



# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

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Hello all!

Hope everyone (and your plants) are coping with the summer heat. Just a few months more and the weather should begin to shift in our favor.

We are pleased to have our friend Thanh Nguyen as our guest speaker on August 9th. Thanh is the owner of Springwater Orchids and has been a fixture at our Orchid Obsession Shows from the beginning so I'm sure everyone is familiar with Thanh and his stuff. He will be providing the raffle table this month so there should be some interesting items on the table.

At last count we still have a few spots available on the September 24th bus ramble to South Miami and Homestead. If anyone is interested, act fast and contact either: Debbie Dicks @ 954-4951 or Cheryl Babcock @ 954-464-8996. I believe there are only 3-4 seats available and this is a first come-first served event so when they are gone, they are gone.

Speaking of the Orchid Obsession Show, the dates this year are November 19th and 20th, so mark your calendars.

Hope to see you all Tuesday and as always, bring a friend.

Vince

## July Ribbon Winners

Brassidium Longlen "Bill Switzer"	Joe Ortlieb/Dennis Pearl
Brassolaeliocattleya Lime Cooler "Krull Smith"	Joe Ortlieb/Dennis Pearl
Vandofinetia White Crane	Joe Ortlieb/Dennis Pearl
Catasetum macrocarpum	Susan Kolinsky
Catasetum Rebecca Northern x Catasetum denticulatum	Susan Kolinsky
Potinara Ahchong Yoyo	Susan Kolinsky
Ascocenda Yip Sum Wah x Ascocenda Sagarik Gold	Karen Meiselmon
Miltassia Olmec Kanno	Claudia Barrington
Renentanda Hew Mun	Adrienne Jaffee
Vascostylis Janice Allison	Grace Holliday
Encyclia Orchid Jungle	Joe Ortlieb/Dennis Pearl



# Happy Birthday

Millicent Hammill—Aug 1

Josee LaPointe—Aug 16

Lucie Alessio—Aug 23

Madeline Felton—Aug 23

Haydee Rancel-Aug 24

Juan Bofill-Aug 28



**Upcoming Speakers**

September — Ken & Judy Russ

# Highlights From Our July Meeting

Photos courtesy of John Morris





## **New for 2016 - - - - A Chance to win \$250!!**

**Beginning in 2016 the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society will implement a new 'point' system.**

**For every monthly meeting, society event, ramble you attend etc. (details below) you will be given points. At the end of the year, if you have received 11 points or greater you will be eligible to win \$250 from the Society. All qualifying members' names will be put in a hat and a winner will be picked at our annual Holiday Party.**

<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>1 Point</b>
<b>Picnic</b>	<b>1 Point</b>
<b>Home Ramble</b>	<b>1 Point</b>
<b>Bus Trip</b>	<b>1 Point</b>
<b>Volunteer at Show</b>	<b>2 Points</b>

**Please remember to sign in at the monthly meetings or you might lose your points!**

**\*\*All DBOS Board members will be excluded from this event.**

## August in Your Orchid Collection

Dr. Martin Motes

July and August are the two most similar months in South Florida. Most of the advice on watering, disease and pest control in last month's calendar still apply but subtle changes are taking place. Although it may not seem so, as temperatures climb into the low nineties most afternoons, summer is in retreat: each day a little shorter, each night a little longer. With shorter days the importance of watering as early in the morning as possible comes to the fore. With less hours of sunlight to dry the plants, extra care should be taken in choosing when to water. Back to the basics of the classic saying : If a *Vanda* looks like it needs water, water it; If a *Cattleya* or *Oncidium* looks like it needs water, water it tomorrow. If a Paph or a Phal looks like it needs water, you should have watered it yesterday. If plants retain water even from an early morning watering, allowing them to dry a bit harder before the next watering is always a good idea. An extra day of drying rarely does harm.

August should provide numerous opportunities to dry each orchid to its desired level of dryness. Take the opportunity to dry your orchids "hard" at least once but preferably twice in August. This will give your orchids a leg up on their mortal enemies, the fungus, before the drizzle of September switches the advantage to our adversaries. August is definitely not the month to over indulge in water. September, the soggiest of months, is next up. The corollary to this calculated drying is the concept that when watering in August above all water thoroughly. If watering is necessary be sure that the roots and medium are totally saturated with the application. The drizzling rains of September are so detrimental precisely because they keep the foliage of the plants wet unduly long. We want our plants which are still growing to receive plenty of water but also plenty of drying time.

Good air circulation and proper watering are the keys to disease prevention. Remember that your plants will have increased considerably in size by this point in the growing season. They have added extra growths and extra leaves across the summer. August is a good time to evaluate the spacing of our plants. Remember the old Florida saw that one needs a cat to grow good orchids because when properly spaced a cat should be able to navigate the benches between plants without knocking them over. While *we* can not recommend specific chemicals, the county agent recommends *Banrot*, a convenient combination of Thiophanate-methyl and *Truban* which controls a number of leaf-spotting diseases and soft rots, for home owner use. A combination of Thiophanate-methyl and mancozeb has also been recommended. This can be found pre-packaged as Duosan. If one can overcome the aversion to chemicals and can learn the safe application of them, they are valuable tools to better orchid growing. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure especially before the soft, slow drizzle of September sets in.

Lengthening nights in August mean cooler nighttime temperatures. Many sympodial orchids are reaching the end of their growing cycle and require less nitrogen. Cattleyas and oncidiums have maturing bulbs. Genera that become deciduous in winter like noble dendrobiums, calanthes and catasetums should be given much less nitrogen in August to prevent them producing an unwanted off season growth and perhaps forgetting to flower. Substitute an additional application of potassium nitrate and Epsom salt (1TBS each per gal) instead of the balanced 20-20-20. Vandas will respond well to this also, as several of the parental species of our hybrids produce blooms on shortening day lengths and lower levels of nitrogen in their fertilizer seems to egg them on. As explicated in the last chapter, modern research indicates that orchids require less phosphorous than previously thought. This concept should lead us to more judicious use of phosphorus. Fertilizer high in phosphorus may still be of some value at the end of the growing season, perhaps not so much as stimulus as shock. One or two heavy applications in succession, a week or so apart will certainly provide all the phosphorus and all the stimulus (or wake up shock) our plants require to bloom.

Snails can be somewhat of a problem in August too, but left to multiply they will be in their full glory when those slow unrelenting rains of September set in. Control them with baits in pellet or liquid/paste form. Remember, these are baits, the pests are drawn to them. Therefore apply lightly, but frequently. Because they wash away in the heavy rains, baits should be reapplied every two weeks. One pellet every two to three feet will do the job, but one application will not. Given a choice, the smallest pellets baits are best. They keep us from over applying and also pose much less threat to neighborhood pets. A small bait in a *Vanda* crown is a nuisance, a large bait can be a disaster.

If you have been waiting to make cuttings of the terete vandas or reed stem epidendrums, you can wait no longer. The potting season is drawing absolutely to a close. Pot up those overgrown phals before they even think of spiking. Re-set those strap leaf vandas early in August whilst they still have just enough time to re-establish themselves in the September humidity and before the cool weather arrives and their root growth slows or stops. As in all seasons be sure that the plants are firmly set in their containers. There is no "wiggle room" this late in the growing season to restart tender roots that have been chafed off a loosely set plant. As the cooler weather approaches try to give plants that have been repotted late more protection from the first cold snaps.

# Speaker of the Month

## Thanh Nguyen of Springwater Orchids

Thanh Nguyen is an owner-operator of Springwater Orchids in Melbourne, FL. He is an engineer by trade, but he also has been collecting and growing orchids for over 30 years. His orchid business began in 2001, mainly selling on the internet, but he gradually moved to orchid shows in recent years.

Thanh loves orchid species. 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 resulted in numerous award-winning plants and an on-going paphs breeding program using local lab work and local growing environment. 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. These goals are reflected in his breeding program with well-thought process to target various audiences; from easy growing/flowering plants to state-of-the-art breeding catered to the most difficult collectors' interest, in parallel with conservation of breeding species, improving color and shape, and broadening their growing conditions to make growing paphs a joy, not an aggravation!

Thanh suggests to "Give it a try, and buy a paph seedling!"



*Paph Raingreen's Scarlette 'Springwater' AM/AOS*

## 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. **Mar ?, 2017**                      Orchid Home Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.  
Chairpersons: Tammy Hall & Jesus Hill
  
2. **Mar ?, 2017**                      DBOS Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Women's Club.  
Chairperson: Vince Dicks
  
3. **Apr ?, 2017**                      Spring Picnic/DBOS Birthday Party. Location: Quiet Waters Park  
Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl, Lisa Krukoski & Jesus Hill
  
4. **Sept 24, 2016**                      Growers Bus Trip  
Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks
  
5. **Dec 10, 2016**                      Annual meeting/Pot Luck Dinner Our regular Dec. meeting to be held here.  
Chairperson: Debbie Dicks and Cheryl Babcock

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.



## Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2016

We thank all of our members for their participation in our meetings, social activities, and continued support of DBOS. We sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm for our monthly speakers and raffle drawings, willingness to bring in your plants for judging so we can all enjoy them, and sharing your love of orchids and best practices with your fellow members.

We are starting our membership drive for 2016. Our dues structure has not increased. Anyone who joins DBOS in October-December 2015 will not have to pay dues for 2016. What a deal!

<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 another terrific year. Our membership has grown this year, and we welcome all of our new members as well as our longtime supporters. We hope you have enjoyed the year as much as we have and will renew your membership for 2016. We will be collecting 2016 membership dues at the October and November 2015 meetings and the January and February 2016 meetings. Stop at the membership table and pay John or Cheryl. If you plan to mail your dues, please do so by February 19, 2016.

Mail your dues payable to: Cheryl Babcock  
Deerfield Beach Orchid Society  
5532 NW 60th Drive  
Coral Springs, FL 33167

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# 2016 Orchid Events

## September 10 & 11

### Everything Orchids: A Shady Affair Plant Sale

Mounts' Everything Orchids weekend event is made for the shade. This plant sale offers a great opportunity to acquire the best Orchid and shade loving plants. Fun and informative lectures will be offered on topics such as Basic Orchid Care, Shade Loving Plants and Fragrance Plants. The area's premier plant vendors will be selling Begonias, Bromeliads, Orchids, Ferns, Hoyas, Aroids and more. Magnificent tabletop arrangements will be offered in a silent auction to benefit the Garden.

Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL  
 Saturday: 9am to 4pm, Sunday: 9am to 3pm  
 Admission: Members Free, Non-Members \$10

## October 28—30

### Delray Beach Orchid Society 24th Annual Show

What's the connection between Halloween and orchids? Both are weirdly wonderful and great fun, and both arrive at Old School Square each year in late October. The Delray Beach Orchid Society's annual show and sale, Orchids On the Square, is held in the vintage gymnasium each year in late October.

The charming old building will be filled with glorious scent and color. It's your once a year opportunity to see and acquire rare and unusual plants not seen in the big box stores. There is no need to travel to south Dade or other distant locales. A dozen of Florida's best growers bring their choicest plants for judging by American Orchid Society sanctioned judges and for purchase by savvy attendees.

Our growers are generous with their expertise, so you can learn how to care for your acquisitions. Have fun participating in our raffles. Enjoy the work of budding artists from a local elementary school, inspired by the exotic beauty of our favorite flowers.

Old School Square Vintage Gymnasium Building, 51 N. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444  
 Friday & Saturday: 10am to 5pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm  
 Admission: \$5, Children under 6 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 2015, this will include their 2016 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](mailto: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, August 11, 7:30 PM**

**Boca Raton Orchid Society**

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

**Monday, August 8, 7:30 PM**

**Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.**

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

**Tuesday, August 9, 7:30 PM**

**Deerfield Beach Orchid Society**

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

**Wednesday, August 10, 7:30 PM**

**Delray Beach Orchid Society**

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

## 2016 Committee Positions

<b>AOS Representative</b>	<b>Vince Dicks</b>
<b>Events</b>	<b>Cheryl Babcock Debbie Dicks</b>
<b>Librarian</b>	<b>DBOS Officers/ Board of Directors</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Cheryl Babcock John Williams</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Lisa Krukoski</b>
<b>Nominating</b>	<b>DBOS Officers/ Board of Directors</b>
<b>Plant Judging</b>	<b>John Budree</b>
<b>Publicity</b>	<b>Cheryl Babcock</b>
<b>Raffle Table</b>	<b>Dennis Pearl Jesus Hill</b>
<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Mary Pritchard Dennis Pearl Millicent Hammill</b>
<b>Sunshine</b>	<b>Lois Larson</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Joe Ortlieb</b>

## 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](mailto:loisj2200@yahoo.com)