



# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

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Hello Fellow Orchid Lovers

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope everyone is doing well. Our club has 4 Social Events and 8 Speakers planned for 2012. It's going to be a great year with your help, of course.

We need to build up our fundraising skills to bring in revenue to pay for our club costs. We are currently in need of a **Mother's Day Sale Chairperson**. This Sale has always been the backbone of our fundraising events. Anyone who steps up to chair this event will really be helping us out immensely. You will have a committee to help you. If no one steps up, our club won't have enough to continue sooner or later. Please seriously think about volunteering for a few days....especially if you have never chaired an event. It is rewarding.

Our Kid's Orchids Garden has received another staghorn donation. This one came from a nice lady in Pompano Beach. Madeline Felton and I picked it up and mounted it on Zion campus. I notice that there are pretty yellow dendrobiums in bloom and some phals in spike. Schomburgkia has lots of new growth...thanks to the donation from Paul and Mary Storm.

Our Speaker this month is Ruben from Ruben In Orchids. He will be talking about encyclias and their hybrids.

See you on Valentine's Day. Don't forget to bring a friend or a refreshment...both are always needed.

Heidi Feser,  
President

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# January Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Oncidium	Oncidium Green Valley Honey 'Sweet Lady'	Mary Pritchard
Species	<i>Lonopsis utricularoides</i>	Jim Peer
Oncidium	Bakerara Clownish 'Cotton Candy'	Mary Pritchard
Species	<i>Rhyncostylis gigantea</i>	Louise Albright

## Grand Champion Winner Louise Albright



# Happy Birthday

**Louise Albright February 7**

**Joe Ortlieb February 13**

**Rosemary Chenery February 17**

**Don Carpenter February 18**

**Janet Fabricant February 20**



## 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 **January** meeting!

**Tonky Bofill**

**Mary Pritchard**

**Heidi Feser**

**Carol Ott**

**Please remember to sign the refreshment list so you can be acknowledged!**

**Welcome New Member!!**

**Jeff Irvine**

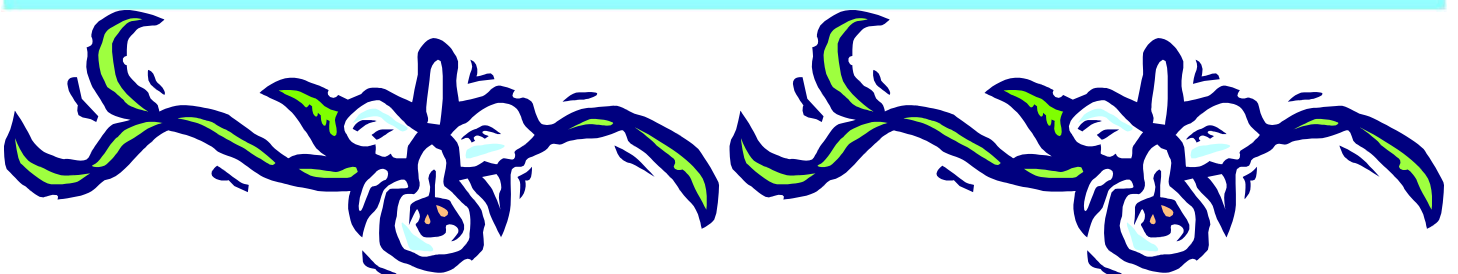
# Speaker of the Month

Dr. Ruben P. Sauleda began growing orchids at the age of 12. At the age of 16 he established Ruben In Orchids. Almost half a century later Ruben In Orchids is recognized internationally and is one of the oldest orchid business in the United States.

After graduating from Miami Senior High School, he attended Miami-Dade Junior College where he received an Associate of Arts. He was the first biology student in the first graduating class to receive a Bachelor of Science at Florida International University. He was then accepted to Florida Atlantic University where he received a Master of Science in biology working on the orchids of the Bahama Islands.

During this time he was asked by Dr. Donovan S. Correll to collaborate on the Flora of the Bahamas by contributing the treatment of the orchids. After graduating from FAU, he was accepted to the University of South Florida, where he received his Ph.D. in Orchid Taxonomy. He has held positions as a Research Associate at Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Florida Atlantic University, the University of South Florida and several other research institutions. He has taught classes at Florida international University and Miami-Dade Junior College.

Dr. Sauleda has written several books on orchid culture and has written over a hundred articles in scientific journals. He was Chairman of Education for the 2008 World Orchid Conference in Miami. His was responsible for arranging all the lectures, overseeing all the photography and was the editor of the proceedings. His specialty is flasking and is presently the leader in reproducing Encyclia, Cattleya, Schomburgia and Tolumnia species and hybrids.



## Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

These four events will be held on the meeting date or on another day of the week instead of a general meeting.

1. **Apr. 28, 2012** Orchid Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.  
Chairperson: Heidi Feser. She could use an assistant.
2. **Oct. 27, 2012** Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield Beach Arboretum. Our regular October meeting to be held here.  
Chairperson: Linda Howe Co-Chairperson: Nancy Shatz
3. **Nov. 10, 2012** Second Growers Bus Trip  
Chairperson: Madeline Felton
4. **Dec 8, 2012** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Place to be determined. Our regular December meeting to be held here.  
Chairperson: Susan Kolinsky

The DBOS will be sponsoring these events, in part, to show it's appreciation for your participation in all Club events. Members will be FREE and guests will have an admission fee.

Please Step-Up and contact the Chairperson of any event to offer your help. THESE EVENTS DON'T JUST MAGICALLY HAPPEN. EACH CHAIR NEEDS 3 OR MORE ASSISTANTS SO HURRY AND CALL THEM. Time is flying!!

## The 5 Steps of Orchid Pruning—Everything you Need to Know

By: Grace Caley

Orchid pruning is a very crucial part of basic orchid care. It must be done for several reasons; to get rid of broken dead or diseased branches, to stimulate flower and plant growth, to control the size and the shape of the orchid plant, to augment structural strength and to revive old flowering branches. Pruning orchids is a different procedure than trimming common houseplants. The pruning requirements of orchids incorporate not only the above ground flowers and stem but also the root system. Orchid pruning doesn't have to be a complicated task and it can be fun especially if the following steps are applied.

**Step 1 – Perfect Timing** The perfect timing for orchid pruning depends on the orchid specie. Timing is especially important when dealing with frequent blooming orchids. For most orchids, pruning should take place when the orchids are in their inactive stage and there are no blooms. If you are not certain when to prune keep to a policy of doing the pruning during the months of October and November. If you skip the pruning at the right time your orchids will once again bloom but without the presence of new growth.

**Step 2 – Orchid Identification** Each orchid group has a distinct pattern of growth and flowering capability. Some varieties will require pruning once the flowers begin showing signs of withering, while others when they display signs of frailness such as yellow leaves or orchid stems turning brown. For novice orchid growers, phalaenopsis is the best orchid variety to start with. Make sure to have substantial information at hand before undertaking the pruning process to prevent easily avoidable errors. Ample specific instructions on orchid pruning for different orchid types are readily available online and at local orchid nurseries.

**Step 3 – Preparation** When getting all set to start pruning orchids, it is best to ensure you have all the right tools and equipment nearby. Any or all of the following; very sharp small shears, a knife and most importantly, a pair of scissor style secateurs, will be of great use. These tools will prune the stem without causing any un-repairable damage or harm to the plant. However, prior to using, the most crucial factor to care about when pruning orchids is sterilizing all tools that will have direct contact with the plant tissue. This prevents the spread of any type of disease throughout the plant. Disinfect tools in a diluted hydrogen peroxide solution, or swipe tools through a flame to kill bacteria or viruses. Also never forget to clean your hands before starting you could even wear sterile gloves. When orchid pruning is done you could treat the wound spots with a product that is particularly made for treating orchid cuts. This will help prevent disease to develop at the cuttings.

**Step 4 –Procedure** Make sure to research the specific type of orchid you are growing since certain orchid varieties have different pruning requirements. However, in general, start the orchid pruning process by cutting back the flower stalk first. Cut about a quarter of an inch away from the stem node. Next, trim off brown, dead and withering roots carefully making sure to spare healthy green root tips. Repot. Then lastly, drench the orchid plant with ample warm water.

**Step 5 –Root Examination** While orchid pruning, it is ideal to inspect the roots. Roots that appear supple with green or grayish film are considered healthy while roots that appear brown, brittle or mushy are dying and must be carefully cut back to allow new growth to take place. Orchid pruning is of utmost significance as part of general orchid care in order to encourage new growth, dynamic blooming in the future and long term health. Orchid pruning when done correctly keeps orchid plants vigorous, greatly reduces the risk of disease and ensures orchid flowers all year long.



An update on the Our Kid's Or-Kidz Garden. We have a beautiful Dendrobium in bloom and several Phals in spike. The kids are really enjoying learning about how to take care of the orchids.

They would love to expand the garden so any plant donations would be greatly appreciated. Contact Heidi Feser at 954 242-2722.

## **February in Your Orchid Garden—Tasks**

**By Dr. Martin Motes**

- Spread snail bait lightly. Spread again lightly in two weeks.
- Spray for Botrytis using Fla. recommended fungicides or Bicarbonate of soda.
- Begin Spring potting.
- Watch for mites.

# Please support our sponsors



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## Pictures from the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show & Sale





# 2012 Orchid Events

## February 11 & 12, 2012

### **Boca Raton Orchid Society Show & Sale**

Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL

Contact: Jackie Wood; 561 703-0278

10am to 5pm

Admission: \$5 per person

## March 9-11, 2012

### **Fairchild's 10th Annual International Orchid Festival**

Choose from over 10,000 orchid plants from vendors from around the world. Explore the wonder of orchids during one of our many garden workshops and walking garden tours.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL

9:30am to 4:30 pm

Admission: Free for Fairchild members, \$25 for non-members, \$18 for seniors and \$12 for children 6-17

## May 18-20, 2012

### **Redland International Orchid Festival**

Featuring 50 vendors from all over the world and the U.S., walking tours, lectures and demonstrations.

Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Homestead, FL

9:00am to 5:00pm

Admission: \$10

## **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

**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 Gail Ritchie for New Membership**

# Calendar of Meetings

**Thursday, February 9, 7:30 PM**

**Boca Raton Orchid Society**

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

**Monday, February 13 7:30 PM**

**Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.**

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall  
1955 E. Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL

**Tuesday, February 14, 7:30 PM**

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

**Wednesday, February 8, 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..... Vicky Edgcomb
2. Programs.....Stephen Lunsford
3. Judging Plant Table.....Don Carpenter/Juan Bofill/Rosemary Chenery
4. Newsletter.....Lisa Krukoski
5. Librarian.....Diana Foulke
6. Meeting Place .....Heidi Feser
7. Sunshine.....Lois Larson
8. Nominating.....Debbie Dicks
9. Publicity.....Rosemary Chenery
10. Plant Table.....Speaker or DBOS
11. Publicity.....Rosemary Chenery
12. Events.....Madeline Felton
13. Refreshments.....Mary Pritchard
14. AOS Representative.....Rosemary Chenery
15. Courtesy .....Donna Edwards

## 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](mailto: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!**