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Hello Fellow Orchid Lovers!

I hope you have been enjoying your summer as much as I have. Our speaker of the month is Thanh Nguyen and he will give a lecture on papahs.

October is our Fall Festival/ Birthday Party in the park... Details on page 5. Mary Pritchard is our chairperson.

This year Deerfield Beach Orchid Society will be hosting our first orchid show in a long time. The name of the show is ORCHID OBSESSION. It will be Saturday and Sunday, November 10-11 at the Civic Center in Pompano Beach. EVERYONE is expected to volunteer in one way or another. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we really need everyone to pitch in and help in some capacity. Please see Rosemary Chenery for details. She is chairperson of this event and can tell you how you can help.

December 11th is our Annual Holiday Meeting at Brooke's Restaurant in Deerfield Beach. It will be from 6:30-9:30 pm. Please contact Susan Kolinsky for payment details.

Our new nominating committee will be Debbie Dicks and Rosemary Chenery. Their job will be to nominate the slate of officers for 2013. Anyone wishing to step up and take over a committee, PLEASE see one of the chairwomen.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 14th. Feel free to bring a friend or two. and don't forget that if you bring a refreshment, you get a free raffle ticket.

Unfortunately I will miss this meeting, but look forward to seeing all of you at the next one.

Heidi Feser
President

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July Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Cattleya Alliance	Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Bactia 'Grape' (= <i>Guarianthe bowringiana</i> x <i>Cattleya guttata</i>)	Rosemary Chenery
Species	Encyclia alata 'Abue'	Juan Bofil
Vandaceous	Ascocenda (Ascda.) Memoria Katherine Hatos 'Sweet Fragrance'	Diana Foulke

Grand Champion—Rosemary Chenery



Happy Birthday

Millicent Hammill Aug 1
Stephen Lunsford Aug 14
Madeline Felton Aug 24



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 **July** meeting!

Mary Pritchard
Jane Maechtle
Jim & Joan Peer
Dennis Pearl
Rosemary Chenery

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

While scanning the **Members Only** portion of the American Orchid Society web site, I discovered a link to these amazing videos of orchids as they mature and flower.

Click on **Orchid Videos** in the list on the left of the page.

<http://www.healingorchids.com/livingtreeorchidvideos.html>

I encourage you to become a member of the AOS for just \$65 a year.

Join today and begin receiving a wealth of membership benefits including:

- TWELVE issues of award-winning ORCHIDS magazine
- Access to reliable on-line orchid information and features available only to our members at www.aos.org
- Receive the annual Orchid Source Directory detailing orchid suppliers worldwide
- Free and discounted admission to [more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta](#)

10% discount on purchases on-line at www.aos.org including discount on back issues of ORCHIDS magazine and on American Orchid Society published books

Rosemary Chenery
 AOS representative

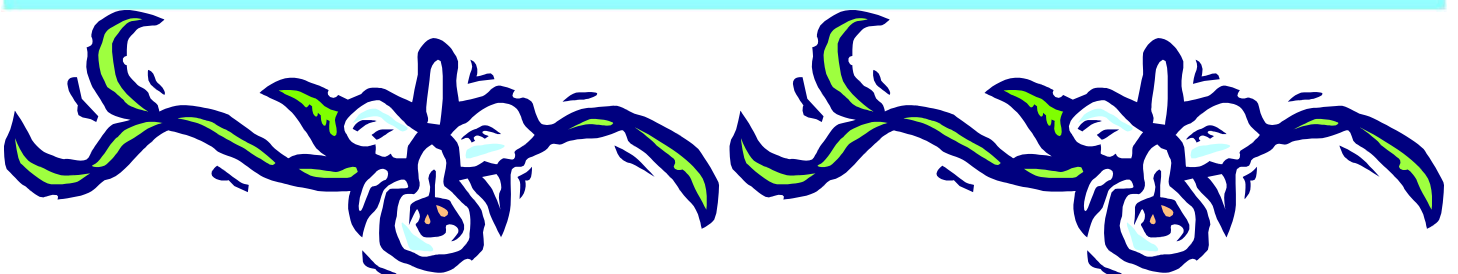
Speaker of the Month

Thanh Nguyen
Paphiopedilums

Thanh is an owner-operator of Springwater Orchids (Melbourne , FL). He is an engineer by trade, but also has been collecting and growing orchids for over 25 years. His orchid business began in 2001, mainly selling on the internet but gradually moved to orchid shows in recent years.

Although he grows and sells all orchids genera, his forte has always been the genus of paphiopedilum. He collects fine plants; grows, sells, breeds, and enjoys sharing his experiences with his customers and colleagues. His passion in paphs is reflected in award winning plants and an on-going paphs breeding program using local lab work. His goals are to bring the excellence of a paphs breeding program back to America and augment the enthusiasm of paphs growing by way of sharing his growing experience and educational programs via shows and society speeches.

The future of paphs, or orchids in general he believes, lies in the hands of growers who are willing to experiment and willing to try something new and uniquely so... support your American breeders and buy their seedlings!



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**
Saturday
Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield Beach Arboretum. Our regular October meeting to be held here.
Chairperson: Mary Pritchard assisted by Norma Melone

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

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

5. **Dec 11, 2012**
Tuesday
Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Brooks Restaurant, Deerfield Beach. Our regular December meeting to be held here.
Chairperson: Susan Kolinsky

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

GROWING TIPS

For

August

By

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Few orchid hobbyists are able to contain themselves when it comes to purchasing new orchids. The fever gets even worse for us “old timers” who really get into one group of orchids or another. Typically, the windowsill fills, then a light table is purchased, which quickly fills, then an outdoor growing area of some kind is built, but ultimately there is a limit for all of us.

While new hobbyists ask about diseases, growers who have followed the progression above ask how one limits the obsession. Remember there are an unlimited number of orchids out there to be purchased. Some years ago, I developed a list of classic cattleyas clones that I would like to have and save for posterity. For the most part, I have found those clones and enjoy them for what they represent when they bloom because many are not as nice as their modern counterparts. It is fun to examine their immediate progeny, especially those that produced awards, and to understand exactly how the clone in question was able to produce such memorable offspring.

The difficulty of finding these special clones has made keeping them more important to me than a modern clone that can quickly be found on the internet. I avoid repotting these clones because there is always a risk of infection and disease during repotting. Instead, I wait until there is a 3 or 4 bulb division growing outside the pot that I can take without disturbing the mother plant. Once I get a division, I wait a year or so to be sure the division is thriving before disturbing the mother plant. Often there were other divisions in the pot or there will be additional growths from back bulbs. In a few cases, there were three or four divisions in the original pot. Repotting now means that I have an already established division from the year before and several divisions to trade or sell. Repotting these special clones happens only once every 6-10 years and I try to always have at least two divisions just in case something bad happens. For years, I have traded with other like-minded experienced hobbyists just in case there is a disaster in my greenhouse. In my mind, I am not the owner of these great old orchids, just a caretaker who will eventually pass them on to another caretaker.

There are also many species in my collection and I am constantly buying seedlings of these species, searching for even better or newer forms. Rarely do I find one that is superior to what I have, but it is interesting just to see the kinds of variation that exist with any species. There are also seedlings from other growers that are bloomed out just to see what those parents pass along. Even when they are very beautiful, I rarely keep such seedlings because of space.

My own crosses are treated differently. If it is a hybrid that I expect to be very uniform, there may be only 10-15 bloomed out. I keep a few that represent the best of the grex. Larger numbers of other hybrids that are expected to produce a variety of colors and shapes are flowered just to understand how the various genes are resorted. This can take considerable space, but giving a few seedlings to friends allows me to see more variation. I regularly get emails with photos from friends who have flowered one of my crosses, which is always a treat

The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

Presents

Orchid Obsession



Orchid Show and Sale

November 10-11, 2012

10 am—4 pm

Admission

General — \$5.00

Children under 12— Free

Emma Lou Olson (Pompano Beach) Civic Center

1801 N.E. 6th St.—Pompano Beach Fl.

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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

August 4, 2012

Basic Orchid Culture for South Florida Growing and Orchid Repotting and Mounting

The lecture 'Basic Orchid Culture for South Florida Growing' will be at 10:00am to 12:00pm and the lecture 'Orchid Repotting and Mounting' will be at 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie FL

Admission \$18 12yrs and up, \$15 seniors age 65+

August 18, 2012

Advanced Repotting and Pest & Disease Prevention

Mounts Botanical Gardens, 559 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

10:00am to 1:00pm

Admission: \$25 members, \$35 non-members

August 25 & 26

Advanced Orchid Repotting Demonstration

Bonnett House, 900 N. Birch Rd, Fort Lauderdale, FL

10:00am to 12:00pm

September 18th

Orchid Sale and Shady Affair

Mounts Botanical Gardens, 559 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

10:00am to 4:00pm

Admission: \$25 members, \$35 non-members

October 26—28

Delray Beach Orchid Society Show "Orchids on the Square"

Old school square gymnasium, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL

10:00am to 5:00pm

Admission: \$5 each day or \$8 for a 3 day pass

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 Donna Edwards for New Membership

Calendar of Meetings

Thursday, August 9, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle
School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, August 13 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, August 14, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, August 8, 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..... Donna Edwards
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. Events.....Madeline Felton
12. Refreshments.....Mary Pritchard
13. AOS Representative.....Rosemary Chenery
14. CourtesyTBD

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!