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President's Message

Hi Orchid Lovers,

So much to report on since my last message. DBOS' 11th annual Orchid Auction was March 12, and Mac Rivenbark, our outstanding auctioneer, did a fabulous job once again. We had orchids from Banjong's, Mac's Orchids, Motes Orchids, Odom's Orchids, Orchids in Bloom, Quest Orchids, R.F. Orchids, and Soroa Orchids, and many of our members donated orchids and a

variety of other items. We made a nice profit to fund Society activities throughout the year, and donations from our members accounted for a profit of \$1,584.00. A huge thank you to everyone who made the auction a fun and successful event. My orchid collection certainly has some new beauties.

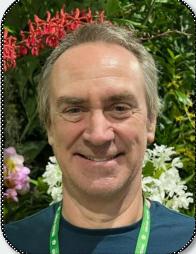
Many of our members are looking forward to our popular Home Ramble on Saturday, April 13, where we will visit four of our members' homes to view their impressive collections and to see how they grow and display their orchids. If you have not yet signed up, we have a dozen spots left, so please sign up at our April 9 meeting or contact me. We will have a light breakfast at our first stop and lunch at our final stop. Thanks to four of our members for inviting us to their homes. The agenda is being finalized and will be sent to all those who signed up for the ramble. Plan to begin at about 8:30 am and end at about 1:30 pm.

I am co-chairing the Bonnet House 15th Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival again this year with Jose Exposito, owner of Soroa Orchids, and Curator at the Bonnet House. Thank you to many of our members who have signed up to help at our booth where we will tell prospective members about our awesome orchid society and all the events we have for our members throughout the year. The festival is Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7 at the Bonnet House, 900 Birch Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm both days. Beautiful orchids and other items will be for sale from the 38 vendors, including two vendors from Taiwan, one from the Dominican Republic, and one from Ecuador. There will be food, drinks, and entertainment. What a beautiful setting to stroll through the Bonnet House grounds on a spring weekend!

Our speaker on Tuesday, April 9 is John Romano, who will be speaking on Dendrobiums, which he started growing at age 11. John specializes in Sobralias, Dendrobiums, and Catasetinae, among other unusual species. John is an active member of Facebook's "Florida Orchid Growing" and "Newbie Florida Orchid Growing" groups among others. He is a wealth of information, so come ready to learn and enjoy!

The Boca Raton Orchid Society (BROS) has graciously invited any of our members who would like to join them on a bus trip to the Redlands Orchid Festival on Saturday, May 18 for \$45, which includes transportation, refreshments on the bus, admission to the festival, and raffle tickets. Contact Abby Diab to sign up at <u>abbydbros@gmail.com</u> by May 1 to reserve your spot (only 50 available).

Happy Orchiding! Cheryl Babcock DBOS President Email: deerfieldorchids@gmail.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/deerfieldbeachorchidsociety/ Web site: https://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org/ Instagram: Deerfieldbeachorchidsociety



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Speaker of the Month

John Romano

April 9, 2024 7:30 pm



"Genus Dendrobium"

John has been a licensed healthcare provider since 1986 specializing in pain management and sports therapy. He also teaches healthcare modalities in schools and colleges as well as continuing education for other licensed healthcare providers and is an international lecturer, most recently presenting at the International Pain Management Symposium in the Virgin Islands in 2019. He won Fort Lauderdale's Best Of for Healthcare providers in 2020, 2021, and 2022.

John started growing orchids in 1977 at the age of 11. He worked at Waterloo Gardens, Inc., in Exton, PA, and Gilberties Garden Center in Delaware County, PA, as tropical plant expert and orchid manager and purchaser. In 2002, he got hired at JEM Orchids in Delray as their grower and worked there until 2005.

John specializes in Sobralias, Dendrobiums, Catasetinae, and unusual species. In 2014, a new species of Sobralia which was discovered in Guatemala was named after him, Sobralia romanoi.

John is a member of FOG and Newbie FOG groups on Facebook; runs the Sobralia and Brasolia group, the Dendrobium Species group on Facebook as well as runs the corresponding website www.dendrobiumspecies.com, has the Let's Talk Orchids group and hosts the YouTube show by the same name and is co-owner of J & J Unique Orchids with his business partner John Melecio. Their group on Facebook is J&J Unique Orchids and their Instagram account is unique_orchids.

He has had several orchids awarded and is currently in the AOS judging program.



facebook: https://www.facebook.com/john.romano4



Facebook Dendrobium Species Group: https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=dendrobium%20species%20group

You Tube Channel—Let's Talk Orchids: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG9cXccVNgtV0MovWcvuVpA



https://www.bonnethouse.org/orchid-festival/





ØRCHID & GARDEN FESTIVAL

Admission \$15

Includes Orchid Festival and Self-Guided Grounds Tour. Self-guided house tours are an additional \$10. Children 12 & under are FREE. No Discounts or Group Rates Apply.

The Festival welcomes orchid enthusiasts and plant lovers alike to vividly experience – and purchase – diverse, colorful and fragrant varieties of orchids, tropical plants, herbs, and fruit trees sold by local and international vendors. The two-day event will be taking place from 9 AM – 4 PM, rain or shine. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy orchid and tropical plant displays, food vendors, libations, garden art, orchid care, and general gardening lectures, live music, a Tropical Luau Lunch on the Veranda, and much more.

New! Tropical Luau Lunch

Saturday, April 6th & Sunday, April 7th | 11AM – 2PM Enjoy a catered lunch by Hugh's Catering on the beautifully decorated waterfront veranda during the Festival. Lunch tickets include a delectable buffet, Mai tais, wine & beer, live music and access to the bouse for a leisurely stroll through the rooms and orchid display house. Tickets also include access to the Festival and orchid & garden care demonstrations.

Tropical Luau Lunch on the Veranda Tickets: \$100



admission and more information, please usit bouncthouse.org 900 N. Birch Road. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Home Ramble Saturday, April 13, 2024 ~ 9:00am – 2:00pm

Our popular Home Ramble is April 13th so mark your calendars now! We will visit four of our members' homes to view their impressive collections. Sign-up sheets available at the April meeting for DBOS paid members. If you have not renewed your membership for 2024, now is the time to do it so you can attend this fun event where we have the opportunity to see how some of our outstanding



Orchid Fountain Display at 3rd Stop

Vanda Palm Tree at 1st Stop members grow and display orchids in their collections. Enjoy visiting with one another, and take note of what orchid(s) you like and want to add to your wish list! Seeing how other orchid hobbyists incorporate orchids into their landscape is always inspiring and provides lots of ideas for your own environment and orchid collection.

The ramble is FREE and limited to the first 45 paid members who sign up. Breakfast and Lunch provided. Plan on meeting and parking at the south end of the lot at the Woman's Club at 8:15 am to carpool and leaving at 8:30 am. Call Cheryl Babcock at 954-464-8996 if you want to attend or your plans have changed, and you can no longer attend. An itinerary will be sent to members who sign up prior to the ramble.



1st Stop Breakfast at Home of Dennis Pearl & Joe Ortlieb

2nd Stop Home of Linda & Nye Woodhouse





3rd Stop Home of Grace & Bill Holliday



4th stop, Lunch at home of Linda & Andy Kamm



Bulletin Board

DBOS holds monthly in-person meetings.

We look forward to seeing more of our members at our upcoming meetings. Remember, we meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach FL 33441.

Please check your email for information pertaining to our social events for 2024. 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.

April Climate Data

Average high: 83.8°F Average low: 67.6° F Average mean: 75.7°F Average rainfall: 3.36"



April in Your Orchid Collection

By Dr. Martin Motes

Far from the cruelest, April is the kindest month to South Florida orchid growers. The weather in April is definitely settled into warm, even deliciously hot, with passing cold fronts only adding the delight of a pleasant change in temperature. The clean, bright days brimming with abundant sunlight and the low relative humidity create the high drying potential that orchids love. Now we can get our orchids off to a great start on the growing season by practicing our very best watering skills under ideal conditions. Water heavily when you water and allow the plants to dry thoroughly before watering heavily again. Drying 'hard' in the Spring will produce benefits all season. We want to get our plants well launched while leaving all the fungi high and dry.

The new shoots of *Oncidinae*, grammatophyllums and dendrobiums are quite cup-like; care must be taken that water does not stand too long in these immature growths. Water these types very thoroughly with two or three applications of water spaced 10-15 minutes apart. Water should run freely through the pot on each application. Saturated thoroughly in this fashion the plants will need only weekly watering. Even more care should be taken with the soft plicate leafed genera like *Catasetum, Mormodes, Cycnoches, Gongora, Calanthe* and *Thunia* The new growths of this type are rolled together (the fancy word is convolute) like a collapsible drinking cup. These should be grown in water retentive media that should be saturated at each watering to permit the developing roots to have abundant water but allow the vulnerable new growth extra time to dry. Feel the weight of a pot when you have finished watering. Be sure it is heavy with water. If it's not water one more time. With plants properly spaced, good drying should not be difficult in the hot dry air of April. But do be careful to water early enough in the day to allow the tender new growth to throughly dry by twilight.

With vandaceous orchids grown in slatted baskets, most growers find that they dry altogether too well in April. Vandas can be watered almost every morning in April. Indeed, a second light watering or misting in mid-afternoon in April and early May is often beneficial provided the crowns and leaf axils of the plants have time to dry completely by nightfall. Another strategy under high drying conditions is to bend the rules, at least occasionally, and water heavily in mid to late morning. Late waterings on weekend mornings (you didn't want to get up early, any way) provide relief for plants that are more stressed on week days with their owners absent. Very occasionally, one needs to break the rules absolutely and water thoroughly (not just mist) in the mid to late afternoon so the plants can slowly absorb the water across the cool hours of the night. This is the season that one must be sure that Vanda roots have turned overall dark green when we have finished watering. Two applications of water to the point of runoff spaced several minutes apart should accomplish the required color change from white to totally green. Saturated roots are absolutely necessary to provide the plants the moisture the plants need to withstand the heat and dry air typical of April. Sometimes, particularly at this season, the roots will not change color even after the second or third application of water. This lack of response to water is because the roots have become so dry that they are repelling rather than absorbing water. They are behaving like a cork in a wine bottle. The grower must exert special effort to re-saturate the roots. Often this will require 4 or 5 waterings to the point of run off spaced 15 minutes apart. Once the roots have been changed to the healthy overall green, normal applications of water should bring them around in future.

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APRIL April 01 Nye Woodhouse April 02 John Morris April 13 Roe Ramos April 14 Linda Woodhouse April 15 Sara Cloutier Lowe April 16 Bud Harris April 18 Gerhard Weimer April 21 John Pangerl April 20 Jesus Hill April 20 Monika Saitzman April 25 Lisa Sarno

MAY May 05 Dennis Pearl May 11 Barry Silver May 12 Janet Baker May 19 Stephanie Currie May 19 Thomas Milo May 24 Marcela Daley May 27 Dennis Perreault May 27 Janet Woodhouse May 28 Brandon Knealing May 31 Heather Nedich



Highlights From Our March Auction Meeting Photos Courtesy of John Morris



Auction Registration Sign-in Desk



Auction Bid Accounting Clerks









Mac Rivenbark Our Auctioneer





Joseph Ortlieb Our Runner

Highlights From Our March Auction Meeting {cont.}



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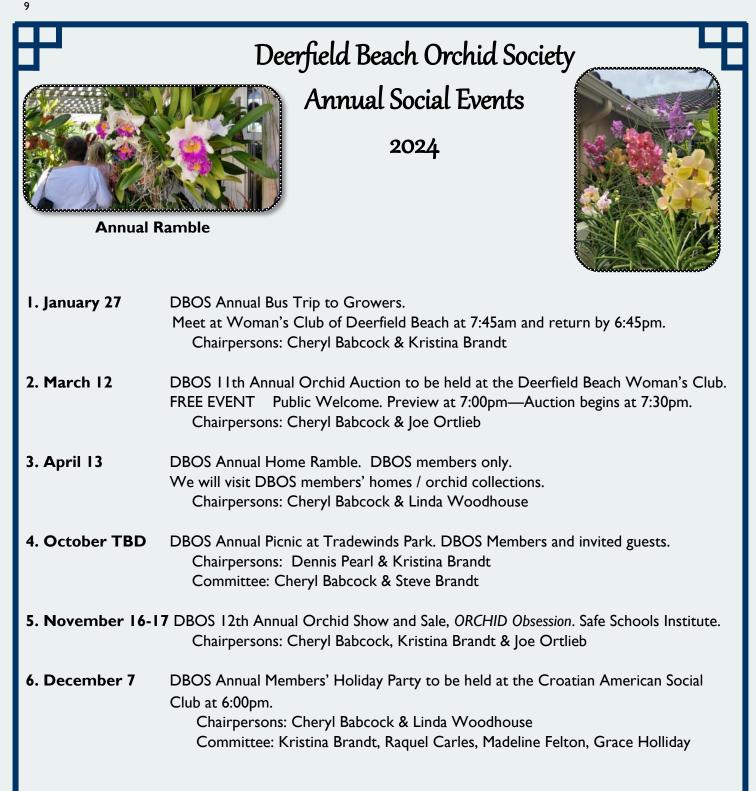












If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact Cheryl Babcock or Kristina Brandt.



Annual Bus Trip to Growers



Annual Auction



Annual Picnic



Annual Holiday Party

Upcoming Orchid Events 2024

Bonnet House 15th Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival

Saturday April 6 & Sunday April 7, 2024

9:00am - 4:00pm daily 900 North Birch Road Fort Lauderdale Florida 33304

https://www.bonnethouse.org/orchid-festival/







Redland International Orchid Festival Fri May 17, Sat May 18, Sun May 19, 2024

Located at the idyllic Redland Fruit and Spice Park in South Dade, the Redland International Orchid Festival is world renowned as a bucket list event for orchid lovers. Join the best orchid growers in the world along with fellow avid orchid fans for three and a half days of pure orchid mania.

Friday11am-6pm, Saturday 9am-6pm and Sunday11am-6pm Fruit and Spice Park 24801 SW 187th Ave Redland, FL 33031 https://redlandorchidfestival.com/



MEMBERS' PLANTS



DBOS members, please send images of some of your favorite orchids at any time to your newsletter's editor at **morkert.tm@gmail.com** so we can share them with our membership. Mother Nature doesn't always allow some of our beautiful 'orchid babies' to bloom at the right time for our monthly meetings. We enjoy seeing your

blooming orchids in the newsletter as well as in person on our members' table at the monthly meeting. We often see orchids that we put on our list of orchids to add to our collections. If we get enough of our members to submit photos each month, we can have a virtual orchid display. Please also continue to bring in your blooming orchids to our member's table for judging at our monthly meetings.



Take It Virtual!

Lc. Spring Fires 'Linette' '#I' x Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic' AM/AOS Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Dendrobium hybrids (Jairak Bushy) Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Dendrobium primulinum 'Laos' Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Guarianthe skinneri Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



L. colombiana Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Water' AM/AOS Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Zygoinsia Cynosure 'Blue Birds' Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



C. skinneri 'Carpenteria' FCC/AOS Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Cheryl's Home - Ha! This is the second year in a row that the doves chose this place to nest and have their babies.



Baby Doves right before leaving the nest on March 30. Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Bulb. wendlandianum John Pancoast



Den. anosmum John Pancoast



Den. Mini Snowflake John Pancoast



Oncidium Ampliatum John Pancoast



T. Jairak Firm Mocha Spots John Pancoast



Vandachostylis Pinky John Pancoast



Toucan



Coelogyne rochussenii species Stephanie & Terry Morkert



(C. Caribbean x C. Lawrenceana) Pink Cluster Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Schomburgkia undulata Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Dendrobium lindleyi (aggregatum) Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Dendrobium NoID Stephanie & Terry Morkert





(C. Starting Point x Lc. Mem. Robert Strait) 'Paradise' Stephanie & Terry Morkert

Dendrobium anosmum Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Den. Airy Gold Spin Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Dendrobium Anosmums Linda & Andy Kamm



Oriental Smile 'Butterfly' Linda & Andy Kamm



Rhynchobrassoleya 'Spotted Charm' Linda & Andy Kamm



Vanilla orchid cutting from Grace Holliday Linda & Andy Kamm



Blc. Young-Min Orange 'golden satisfaction' Linda & Andy Kamm



Den. Hsinying Frostymaree Linda & Andy Kamm



Pot. Hawaiian Prominence 'America'

Linda & Andy Kamm

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.

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

DBOS members have access to our orchid library, insightful and informative web pages, opportunities to purchase plants from our speakers, tips from our members, and 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 lindawoodhouserealtor@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.

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Membership 2024 DBOS Membership Annual Fees

New Members: \$30/Single or \$40/Couple ~ Membership Renewal: \$25/Single or \$35/Couple Reasons to join or renew your membership in the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

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Picnic

For further information or to pay by credit card, please contact Linda Woodhouse, DBOS Membership Chair, at <u>lindawoodhouserealtor@gmail.com</u> or call 954-234-4623. If you prefer to pay by check, make it payable to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society and send to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33443-0732. DBOS meetings held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 (except December Holiday Party).

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2nd Monday Every Month 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall https://www.flos.org/

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

2nd Tuesday Every Month 7:30 PM

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach

910 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL. 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/

4th Thursday Every Month 7:00 PM Except November and December Tropical Orchid Society

Mounts Botanical Gardens 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL. http://www.tropicalorchidsociety.org

2024 Committee Positions

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Did you know that we have a **Sunshine Committee?** Madeline Felton and Lois Larson are kind enough to send cards to any society member that is in the hospital or for bereavement. If you know of someone that could use a little uplifting card, please contact Madeline either by phone **561-368-0808** or email at: **800karisma@gmail.com or Lois at 954-782-2314 or email at loisj2200@yahoo.com.**