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From The President.....

I want to thank everyone for their ongoing support for our society. Without you, we would not exist.

We, as a collective group, can do a lot in the name of ORCHIDS. This year we will be participating in a number of social events in order to spread our knowledge and love of orchids, as well as to raise money for our society. Any ideas are greatly appreciated.

Our first event will be at the Green Market of Deerfield Beach at Sullivan Park On Sunday, Feb 13th from 9am-2pm. If all goes well, we will be raffling off and selling arrangements there every Sunday from now through May. We're

looking for volunteers to

either help make arrangements and/or help out at the booth on Sundays.

Think about it and let us know at the meeting if there's any way you can help.

I am also planning to start a children's education group for the children of Deerfield Beach. "Our Kid's OrKidz" We are looking for members interested in helping out with making a botanical garden at Zion School. With our help, we can educate the children. After all, they ARE our future society members.

This is an ongoing event. I've been collecting donations of orchids from different vendors and members. I'm excited to start mounting and watch the transformation begin. Our garden will be something we will be proud of.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting February 8th.

Don't forget to check out our website! The monthly the newsletter is there!

www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org

Thank you,

Heidi Feser, President

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Happy Birthday



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

PAT MCGONIGA 3

LOUISE ALBRIGHT 7

ROBERT GINSBERG 11

JOE ORTLIEB 13

ROSEMARY CHENERY 17

DON CARPENTER 18

JANET FABRICANT 20

MARTY HUNT 22

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 **January** meeting!

Mary Pritchard

Heidi Feser

Dennis Pearl

Tonky Bofill

Dee Glover

Ti Pham-Oh

The Board would like to acknowledge and thank Susan Kolinsky for her role as Refreshment Committee.

Mary Pritchard will be taking over this Committee

January Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Misc	Rhyncatlaelia Fair Phyllis of Conway (Rhyncholaeliocattleya Pursuit x Laelia undulata)--	Kaler Westphalia
Cattleya	Slc. Dream Cloud 'Sparkler' x Cattleya amethystoglossa	Kaler Westphalia
Paphiopedilum	Michael Koopowitz (Paph. sanderianum x Paph. philippinense)	Trinh Pham-Oh
Oncidium	Sweet Sugar	Mary Pritchard
Cattleya	Cattlianthe Little Fairy	Dee Glover

Michael Koopowitz (Paph. sanderianum x Paph. philippinense)



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February Speaker

Dan and Margie Orchids

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Dan & Margie have been growing orchids first as hobbyists for over 30 years and as Commercial Growers for just over twelve years. Dan & Margie's business name is Dan & Margie Orchids located in West Broward just 3 miles west of I-75, approximately ¼ mile North of the intersection of Sheridan Street & 185th Way.

Dan and Margie Orchids have over 12,000 square feet of covered growing space. Currently there are 5 greenhouses.

The nursery specializes in growing Vanda/Ascda. Crosses, Cattleya hybrids, warm growing Oncidium, Dendrobium, and some species.

Dan & Margie Orchids is a family owned business and cater to the small grower, but is capable of handling wholesale inquiries.

The nursery sells orchids, some supplies and will assist any orchid grower with information and re-potting instruction.

The nursery is currently open Tuesday thru Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Dan & Margie Orchids can be reached by phone, fax, or e-mail. (damorchid.com)

Dan Christensen has been speaking on general orchid culture, Vanda culture and various subjects related to orchids for over 20 years. He uses the 'common sense' approach to growing. He has been guest lecturer at all local orchid societies and the American Orchid Society (AOS).

Margie runs the day-to-day business and is an accomplished pottery artist.

Together they run the business, participate in local shows from Tampa to South Miami.

Dan is a member of the South Florida Orchid Society Board of Directors for over 10 years and has served as the president of SFOS for two consecutive terms. He has served as a board member of several local societies, Miramar, Gold Coast & South Florida serving in various capacities. He has also auctioneered at SFOS, North Dade, Gold Coast, Sunrise, Plantation, Coral Springs & Flamingo Orchid societies for several years.

TIPS on Going Green

* Buy products that use recyclable materials whenever possible.

* If you use plastic grocery bags, recycle them for doggie poop bags or for small trashcan liners.

* Bring your own bags to the grocery store. Given a choice between plastic and paper, opt for paper.

* Buy locally. Find farmers' markets, family farms, and other sources of sustainably grown food near

you at [LocalHarvest](http://LocalHarvest.com).

February In Your Orchid Collection...excerpt from Dr Martin Motes

Despite the bloom on the avocados and the burgeoning new leaves on the live oaks, February is not spring in South Florida. Danger of freeze continues past mid month and frost can occur still into March. Even if the weather is balmy it's too early to let down our guard or take down any protection we have mounted against the cold. The trend however is toward the positive as each lengthening day brings extra hours of warming sunshine to begin waking our plants from their long winter's rest.

February characteristically brings a wide swing of day to night temperatures, ideal for spiking ascocendas and vandas but also wringing from the air heavy dews and dense fog. Whilst these add a romantic atmosphere to the South Florida landscape, *Wuthering Heights* is singularly devoid of snails and slugs (much less *Botrytis*). The silvery carpet of dew provides a silky path to our orchids for snails and slugs which can range far, under these favorable conditions. They are eager to make a nice meal of your *Phalaenopsis* leaves or the soft crowns of your vandas before they retire during the dry months of March and April only to dream of the fresh shoots of the sympodial orchids brought forth by the first rains of May. Now is the time to give them a rude awakening. Remember that snail bait is most effectively applied lightly (scatter the pellets every few feet) and frequently (every 7 to 10 days). Two or three applications should do the job.

BLUE ORCHIDS AT TAMIAM!

What's this?

Where did it come from?

Is it real?

Is it really blue?

Is it true?

How did this happen?

Where can you get one?

Here's a sneak peak.

We will monitor the ones I bought and see how they re bloom.

You'll have to follow the outcome of the Phal Mystic Blue in the monthly newsletter.



2011 Orchid Events

Feb. 2011

Feb 13, 2011 Deerfield Beach Orchid Society orchid arrangement sales booth at Deerfield Beach Green Market Sullivan Park 9am-2pm

Feb 12-13, 2011 Boca Raton Orchid Society Show and Sale 10am-5pm Safe School Institute Corner of Military Trail and Spanish River Tix are \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door

Feb 26, 2011 Pine Island Garden Club Gala, Phillips Park Pine

Island. Sale is on the West side of Stringfellow, just north of the 4 way stop at Pine Island Road.

March 2011

March 2, 2011 Venice Orchid Society Speaker, Venice Civic Auditorium, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice Fl. 7:00 Guests welcome

March 4-6, 2011 32nd Annual Orchid Show Martin County Orchid Society. Building A of the Martin County Fair Grounds 2616 S E Dixie Highway (A1A) Stuart, Florida

March 12-13, 2011 Weeki Wachi Swamp Festival, Great fun in the land of Mermaids, Linda Pedersen Park 9-5 Sat and 9-4 Sunday

March 12-13, 2011 Fairchild Botanic Gardens International

Orchid Show. 10901 Old Culter Road, Coral Gables Fl.

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 about

"Why Vanilla Costs So Much"

Was submitted by Vince Dicks.

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 Gail Ritchie for New Membership



Why Vanilla Costs So Much

The Aztecs discovered vanilla and used it to flavor chocolate drinks. It contains 250 compounds which give it its popular flavor, but usually that flavor has been somewhat captured in a cheap artificial flavoring which may contain coal tar and other products you don't want to know about.

In Mexico and other tropical places where it is grown, the vines are trained to grow around a tree where the plant will bloom just once a year. On the single day the bloom is open workers hand pollinate the flower. The flower will in time turn into a seed pod, which is called a vanilla bean.

Workers check the vanilla orchid vines each day and remove any ripe pods. The pods are sold to curing houses where they are dipped into boiling water or heated in ovens to stop the development of the seeds. Then for three to six months the pods are laid out in the sun by day and put in sweat boxes at night. After all of that treatment, pods are stored on racks to allow their flavors to mellow.

If the pod/bean/ has been cured properly you should be able to wrap it around your finger without breaking it and releasing essential oils and flavor. Is it any surprise that a single vanilla bean costs about \$2 and that pure vanilla extract is so expensive? The little dark specks in Bryers vanilla ice cream are seeds from real vanilla beans. Is it any surprise that it costs more than store brand?

Information on curing from *Chef*, Nov. 2001, P.22

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We Have a Website!

<http://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org>

We are also a group on
Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=207909840494>



Plant Table Registration Instructions

1. You must have owned your plant for at least 6 months.
2. Absolutely NO INSECTS.
3. Your orchid must have a name.
4. It must be in the correct category. (Ask if you don't know.)
5. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY the name of the Orchid and your name on the Registration Form.
6. Try to place your plant in an attractive container to enhance the orchids beauty.

PLANTS NOT MEETING THESE CRITERIA
MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM JUDGING.

HAVE YOU BROUGHT A FRIEND TO A MEETING?

We thank all our members for their participation in our meetings and their continued support of DBOS!

We are also happy to report that we have been able to keep our dues the same as last year:

Renewals

Individual	\$18.00 yr.
Couples	\$25.00 yr.
Jr. Membership	\$ 5.00 yr.

New Members

Individual	\$20.00 yr.
Couples	\$30.00 yr.
Jr. Membership	\$ 7.00 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



**DBOS NEEDS YOU.....to remember to
renew your membership!
Bring a friend to the next meeting!
See Gail Ritchie or Madeline Felton
DUES IS DUE NOW!**

Calendar of Meetings

Calendar of Orchid Society Meetings & Shows

Contact these Societies to verify their meeting information before attending.

Contact information for May 2010 can be found under affiliated societies at www.aos.org

Thursday, February 10, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle
School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, February 14, 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 PM

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd

Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, February 9, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

Saturday, January 22, 2PM

West Palm Beach Judging Center

American Orchid Society Monthly Judging

AOS Visitors Center/Botanical Garden

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.

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.

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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.

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