



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

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Happy Holidays!

This is the end of my 2 year reign of presidency for Deerfield Beach Orchid Society. I have to admit that in the beginning I was clueless as to what my involvement really meant. I was nervous, scared, and confused.

I could not have done it without the help of the Board, the committees, and the members of our society. It's been both a great honor and a privilege to head the Board of Officers. They are all dedicated people. Everybody stood behind me and helped me, taught me, and let me make decisions. It's been fun.

A great experience! I'll still be here answering emails and running the website. Everybody does their share to help out. If you're not on a Committee, think about stepping up and getting on one.

Our group is fun. We always laugh at our meetings and outings and have a good time. That's what it's all about! Our 2013 Slate of Officers will be announced at the January meeting. I can't wait.

If I don't see you at our Holiday Meeting at Brooks, then I'll see you next year!

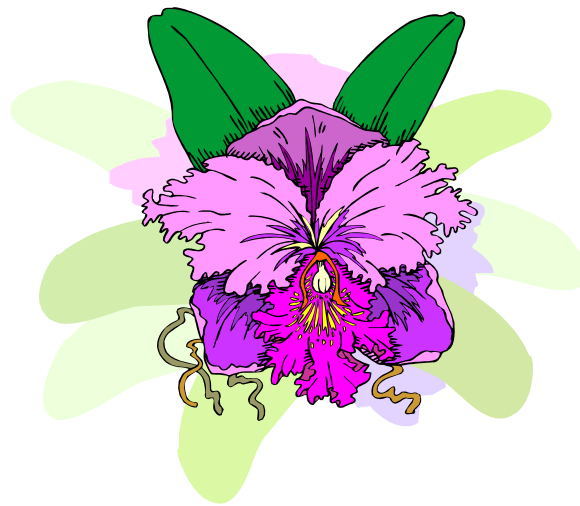
Respectfully,
Heidi Feser

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November Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Cattleya Alliance	Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Chinese Beauty 'Orchid Queen' AM/AOS	Jim Peer
Cattleya Alliance	Brassanthe (Bsn) Maikai 'Mayumi' CCM/AOS	Owner's name not on sheet



Orchids for Sale

Well maintained collection of hybrids, species, mostly specimen plants. Many decorative containers, baskets, unusual size clay and plastic pots. Chemicals, plant stands, benches, and much, much more. By appointment only.

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Happy Birthday

Mary Pritchard Dec 1

Cheryl Babcock Dec 5

Grace Holliday Dec 10

Gail Carpenter Dec 14

Rachelen Hut Dec 16

Susan Kolinsky Dec 18

Terry Morkert Dec 22

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 **November** meeting!

**Refreshments this month were
extras from our show**

Thank you Dennis for procuring them for us

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

2012 Show Report

13 vendors- All though it was worthwhile even though the crowd was small which they expected the first year.

27 volunteers- A HUGE thank you to Vince who outdid himself as Co-Chair, special thanks to seven people who donated more than a day of their valuable time. And Dennis who collected baked goods and water from 3 Publix Stores.

Total tickets- 585 (60 of whom attended due to Living Social)

Revenue- \$9,422 Including \$213 from Dennis's 'Bake Sale' and \$347 from Raffle

Expenses- \$5,196

Gross Profit- \$4,226

Again – thanks to all of you who made this successful.

Two other revenue sources NOT In the show results are: \$119 sale of Mother's day pots that Madeline has been so kindly storing and \$165 sale of AOS Calendars (we have more for you tonight)

A HUGE Thank you to all the following members who volunteered.

The show's success was in large part due to your efforts.

Cheryl Babcock	Lois Larson
John Williams	Lisa Krukoski
Don Carpenter	Elaine Mende
Vince Dicks	Norma Melone
Deborah Dicks	Terry Morkert
Donna Edwards	Joe Ortlieb
Janet Fabricant	Carol Ott
David Felton	Dennis Pearl
Madeline Felton	Jim Peer
Heidi Feser	Janet Peer
Millicent Hamill	Terry Perone
Bob & Dot Henley	Mary Pritchard
Grace Holliday	Gail Ritchie
Marty Hunt	

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: Needed Assistant: Needed

2. **Oct. 13, 2012** Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield
Saturday Beach Arboretum.
Chairperson: Mary Pritchard assisted by Norma Melone

3. **Nov 3, 2012** Second Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Madeline Felton

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

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

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

GROWING TIPS for December

By

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Winter, at least for those of us in Florida, came suddenly in November. Freezing temps were widespread in the northern third of the state. The first cold snap reminded me of an issue that seldom impacts those of us in Florida; using cold water on our warm orchids. For me now, this is not usually a problem because the water out of the hose in my greenhouse is always warmer than the temperature in the greenhouse in the early morning when I water. If, however, I wait until noon on a clear day, I could damage sensitive leaves and buds by applying water significantly colder than leaves. In the morning, the coldest the air temperature in the greenhouse is 58 F and the water from the tap is 68 F, thanks to the fact that our water flows some distance in the warm earth.

If your water is from a surface source, such as a lake or pond, be sure you check the water temperature before watering. Water colder than 5 degrees F than the plant can cause damage to new leaves and buds, especially on thin leaved or sensitive orchids, e.g. phals and jewel orchids. Depending on your water source, the temperature can vary greatly. Years ago, when I was using rainwater and there was a snow, the temperature of my water was so low that I could not use it for over a month, even though it was stored underground.

There is some good news this time of year despite heating bills. Thanks to lower day temperatures, I am able to bring my heat sensitive species and hybrids out from the dark areas and into more light. Even in a greenhouse where day temps often top out around 100 F near the ceiling in summer, there are places that stay cooler and where I put those orchids.

My prize *S coccinea* and many of its 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generation hybrids, e.g. Pot Gene Crocker, are put into heavy shade where they stay at least a little cooler. Even some more complex cattleyas hybrids that have heavy doses of *S coccinea* can be surprisingly intolerant of Florida's heat. There is still stress on those orchids and some clearly suffer, such as *Phal parishii* and *Phal lindenii*, but they survive and then thrive during the cool parts of the year. If a species or many of the parents in the background of a hybrid are from higher elevations, there is the likelihood that high temperatures in summer will be a problem.

A few years ago, I received some heat intolerant hybrids in clay pots growing in New Zealand sphagnum. It was surprising how cool the outside of the pots were in the heat of the day. It turns out that the key is to keep the roots cool when the temperature is hot. Generally, high heat leads to faster decomposition of the medium, so I was surprised to find that the sphagnum lasted several years. When I finally repotted them, the sphagnum was still fresh and just a little decomposed. When I asked about the medium from the originator of the cross, I was told that it was high quality New Zealand sphagnum.

This was totally different than the Chilean sphagnum that I had been using on some orchids, which totally disintegrated after just six months. For my prized, heat intolerant orchids, I now use New Zealand sphagnum in new clay pots. I also found that flushing the pots with rainwater at least once a month prevented the buildup of salts. In addition, fertilizer on these orchids is minimal because I want to limit the soft summer growth that always seems to come with high temps.

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- 1/2 page: \$15 per month or \$150 per year
- Full Page: \$25 per month or \$250 per year

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

January 18-20, 2012

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society show 'Orchid Affair'

War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Orchid supplies, jewelry and accessories, international orchid growers, raffles, AOS judging
10am to 6pm all days

Admission: \$10 at door, \$8 with coupon

January 26 & 27, 2012

Tamiami International Orchid Festival

Dade Count Fair Expo Center - Fuchs Pavillion

10901 Coral Way (S.W. 24th st), Miami, FL

Fifty National and International orchid growers, free classes and lectures

10:00am to 8:00pm Saturday, 10:00am to 6:00pm Sunday

Admission: \$9 cash only, Children under 12 free

March 8-10, 2012

Fairchild International Orchid Festival

Fairchild Tropic Botanic Gardens

10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL

Over 50 vendors, garden workshops, walking tours, food and entertainment

9:30am to 4:30pm all days

Admission: Free for members and children 5 and under, \$25 non-member adults,
\$18 seniors 65 and up, \$12 children 6 to 17.

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, December 13, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, December 10 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, December 12, 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. CourtesyDenice Willis

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!