



# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

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Hi All,

We are well into the hot summer months. The weather pattern for August is similar to July, but there is a shortening of daylight and an increase in the night hours. The daily temperatures are hot, so make sure you water sufficiently early in the day and allow for adequate drying of the foliage so as not to promote fungus and disease. Use of antifungals and pesticides are still recommended as the rains continue during our summer months.

I invite anyone that has not signed up for our annual bus trip to the growers to sign up for a wonderful day of orchids, food, and friendship. We only have eleven spots left on the bus and will be opening the trip to non-member registration, so sign up before the trip is sold out. You can contact Cheryl Babcock or Debbie Dicks for information and registration.

On a sadder note, two of our members have had health challenges. Jesus Hill and Terry Morkert have recently been hospitalized. Jesus is undergoing chemotherapy and Terry is recovering from cardiac bypass surgery. Please keep them in your thoughts. We look forward to their respective recoveries. We love and support them!

Joe

## **Only a Handful of Seats Left for the DBOS September Bus Trip**

**Register today to join your fellow orchid lovers on the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society's annual bus trip on Saturday, September 22, 2018. Only a few seats are remaining for this fun-filled, orchid lovers' dream day. Limited seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. This year we are once again headed to Miami/Homestead/Redlands. We'll meet at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 between 7:30 am and 7:45 am.**

**We will leave promptly at 8:00 am on a comfortable, roomy bus with plenty of room for your new treasures. We have a packed schedule so please be on time. A light breakfast will be served on the way to Quest Orchids where we will be off to a great start. Segundo and Yolanda Cuesta offer a large variety of orchids, and you are sure to find something to add to your collection, especially you Cattleya lovers!**

**Our next stop is an old favorite, R.F. Orchids, where there is always something spectacular in bloom. We will have the opportunity to shop and browse through the flowering orchids from exotic species to the newest hybrids and fine Mericlones. R.F. always offer great hospitality and customer service.**

**This year we have a new stop, Soroa Orchids, where they exemplify actual living, breathing reflections of art in nature in their five acres of tropical gardens and greenhouses. Plant collectors and orchid lovers will thoroughly enjoy shopping and browsing during this visit. We will have lunch in their beautiful setting.**

**After lunch, our next stop of the day is fantastic for Vanda lovers. We cannot leave Homestead without stopping at Banjong Orchids. At Banjong's, you will find gorgeous orchids at great prices. This family owned business also offers Dendrobiums, Staghorn Ferns, and other orchids. Additionally, they have a stunning variety of magnificent clay pots that you do not find anywhere else.**

**On our journey to the last stop of the day, we will relax and have a Happy Hour on the bus complete with adult beverages and hors d oeuvre's.**

**Our final stop of the day is at Nature's Relics where we can experience their unique, repurposed, one-of-a-kind designs from old cypress wood. We will tour their beautiful cypress garden gallery and have a chance to purchase garden accents, plant mounts for our orchids we just purchased or some we already have in our collections, view freestanding art and so much more. Dee and Jesse will also continue the Happy Hour for us with a delightful close to our outing.**

**We are planning to be back at the Deerfield Beach Women's Club by 5:45 to 6:15 pm.**

**Cost: \$55.00/Person. Must receive payment by August 31, 2018. Keep in mind that there are only a few seats left so register and pay now if you plan to attend. The cancellation policy is non-refundable if paid in full; however, substitutions permitted at any time.**

### **Pay Now to Reserve Your Seat**

**Please let Cheryl Babcock know by return email at [crbabcock1@netzero.net](mailto:crbabcock1@netzero.net), or call or text her at 954-464-8996 if you plan to attend so we reserve your spot.**

# Happy Birthday

Josee Lapointe Aug 16

Lucie Alessio Aug 23

Madeline Felton Aug 23

Juan Bofill Aug 28



## Orchid Tip—Don't Water with Ice Cubes

Orchids are tropical plants, watering them with ice cubes is not just counter-intuitive, it's a sure fire way to shorten your orchid's life. Most orchids live in tropical areas and are drenched daily with lukewarm water (rain, that is) – and see high humidity the rest of the day. Not every orchid is the same so we want to mimic their natural conditions which we do as closely as possible with a good potting mix (bark and perlite in many cases) that will allow airflow around the roots and then water them liberally once a week to soak the bark thoroughly. This will give them the drenching they want (though it's not daily) and the humidity they also require as the bark dries out during the week. Your growing space may require watering more or less often. Orchids generally want a wet-dry cycle of some sort (to mimic the rain). For plants like Phalaenopsis, you should water when the mix has become dry (not BONE dry, but "unmoist"). Stick your finger into the mix to see if it is still moist near the center. If it is, don't water it. If it's dry then it's time to water – and if your conditions are consistent you will probably be watering at that same interval down the road.

# Speaker of the Month

Jose Exposito

Soroa Orchids

Jose Exposito of Soroa Orchids in Homestead will be our August speaker. Born and raised in Cuba, Jose arrived in Miami with only the clothes on his back, when Mariel boat lifts started in May of 1980. By 1982, Jose began working in a hospital where he met a man whose hobby was orchids. Jose became fascinated with orchids and discovered how unavailable they were. He built a greenhouse in his 30 square foot backyard in Little Havana.

He has been growing orchids for over 35 years. Jose is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society and travels around the world selling orchids and lecturing about orchid breeding and culture. He has presented at the World Orchid Conference. Jose is a founding member of the International Orchid Alliance, past president of the East Everglades Orchid Society, past president of The Coalition for Orchid Species, past member of the Education Committee of the American Orchid Table of Contents Society, and he served several years as a board member of the South Florida Orchid Society.

# Highlights From Our July 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. **Mar ?, 2019** DBOS Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Women's Club.  
Chairperson: Vince Dicks
  
2. **Mar ?, 2019** Orchid Home Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.  
Chairpersons: Tammy Hall & Jesus Hill
  
3. **Apr ?, 2019** Spring Picnic/DBOS Birthday Party. Location: Quiet Waters Park  
Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl, Lisa Krukoski & Jesus Hill
  
4. **Sept 22, 2018** Growers Bus Trip  
Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks
  
5. **Dec 1, 2018** 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.



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# 2018 Orchid Events

## September 15 & 16

### Mounts Botanical Garden Exotic Plant and Orchid Sale

This two-day event features an amazing selection of orchids, bromeliads, ferns, aroids and other exotics.

Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

Saturday 9:00am to 4:00pm, Sunday 9:00am to 3:00pm

Admission: Members are Free, \$10 Non-Members

## October 2018

### Delray Beach Orchid Society 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 .

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

## November 17-18

### Deerfield Beach Orchid Society "Orchid Obsession" Show

The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS) is holding its annual Orchid Show & Sale, Orchid Obsession, at the Safe Schools Institute in Boca Raton. Thousands of specimens from ten Florida growers will be for sale ensuring that these fascinating and exotic plants will be appropriate for your own backyard. Your spirits will be lifted when you see the spectacular table displays our vendors will be showcasing, which will be judged by American Orchid Society (AOS) judges on Saturday, November 17. Our non-orchid vendors will provide everything you need to grow beautiful orchids including pots and plant benches/stands.

Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33431

Saturday & Sunday: 10am to 5pm

Admission: \$5, Children under 12 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, October, November or December 2017, this will include their 2018 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 Linda Woodhouse, DBOS Membership Chair, at [deerfieldorchid@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchid@gmail.com) 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

**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  
910 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.

**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.

## 2018 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>Linda Woodhouse</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Lisa Krukoski</b>
<b>Nominating</b>	<b>DBOS Officers/ Board of Directors</b>
<b>Plant Judging</b>	<b>Varies</b>
<b>Publicity</b>	<b>Cheryl Babcock</b>
<b>Raffle Table</b>	<b>Dennis Pearl Jesus Hill</b>
<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Dennis Pearl</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)