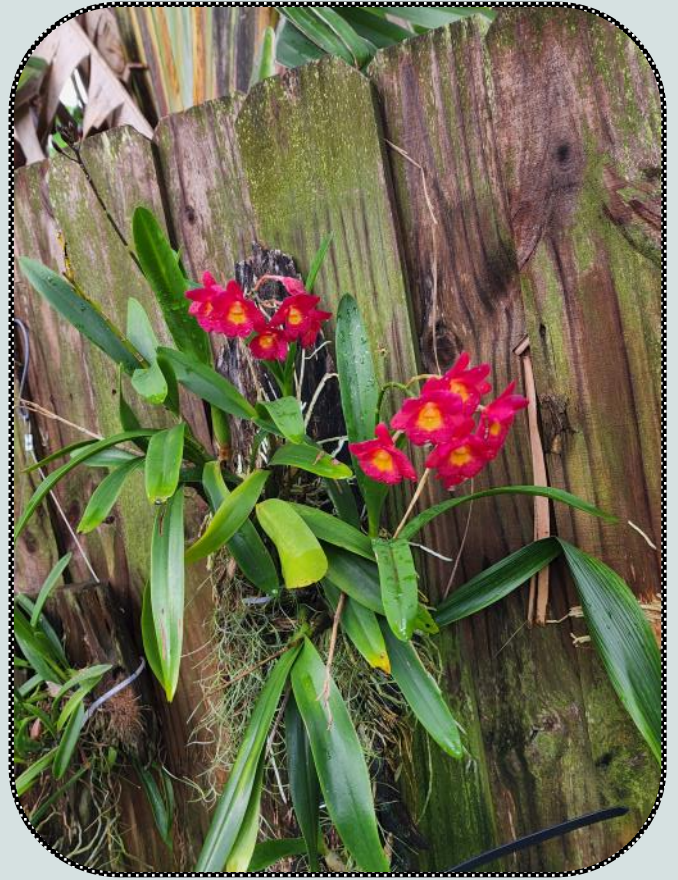
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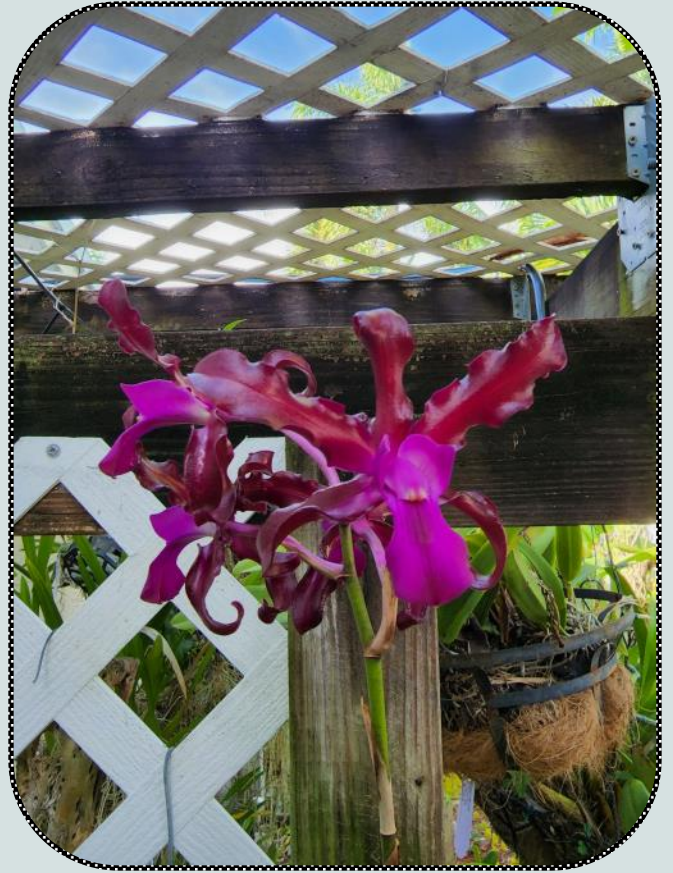
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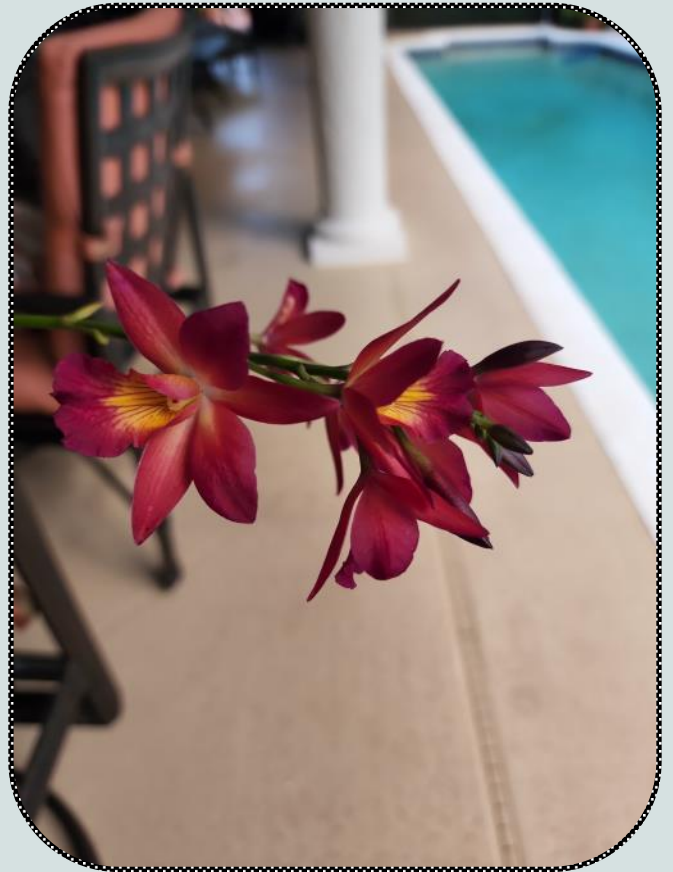
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Vanda NoID
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Become a Member of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society!

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 or call 954-234-4623

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Calendar of Meetings

**All Societies below have
returned to
In-Person 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/

2022 Committee Positions

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Newsletter	Terry Morkert
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Photographer	John Morris
Plant Judging	Rick Bellas
Programs	Cheryl Babcock
Publicity	Cheryl Babcock
Raffle Table	Raquel Carles Dennis Pearl
Refreshments	Dennis Pearl
Sunshine	Lois Larson
Webmaster	Joe Ortlieb Terry Morkert

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