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Happy Holidays to all! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members and guests and to also thank all of our volunteers for making the November "Orchid Obsession" show and sale such a great event. Attendance this past show was up by 43 percent over the 2013 show so thanks to everyone for making it a special weekend.

Due to the Holiday Party we will not be having our regular meeting at the Woman's Club in December. Our January 13 2015 speaker will be Craig Morell who will be entertaining us while discussing basic orchid care and culture. Not to be missed, especially by our new members who should be doubly excited to pick up their new member plants.

As for the Holiday Party due to an overwhelming interest and lack of space we were forced to relocate from Grace and Bill Holiday's house to the Dicks' house located at 2600 NE 18th St in Pompano Beach. Due to parking congestion we will be providing a chauffeured shuttle service from the Lowes parking lot at US1 and NE 18th St (the first stoplight south of Copans Rd) from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm for the short 2 blocks to the residence. As always our parties will be festive with an outstanding array of tasty morsels. Thank you to Grace and Bill for the initial offer of using their fabulous home for this event.

Happy Holidays to all and looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Vince



Welcome New Members!!

Jacob & Katie Molz

Kay McGinn

Janet Baker

Kristie Colina

Marilyn McMullan

Sylvia Rodriguez

Jennifer Aboud

Lucie & John Alessio

Codia Carter

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Sharon Tiberio

Rosemarie Seifert

Debby Singer

Jayne Wing

Hope Fickle

**Congratulations to the Winners of AOS Awards
at our Orchid Obsession Show**

20144084 AOS Show Trophy --Carib

20144085 AOS Silver Certificate --Carib

20144086 AM to Lycaste Golden Orb 'Apopka' --Krull-Smith

20144087 HCC to Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica 'Master James' --Krull-Smith

20144088 CCM to Dendrobium rigidum 'Tom's Image' --Tom Kuligowski

20144089 AM to Phalaenopsis Joyce Stewart 'Krull-Smith' --Krull-Smith

20144090 CCM to Pleurothallis allenii 'Red Hawk' --Sheri Liggett Macchia

Upcoming Speakers

January—Craig Morrell “General Orchid Culture”

February-OFE “Orchid Supplies & Chemicals”

March-Auction

April-Brian Monk “Mini Oncidiums/Tolumnia”

Happy Birthday

Mary Pritchard Dec 1

John Williams Dec 5

Grace Holliday Dec 10

Chris Doone Dec 10

Gail Carpenter Dec 14

Susan Kolinsky Dec 18

Terry Morkert Dec 22

Pam Dicks Dec 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 November meeting!

And special thanks to Publix for donating refreshments

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

December AOS Corner

The December 2014 AOS Corner- *From the desk of Laura Newton, Membership and Affiliated Society Chair*

In the December edition of *Orchids*...

» Our annual gallery: best of the "**Photo of the Week**" from

www.aos.org

» A new varietal form of *Cattleya dowiana*

» A Look at **Pristine Ecuador**

» Orchids at the **Rose Bowl**

» The genus *Sobbenikoffia*

» *Cattleya wittigiana* There are some great **Orchid Shows** coming up around the country...

January 17th & 18th the Miami Orchid Society will be hosting the **Tamiami International Orchid Festival**, Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Fuchs Pavilion, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24 St.) Miami, Florida. There will be 50 vendors from all over the country and internationally! For complete details check out www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com

For those of you who might be interested in attending The **Pacific Orchid Expo** held in San Francisco, California, February 19th-22nd please check out their website for complete details <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-pacific-orchid-exposition-the-thrill-of-discovery-tickets-12481363093?discount=AOS15>

This is the premier Orchid show on the west coast. There are many fabulous vendors attending from all over the world. The San Francisco Orchid Club is offering a **discount to all AOS members** for admission and they have secured a fabulous room rate. The venue is the Holiday Inn, Fisherman's Wharf. **Reservations must be made before January 30 to get the special rate.** Call [1-800-942-7348](tel:1-800-942-7348) and make sure to say that you are asking for the POE or Pacific Orchid Exposition rate. The rate is \$149/night and is good for stays from February 18 to February 23, 2015.

We have secured sponsors for both 2015 AOS Members' Meetings:

April 28th – May 3rd 2015

Doubletree Lloyd Center

1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, OR 97232.

Hosted by the Portland Orchid Society and co-hosted by Cherry City Orchid Society.

November 11th- November 15th 2015

The Atlantis Resort-Hotel-Spa-Casino

[3800 S Virginia St. Reno, NV 89502](http://www.atlantisorchid.com)

Hosted by the Orchid Society of Northern Nevada

We are currently looking for **sponsors for the 2016 Spring and Fall meetings!** This is a great opportunity for your local society to host this prestigious event. We love to travel to new areas of the country and see all the beautiful orchids that you might grow in your region. Contact us if you are interested and we would be happy to send you all the necessary information affiliated_societies@aos.org.

Did you know that the AOS offers many self-help videos on proper care and repotting? Check the videos out on the website under (all about orchids) and then click on **AOS Video Library**.

The AOS is now **accepting requests for project funding** for research and/or conservation projects. Applications for consideration in the spring must be received before January 1, check out the front page of the www.aos.org website for complete details.

Let's grow together,

Laura Newton

DBOS Orchid Obsession Show 2014

Photos courtesy of John Morris



December in your Orchid Collection

December marks the beginning of the serious dry season in South Florida. While this additional dryness provides relief from the autumnal rains that can bring so many fungal problems, December is also the month of shortest day lengths. This contracted period of light, on the contrary, reduces severely the drying potential for our plants. Nature thus both gives and takes away from us in December. We must make sure, therefore, that we do not aid the dark side of the force by improper watering. In December, above all, one must stick strictly to the two cardinal principles of orchid watering: water early in the day so your plants have as many hours as possible to dry, and water heavily when you water, allowing longer intervals between watering to dry plants thoroughly. This practice maximizes the benefit of the dryer air of December and minimizes the adverse effect of the shorter day lengths.

When nature has delivered a light overnight or early morning rain as she so often does in December at the leading edge of a cold front, add to her efforts by watering thoroughly that same morning and skip out watering for an extra several days afterward. With this method you can use the general dryness of December to give yourself much of the advantage of a greenhouse in terms of controlling watering. As in all aspects of orchid culture, keen observation is the key to success. In cooler weather your plants need much less water. Moreover, cool air even at the same relative humidity, strips less water from your plants because cool air has less water holding capability. Always be sure that your plants really need water before you roll out the hose in December. Remember to use at least one of the standard tests for dryness: the finger dug slightly into the media test or the newly sharpened pencil coming dry like a knife from a well cooked custard, or test by hefting a pot that you know the weight of, both wet and dry and be sure that it has attained sufficient lightness. When you are sure they are dry, water them until you are sure they are very wet, then let the drying air of December do its magic to ward off leaf spotting diseases.

Himalayan dendrobiums of the nobile and Callista (*D. aggregatum*, *chrysotoxum*, etc.) Sections require no additional water (beyond rain) in December. Remember, those of you who water (or, even worse, fertilize) these dendrobiums in December, will be punished by having your flowers taken away in the spring. Some growers, who have the space, isolate these dendrobiums along with other types that want hard drying such as *Catasetum*, *Cycnoches*, *Mormodes*, and *Calanthe*. Another strategy is to hang these plants high or at the edges of the collection reminding oneself to neglect them and also to avoid watering them by mistake. Other growers achieve the same result effect by turning the pots of these genera on their side in November or December, to avoid catching water from whatever source. Plants of some of these genera that have finished flowering can even be removed from their pots and stripped to bare roots in anticipation of re-potting them in new media when they break growth in the spring.

Most sympodial orchids are resting in December and require less fertilizer. Biweekly or even monthly applications of a balanced fertilizer or 15-515 are still desirable. Nitrate nitrogen is the most readily absorbed in cooler weather; therefore at least one more application of the potassium nitrate/magnesium sulphate (at 1tbs. each per gal.) recommended in November is still a good idea. It's good stuff! *Vandas*, *Phalaenopsis* and other monopodial orchids should be fertilized right through the winter although both the amount of fertilizer and the frequency of application can be reduced. Remember reddening of the foliage is not natural, nor is it a response to the cold per se but rather a symptom of nutritional deficiency. The plants are asking for more potassium and magnesium. Give them the groceries.

December can be cold. Frost has occurred in the first week of the month and unforgettably, the coldest temperatures ever recorded in South Florida were registered on December 25, 1989. If you haven't taken some of the precautions outlined in the November Newsletter, get busy! Keep a close eye on the forecasts during this volatile month. Remember that hard cane dendrobiums of the sections *Spathulata* and *Phalaenanthe* are the most sensitive of commonly cultivated orchids. They resent temperature much below 60 degrees F. *Phalaenopsis* are next most sensitive, then *vandas*. Protect all these genera more carefully.

If you are getting a jump on spring potting chores by repotting sympodial orchids that have finished blooming, it is particularly important that you take extra care in securing them in their containers. These plants may not be sending out new roots for several months, enough time for them to be shaken loose from insufficient staking. Passing cold fronts can bring brisk winds in December. When new roots start to form on insufficiently secured plants, wind moves the plant and chafes the new root tips off. Improperly secured plants are never able to root properly and slowly pine away. If you love them you must tie them up, tie them down. This is also especially true of mass produced orchids sold in Home Depot, K Mart etc. The soft, peat based media used to grow these commercially produced plants in the controlled environment of a greenhouse often does not provide sufficient purchase to secure the plants in the rough and tumble of a South Florida orchid collection buffeted by harsh winter winds. You probably should have already re-potted these into more durable medium but until you do, tie 'em up!

Keep those *vandas*, *Phalaenopsis* and hard cane dendrobiums as warm as you can. Merry Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza!

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

2. **Sept ?, 2015** Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks

3. **Oct. ?, 2015** Fall Picnic/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield
Beach Arboretum.
Chairperson: Needed

4. **Dec 14, 2014** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here
Chairperson: Grace Holliday Assisted by Debbie Dicks and Cheryl Babcock

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

Please support our sponsors



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New Dues for 2014

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

January 17-18

2015 Tamiami International Orchid Festival

The Tamiami International Orchid Festival is Miami's largest, most diverse winter orchid show, paralleled only by the Redland International Orchid Festival in the Spring. The Orchid Festival features the widest selection of affordable and rare orchids available anywhere to admire and purchase. Attend **free** classes for your chance to learn about the world of orchids. And be sure to enter your entrance ticket into the **free** raffle for over FIFTY beautiful orchids. The Orchid Festival is the brain child of Martin Motes and Warren Kelly. Motes Orchids hosts the event, supported by local orchid societies. The AOS provides volunteers and Richard Fulford, a distinguished AOS judge, is Chair of Judging, and assists in the smooth operation of the show. Fifty national and international orchid growers join us to display their plants and sell to the general public.

Dade County Fair Expo Center Fuchs Pavillion, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24th St), Miami, FL
 Saturday 10am to 7pm and Sunday 10am to 6pm
 Admission: \$10 single day or \$16 two days

January 23-25

An Orchid Adventure-2015 Ft Lauderdale Orchid Society Show

The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society proudly presents their annual Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show, "An Orchid Adventure" for 2015. Come and enjoy!

The show features: Beautiful huge vendor exhibits, Local orchid society display tables, Raffles - win orchids!, Orchid artwork from local schools, International plant vendors, Potting and growing supplies, American Orchid Society accredited judging, Hospitality table – store plants, get help taking purchases to your car, Free parking.

NE War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 Friday—Sunday, 10am to 6pm
 Admission: \$12 per person

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, December 11, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, December 8, 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

No Meeting in December

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society-

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

2014 Committee Positions

1. Membership..... Cheryl Babcock & John Williams
2. Programs..... Vince Dicks
3. Newsletter..... Lisa Krukoski
4. Sunshine..... Lois Larson
5. Raffle Table..... Debbie Dicks & Dennis Pearl
6. Nominating..... DBOS Board
7. Publicity Cheryl Babcock
8. Plant Table..... Speaker or DBOS
9. Events..... Cheryl Babcock & Debbie Dicks
10. Refreshments..... Mary Pritchard & Millicent Hammill
11. AOS Representative... Vince Dicks

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
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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!