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We will ensure that your inquiry reaches the appropriate person.



President's Message

Hi Orchid Lovers,

So much to report on since my last message. DBOS' 12th annual Orchid Auction was March 11, and Mac Rivenbark, our outstanding auctioneer, did a fabulous job once again. We purchased orchids from Banjong's, Greenhouse Orchids, Mac's Orchids, Motes Orchids, Orchids in Bloom, Quest Orchids, R.F. Orchids, and Soroa Orchids, and made a nice profit on these sales to fund Society activities throughout the year. In addition to the

orchids that we purchased from those listed above, we are particularly grateful to our members who donated 105 orchids and 29 other items. The profit from our donations alone was \$3,137.00. It was a fun and successful event. My orchid collection certainly has some fabulous new beauties.

We held our popular Home Ramble on Saturday, March 29, where we visited five of our members' homes to view their lovely collections, and we saw how they grow and display their orchids. We came away with lots of ideas and full tummies because we began with a light breakfast at our first stop, snacks, and beverages at the next three stops, and a fabulous potluck lunch at our final stop. Thanks to our wonderful members for inviting us to their homes. The feedback that we've heard over and over during and after the ramble is how friendly our members are!

I am co-chairing the Bonnet House 16th Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival again this year with Jose Exposito, owner of Soroa Orchids, and Curator at the Bonnet House. Thank you to many of our members who are volunteering to work in our booth where we will tell prospective members about our awesome orchid society and all the fun events we have for our members throughout the year. The festival is Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6 at the Bonnet House, 900 Birch Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm both days. Beautiful orchids and other items will be for sale from the 39 vendors throughout the state of Florida and including two vendors from Taiwan, one from Thailand, and one from Hawaii. There will be food, drinks, lectures, and live entertainment. What a beautiful setting to stroll through the Bonnet House grounds on a spring weekend!

Our speaker on Tuesday, April 8 is Naoki Kawamura, who will be speaking on "Coryanthes and Its Hybrids." He is a hobbyist who grows outstanding orchids. He will bring plants for the raffle table and a few plants to sell. He does not accept credit cards, so please have cash or checks. He also accepts Zelle payments. He is a wealth of information, so come ready to learn and enjoy!

DBOS will be raffling an orchid arrangement at the Bonnet House. We need additional containers or baskets for orchid arrangements that we create for the Orchid Obsession show and other events. While you are doing your spring cleaning, please check to see if you have any decorative containers you can donate. Look for containers or baskets that will hold five to nine orchids from 3–4-inch pots.

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Happy Orchiding!

Cheryl Babcock

DBOS President



Speaker of the Month

Naoki Kawamura

April 8, 2025 7:30 pm

“Coryanthes and Its Hybrids”

After my friend bought a house, she wanted a white *Phalaenopsis* for a house warming gift and mentioned a boutique orchid store in Portland, Oregon. I visited the store and was overwhelmed with the variety of orchids, especially multi-growths *Paphiopedilum micranthum*, and the price tag was \$800. I just walked away with a white *Phalaenopsis*. A couple days later, I went back to the store and got myself a *Dendrobium*. As I tried to learn how to take care of it, I joined the Oregon Orchid Society to learn more from other growers.

Although I could not buy the *Paphiopedilum micranthum*, I acquired my first green *Paphiopedilum* at the society meeting. As I visited the monthly meetings, I brought more orchids home from local vendors/speakers. Suddenly, my dining room table became an orchid table. Due to cold weather in winter, all orchids were grown under lights. They responded to the environment well, and I was able to re-bloom them.

Relocating to Florida was our life-long dream for myself and Mike, and it became true when I accepted a National Sales Support Manager position in April, 2017. Why Venice? We never visited Venice before, but thanks to John Masters who we met through FOG and his friend/realtor, we managed to purchase the house without walking through it. The orchid collection was shipped to a friend in Orlando, and he had helped them get acclimated to the Florida sun.

All of my orchids are grown inside the pool cage. This is a completely different environment from what I was used to in Portland, Oregon. Little did I know that it gets cold here for Vandas. I love new challenges and strive to learn more to grow better.

As I joined the AOS student judging program in 2020, the first assignment was “Catasetinae Stanhopinae and Lycastinae”, and then I had to learn orchid genus I had never tried to grow. Later, each student judge was to pick a genus for an oral presentation. I chose *Coryanthes*. Unfortunately, I had to resign the program due to a medical issue I had to deal with. Curiosity has now become passion.

I hope you will enjoy my presentation as much as I have enjoyed putting it together.



Bulletin Board

DBOS holds monthly in-person meetings.

We look forward to seeing more of our members at our upcoming meetings. Remember, we meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach FL 33441.

Please check your email for information pertaining to our social events for 2025. 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.

April Climate Data

Average high: 83.8°F
 Average low: 67.6°F
 Average mean: 75.7°F
 Average rainfall: 3.36"



April in Your Orchid Collection

By Dr. Martin Motes

Far from the cruelest, April is the kindest month to South Florida orchid growers. The weather in April is definitely settled into warm, even deliciously hot, with passing cold fronts only adding the delight of a pleasant change in temperature. The clean, bright days brimming with abundant sunlight and the low relative humidity create the high drying potential that orchids love. Now we can get our orchids off to a great start on the growing season by practicing our very best watering skills under ideal conditions. Water heavily when you water and allow the plants to dry thoroughly before watering heavily again. Drying 'hard' in the Spring will produce benefits all season. We want to get our plants well launched while leaving all the fungi high and dry.

The new shoots of *Oncidinae*, *grammatophyllums* and *dendrobiums* are quite cup-like; care must be taken that water does not stand too long in these immature growths. Water these types very thoroughly with two or three applications of water spaced 10-15 minutes apart. Water should run freely through the pot on each application. Saturated thoroughly in this fashion the plants will need only weekly watering. Even more care should be taken with the soft plicate leafed genera like *Catasetum*, *Mormodes*, *Cycnoches*, *Gongora*, *Calanthe* and *Thunia*. The new growths of this type are rolled together (the fancy word is convolute) like a collapsible drinking cup. These should be grown in water retentive media that should be saturated at each watering to permit the developing roots to have abundant water but allow the vulnerable new growth extra time to dry. Feel the weight of a pot when you have finished watering. Be sure it is heavy with water. If it's not water one more time. With plants properly spaced, good drying should not be difficult in the hot dry air of April. But do be careful to water early enough in the day to allow the tender new growth to thoroughly dry by twilight.

With vandaceous orchids grown in slatted baskets, most growers find that they dry altogether too well in April. Vandas can be watered almost every morning in April. Indeed, a second light watering or misting in mid-afternoon in April and early May is often beneficial provided the crowns and leaf axils of the plants have time to dry completely by nightfall. Another strategy under high drying conditions is to bend the rules, at least occasionally, and water heavily in mid to late morning. Late waterings on weekend mornings (you didn't want to get up early, any way) provide relief for plants that are more stressed on week days with their owners absent. Very occasionally, one needs to break the rules absolutely and water thoroughly (not just mist) in the mid to late afternoon so the plants can slowly absorb the water across the cool hours of the night. This is the season that one must be sure that Vanda roots have turned overall dark green when we have finished watering. Two applications of water to the point of runoff spaced several minutes apart should accomplish the required color change from white to totally green. Saturated roots are absolutely necessary to provide the plants the moisture the plants need to withstand the heat and dry air typical of April. Sometimes, particularly at this season, the roots will not change color even after the second or third application of water. This lack of response to water is because the roots have become so dry that they are repelling rather than absorbing water. They are behaving like a cork in a wine bottle. The grower must exert special effort to re-saturate the roots. Often this will require 4 or 5 waterings to the point of run off spaced 15 minutes apart. Once the roots have been changed to the healthy overall green, normal applications of water should bring them around in the future.

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Happy Birthday



APRIL

01 Nye Woodhouse
02 John Morris
14 Linda Woodhouse
15 Sara Cloutier Lowe
16 Bud Harris
19 Christina Zitoli
20 Jesus Hill
20 Monika Saitzman
21 John Pangerl
25 Lisa Bennis
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MAY

05 Dennis Pearl
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Highlights From Our March Auction

Photos Courtesy of Lisa Bennis & Terry Morkert











*Let us all send positive thoughts and energy
to our DBOS family members.*

ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DBOS



Sunshine Committee

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS) members, do you know a society member who needs a little cheering up, expression of sympathy, or a congratulatory note?



The chair of our DBOS Sunshine Committee, Madeline Felton, would be happy to write a note and send a card to any of our members who have been hospitalized, for bereavement, or who have something special to celebrate.

Please contact Madeline by phone at 561-368-0808, and she will ensure that a card is on the way. Alternatively, please send an email to deerfieldorchids@gmail.com letting us know, and we will see that she receives the message.

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

Annual Social Events

2025



Annual Ramble



1. **January 25** DBOS Annual Bus Trip to Growers.
Meet at Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach at 7:45am and return by 6:45pm.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt
2. **March 11** DBOS 12th Annual Orchid Auction to be held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club.
FREE EVENT Public Welcome. Preview at 7:00pm—Auction begins at 7:30pm.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
3. **March 29** DBOS Annual Home Ramble. DBOS members only.
We will visit DBOS members' homes / orchid collections.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse
4. **Oct TBD** DBOS Annual Picnic at Tradewinds Park. DBOS Members and invited guests.
Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt
Committee: Cheryl Babcock & Steve Brandt
5. **November 15-16** DBOS 13th Annual Orchid Show and Sale, *ORCHID Obsession*. Safe Schools Institute.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb
6. **December 6** DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party to be held at the Croatian American Social Club at 6:00pm.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton, Grace Holliday

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



Annual Bus Trip to Growers



Annual Auction



Annual Picnic



Annual Holiday Party

Upcoming Orchid Events 2025

Bonnet House International Orchid & Garden Festival

One of our largest fundraisers of the year!

This Festival welcomes orchid enthusiasts and plant lovers alike to vividly experience – and purchase – diverse, colorful, and fragrant varieties of orchids, tropical plants, herbs, and fruit trees sold by local and international vendors. The two-day event will be taking place from 9 am — 4 pm, rain or shine. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy orchid and tropical plant displays, food vendors, libations, garden art, orchid care & general gardening lectures, live music, a Tropical Luau Lunch, and much more.



April 5 and 6, 2025

9:00am to 4:00pm daily

900 North Birch Road

Fort Lauderdale

Florida 33304

Admission \$25.00

early bird purchase online by March 15, \$20



<https://www.bonnethouse.org/orchid-festival/>

Upcoming Orchid Events 2025 {cont.}

Rare Plant Festival and Orchids!

April 18, 19 & 20, 2025

11:00am - 6:00pm daily

FAIR EXPO CENTER

10901 SW 24th Street

MIAMI, Florida 33165

Admission \$20.00



<https://www.rareplantfestival.com/>

43rd International Orchid & Bromeliad Show

Saturday April 19th & Sunday, 20th, 2025

9:30am - 4:30pm daily

Flamingo Gardens

3750 S. Flamingo Rd

Davie, FL 33330-1614



Admission: \$24 ages 12+, \$17 ages 3-11, Free for ages 2 and under, as well as Flamingo Gardens members, FGOS and AOS members. *contact phone 954-473-2955*

<https://flamingogardens.org/events-calendar/43rd-international-orchid-bromeliad-show/#scroll>



www.FlamingoGardens.org



Become a Member of the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society!

Top Reasons to Join or Renew Your Membership in the
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.

BONUS: If your guest joins the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, you will receive 10 FREE raffle tickets!

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Membership 2025 DBOS Membership Annual Fees

New Members: \$30/Single or \$40/Couple ~ Membership Renewal: \$25/Single or \$35/Couple

DBOS members have access to our orchid library, insightful and informative web pages, opportunities to purchase plants from our speakers, tips from our members, and 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.

Membership year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2025

National Observance Days



NATIONAL ONE CENT DAY | April 1

What do Benjamin Franklin, the phrase "mind your business," April 1st, and National One Cent Day all have in common? The answer is the penny, which we recognize on National One Cent Day.continued-click on link below.....

<https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day/national-one-cent-day-april-1>



NATIONAL ORCHID DAY | April 16

Each year on April 16th, National Orchid Day recognizes one of the world's diverse and widespread flowering plant families. The orchids' often colorful and fragrant blooms grow in abundance around the world. Along with the Asteraceae, they are one of the two largest families of flowering plants, with between 21,950 and 26,049 currently accepted species. Not only are they prolific, but they range in size from the 2.1 mm wide *Platystele jungermannioides* to broad-bloomed *Grammatophyllum speciosum*.continued-click on link below.....

<https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day/national-orchid-day-april-16>



NATIONAL SENSE OF SMELL DAY | Last Saturday in April

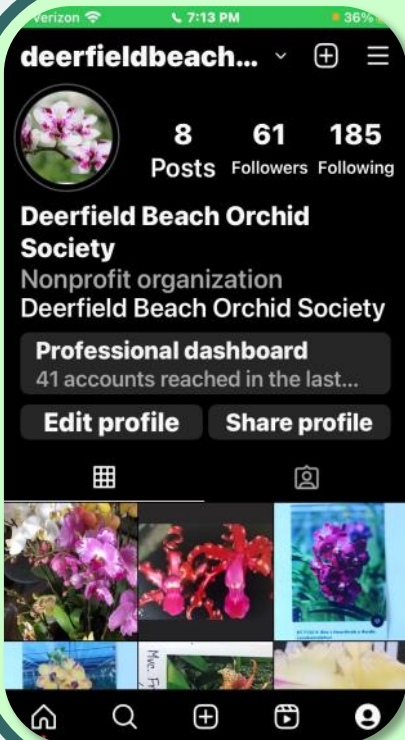
Held on the last Saturday in April, National Sense of Smell Day celebrates one of the five senses. Our sense of smell is more than a way to know when dinner is ready. It also plays a role as an early warning system, triggers memories, and interacts with our other senses.continued-click on link below.....

<https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day/national-sense-of-smell-day-last-saturday-in-april>

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Calendar of Meetings

2nd Monday Every Month 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

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

2nd Tuesday Every Month 7:30 PM

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach

910 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL.

<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/

4th Thursday Every Month 7:00 PM

Except November and December

Tropical Orchid Society

Mounts Botanical Gardens

531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL.

<http://www.tropicalorchidsociety.org>

2025 Committee Positions

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