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I'd like to start by sending a huge THANKS to Debbie Dicks and her committee for hosting a very successful Mother's Day sale at Mizner park the Saturday before Mother's Day. (See photos on page 5.)

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped us raise almost a Thousand dollars for the Society. It's small steps like this that help us grow the image of our society, but also allow us to reach out to the general public and display our knowledge of orchids.

In case anyone thought growing orchids was really easy, along come Mother Nature to throw us a curve ball.

Just as we thought we had all our repotting complete, new roots tucked snugly into new pots, along comes the monsoon, and throws all our planning out the door (or window). In the heavy rains we all need to be aware of the need for a good dose of fungicide.

Norma Malone has had to resign her position of Secretary due to health issues. We wish her the best as she moves back to full health. The society needs someone to step forward to volunteer to fill this position. The duties include attending the monthly Board meeting the Tuesday before the monthly meeting, taking the minutes and distributing to Board Members via Email, and writing the occasional paper letter.

The society is only as strong as it's leaders, and all members are welcome to volunteer to assist in growing the Society.

Please call Rosemary Chenery 561-487-6552 or any other Board member to volunteer to work to grow our group.

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May Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Species	<i>Catasetum tenebrosum</i>	Jim Peer
Species	<i>Lycaste suaveolens</i>	Don Carpenter
Species	<i>Encyclia diurna</i> 'Marivi'	Juan Bofill
Species	<i>Encyclia bractescens</i>	Juna Bofill
Species	<i>Dendrobium palpebrae</i>	Joe Ortlieb
Cattleya Alliance	Cattleya AOS Beach Magic (=C. <i>intermedia</i> x C. <i>Memoria Robert Strait</i>)	Dennis Pearl
Cattleya Alliance	<i>Laeliocatarthron</i> (Lcr.)(synonym for <i>Dialaeliocattleya</i>) Village Chief Parfum	Joe Ortlieb
Cattleya Alliance	<i>Myrmecocattleya</i> ((synonym for <i>Schombocattleya</i>)Keith Goldson	Susan Kolinsky
Catasetum	<i>Catasetum tenebrosum</i> 'Ed Wise' x <i>Catasetum Dragon's Teeth</i>	Joe Ortlieb



Happy Birthday

Ti Pham-Oh June 5

Lisa Krukoski June 18

Claudia Barrington June 19

Judy Stanich June 29

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 **May** meeting!

Grace Holliday
Cheryl Babcock
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

Nature's Relics Jesse and Dee Vance

Four years ago we discovered one of Florida's great natural treasures. A rare commodity that few know very much about...and that is "Old Growth Cypress Wood".

What was once a virgin cypress stand, now provides a prime area for reclaiming this centuries old wood. The wood is cleaned, prepared, and made user friendly for mounting plants, landscaping, and interior/exterior decorating.

This beautiful wood is presented at orchid and garden shows, along with being displayed at restaurants, furniture stores, and is used extensively by many designers.

It is our great pleasure to have the opportunity to share swap adventures, the history behind old growth cypress, and the numerous benefits and uses of America's own exotic wood!



Mother's Day Sale

Our Mother's Day sale was so much fun and a great success! I would like to thank everyone who made it such a great day.

Carol Ott, Cheryl Babcock, Claudia Barrington, Gail Ritchie, Rosemary Chenery, Joe Ortlieb, Dennis Pearl, Donna Edwards, Susan Kolinsky, Grace Holliday, and Marty Hunt. I would also like to thank Carol Holdren for referring us for this event and to Bonnie Temperly for her expert advice. I hope I have not forgotten anyone.

Thanks to you all for everything,

Debbie



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. **Nov ??, 2013** Third Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Needed

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

5. **Dec 10, 2013** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here

Chairperson: Needed

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

GROWING TIPS

for June

By

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Leaving on vacation always involves some extra work in the greenhouse, even if it just a short vacation. Even under-lights growers must prepare their orchids and growing area. The good news is that orchids handle being left alone just fine, with just a few exceptions. My rule of thumb is that leaving more than 7-8 days requires someone to check in or to water some of the more sensitive orchids in the collection, but leaving less than a week is OK with just a few precautions. In Nature, orchids frequently go through dry periods, so a little drying is not generally a concern for most orchids that are well established. However, orchids with fine roots that lack pseudobulbs or small seedlings need some special treatment before you leave.

The evening before leaving soak all orchids with just water, no fertilizer. Early the next morning soak all the collection thoroughly again with just water. I then spray all orchids, including side walls and floor of the greenhouse with a general fungicide. The objective is to allow orchids to be well hydrated when you leave and to eliminate bacterial and fungal spores that may cause problems should the weather be moist and humid. Orchids that are vulnerable to drying are placed in very shady locations or under benches. This group includes those mounted. As long as there is good air circulation there are rarely rot problems. This time, I had some seedlings just out of flask. They were placed under a bench and the entire flat was set into a shallow pan and ¼" of rainwater was added to the pan to provide humidity to the new seedlings and also to allow some water to wick up into the medium.

When I returned after eight days, the water was gone, but the medium was still damp and the seedlings starting to put out new roots.

Newly repotted orchids with pseudobulbs will often respond to a dry period with a flush of roots. Traditionally, orchid nurseries would confine newly repotted orchids to a separate bench or greenhouse and withhold water until new roots appeared. This provided good roots for the future as well as limited rots that often develop when damaged roots and rhizomes are allowed to stay moist after repotting.

For windowsill growers, leaving your orchids for an extended period of time leads to the same problems, although rots are seldom an issue. If you are growing under lights or the heat/air conditioner is running while you are gone, drying can be far worse than in the greenhouse. Some growers who use high intensity lights in basements or dark rooms simply turn off lights. While that may limit the drying problem the lack of light can confuse your orchids who rely on day length to stimulate growth and flowering. A few 60 w bulbs on a timer can solve this problem. It is also recommended that the thermostat be changed to limit the time heat or air conditioning will be delivered.

The biggest potential problem is a power failure when it is hot and the greenhouse is closed in summer. A similar problem with freezing can occur if there is a power failure in winter. This is a problem that can lead to the loss of an entire collection. Every greenhouse should have a backup system that works automatically when you are away.

Upcoming Speakers

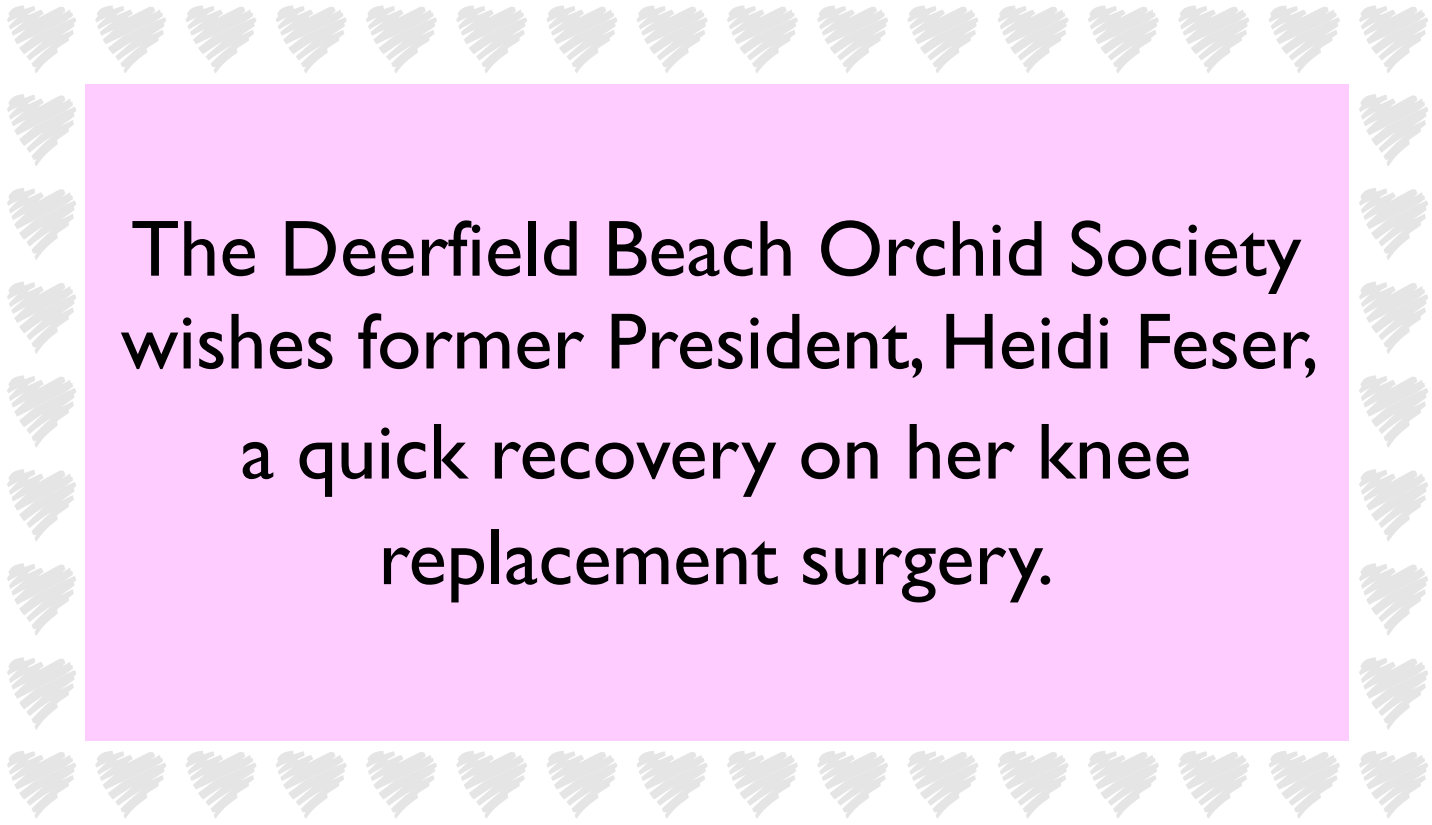
July – Mirta Heineman

August – Greg Allikas

September – Mac's Orchids

October – Open

November – Quest Orchids



The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society
wishes former President, Heidi Feser,
a quick recovery on her knee
replacement surgery.

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- 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

July 13, 2013

Repotting Orchids Class

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

June 2013

2013 Yellow Green Farmers Market—Free Lecture Series (see below)

1940 N. 30th Rd., Hollywood, FL

11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

June 1 & 2

Orchid Basics. Newcomers to orchids will learn how to choose the correct plants for their growing area and what they need - water, light, fertilizer, temperature, so they grow and flower beautifully. Basic repotting will be demonstrated. Start your journey into the exciting hobby of orchid growing!

June 8 & 9

Advanced Orchid Repotting. Got an orchid climbing out of its pot and don't know where to begin? Let us show you how to tackle that monster! Learn how often an orchid should be repotted, how to divide an orchid, about different potting medias and the proper type of pot or basket to use.

June 15 & 16

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, how to water after they are mounted, what to do when they overgrow their mount will be addressed.

June 22 & 23

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.**

June 29 & 30

Orchid Basics. Newcomers to orchids will learn how to choose the correct plants for their growing area and what they need - water, light, fertilizer, temperature, so they grow and flower beautifully. Basic repotting will be demonstrated. Start your journey into the exciting hobby of orchid growing!

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, June 13, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, June 10 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, June 11, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, June 12, 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.....Madeline Felton
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

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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!