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We will ensure that your inquiry reaches the appropriate person.



## President's Message

Hi Orchid Lovers,

A lot to report on since my last message. DBOS' 13th annual Orchid Auction was March 10, and Mac Rivenbark, our outstanding auctioneer, did a fabulous job once again. We purchased orchids from Banjong Orchids, Greenhouse Orchids, Mac's Orchids, Motes Orchids, Orchids in Bloom, Quest Orchids, R.F. Orchids, Soroa Orchids, and Succulent World, and we 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 39 orchids and 23 other items. The profit from our donations alone was \$1,888.00. It was a fun and successful event. My orchid collection certainly has some fabulous new beauties.

We will hold our popular Home Ramble on Saturday, April 18, where we will visit five of our members' homes to view their lovely collections and see how they grow and display their orchids. Be ready to come away with lots of ideas and full tummies because we begin 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. Sign-up sheets available at the April 14 meeting. Limited to the first 45 DBOS members who sign up.

I am co-chairing the Bonnet House 17th 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 11-12, 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 33 vendors throughout the state of Florida. There will be food, drinks, lectures, and live entertainment. What a beautiful setting to stroll through the Bonnet House grounds on a spring weekend! Here is the link: <https://www.bonnethouse.org/orchid-festival/> for further information.

Our speaker on Tuesday, April 14 is Keith Emig, who will speak on "Fun Cattleya Species You Can Grow (information on unifoliate & bifoliate Cattleya species)."

Keith and Dina have now registered plants in the Oncidium, Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Vanda, and Dendrobium alliances, and have created their own genera (Emigara). In recent years they've enjoyed going to judging and seeing everyone's beautiful plants and bringing their own plants. They've been excited to receive over 70 flower quality awards, so far, including 9 awards on their original crosses. They will provide orchids for the raffle table and have orchids for sale.

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Happy Orchiding!

*Cheryl Babcock*

DBOS President



# Speaker of the Month

## Keith Emig

### Winter Haven Orchid Nursery

April 14, 2026 7:30 pm



## “Fun Cattleya Species You Can Grow”

Keith’s orchid journey all started with a trip to the dentist where, on the receptionist’s desk, there was a small plant with three leaves and an inflorescence with twenty blooms suspended above in a beautifully presented fashion. When asked, the receptionist replied that the dentist grew this orchid, and he was an orchid hobbyist. This multi floral Phalaenopsis captured Keith’s attention and it was on. Orchid fever is infectious, and all information and practice plants acquirable were obtained and the endless experimentation to better grow and flower these plants was a driving uncontrollable force.

As the passion grew, joining our local orchid society and the American Orchid Society opened the orchid world’s secrets. There is no substitute for the company of other infected souls, with whom to share this fever. Soon the passion of combining the attributes of two beautiful plants, by cross pollinating, stimulated the imagination. The flasking case was built and has been a fixture in the kitchen for almost 20 years now. Over 1000 seed pods have been flasked to this point and it seems each season there is some new cross that has more exciting possibilities than anything before. Keith and Dina have now registered plants in the Oncidium, Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Vanda, and Dendrobium alliances, and have created their own genera (Emigara). In recent years they’ve enjoyed going to judging and seeing everyone’s beautiful plants and bringing their own plants. They’ve been excited to receive over 70 flower quality awards, so far, including 9 awards on their original crosses. In August 2024 Keith became a student AOS judge.

It has been a great pleasure, for Keith, to have served on the board of directors of the Ridge Orchid Society for over a decade, including at least 7 terms as President. The highlight is the fellowship of the membership and sharing the passion of orchids with the orchid community.

Be sure to check out Keith’s article in the March 2017 Orchids magazine (pg 208). It is titled Luck of the Draw. We can be found on social media at [fb.com/whorchids](https://www.facebook.com/whorchids) and [IG.com/wh\\_orchids](https://www.instagram.com/wh_orchids).



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Winter Haven Orchid Nursery Tour—Presented by ‘Just One More Orchid’

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kALPQ\\_HLEmY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kALPQ_HLEmY)

### 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 2026. Announcements will be sent to you as information is available. If you have a question, send it to [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) and someone will get back to you.

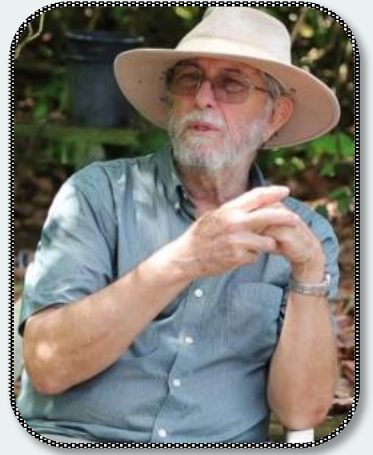
## April Climate Data

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*, *Cynoches*, *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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## Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Home Ramble Saturday, April 18, 2026 ~ 9:00am – 2:00pm

Our popular Home Ramble is Saturday, April 18, 2026, so mark your calendars now! We will visit five of our members' homes to view their impressive collections. Sign-up sheets available at the April meeting for DBOS PAID members only. If you have not renewed your membership for 2026, now is the time to do it. It is so interesting to see how some of our friendly members grow and display orchids in their environments. It is also a lot of fun and an opportunity to get to know other members better. Enjoy visiting with one another and take note of what orchid(s) you like and want to add to your wish list! Seeing how other orchid hobbyists incorporate orchids into their landscape is always inspiring and provides lots of ideas for your own environment and orchid collection.



**Vanda Palm Tree at 1st Stop  
Home of Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**Orchid Fountain Display at 4th Stop  
Home of Grace Holliday**

The ramble is FREE and limited to the first 45 paid members who sign up. Breakfast and Lunch provided. If you are attending the ramble, please bring a main or side dish, salad, appetizer, or dessert. Plan on meeting and parking at the south end of the lot at the Woman's Club at 8:15 am to carpool (leaving at 8:30 am) or meet us at our first stop. Call/ Text Cheryl Babcock at 954-464-8996 to find out what food items we need for the lunch, if you would like to attend and have not previously signed up, or if your plans have changed and you are no longer able to attend. An itinerary will be sent to members who sign up prior to the ramble.



**1st Stop  
Breakfast at Home of Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl**



**2nd Stop  
Home of Susan & Stu Kolinsky**



**3rd Stop  
Home of Linda & Nye Woodhouse**



**4th Stop  
Home of Grace Holliday**



**5th stop,  
Lunch at home of Linda & Andy Kamm**

# 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**  
**25 Lisa Bennis**  
**29 Virginia Bauer**

## MAY

**05 Dennis Pearl**  
**11 Barry Silver**  
**19 Stephanie Currie**  
**19 Thomas Milo**  
**22 Tessie O'Dea**  
**27 Rich Bennis**  
**27 Dennis Perreault**  
**28 John Eckhardt**  
**28 Brandon Knealing**  
**31 Heather Nedich**





*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](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) letting us know, and we will see that she receives the message.

# Highlights From Our March Auction Meeting

## Photos Courtesy of Terry Morkert













**Annual Ramble**

## Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events 2026



1. **January 24** DBOS Annual Bus Trip to Growers.  
Meet at Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach at 7:30am and return by 7:30pm.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt
2. **March 10** DBOS 13th 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. **April 18** DBOS Annual Home Ramble. DBOS members only.  
We will visit DBOS members' homes / orchid collections.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse
4. **October TBD** DBOS Annual Picnic at TBD. DBOS Members and invited guests.  
Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt  
Committee: Cheryl Babcock, Andy & Linda Kamm, Steve Brandt
5. **November 14-15** DBOS 14th Annual Orchid Show and Sale, *ORCHID Obsession*. Safe Schools Institute.  
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb
6. **December 5** 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**



## 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 2026 DBOS Membership Annual Fees

**New Members: \$30/Single or \$45/Couple ~ Membership Renewal: \$25/Single or \$40/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](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com) or call 954-234-4623.

Alternatively, please make a check payable to the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society and mail it to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Membership year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2026

# Upcoming Orchid Events 2026

## Bonnet House International Orchid & Garden Festival

**April 11 and 12, 2026**

**9:00am to 4:00pm daily**

**900 North Birch Road**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304**

**Admission \$25.00**

**Children 12 and under Free**



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

## Rare Plant Festival and Orchids!

**May 1, 2 and 3, 2026**

**Early Admission 10:00am Friday**

**General Admission Noon - 6:00pm Friday**

**10:00am - 6:00pm Saturday and Sunday**

**FAIR EXPO CENTER**

**10901 SW 24th Street**

**MIAMI, Florida 33165**

**Admission \$20.00**

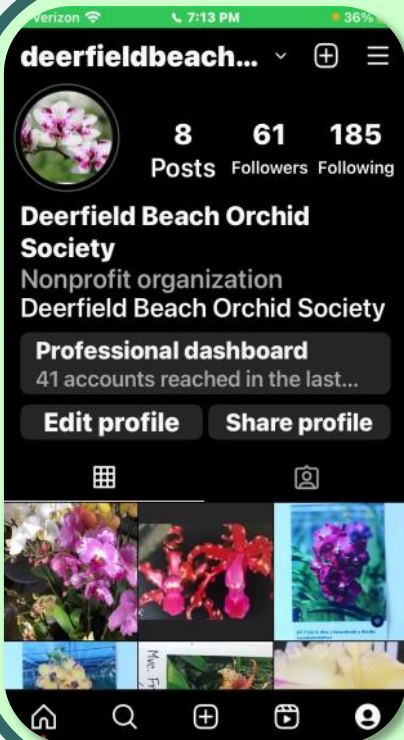


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# National Observance Days



**NATIONAL ORCHID DAY | April 16**  
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 National Day Calendar

## 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**  
 National Day Calendar

## 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>



**NATIONAL AUDUBON DAY - April 26**  
 National Day Calendar

## NATIONAL AUDUBON DAY | April 26

On April 26th each year, National Audubon Day honors the birth of John James Audubon (April 26, 1785 – January 27, 1851).

Audubon was a French-American ornithologist, naturalist, and painter noted for his extensive studies of American birds and his detailed illustrations of the birds in their natural habitats. Audubon's greatest work was *The Birds of America* which is considered one of the finest ornithological works ever completed. His work in this book contains more than 700 North American bird species with 435 hand-colored, life-size prints of 497 bird species. ....continued-click on link below.....

<https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day/national-audubon-day-april-26>

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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/](http://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>

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