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Hello Fellow Orchid Lovers

Summer is no more. Labor Day has passed. Now is the time to get ready for our "Season". The holidays are approaching fast!

We have a lot of events coming up from now until the end of the year. Make sure you step up and sign up and get involved in the fun that is happening.

Our Birthday/Fall Festival BBQ is Saturday October 13th. Madeline Felton has invited everybody to attend the 2nd Annual Luxury Bus Trip on Saturday, Nov 3....First come first serve...Only 36 seats. November 10-11th is our Orchid Obsession Show at the Pompano Civic Center. Susan Kolinsky is collecting money for the December Holiday Meeting at Brook's Restaurant.

Our nominating committee is busy setting up the Slate of Officers for 2013.

We have plenty of positions available so come join us.

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Your Fellow Orchid Lover,
Heidi Feser

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August Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Dendrobium	Dendrobium Burana Sunshine	Dennis Pearl
Oncidium Alliance	Bratonia (Brat.) Dark Star 'Darth Vader' (synonym =Miltassia (Mtssa))	Rosemary Chenery

In Bloom at the Kids Garden at Zion Luthern School



Correction to the Roster

Donna Edwards email address is incorrect in the roster. The correct email address for Donna is dkm3088@bellsouth.net

Welcome To Our New Members!!

Millicent Hammill
Claudia Barrington
Cheryl Babcock
John Williams

Happy Birthday

Milo Valsi Sept 5

Charlene Reiff Sept 18

Bea Seim Sept 25

Carol Ott Sept 26

Barry Reese Sept 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 **August** meeting!

Mary Pritchard

Dennis Pearl

Denise Willis

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
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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

Larry Cox

Larry Cox acquired his first orchid, a cattleya, almost forty years ago. His second was a paphiopedilum, Paph. Maudiae 'Magnificum.' The cattleya is long gone, but he still has a piece of the paph. When he began with paphs, he commonly heard, "You can't grow those in South Florida," but the first one lived and bloomed, and the paphiopedilum collection continued to grow. In the mid 1980's most of the other orchids were sold or given away, all for the love of paphs. In 1989 he moved from his South Miami residence to a more spacious property in the farming district of southern Miami-Dade County where he built his dream greenhouse of 3000 square feet. He has suffered setbacks, such as hurricane Andrew in 1992, but with perseverance and with the discovery of new paph species, and the consequent new hybrids, Larry's love of paphiopedilums has been renewed over and over again. In 1983 Larry won his first AOS award for Paph. Maudiae coloratum 'Elektra' AM/AOS. Since then his orchids have earned forty AOS awards, including four FCC's.

Six years ago, Larry retired from thirty-seven years as a teacher, the last fifteen teaching Advanced Placement high school English. He now spends his time reading, traveling, maintaining his property and, of course, growing paphs. Larry has experimented with other orchid genera and has found success with lycastes, phragmipediums, and pescatoreas. He has even rediscovered the wonder of cattleyas, particularly species.



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. **Apr. ??, 2013**
Orchid Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.
Leaving Women's Club at 9am
Chairperson: Heidi Feser. Assistant: Madeline Felton

2. **Oct. 13, 2012**
Saturday
Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield Beach Arboretum. Our regular October meeting to be held here.
Chairperson: Mary Pritchard assisted by Norma Melone

3. **Nov 3, 2012**
Second Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Madeline Felton

4. **Nov 10-11, 2012**
Saturday & Sunday
Fall Show and Sale. To be held at the Civic Center in Pompano Beach.
Chairpersons: Rosemary Chenery and Stephen Lunsford

5. **Dec 11, 2012**
Tuesday
Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Brooks Restaurant, Deerfield Beach. Our regular December meeting to be held here.
Chairperson: Susan Kolinsky

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

GROWING TIPS for September

By

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Advice is a commodity easy to come by and this column is no exception. The problem comes in how it is used. The exact same words can have very different meanings to people based on their knowledge and past experience. In addition, each orchid grower has different goals and growing conditions that make generic advice dangerous.

During a recent speaking tour, a number of hobbyists told me stories of how badly their orchids had grown after they changed the way they were taking care of their orchids. In one case, a hobbyist altered their medium because a visiting speaker's plants were growing extremely well in a medium they had never used. In another case, a recommended fertilizer did not produce the growth expected and in fact caused problems they had never experienced before.

Almost every speaker I hear at society events cautions the audience to remember that their conditions may be different when providing cultural advice and the same is regularly done in this column. Even commercial growers, however, can succumb to the temptation to try something new.

Every year there are new media, new fertilizers and new treatments for pests and disease and I will confess that I usually try them all plus a few of my own. Occasionally, one works well under my growing conditions and it is incorporated into my general culture. Most of the time, however, it does not and becomes fodder for this column. The unfortunate part is the fact that what does not work for me under my cultural conditions may work under yours.

Becoming a great orchid grower requires some experimentation, but everyone needs a starting point. That may mean keeping new plants in the medium they came in or treating extra divisions with something new that just came on the market. During any experiment you still need to apply common sense. For example, if you try a new medium that is clearly more dense and holds water longer, you will need to think about all of the cultural aspects of that change. Longer intervals between watering is an obvious consequence, but you might also need less fertilizer or even a different fertilizer altogether.

The key point is to remember that your orchids are used to specific cultural conditions and have adapted to your conditions. Alter any one variable of culture, i.e. light, temperature, water quality or quantity, humidity, air movement, fertilizer, or media, and an otherwise successful cultural environment can become less so.

Some of the most successful orchid growers I know are best characterized as "minimalists", i.e. just give their orchids the basics and they rarely change anything about their culture. They follow the same approach when it comes to treatments of pests and disease and are very cautious when it comes to using new products, often waiting many years before even trying them. A number of products in the past seemed great but caused long-term problems for either orchids, the grower or both.

As one who provides the best insight and advice I have, I am not insulted when someone chooses not to follow my advice. The cautious person waits for others to try something new before they do.

The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

Presents

Orchid Obsession



Orchid Show and Sale

November 10-11, 2012

10 am—4 pm

Admission

General — \$5.00

Children under 12— Free

Emma Lou Olson (Pompano Beach) Civic Center

1801 N.E. 6th St.—Pompano Beach Fl.

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*A Personal Invitation To
The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society
Second Annual Business Class Motor Coach Trip*

November 3, 2012 Saturday

- 7:00 A.M. Leaving Deerfield Beach women's Club parking lot at 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL33441
- 7:30 A.M. A quick stop at Exit 99 on Turnpike (Okeechobee Blvd. (S.E. Quadrant) College Plaza Shopping Center behind 'Chick-Fil-A' . Look for the red ribbon on the tree.
- 9:45 P.M. Return to Deerfield Beach Women's Club parking lot with a prior stop at Okeechobee Blvd. Chick-Fil-A
- Cost:** \$70.00 per person cash or check only. This includes breakfast, lunch, luxury bus, drinks, snacks and All the fun you can soak up. We will stop at a Cracker Barrel on the way back for dinner and this is NOT Included. We will pass the hat to tip our same driver James. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS!!!!!!!
- Deadline:** For Reservations is October 12, 2012.
- Contact:** Madeline Felton at 800 S.W. 17 Street, Boca Raton, FL 33486
Phone 561 368-0808 until October 14 and then I am leaving town and you can reach me at 954 415-6163 or 828 963-8808. I do not have email, sorry.

If you had fun last year, I have a few more surprises for you this year. Our Motor Coach is small and exclusive so make Your reservation soon. There are only 36 seats.

We will be going up the East Coast and stopping at 1. Odom Orchids, Inc., 2. Ritter Tropic Orchids, 3. Chapman's Orchids/Our Vital Earth, 4. Mount Dora Plant and Garden Fair on Lake Dora with numerous Orchid Growers, plants and crafts. This will be a very memorable day!!

You will need to bring a carton or box with your name on it to put under the bus for the orchids you just can't live without.

Hope to see you all there!

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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.

2012 Orchid Events

September 18th, 2012

Orchid Sale and Shady Affair

Mounts Botanical Gardens, 559 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

10:00am to 4:00pm

Admission: \$25 members, \$35 non-members

October 5-7, 2012

Autumn Festival of Orchids

South Florida Orchid Society is presenting an orchid show. The show will feature orchids displays, Vendors with orchid plants and vendors with orchid related items.

BankUnited Center (University of Miami), 1245 Dauer Avenue, Coral Gables, FL

10:00am to 5:00pm

Admission: \$10 at the door

October 26—28, 2012

Delray Beach Orchid Society Show “Orchids on the Square”

Old school square gymnasium, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL

10:00am to 5:00pm

Admission: \$5 each day or \$8 for a 3 day pass

November 3 & 4, 2012

Garden Fall Plant Sale

Mounts Botanical Gardens, 559 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

9:00am to 5:00pm Nov. 3, 9:00am to 4:00pm Nov. 4

Admission: \$25 members, \$35 non-members

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 2012

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, September 13, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, September 10 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, September 12, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

2012 Committee Positions

1. Membership..... Donna Edwards
2. Programs.....Stephen Lunsford
3. Judging Plant Table.....Don Carpenter/Juan Bofill/Rosemary Chenery
4. Newsletter.....Lisa Krukoski
5. Librarian.....Diana Foulke
6. Meeting PlaceHeidi Feser
7. Sunshine.....Lois Larson
8. Nominating.....Debbie Dicks
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!