



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

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Hello Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Members!

Well here we are again...with a lot of exciting new things happening in our club. We just had our annual Ramble April 28th. We stopped at 4 houses and had a great time. I want to thank our Ramble Hosts, Susan Kolinsky, Joe Ortlieb, Dennis Pearl, Trinh Pham, and Vince and Debbie Dicks. The weather held out for us.

Our Mother's Day Weekend Sale is set for May 12th and 13th, with arranging on the 11th. If you haven't signed up to help, please do so. We will be selling at Zion Church and could use a few people to arrange and sell. As a member, you should want to get involved. It's fun to get to know others in the club as you work together helping us make bring in revenue. Charlene Reiff is the chairperson for this event.

Our Bus trip to the growers on November 10th has been changed to another date to be announced soon. Deerfield Beach Orchid Society will be putting on a **BIG SHOW** with vendors November 10th and 11th with a set up day on November 9th. This show is expected to be our highlighted fundraiser for the year. Stephen Lunsford and Rosemary Chenery are chairing this event. They have all the information and definitely need help from us. So please sign up.

Our October Fall Picnic needs a new chairperson if we want to have a picnic.....It's an easy event to chair, so please consider it. Contact Madeline Felton at 561-368-0808. Our Speaker this month is Gail Miller. She will be teaching us orchid arranging.....just in time for our Mother's Day Sale....Now there's no excuses to not help for the show. Our next meeting is Tuesday May 8th at 7:30 sharp. Bring a friend, as always.

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April Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Cattleya	Bromecanthe (Brm.) Jamaica Fire (Grt. Why Not x Mcp. bry-siana)	Joe Ortlieb
Cattleya	Enanthleya (Eny.) Golden Sunburst (=E. rufia 'Yellow' x Ctt. Gold Digger 'Orglades Mandarin')	Joe Ortlieb
Cattleya	Slc. Hsin Buu Lady (L. anceps x C. Wendy's Valentine)	Charlene Reiff
Oncidium	Oncidium Jungle Monarch 'Pacific Pride'	Joe Ortlieb
Vanda	Vanda Robert's Delight	Joe Ortlieb
Species	<i>Dendrobium aphyllum</i> (synonym = <i>Den. pierardii</i>)	James Peer
Cultural Award	Phal. Fancy Sunset	Dennis Pearl

Grand Champion Winner Dennis Pearl



Happy Birthday

Dennis Pearl May 5

Kira Feser May 9



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 **April** meeting!

Heidi Feser
Mary Pritchard
Dennis Pearl

Please remember to sign the refreshment list so you can be acknowledged!

Welcome New Member!

Janet Davis

Speaker of the Month

Gail Miller will be our speaker at the May meeting. Gail is a hobbyist orchid grower for 10 years and opened her business in 1997. She is a former president of the Plantation Orchid Society, two time recipient of the William Hackney Award for most awarded orchids and has received numerous awards from the AOS.

Her lecture is titled: "Orchid Arranging".



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** Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield
Beach Arboretum. Our regular October meeting to be held here.
Chairperson: Need volunteer

3. **TBD** Second Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Madeline Felton

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

5. **Dec 8, 2012** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Place to be determined. Our regular Decem-
ber meeting to be held here.
Chairperson: Susan Kolinsky

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

GROWING TIPS

for May

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Paphs and phrags are largely terrestrial plants, which require more constant moisture. They have roots that do not have the hard protective covering found on epiphytes. Let these orchids sit bare-root for any length of time and the roots dry up and die. You can imagine my surprise when an experiment with a paph planted in lava rock yielded fantastic growth and flowers. Admittedly, the experiment was initially done because I am lazy and did not want to repot my paphs every year. Most paphs are grown in some kind of bark mix that holds more moisture, which is ideal for their fine roots. As terrestrial plants, they do not need roots that will survive the drying that epiphytes experience. Unlike some orchid groups, paphs and phrags can grow very fast under the right conditions, i.e. good light and nutrients.

Most expert paph growers repot these orchids at least annually, but there are ways of extending the time between repotting besides growing them in some rock mixture. If your paphs are potted in an organic mix, a simple approach that will extend the time between repotting is to spray a fine jet of water into the top of each pot to wash away the fine products of decay. Often, what are left are larger particles of bark, perlite and charcoal. Once all of the fine material is washed out, add some additional bark on the top and dress with pelletized dolomite lime on the surface to raise the pH of the medium. If the paph just falls from the pot at this time, it needed repotting anyway.

It is the acidity that comes from decomposing bark that causes problems for paphs and phrags. The slow release type of dolomite lime lasts longer, but needs to be added every month or so depending on the pH of your water. Most paph species naturally grow in limestone outcrops or soils derived from limestone, so the addition of the extra calcium and magnesium found in dolomite lime is beneficial to the paph as well as a pH buffer.

Being basically lazy, my approach is to avoid organic media and use lava rock. Lava rock holds water and grows paphs and even phrags well as long as adequate fertilizer is applied. I put larger lava rocks in the bottom of the pot, 1/2-1" and smaller ones on top, depending on the pot size. My large paphs are in 6" deep plastic pots where 1-2" lava rock goes on the bottom. Even here in Florida where water is very basic, it is necessary to add dolomite lime. If you use an organic medium, follow the same procedure, except use plastic peanuts for drainage at the bottom and be aware that organic media can sour quickly. The only modification I have made since I began using lava rock 8 or 9 years ago is the addition of 10% or so of lime rock to the lava rock. I try to match the size of the lava rock when I add lime rock.

The only issue that results from growing large paphs in lava rock is that old growths and their roots eventually decay, producing the acid conditions around roots that can cause problems. Sometimes, a sterile cutting tool can be used to simply cut the old growth from new growths. If done when the orchid is wet the old roots will come out with the old growth, removing a source of decaying organic matter. A jet of water directed at the hole where the old growth was removed will get most of the decaying roots out. I also put a teaspoon of dolomite lime in the hole and cover it with new lava rock.

The only other issue so far with lava rock medium is the plant pushing up and out of the pot. As new roots fill the pot they seem to push the whole plant out and up. It does make it easy to move the whole plant, roots rocks and all into a new pot, but my goal is to not repot.

Annual Orchid Ramble



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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

May 18-20, 2012

Redland International Orchid Festival

Featuring 50 vendors from all over the world and the U.S., walking tours, lectures and demonstrations.

Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Homestead, FL

9:00am to 5:00pm

Admission: \$10

May 26-27, 2012

14th Annual Orchids in the Park

Fundraiser to benefit Project Cradle, a program at the University of Miami Mill School of Medicine that provides assistance to children and young adults living with HIV/AIDS. You'll find great plants, great prices and help a great cause.

Dante Fascell Park, 8600 SW 57th Ave (Red Road)

10:00am to 5:00pm

June 24, 2012

Coalition for Orchid Species Symposium

Four fantastic speakers will be speaking at this symposium: Jay Phal, publisher of The Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia, Bill Thoms, Renowned orchid grower and AOS judge, Frank Smith, Krull Smith Orchids and AOS judge, and Ivan Portillo, Ecuagenera Orchids, Ecuador.

Fairchild Tropic Botanic Garden, in the Garden Room, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL

8:00am to 7:00pm

Admission: \$45 for COS member, \$50 for non members

Admission includes lectures, raffles, continental breakfast, buffet lunch

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 Gail Ritchie for New Membership

Calendar of Meetings

Thursday, May 10, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, May 14 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall
1955 E. Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, May 9, 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..... Vicky Edgcomb
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. Publicity.....Rosemary Chenery
12. Events.....Madeline Felton
13. Refreshments.....Mary Pritchard
14. AOS Representative.....Rosemary Chenery
15. CourtesyDonna Edwards

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!