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Final President's message

I want to sincerely thank each member of the society who has supported me in the last three years. We have grown our membership slightly, and many of you have contributed to the overall success of the club by stepping forward to pick up small tasks to spread the workload. Lois Larsen continues to spread sunshine in the form of greetings to those members in need of a little cheer. Denice Willis heads the calling committee. John Morris has become the society photographer.

In a time when other societies cannot fill their Board positions, Deerfield not only has a full Board but enthusiastic members who support projects throughout the year.

Vince and Debbie have continued to run a profitable raffle table, while Vince has stepped forward to provide us a very interesting set of speakers, and Debbie fills in as Secretary transcribing Board minutes. Donna Edwards continues to keep the membership roster up to date, and welcomes the many guests who have attended our meetings. Cheryl Babcock (with Debbie's help) has arranged a great set of events for the membership this year, and have a bus trip, Mother's Day sale and house ramble planned for 2014. Cheryl also promotes the society through press releases to the local media. Joe & Dennis have helped by purchasing a banner, holding meetings at Joe's office and catering the show.

Oh yes....The second successful show was held in Nov 2013. We can brag that 53% of the membership volunteered. We can still use help keeping the web site up to date and vibrant, and will be trying to use Social media (Facebook) to spread our reputation. Anyone with talent in this area (or a willingness to assist) can offer their help to any Board member.

Vince has some wonderful ideas for 2014 including an auction in March instead of the regular meeting.

Deerfield has been invited to present a society display at the Ft. Lauderdale Show Jan 17-19. Details inside the newsletter.

I wish you and your family a Happy and Health Holiday season, and will see you at the January meeting.

Rosemary Chenery

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November Ribbon Winners

	Dendrobium Blue Foxtail	Carol Ott
	Encyclia Chochleata	Charlene Reiff
	Beallara Marfitch "Howard's Dream" AM/AOS	Donna Edwards
	Brassocattleya Maikai "Mayumi"	Joe Ortlieb
	Zygolum Louisendorf	Grace Holiday
	Cattleya Lawrensiana	Dennis Pearl
	Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann "Buckleberry"	Debbie Dicks

Upcoming Speakers

January—Sheldon from Carmela Orchids

February—OFE Orchid Supplies

March—Orchid Auction

April—Dr. Brian Monk from Blu Llama Orchids



Happy Birthday

Mary Pritchard Dec 1

Janice Leonard Dec 8

Grace Holiday Dec 10

Rachelen Hut Dec 16

Susan Kolinsky Dec 18

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!

Mary Pritchard
Charlene Reiff
J.J.

And special thanks to Publix for donating refreshments

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/livingtreeorchidsvideos.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

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. **TBD 2014** Orchid Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.
Leaving Women's Club at 9am
Chairperson: Joseph Ortlieb

2. **Oct. ??, 2014** Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield
Beach Arboretum.
Chairperson: Needed

3. **TBD 2014** Third Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks

5. **Dec ?, 2014** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here

Chairperson: TBD

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.



Welcome New Members!!

Connie King
Francine and Bob Rogers

GROWING TIPS for December

By

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After 20 years, I am putting down my pen (or keyboard), at least when it comes to the monthly column. I do plan to write the occasional column when something new comes along or there is a new problem to solve. After 20 years, it seems as if the column has covered everything one could ever ask about orchid growing, but I know there will be new issues. We have archived all of the old columns delivered via email for new hobbyists or for those looking for some item published in a past column. They can be found on the web [<http://www.rose4art.com/orchid-growing-tips-index-to-articles.htm>].

Looking over all those old columns reminded me how many of the new products that came along never quite lived up to the hype, but also that there were some that did. There were also a number of recommendations I made that followed all published material on orchid culture that are no longer followed because good scientific studies showed they did not work. The use of fertilizers with lots of phosphate (middle number) comes to mind. It still bothers me to hear speakers and new books continuing to make the same statements.

Some wonderful new products have come along that solved age-old problems, while other products that worked well are no longer available. Scale, once the bane of every cattleyas grower, is now easily controllable through hormonal pesticides such as Distance. Fertilizers that are easy to use and avoid the burn that used to be common are available, e.g. Nutricote. Even so, it still takes time to learn to grow orchids because there are so many different kinds, many with particular requirements of water and temperature.

I have tried to pass along a simple principle over these 20 years; follow the KISS principle (Keep it Simple). While you, as a hobbyist, may not grow your orchids as fast as a commercial grower, your orchids will still thrive. Everyone can grow great orchids without all of the exotic fertilizers and media. More harm has been done trying to grow the way commercial nurseries do than can be imagined.

The best way to learn how to grow orchids is to ask advice from those who have already figured it out. That will always be the best place to start. Most orchids are not delicate and can handle just about everything we do to them with the exception of overwatering, over-fertilizing and over-repotting. It is difficult for the new hobbyist to avoid this, which is why so many kill their first orchid. Once the novice grasps a few terms and concepts, growing orchids becomes easier as does learning from books and fellow hobbyists.

Orchids are more available now than ever before. Supermarkets, hardware stores and many other retail outlets have them available in bloom, yet there are now fewer orchid hobbyists than a decade ago. Perhaps the availability and the fact that it is easy to replace them make the prospect of growing them less interesting. Just like every hobby, there will always be those people that enjoy the challenge of growing one orchid and then another until you have mastered it. Of course, when it comes to orchids, there are always different genera or more unusual orchids to find and learn to grow. That is what makes this such a special hobby.

DBOS Annual Holiday Party / Meeting



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Newsletter Ads:

1/8 page: \$10 per month or \$100 per year

1/4 page: \$13 per month or \$125 per year

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.

A Wonderful Opportunity for our Society

The Ft. Lauderdale Society has invited Deerfield to mount a display at the January show Jan 17-19

<http://www.flos.org/wp/society-activities/exotic-orchids-2014-fort-lauderdale-orchid-society-show>

This is an opportunity for Deerfield to showcase our members wonderful plants in a 'show' setting. Setup will be on Wed. Jan 15 a day after our January meeting. Please groom your plants for potential inclusion in the show display when you bring it for judging at the January meeting.

All plants should be clean of any infestation, sheaths removed, and flower spikes staked, to show the flowers at their best.

You might want to consult these web sites for some hints and tips for plant preparation.

<http://www.ocos.net/Articles/Preparing%20Your%20Orchids%20for%20Exhibition/Preparing%20your%20plants%20for%20exhibition.pdf>

<http://www.oscov.asn.au/articles/showprep.htm>

<http://www.canberraorchids.org/show.html>

Let's put on a great display!!

Don't hesitate to contact John Budree project manager for any questions. 954-297-9531

2014 Orchid Events

January 17—19

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "Exotic Orchids"

The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society proudly presents their annual Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show, "Exotic Orchids" for 2014. Come and enjoy beautiful exhibits, and displays, competitions, raffles, art-work, plant and supply vendors. American Orchid Society accredited judges will award prizes for best displays and best plants.

War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL
Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 6pm
Admission: \$12, \$10 with coupon on FLOS website, \$8 presale

January 25 & 26

Tamiami International Orchid Festival

The Orchid Festival features the widest selection of affordable and rare orchids available anywhere to admire and purchase. See the schedule of free classes for your chance to learn about the world of orchids and be sure to enter your entrance ticket into the free raffle for over fifty beautiful orchids

Dade County Fair Expo Center Fuchs Pavilion, 10901 SW 24th St., Miami, FL
Saturday 10am to 7pm, Sunday 10am to 6pm
Admission: \$10 Adults, children under 12 are free

February 8 & 9

Boca Raton Orchid Society Show and Sale

Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL
Admission: \$5.00

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 2013

We thank all our members for their participation in our meetings and their continued support of DBOS!

Annual dues have been increased to cover rising costs in order to run our society smoothly. 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, November 14, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, November 11 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

2013 Committee Positions

1. Membership..... Donna Edwards
2. Programs.....Vince Dicks
3. Newsletter.....Lisa Krukoski
4. Sunshine.....Lois Larson
5. Raffle Table.....Vince & Debbie Dicks
6. Nominating..... DBOS Board
7. Publicity.....Cheryl Babcock
8. Plant Table.....Speaker or DBOS
9. Events.....Cheryl Babcock & Debbie Dicks
10. Refreshments.....Mary Pritchard & Millicent Hammill
11. AOS Representative.....Rosemary Chenery
12. 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!