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President's Message

Greetings all. Anybody ready for some cooler weather? Our Sept 9th meeting features Dan & Margie Christensen of Dan & Margies Orchids speaking on the Do's and Dont's of Vanda growing. Don't miss this informative presentation. The bus trip scheduled for Sept 20 is almost sold out! Thanks to Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks for the outstanding effort. For those of you attending please remember to bring a box marked on all sides with your name to hold your purchases. This trip is running on a time schedule and will be leaving the Women's Club at as close to 8:00 AM as possible. We would suggest being there between 7:30 and 7:45 for boarding to ensure your passage.

In October in addition to our regular meeting we will also be holding our annual picnic. This will be held at Constitution Park (Deerfield Beach Arboretum) at 2841 W. Hillsboro Blvd. The club will be providing the meats and drinks. This will be a free event to members who are willing to bring a side dish. For non-members or those choosing not to bring a side dish there will be a \$10 fee. Also Grace and Bill Holliday have graciously decided to host our Holiday Party in December again this year. It will be held on Dec 14 in conjunction with the Pompano Beach Boat Parade. Those who attended last year can attest to what a great time we had with that. Thanks Grace!

So hope to see you on the 9th and as always, bring a friend! Vince



Welcome New Member!!

Josee LaPointe

August Ribbon Winners

Brassidium Golden Gamine "White Knight"	Garfield Gilchrist
Trichoglottis brachiata	Garfield Gilchrist
Vascostylis Memoria Suranaree	Grace Holliday
Ascocenda Meda Arnold x Ascocenda Yip Sum Wah	Garfield Gilchrist
Dendrobium Chan-Chao	Garfield Gilchrist
Paphiopedilum Armeni White	Grace Holliday
Trichoglottis philippinensis (CULTURE AWARD)	Susan Kolinsky

Upcoming Speakers

September-Dan & Margie Orchids "Vandas Do's & Don'ts"
 October-Tom Kuligowski "Whats light Got To Do With It"

Happy Birthday

Charlene Reiff Sept 18

Carol Anderson Sept 19

Carol Ott Sept 26

Susan Gutman Sept 27

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

And special thanks to Publix for donating refreshments

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

Speaker of the Month

Dan & Margie Orchids

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.

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Bus Trip September 20, 2014

ALMOST SOLD OUT!!!

We will be visiting 5 orchid growers in the Homestead area:
RF Orchids, Carib, Hennington Farms, Banjong and Rubens.

Price is \$55

Includes a light Breakfast, Lunch and Happy Hour

The bus is almost sold out!

Reserve your spot today.

Contact Cheryl Babcock at crbabcock1@netzero.net
and further information will be sent to you along with instructions on
where to send your check for \$55.00.

August in Your Orchid Collection

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, duller month in the year. Although more inches of rain fall in June, more hours of rain occur in the often slow, seemingly endless drizzles of September. Frequently a day or two can pass without so much as a solid hour of truly bright sunshine to lift our spirits and dry out our plants. Days are growing much shorter also, with long nights when our plants are wet from the frequent rains. Coming at the end of the rainy season when disease pressure has been building, September presents the maximum opportunity for fungal and bacterial diseases to take hold of our orchids. Hopefully careful watering practices and the judicious use of fungicides (as recommended last month) will have diminished the potential for disease in our collections. But even in the best managed collection, September calls for extra vigilance. Keep a close eye out for problems and remove immediately any plant that shows the first sign of fungus to a dry location to prevent the disease being spread by splashing rain drops. Good hygiene is particularly important this month. Clean up growing areas and remove any dead leaves, twigs or other organic debris from the plants and the ground. In September numerous diseases that linger in decaying plant material find the ideal conditions that allow them to jump to the living tissue of our prize orchids. Such problems can develop more quickly in September than in any other month. September is a month to stay home and be there for your orchids. Look at every plant, every day.

September, above all, is the month that the old Florida growers' adage that "One needs a cat to grow good orchids," holds true. By leaving enough space between plants on a shade house bench for a cat to walk around without knocking them down, one provides the good air circulation which is absolutely essential in periods of protracted wet weather. Well spaced plants are much less likely to encounter disease problems this month. Remember that your plants will have grown considerably over the summer and that the space they occupied comfortably in the Spring has now been filled by their own growth as well as their neighbors. Space them out. Now is perhaps the time to decide to hang some of the larger ones where they will dry much more quickly. The small cute ones left behind on the bench will be very appreciative of the extra air and light.

Another excellent way to increase air circulation and enhance rapid drying is by trimming excess (particularly vertical) branches from all trees which support orchids or are near to orchid growing areas. By increasing the light and air flow one will also garner the benefit of reducing the possibility that such trees will be knocked down in a severe storm. Trees trimmed to permit proper air circulation and light for orchids were frequently the only ones which survived upright after Andrew. As there is rarely time to do such pruning when storm warnings are actually posted and creating extra debris is not then wise, now is the time to protect both your orchids and your trees. Days are shortening quickly now and more hours of rain and overcast skies mean that your orchids will benefit from all the additional light that they can get. Beginning the process of "hardening off" our plants by allowing more light to reach them will give them a leg up on the coming cool weather as well.

As orchids grown outside are so frequently wet in September, it is often difficult to apply fertilizer or fungicides to the plants because they are already damp. Catch 22!- the plants need extra protection because they are wet and because they are wet one can't apply chemicals to protect them. In these circumstances, many growers find Quaternary ammonium compounds useful. Sold as Physan, Consan, Greenshield or Triathalon these disinfectants dissolve totally in water and can be applied to wet plants. Strengths vary so follow the label. Although Federal regulations say they should not, many growers substitute the cheap and readily available pool algicide which contain the same active ingredient. Home Depot sells a brand called "Pool Time" which could be purchased legally to disinfect walks and pathways at the rate of 1 to 2 tps. per gallon and would certainly do no harm at that rate, if it came into contact with the orchids no more frequently than every 7-10 days.

This month when those brief periods of dry weather permit growers to think of applying other pesticides, they are tempted to think of giving their starving charges fertilizer as well. This is generally not a good idea with any fertilizer containing phosphorous (the second in the numerical series of three numbers). Phosphorus changes the PH of water and tends to interact with many other chemicals reducing their effectiveness. In September we need as much fire power from our chemical arsenal as we can get. A much better strategy in general to add some nutrients employs potassium nitrate (KNO₃) 13-0-43 at a rate of 1 tbs per gallon of water. One should ask for the type usually referred to as "spray grade". In general sympodial orchids are reaching the end of their growth cycle as September progresses so a reduction in nitrogen from the potassium nitrate substitution or a missed fertilizer application usually does little harm to orchids grown outside in South Florida. Soft cane dendrobiums of the "Nobile" types will actually benefit from the reduction in feeding. It's time to wean these deciduous types before cutting them off entirely from the grub next month. Vandas and Phalaenopsis on the other hand can be fertilized as often as weather permits and will bloom all the stronger for this extra attention in the coming months.

Snails can also be a problem again in September. Even if you earlier used the "lightly, frequently" baiting suggested in July, snails can travel long distances on wet ground in the dull, dark weather of September. Chances are your neighbors have not been as good as you on snail control. So, once more with feeling: snail bait "lightly, frequently" to give a warm welcome to any recently arrived mollusks. With an eye to the heavens (or at least to the TV screen), removing any old boards, empty pots or other debris that might fly about in a storm will also render the humble snails homeless. An opportunity to re-double your virtue and save some precious moments in the face of the storm that we hope never comes!

Our August Meeting

Photos Courtesy of John Morris



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. **Apr ?, 2015** Orchid Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.
Leaving Women's Club at 8:30am
Chairperson: Debbie Dicks & Cheryl Babcock

2. **Sept 20, 2014** Third Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks

3. **Oct. 25, 2014** Fall Picnic/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield
Beach Arboretum.
Chairperson: Needed

4. **Dec 14, 2014** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here
Chairperson: Grace Holliday Assisted by Debbie Dicks and Cheryl Babcock

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

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New Dues for 2014

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
P.O. Box 732
Deerfield Beach, FL 33443

2014 Orchid Events

September 13-14

Mounts Botanical Garden Orchid Sale & Shady Affair

Some of the area's premier plant vendors will be selling a variety of begonias, bromeliads, orchids, ferns, hoyas and aroids. Fun and informative lectures will be offered on topics such as Basic Orchid Care, Shade Loving Plants, and Fragrant Plants. Magnificent tabletop arrangements will be auctioned off in a silent auction to benefit the Garden .

Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

Saturday 10am to 4pm

Admission: Members \$35, Non-Members \$40

September 20-21

Ridge Orchid Society Show 'Orchid Jungle'

Come and explore the many gorgeous displays arranged by orchid societies and nurserymen from all over central Florida. We have vendors who will be selling lots of plants, many in bloom, orchid supplies, and other orchid gifts. We will have a table where, at a small cost, you can have your overgrown orchid beauty repotted. You can purchase tickets to win one of several baskets filled with orchid-related goodies.

Lake Mirror Center, 121 South Lake Ave., Lakeland, FL

Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 11am to 5pm

Admission: \$4

November 15-16

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Show

The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society will hold its third annual Orchid Show & Sale, Orchid Obsession, at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, with thousands of specimens on sale from 10 Florida growers ensuring that the fascinating and exotic plants will be appropriate for your own backyard. Our vendors will all mount spectacular displays to be judged by American Orchid Society (AOS) judges on Saturday, November 15. Several non-orchid vendors will provide orchid supplies including everything you need to grow beautiful orchids, plant benches/stands, art, reclaimed old growth cypress wood, and jewelry. Daily lectures will be provided on orchid care.

1801 NE 6th St., Pompano Beach, FL

Saturday & Sunday, 10am to 5pm

Admission: \$5, children under 12 are free

Win FREE Raffle Tickets for You and Your Guest(s)

The chances of you winning a stunning orchid or other enticing item 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 September, October, November or December 2014, this will include their 2015 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

- Monthly Orchid Raffles
- Guest Speakers Monthly
- Monthly Newsletters
- Monthly Drawings
- Annual Show & Sale—Orchid Obsession
- Annual Home Ramble
- Monthly Judging and Awarding of Ribbons to Member's Orchids
- Annual Bus Trip
- Annual Orchid Auction
- Annual Picnic
- Annual Holiday Dinner
- Access to our Orchid Library
- Insightful & Informative Web Page

For further information on how to join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS), please contact Cheryl Babcock or John Williams, DBOS Membership Chairs, at crbabcock1@netzero.net or call 954-464-8996

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.

Calendar of Meetings

Thursday, September 11, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, September 8, 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, September 9, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, September 10, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

2013 Committee Positions

1. Membership..... Donna Edwards
2. Programs.....Vince Dicks
3. Newsletter.....Lisa Krukoski
4. Sunshine.....Lois Larson
5. Raffle Table.....Vince & Debbie Dicks
6. Nominating..... DBOS Board
7. Publicity.....Cheryl Babcock
8. Plant Table.....Speaker or DBOS
9. Events.....Cheryl Babcock & Debbie Dicks
10. Refreshments.....Mary Pritchard & Millicent Hammill
11. AOS Representative.....Rosemary Chenery
12. 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!