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President's Message

Hi Orchid Lovers,

We have been fortunate to have such pleasant weather recently to get our collections ready for summer. When we had those hot, steamy days earlier in March, we wondered if we would have a chance to get repotting, mounting, and other chores done before summer. However, it has been a wonderful reprieve, and if you are like me, you are taking advantage of the nice days.

We are fortunate to have Jose Exposito, owner of Soroa Orchids and Curator of the Bonnet House orchid collection, as our speaker for our April 12 meeting. Jose will be speaking on Growing Orchids in South Florida. It has been my pleasure to work with Jose over the last several months when he asked me to co-chair the Bonnet House 13th Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival held April 2-3. Thirty festival vendors exhibited from Florida as well as Brazil, Ecuador, Malaysia, and Thailand along with food vendors and live music entertainment. What a lovely place to spend a weekend in early April.

What a fun day we had on Saturday, April 2nd. Forty-six of our DBOS members visited four of our members' homes to view their impressive collections. Thank you to Dennis Pearl and Joe Ortlieb for a fabulous breakfast at our first stop of the morning and for giving us wonderful ideas for how to display our orchids. Next, we headed to Susan and Stu Kolinsky's to see their beautiful collection and how orchids are mounted on trees, fences, and other interesting displays. A favorite stop is always at the home of Grace and Bill Holliday where we were able to view Grace's lovely orchids and relax and see the boats gliding by on the Intercoastal. A new stop this year was at the home of Linda and Nye Woodhouse. They have built an outstanding collection and have a spacious yard to display their orchids on lattice attached to the fence, decorative chains spaced in front of the lattice to hang the vandas, and numerous other orchid display areas. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch at their home and after that some of our members headed home to look at what they could do to their landscaping or headed down to the Bonnet House to buy more orchids. Remember, there is always room for one more orchid!

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we had another successful auction at our March meeting. We made an overall profit of \$3,733.74. Donations from our members accounted for \$1,368.00 of this profit. A huge thank you to all who donated orchids and other items. You helped make our annual auction—one of the two revenue-generating activities for the Society that we have during the year along with our annual show and sale—successful and you make a difference! Thanks to all of you who bid on items as well and went home with new purchases. I jiggled and wiggled my orchids to make room for a few more as well.

Years ago, I led a week-long study mission for the Singapore Florist Association who were visiting southern California. Day after day they were happy, smiling, and singing on the bus and at our stops. When I visited with them about this, they informed me, "Why wouldn't we be happy, we are around flowers all day!" Do your orchids make you happy?

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Happy Orchiding!
Cheryl Babcock
DBOS President



Speaker of the Month

Jose Exposito

Soroa Orchids

April 12, 2022 7:30 pm



“Growing Orchids in South Florida”

Jose Exposito, founder of Soroa Orchids, is a Senior judge of the American Orchid Society, past President of the Coalition for Orchid species, and Vice President of the Redland Orchid Growers, the hosts and organizers of the largest International Orchid Festival taking place annually in the USA. He lectures on orchid growing and hybridizing all over the world including the past World Orchid Conferences in Rio de Janeiro and in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Born in Cuba, his love and passion for plants and orchids has blossomed to over 30 years of growing, developing, and becoming one of the world's leaders in the orchid industry today.



Orchid Shopping at Soroa Orchids with South Florida's youtube Orchid Diva

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBkK0z7UHFY>



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Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Home Ramble Saturday, April 2, 2022

Our popular Home Ramble was held April 2nd. We visited four of our members' homes to view their impressive collections. The Home Ramble always provides the opportunity for us to see how some of our outstanding members grow and display the orchids in their collections. We enjoyed visiting with each other in a more informal setting and came away with a lot of ideas on what we could do in our own collections and what orchids we would add to our wish list. It was inspiring to see how our members incorporated orchids into their landscapes.



Magnificent Orchid Tree at 1st Stop



Orchid Fountain Display at 3rd Stop



2nd Stop



Graceland at 3rd Stop



2nd Stop



Vanda Explosion at 3rd Stop



Tranquil Corner at 2nd Stop



Artistic Display at 2nd Stop



Lunch at our 4th stop, a new stop on the Ramble



Birdland at 3rd Stop



Hosted by Joe Ortlieb and Dennis Pearl



Breakfast at our 1st Stop on the Ramble





Hosted by Susan and Stu Kolinsky



Dove nesting in orchid basket



Hosted by Grace and Bill Holliday





Hosted by Linda and Nye Woodhouse



Lunch at our 4th stop, a new stop on the Ramble

Bulletin Board

Presently, 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.

Please check your email for information pertaining to our social events for 2022. 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.

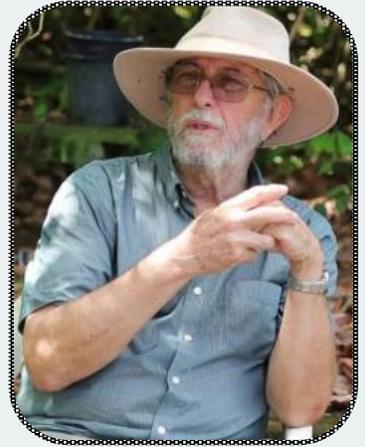
April Climate Data

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 thoroughly 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, theContinued.....Click blue fogblog link below for "Read this month's complete article at:"



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Happy Birthday



APRIL

- April 01 Nye Woodhouse**
- April 02 John Morris**
- April 14 Linda Woodhouse**
- April 19 Cynthia Cummings**
- April 20 Jesus Hill**
- April 21 John Pangerl**
- April 25 Lisa Sarno**
- April 29 Virginia Bauer**
- April 30 Elaine Mende**

MAY

- May 05 Dennis Pearl**
- May 12 Janet Baker**
- May 18 Marlene Sensenig**
- May 27 Janet Woodhouse**
- May 29 Jadwiga Hololob**
- May 31 Heather Nedich**



Highlights From Our March Auction Meeting

Photos Courtesy of John Morris



**Our Auctioneer
Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids**



**Our Bid Recorders
Raquel, Debbie, Jacqueline and Wes**



**Our President
Cheryl Babcock**



**Reception
John Williams**



Auction Orchid Preview



**Reception
Nye Woodhouse**



Auction Orchid Preview



Auction Orchid Preview





Hopeful Bidders to the left!



Hopeful Bidders to the right!



Hopeful Bidders all!



Let the Auction Begin!
- Click the Video Link Below



Vince Dicks, a Past President
Auction Floor Assistant

<https://www.icloud.com/sharedalbum/#B0iGi86MYGldqoc>



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

2022 - 2023



1. **Mar 14, 2023** DBOS 10th Annual Orchid Auction to be held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club.
FREE Public Welcome
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
2. **Apr 2, 2022** DBOS Annual Home Ramble. DBOS members only.
Visit four of our members' homes / orchid collections
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse
Committee: Grace Holliday, Susan Kolinsky, Joe Ortlieb and Dennis Pearl
3. **Sep, 2022** DBOS Annual Picnic. Date TBD. DBOS Members and invited guests.
Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt
Committee: Racquel Carles, Jacqueline & Wes Scott
4. **Oct, 2022** DBOS Bus Trip—Date TBD
5. **Nov 12-13, 2022** DBOS 10th Annual Orchid Show and Sale, Orchid Obsession. Safe Schools Institute.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb
6. **Dec 3, 2022** DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton,
and Grace Holliday

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



Annual Ramble



Annual Auction



Annual Picnic



Annual Bus Trip to Growers



Annual Holiday Party



Become a Member of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society!

DBOS Welcomes the Following New Members

Linda and Andy Kamm

Barry Silver

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 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.

Bonnet House 13th Annual International Orchid and Garden Festival

Cheryl Babcock and John Williams were a few of the volunteers who represented the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS) at the annual event on April 2-3, 2022, at the Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, and discussed orchid care, membership in DBOS, and encouraged interested individuals to attend our annual show and sale, Orchid Obsession, November 12-13, 2022.

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Upcoming Orchid Events 2022

40th International Orchid & Bromeliad Show
Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, 2022

Flamingo Gardens

9:30 am—4:00 pm daily

Admission: \$19.95 ages 12+, \$12.95 ages 3-11, Children 2 and under and members free. Discounts available for Seniors, Military, College Students and AOS mbrs

954-473-2955

www.flamingogardens.org/



Upcoming Orchid Events 2022.....continued

Tamiami International Orchid Festival
 Friday-Sunday, May 13, 14, and 15, 2022
 11:00 am – 7:00 pm daily
 Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center
 10901 SW 24th Street
 Miami, FL 33165

Admission: \$15 at the door (Order Tickets in advance to save),
 Kids under 12 FREE!

www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com/tiof/public/vendors

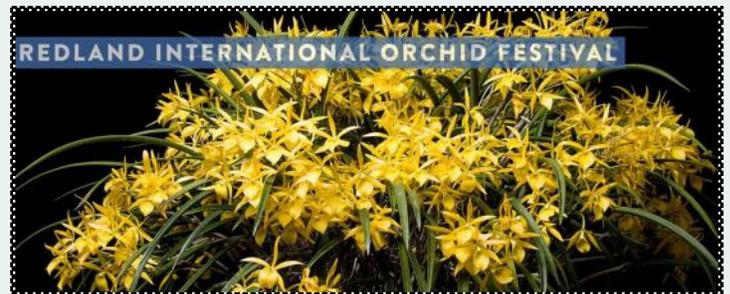


Redland International Orchid Festival
 The original beloved Orchid Festival is back!
 Friday through Sunday, October 7, 8,
 and 9, 2022

10:00 am—5:00 pm daily
 Redland Fruit & Spice Park
 24801 S.W. 187 Avenue
 Homestead, FL 33031

Admission: \$15
 305-247-5727

www.redlandorchidfest.com



www.redlandfruitandspice.com/event/redland-international-orchid-festival-2/

Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2022

We thank our members for supporting DBOS during 2020 and early 2021 when we were unable to meet in person. We began holding in-person meetings in June 2021, and our DBOS Board of Trustees began lining up many wonderful activities for the remainder of the year including our profitable auction, our picnic, show, and holiday party. We always hold our monthly meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, except for December when our annual holiday party replaces our meeting. DBOS 2021 paid members received a beautiful FREE orchid at the December 4, 2021, holiday party.

We kicked off the 2022 membership drive at the November 13-14, 2021, DBOS 9th Annual Show and Sale, Orchid Obsession, and welcomed 19 new members into the Society. The DBOS Board of Trustees has arranged dates for the Annual Home Ramble on April 2nd where we visit members' homes to view their collections and have breakfast, lunch, munchies, and lively conversations. Why not save back \$20 to renew your membership knowing that you will receive a lovely free orchid at the 2022 Holiday Party (always held on the first Saturday of the month). We've scheduled our Ninth Annual Auction for Tuesday, March 8. We will hold our annual Bus Trip to visit Orchid Nurseries in the Homestead area and our Annual Picnic in either September or October depending on availability of venues. We will round out the year with our annual show and sale in November and our holiday party in December. We have a lot of fun at our monthly meetings and learn from our speakers and from each other.

Our dues structure has not increased. If you want to pay by credit card, please call Linda Woodhouse, our Membership Chair, at 954-234-4623, or send a check to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Renewals are \$20/single membership and \$30/couple membership per year.

Membership Renewals

\$20.00/year Individual

\$30.00/year Couples

\$5.00/year Junior Membership

New Members

\$25.00/year Individual

\$35.00/year Couples

\$10.00/year Junior Membership

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A great big THANK YOU to PUBLIX for donating the refreshments for our meeting every month. There is nothing better than Publix pastries!



MEMBERS' PLANTS

DBOS members, please send images of some of your favorite orchids at any time to deerfieldorchids@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.

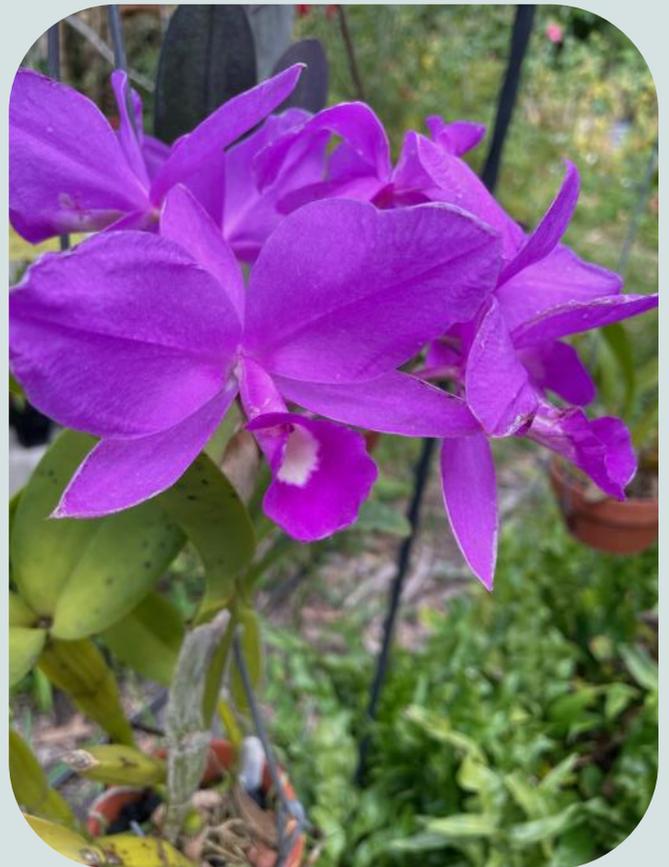


Take it Virtual!

Stanhopia
Madeline Felton



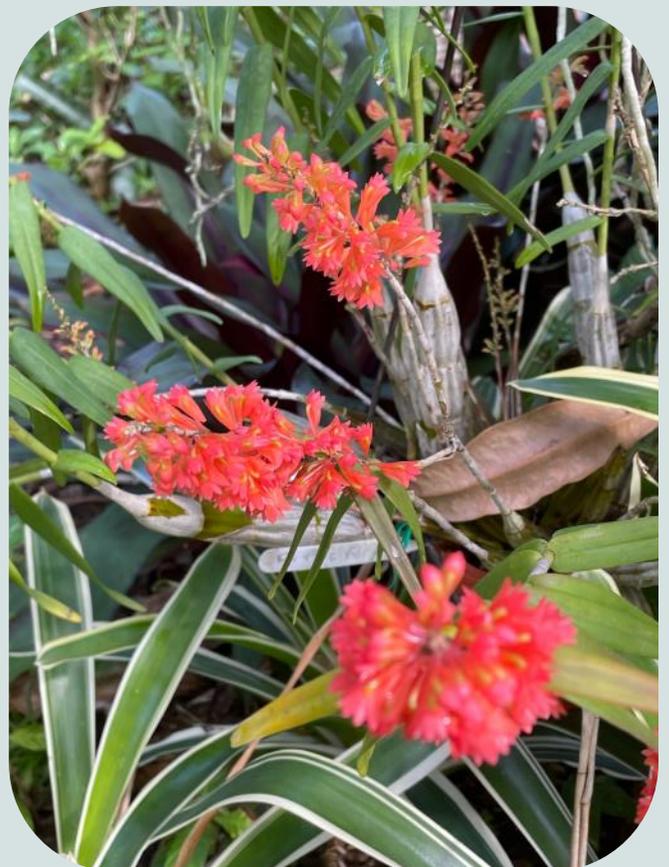
Van. Pinky
John Pancoast



Gur. skinneri
John Pancoast



Den. farmeri
John Pancoast



Den. faciferum
John Pancoast



Vanda Motes Adorbs
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Vanda Trevor Rathbone 'Grape'
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



C. Caribbean 'Orange Bowl'
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Vanda Patchara
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



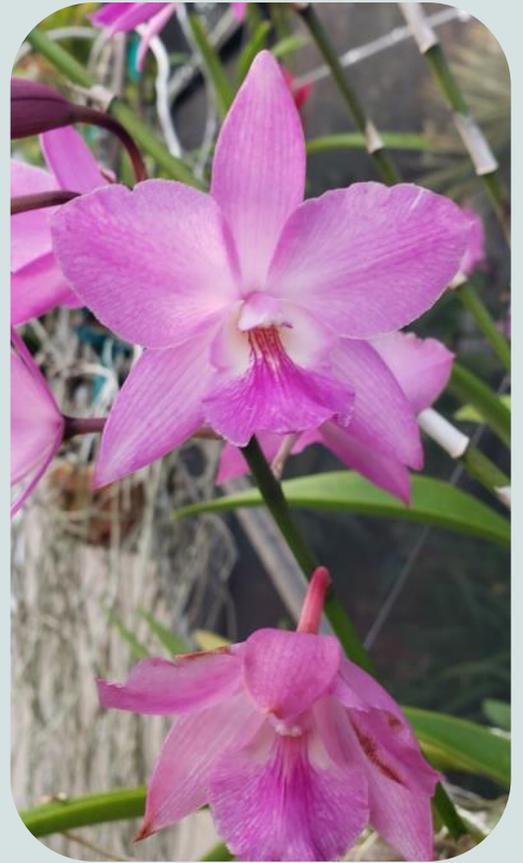
L. Colombiana x Blc. Fuch's Orange Nugget 'Robert' AM/AOS
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Yellow-headed amazon
"Cisco"



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Ron Franz



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Oncidium Nold
Ron Franz



Cattleya Nold
Ron Franz

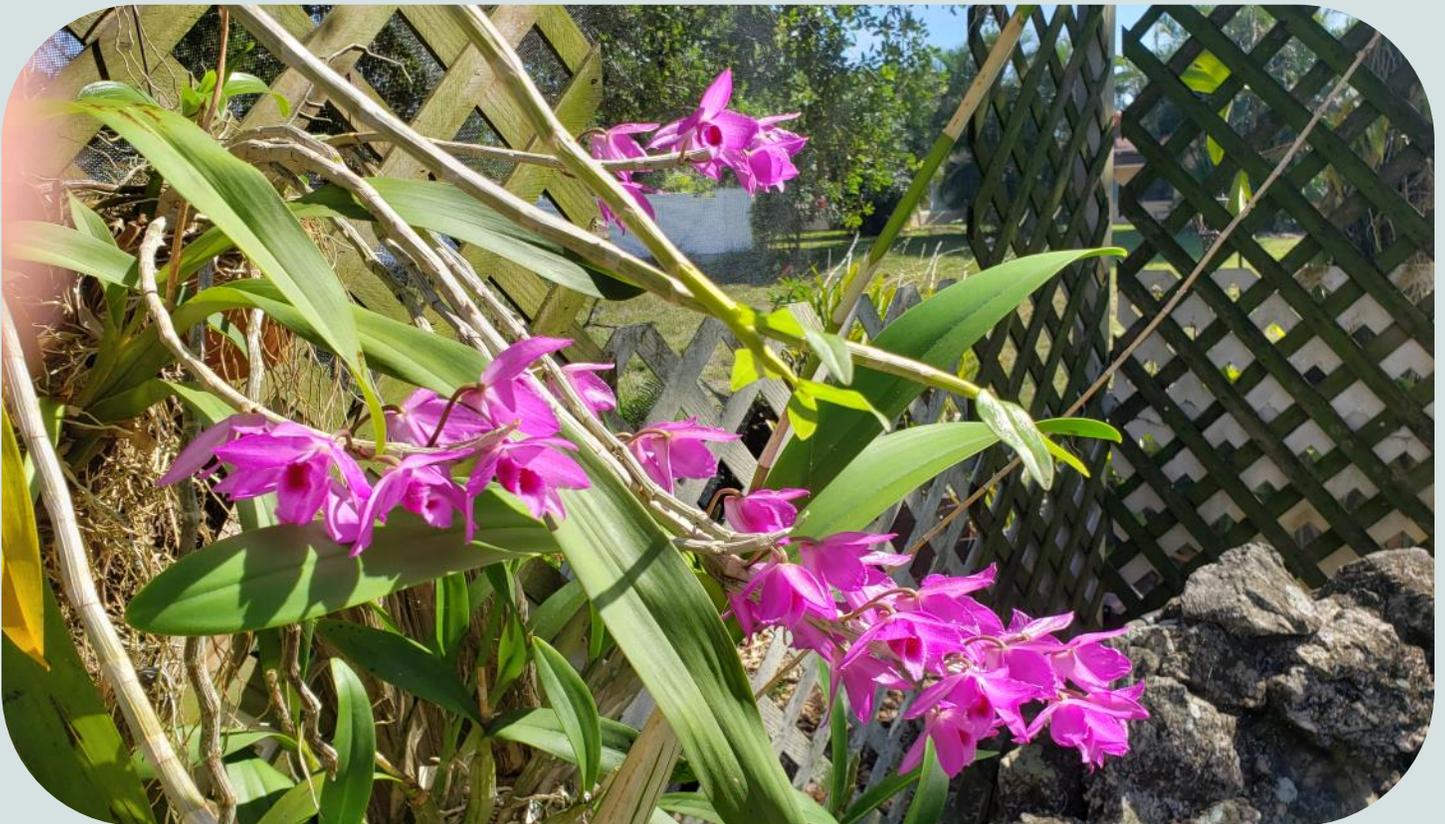


Dendrobium anosmum
Ron Franz



Moluccan cockatoo
"Rocky"

Epc. Rene Marques x Epi. Psuedoepidendrum-Green & Yellow
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Dendrobium Nestor 'Red Dragon' (Den. anosum x Den. parishii)
Stephanie & Stephanie Morkert



**Paph. (New Edition x Mt. Mita)
Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**Paph. (YI-Ying Colorful x Winston Churchill) x Hung Sheng Bulldog
Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**Zyggopetalum Jumpin Jack 'Clone'
Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



**Cattleya skinneri
Stephanie & Terry Morkert**



Dendrobium anosmum var. alba
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Dendrobium anosmum (Superbum Pink)
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Den. Farmer var. pink
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Den. Farmer var. pink
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



**Myrmecocattleya (formerly Shomburgkia) Memoria Louise Fuchs 'Weesie' AM/AOS
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**Dendrobium speciosum
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Calendar of Meetings

**All Societies below have
returned to
In-Person Meetings**

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

<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/

2022 Committee Positions

AOS Representatives	Rick Bellas Joe Ortlieb
Advertising	Raquel Carles Dennis Pearl
Events	Cheryl Babcock Kristina Brandt Linda Woodhouse
Librarian	DBOS Officers & Board of Directors
Membership	Linda Woodhouse John Williams
Newsletter	Terry Morkert
Nominating	DBOS Officers & Board of Directors
Photographer	John Morris
Plant Judging	Rick Bellas
Programs	Cheryl Babcock
Publicity	Cheryl Babcock
Raffle Table	Raquel Carles Dennis Pearl
Refreshments	Dennis Pearl
Sunshine	Lois Larson
Webmaster	Joe Ortlieb Terry Morkert

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