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President's Message

Hello orchid lovers!

I am so excited about our September meeting when you will hear from a real orchid guru, José Expósito, owner of Soroa Orchids. Lisa Sarno, our amazing program chair and secretary; Linda Woodhouse, our dedicated membership chair; and I had the pleasure of spending an afternoon recently filming José in his essence. We started with a tour of his picturesque landscape and tranquil gardens followed by a tour of the nursery and his amazing orchids. He demonstrated how to pot/repot orchids, how to mount orchids, how to back-cut the rhizome between older pseudobulbs, and several other interesting and informative demonstrations. He answered questions that several DBOS members submitted prior to the visit; such as, "To cut, or not to cut?" keiki's off a Vanda; and, "My Vanda had three spikes on it this year, can I expect this many spikes each time it blooms from now on?" He answered general questions about orchid care, air movement, appropriate light, fertilizing, and watering. For newer members, he discussed what to look for when buying an orchid. Even though there are hundreds of orchids in my collection, and my husband always tells me that I don't need one more, I paid close attention to José's sage advice on that topic. He is knowledgeable, interesting, humorous, and down-to-earth, and this is a day that I will cherish as a great experience. You need to head to Soroa Orchids to visit with José and purchase some of his exquisite orchids for your collection!

DBOS members will be sent a series of links to the different topics that were highlighted and to enjoy the meeting on our regular meeting night, Tuesday, September 8. Why do you have to wait? Our film crew mentioned above are not expert videographers, in fact, we are amateurs, and we all have other jobs and our own orchids to care for, plus a few more that we bought from José. Did I mention that José currently has a sale on large, near flowering size bare-root Cattleya's and Dendrobiums? We should have taken a bigger car! Please read José's fascinating bio on page three of the newsletter.

Our October speaker will be Tom Kuligowski, noted photographer and renowned orchid grower, who will be holding a live Zoom program on October 13 on "How to Take Better Pictures of Your Orchid Collection." Look out friends and family in cold country, better photos of blooming orchids may be coming your way this winter!

Saturday, October 3 is when we had planned our annual bus trip to the Redlands to visit some of the orchid nurseries in the area. Due to Covid-19, the trip will be cancelled.

We have cancelled the annual picnic and the annual show and sale to ensure all our members and our guests' safety. The venues for both events have not yet re-opened. We looked at alternative venues for each and were unable to come to favorable terms.

Finally, a huge thank you to Dr. Martin Motes for providing a great Zoom meeting in August on "Temperature Tolerant Low Light Vandas." Sixty years of orchid knowledge packed into a 60-minute presentation! Wow!

Happy Orchiding!

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Cheryl Babcock
DBOS President

Bulletin Board

DBOS meetings will be held virtually via ZOOM live for the remainder of the year due to **Covid-19 restrictions**.

In case you missed your email for the live August ZOOM meeting, here is the link to August's meeting:

Click here to view the [DBOS August 11, 2020 Meeting](#)

Please check your email for information pertaining to events for the fall. 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.

September Climate Data

- Average high: 89.9°F
- Average low: 75.7°F
- Average mean: 82.4°F
- Average rainfall: 8.38"



Tasks for September

By Dr. Martin Motes

September looms as the only truly dismal month in South Florida. Even without the prospect of the unspeakable 'H' word, September disheartens since it is easily the dampest, dullest month in the year.

- Space plants to permit more air circulation.
- Trim trees to permit more light and lessen the wind load on them.
- Clean up growing area removing any dead leaves or other organic matter.
- Tidy up old pots or other objects on the ground.
- Apply snail bait; lightly, frequently.
- Spray quaternary ammonium chloride.

Hurricane Orchid Prep

We are now entering the peak for hurricane season.

When a hurricane is looming one should run all the orchids as dry as possible to reduce the threat of fungus and bacteria. But contra-intuitively, just before the storm strikes one should saturate the orchids to the max. Now is the time to do that [Note: this piece was originally published the day before Matthew hit, so, water heavily the day before the hurricane makes landfall]. First, because we want the plants to be as heavy as possible to help prevent them being blown away or about. Second, because if one's water source is a well, electricity for the pump may be off for days or even weeks. Thoroughly watered plants will be much happier should this occur. Even if you are able to bring all your collection inside, water them thoroughly with two to three applications spaced a few minutes apart. They will be perfectly happy for a day or two without water and we will all have enough mess to deal with without watering orchids in the house.

Remember, wind velocity increases *exponentially* as height increases. Get your plants as close to the ground as possible but off the ground as flooding may saturate them with fungus and bacteria. Usually it is not wise to attempt to cover them with a tarp or shade cloth as the whipping of the cloth by the wind likely will cause more harm than the wind itself.

If you are growing under shade cloth, the cloth should be furled tightly to protect it. Bright burning sun is typical in the wake of a hurricane and shade will be invaluable if you are growing under trees be prepared for the possibility that the protective canopy will be destroyed. Have a plan to protect your plants from sun burn.



Read this month's complete article at:

<http://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/>

Sign up for Dr. Motes' Newsletter at:

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Speaker of the Month

José L. Expósito

Soroa Orchids

Virtual Presentation

September 8, 2020



“Growing Orchids - Show and Tell”

José L. Expósito owner of Soroa Orchids, was born in Cuba in 1960. His first passion was writing, and he won numerous literary awards for poetry, short stories, and children literature. At age 17, one of his stories was published in *Bohemia*, Cuba’s premier magazine, and soon after other works were found in publications around the country. In 1980, at the age of 19, José emigrated to the USA during the Mariel Boatlift.

Five years later, in 1985, José co-founded Soroa Orchids and took over the company in 1994. José’s hybridizing of orchids has won Soroa numerous awards from the American Orchid Society in national and international orchid events. He lectures around the world on orchid culture and breeding, including lectures at two World Orchid Conferences. He is a Senior Judge of The American Orchid Society, founder of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, past chairman of The Florida-Caribbean Judging Center, past president of The East Everglades Orchid Society, The Coalition for Orchid Species, and presently president of both The Redland Orchid Growers Association and The Redland Orchid Festival, organizers of the largest International Orchid event in the USA. José is also the orchid curator for The Bonnet House where he lectures and educates visitors and volunteers about the orchids at Bonnet House and how to grow them as well as maintaining the valuable and historical collection.



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Due to José’s schedule, the September DBOS Meeting will be a Recorded visit to see José Expósito and have a tour of his lovely landscape and gardens and answer questions submitted by you, our members. You will be sent the recording of his “Show and Tell” presentation on our regular meeting night, Tuesday, September 8.



Happy Birthday



SEPTEMBER

Sep 08 Grace Boston

Sep 15 Sue Zimmer

Sep 16 Bob Sensenig

Sep 18 Charlene Reiff

Sep 25 Joan Connors

Sep 26 Carol Ott

Sep 27 Sue Gutman



OCTOBER

06 Ken Bingham

07 Miranda Martinez

08 Vince Dicks

10 Denise Bordeau

12 Raquel Carles

17 Malcolm Taylor

25 Rose Pangerl

26 Stephanie Morkert

27 Deborah Balfour

28 Annie Brennan-Smith

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. **March 9, 2021** DBOS 8th Annual Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
2. **April, 2021** DBOS Annual Orchid Home Ramble
Chairperson:
Committee:
3. **Sept 20, 2020** DBOS Annual Picnic **CANCELLED**
Chairperson: Dennis Pearl
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Racquel Carles, Lisa Sarno, Jacqueline & Wess Scott
4. **Oct 3, 2020** DBOS Annual Trip to Homestead Area Orchid Growers **CANCELLED**
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt
5. **Nov 14 –15, 2020** DBOS 9th Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Safe Schools Institute **CANCELLED**
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb
6. **Dec 5, 2020** DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party
The Holiday Party is in place of our December monthly meeting.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt
Committee: Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton, Grace Holliday & Linda Woodhouse

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



Virtual Annual Orchid Home Ramble Home of Linda and Nye Woodhouse



Note from your editor: A special thank you to Linda and Nye Woodhouse (and of course Missy) as well as their parrots Jika and Rambo for photos of the orchids on their home landscape in the following pages. Linda and Nye were to be our 5th and final stop on this year's Orchid Ramble. Since COVID-19 forced us to cancel our Annual Orchid Home Ramble in

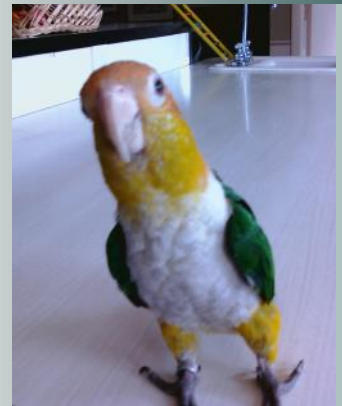
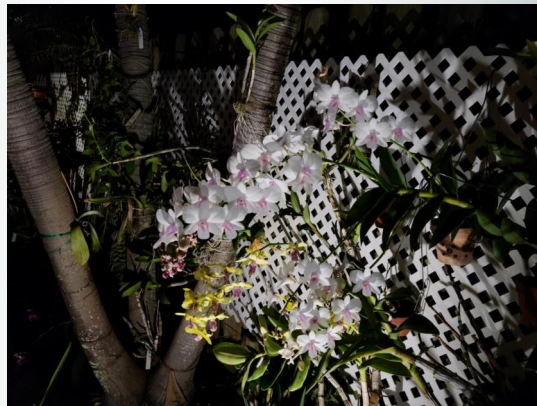
April, I thought it would be a way of encouraging our members to take advantage of limited outings to work outside with their orchid collections.



Jika the African Grey

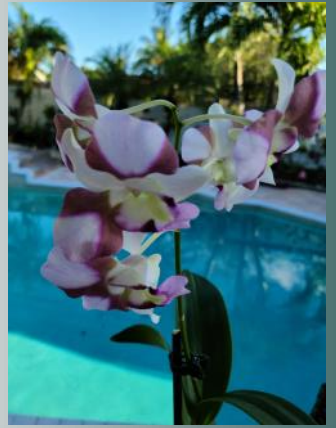


Jika

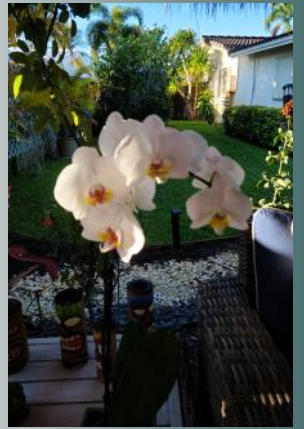


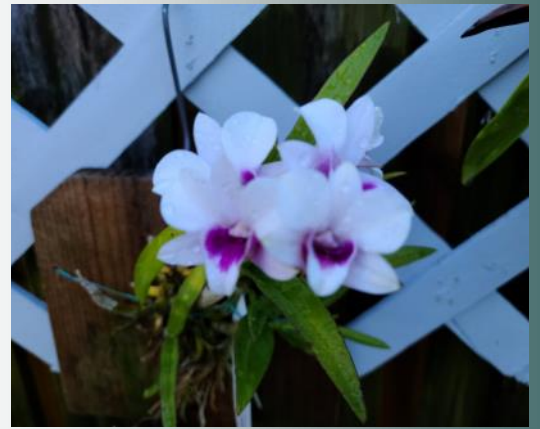
Rambo the White Bellied Caique

Rambo









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. If a guest joins in October, November or December 2020 this will include their 2021 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

In addition to access to our orchid library, insightful and informative web page, and occasional plant sale table provided by our guest speakers, DBOS members enjoy 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

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.

Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2020

We thank all of our members for their participation in our meetings, social activities, and continued support of DBOS. We sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm for our monthly speakers and raffle drawings, willingness to bring in your plants for judging so we can all enjoy them, and sharing your love of orchids and best practices with your fellow members.

Our 2020 membership drive began in January 2020. Our dues structure has not increased. Anyone who joins DBOS in October-December 2020 will not have to pay dues for 2021. What a deal!

Renewals

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| Individual | \$20.00 yr. |
| Couples | \$30.00 yr. |
| Jr. Membership | \$ 5.00 yr. |

New Members

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| Individual | \$25.00 yr. |
| Couples | \$35.00 yr. |
| Jr. Membership | \$10.00 yr. |

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership -- If you are able to renew, you can either call Linda at 954-234-4623 with a credit card or send a check to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. We are still taking renewals.

It is \$20/single membership and \$30/couple membership renewal.

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Calendar of Meetings

2020 Committee Positions

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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
910 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, Fl 33441

<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/

In the meantime, support your local vendors through online ordering and/or gift certificates so you can buy new orchids later.

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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