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President's Message

Hello orchid lovers!

July was another extremely wet month for our orchids. I was so busy trying to learn the new technology that will be utilized in the classroom this fall at the university that I did not spend nearly enough time with my orchids. A few were moved when it appeared that Hurricane/Tropical Storm Isaias looked like it was heading our way. When I moved about 50 of them back outside, I did some pruning, staking, and checking them for diseases and pests. I don't look at each of them every day. I do look at the ones that are blooming and take photos to share with my friends and family and at that time look to see if there is any black rot or bacterial rot and try to take care of it immediately, so it doesn't spread to my healthier orchids. My biggest battle seems to be with mealy bugs and some scale. My neighbors know that I am an orchid addict, and they frequently bring me some unique items they think I will find some use for, much to my husband's chagrin. Since I like to recycle and not see so many items disposed, I was fortunate when one item allowed me to create an orchid nursery outside my office window. We put some lattice fencing on top with zip ties, and viola, a makeshift nursery.

Florida is still seeing spikes in the cases of COVID-19. Therefore, we will be holding a **"Live" Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm on our regular meeting night, Tuesday, August 11.** Our featured speaker will be the world-renowned Dr. Martin Motes, who has been growing orchids for over 60 years and is a major producer of Vandas. He has received scores of American Orchid Society awards including three FCC's and three Awards of Quality. In addition to providing about 20 lectures a year, he also publishes a monthly newsletter, *"This Month in Your Orchid Collection,"* which is geared to the special needs of orchid growers in South Florida and other tropical regions. (See related article on Page 2 of the newsletter). Additionally, he has authored *Vandas: Their Botany, History, and Culture*; *Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month*; and *Florida Vanda Growing*. Dr. Motes also initiated two of America's largest orchid events and the favorite of many orchid lovers, Redland and Tamiami International Orchid Festivals.

DBOS members ONLY will be sent a link to join the live presentation at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 11 where Dr. Motes will be making a presentation on "Temperature Tolerant Low Light Vandas." He will also include a special discount code for our members to purchase some of Motes Orchids amazing orchids so be sure to watch for the email on Monday that will provide DBOS members the link to the Zoom meeting. If you are unable to attend the live presentation, we are recording it and members will be sent a link to it after the meeting.

Due to South Florida still having so many cases of Covid-19 and two of our venues not allowing guests to use their facilities, the DBOS Annual Picnic and the Annual Show and Sale have been cancelled.

Stay Safe! Social Distance! Wear a Mask! Wash your Hands!

Happy Orchiding!

Cheryl Babcock
DBOS President

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<https://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org/>

Bulletin Board

DBOS meetings will be held virtually via ZOOM live for the remainder of the year due to **Covid-19 restrictions**.

In case you missed your email for the live July ZOOM meeting, here is the link to July's meeting:

[Click here to view the July Meeting](#)

Please check your email for information pertaining to events for the fall. 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.

August Climate Data

- Average high: 90.6°F
- Average low: 76.5°F
- Average mean: 83.6°F
- Average rainfall: 8.63"



Tasks for August

By Dr. Martin Motes

Water Early and allow complete drying in between applications are your tasks for August.

- **With shorter days the importance of watering as early in the morning as possible comes to the fore. With fewer 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.
- **Day lengths will be decreasing rapidly now and the extra light and air movement that judicious tree pruning provides will allow our orchids to dry more quickly as the drizzle of September approaches. Even in the best case scenario, trimming is an excellent idea. Rise early while the temperatures are still in the upper 70"s and get it done!**
- **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.**

Read this month's complete article at:

<http://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/>



Sign up for Dr. Motes' Newsletter at:

<http://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/>

Excerpted from *Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month* by Martin Motes, PhD

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Speaker of the Month

Martin Motes, PhD

Virtual Presentation

August 11, 2020

“Temperature Tolerant, Low Light Vandas”

Meet Martin Motes, author of; *Vandas: Their Botany, History, and Culture*
Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month
Florida Vanda Growing: Month by Month



Martin Motes is a second generation orchidist who has been growing orchids for over 60 years. He is president of Motes Orchids, a major producer of vandas. He has bred hundreds of new hybrids, for which he has received scores of American Orchid Society awards including three FCC's and three Awards of Quality. His hybrids received Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the 18th World Orchid conference in Dijon, March 2005. One hybrid garnered the trophy as “Best Vanda in Show”. Other hybrids have won medals in previous WOCs as well as at the European Orchid Conference. Additionally, numerous of his hybrids have been recognized by the Royal Horticultural Society and in other international judging venues. He is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. The annual Martin Motes Breeders Award is given by the AOS to the best Award of Quality or Award of Distinction.

Martin's frequent articles have appeared in *The Fairchild Garden Magazine*, *The Kew Bulletin*, *The South Florida Orchidist*, *The Orchid Digest*, *The Orchid Review*, *The Malayan Orchid Review*, *Lancasteriana* and *Orchids*.

Martin was an assistant professor of English at Wright State University for several years and has taught at the University of Miami and Miami-Dade Community College. He spent nine years as the director of horticulture therapy at Grant Center Hospital and was a consultant on horticulture therapy for the Hospital Corporation of America.

A native Floridian, Martin has lived most of his life in Miami, Florida, but also spent 6 years in Ohio and 2 years in Yugoslavia as a Senior Fulbright lecturer at the University of Kosova. He has traveled extensively in the Mediterranean and has observed wild orchids in Ambon, Australia, the Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Britain, the Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Florida, Guatemala, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Java, Malaya, Moluccas, Mexico, Nepal, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Thailand, Venezuela, the Virgin Islands and Yugoslavia.

Martin has been interviewed by both print and TV journalists on topics ranging from community issues in southern Florida to horticultural therapy and orchids. He is featured in *The Orchid Thief* and served as a consultant on the film version, *Adaptation*. He is an appointed member of the Miami-Dade Agricultural Advisory Board. He is a research Fellow at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

Martin has twice taught *Vanda* Production and other topics at the University of Florida Orchid Short Course in Gainesville. He has worked as a consultant in various capacities to the extensive orchid industry in South Florida and is on the advisory board of the U. of F. Tropical Research and Education Center where he has been officially recognized for his leadership. He teaches classes at Fairchild Tropical Gardens which in addition to Orchids include Growing Asiatic Vegetables, and Great Tasting Tomatoes for South Florida.

As many as 20 lectures a year fills Martin's busy schedule. In the past this has included national orchid conferences in the US, Britain and Australia. He was a featured speaker at the World Orchid Conferences in Rio, Dijon, Kuala Lumpur, (where he chaired the Hybridizer's Forum and was a panel member at the Commercial Grower's Forum) and in Singapore. He was Key Note Speaker at the South African National Orchid Conference in September 2012. He publishes a monthly newsletter “*This Month in Your Orchid Collection*” geared to the special needs of orchid growers in South Florida and other tropical regions.

He initiated the Redland and Tamiami International Orchid Festivals, America's two largest Orchid events.

He is currently working on finishing a monograph of the genus *Vanda* in which he has described several new species.

To get away from the orchid greenhouse, Martin reads and occasionally, writes poetry, tends his vegetable garden, and fishes.

Visit their website at: www.motesorchids.com

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bmotes@gmail.com

DBOS Meeting will be Live on Zoom at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 11

Happy Birthday



AUGUST

Aug 01 Millicent Hammill

Aug 02 Teresa Hammerbacher

Aug 06 Peggy Noland

Aug 18 Liz Posey

Aug 22 Wendy Drake

Aug 23 Lucie Alessio

Aug 23 Madeline Felton

Aug 25 Joni Goldberg

Aug 27 Tomer Avivi

Aug 28 Juan Bofill

Aug 28 Steve Brandt

Aug 30 Elaine Mende

Aug 31 Daniela Nikolova

SEPTEMBER

Sep 08 Grace Boston

Sep 15 Sue Zimmer

Sep 16 Bob Sensenig

Sep 18 Charlene Reiff

Sep 25 Joan Connors

Sep 26 Carol Ott

Sep 27 Sue Gutman

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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. **March 9, 2021** DBOS 8th Annual Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
2. **April, 2021** DBOS Annual Orchid Home Ramble
Chairperson: Linda Woodhouse
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl, Ron Franz,
Susan Kolinsky and Grace Holliday
3. **Sept 20, 2020** DBOS Annual Picnic **CANCELLED**
Chairperson: Dennis Pearl
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Racquel Carles, Lisa Sarno, Jacqueline & Wess Scott
4. **Oct 3, 2020** DBOS Annual Trip to Homestead Area Orchid Growers **PENDING**
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt **Details Next Month**
5. **Nov 14 –15, 2020** DBOS 9th Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Safe Schools Institute **CANCELLED**
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb
6. **Dec 5, 2020** DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party
The Holiday Party is in place of our December monthly meeting.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt
Committee: Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton, Grace Holliday & Linda Woodhouse

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



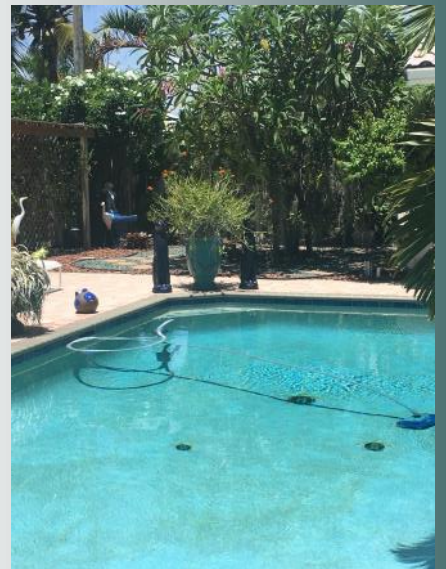
Virtual Annual Orchid Home Ramble Home of Susan and Stu Kolinsky

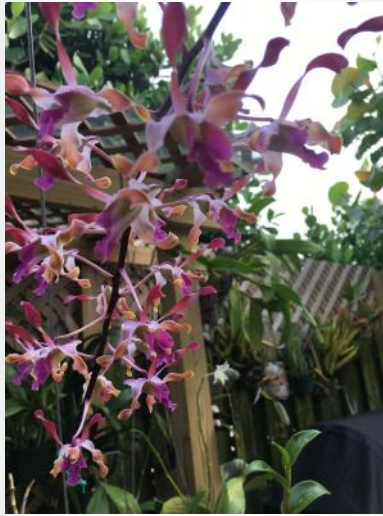
Note from your editor: A special thank you to Susan and Stu Kolinsky (and of course Devon and Angel) for photos of the orchids on their home landscape in the following pages.

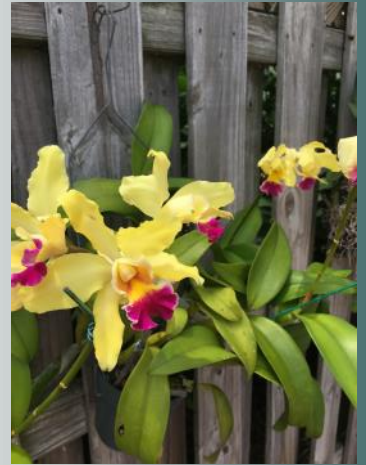


es. Susan and Stu were to be our 1st stop on this year's Orchid Ramble. Since COVID-19 forced us to cancel our Annual Orchid Home Ramble in April, I thought it would be a way of encouraging our members to take advantage of limited outings to work outside with their orchid collections. We plan to feature photos of our other members' home orchid landscapes that were scheduled for the ramble in upcoming issues of our newsletter .









Become a Member of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society!

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. If a guest joins in October, November or December 2020 this will include their 2021 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

In addition to access to our orchid library, insightful and informative web page, and occasional plant sale table provided by our guest speakers, DBOS members enjoy 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.

Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2020

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.

Our 2020 membership drive began in January 2020. Our dues structure has not increased. Anyone who joins DBOS in October-December 2020 will not have to pay dues for 2021. What a deal!

<u><i>Renewals</i></u>		<u><i>New Members</i></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.

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership -- If you are able to renew, you can either call Linda at 954-234-4623 with a credit card or send a check to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. We are still taking renewals.

It is \$20/single membership and \$30/couple membership renewal.

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Calendar of Meetings

2020 Committee Positions

DUE TO COVID-19, CHECK WITH LOCAL ORCHID SOCIETIES TO SEE WHEN THEY WILL RESUME FACE-TO-FACE OR VIRTUAL 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
910 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

<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/

In the meantime, support your local vendors through online ordering and/or gift certificates so you can buy new orchids later.

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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