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Hello to our Deerfield Orchid enthusiasts.

We are certainly blessed with mild winds and beautiful days, unlike our friends in the North East. I fully expect we will all have northern guests quite soon.

By now you should have completed most of your re-potting. Cattleyas are grateful for a new pot and medium when they have finished blooming and are putting out new roots. Waiting until the new roots are about 2 inches long will provide optimum growth and secure attachment to their new clean pot and fresh medium. Remember Paul Storm's suggestion, to soak the medium in water for an hour or so before potting. Add a bit of fertilizer to the wet mix and a couple of drops of Superthrive. This will ensure the roots get a good start in a damp mix with some food. Let the plant sit for about a week before moving it back into the rest of the collection and starting a regular watering cycle.

Our speaker this month is Mark Edland, owner of Orchid Acres in Lake Worth. Mark is an expert in Dendrobiums and Vandas. I'm sure you'll enjoy his informative and entertaining discussion. His raffle table will have lots of treats we just can't avoid owning.

Please remember to **RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING**. We don't want to leave anyone out of the 2013 roster. Paying in a timely manner will facilitate having it published in late March.

The board plans on another show this November, and hopes to have the first planning meeting in early Feb. We have organized the volunteer activities into small groups, so that many of you will be able to help a little to make our second show a HUGE success.

See you next Tuesday Feb 12 with a friend!.

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January Ribbon Winners

Category	Plant	Name
Cymbidium	Cymbidium Cumulus Nimbus (Cym. Happy Days x Cym. Heaven's Gate)	Dee Glover
Species	<i>Vanda luzonica</i>	Dee Glover

AOS Corner

AOS Orchids online! As I mentioned last month, the magazine *Orchids* is now available online. All AOS members are able to access the digital magazine by logging on to the AOS website using their current user name and password; then click on the link to view the magazine. It is portable; it may be download each month and available to read offline. It may be printed – as many pages as needed. No more waiting on the mail to see the new magazine each month. Each month will be readily available before the print copy is mailed.

If you are not a member of AOS, we invite you to join us. For the cost of a domestic membership (\$65 per year) in the AOS you will receive the digital version no matter where you are. Remember, one years' membership includes the twelve magazines per year, access to the members' only section of the website, free or discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta, the annual Orchid Source Directory, discounts at select orchid vendors and back issues of AOS publications as well as being part of a worldwide orchid community who share your passion for orchids. For exact cost of digital and print memberships, check the website at www.aos.org. Non US delivery of magazines may be part of your subscription basically for the additional cost of mailing.

\$50,000 for Orchid Research

The AOS is soliciting its members and the general public for practical or applied orchid research ideas that could be immediately used by hobbyists and commercial growers. The ideas will be reviewed and the winners will become proposals to be sent to various universities or institutions of higher learning. The AOS has received this generous donation that will be used to fund the research at the institution(s) submitting the proposal(s). Send your ideas to ideas@aos.org. No idea is too "far out." Please note, however, that submitting the idea to the AOS does not qualify for any of the research grant. The grants will be disbursed only to established research institutions.

Happy Birthday

Joe Ortlieb Feb 13

Ed Waldin Feb 15

Rosemary Chenery Feb 17

Janet Fabricant Feb 20

Marty Hunt Feb 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 **January** meeting!

Donna Edwards
Bonnie Temperly
Carol Ott
Trinh Oh
Heidi Feser
Cheryl Babcock
Mary Pritchard
Dennis Pearl
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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:

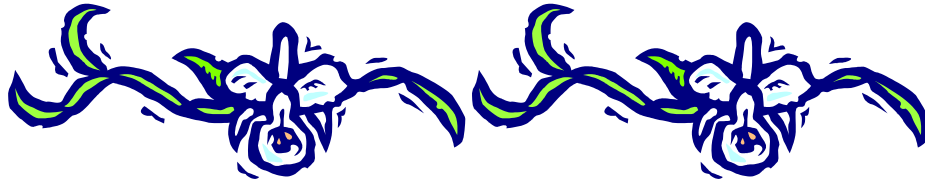
- TWELVE issues of award-winning ORCHIDS magazine
- Access to reliable on-line orchid information and features available only to our members at www.aos.org
- Receive the annual Orchid Source Directory detailing orchid suppliers worldwide
- Free and discounted admission to [more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta](#)

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Rosemary Chenery
AOS representative

Welcome New Member!!

John Morris



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.

Call Shari Weidenbaum

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Orchid SHOW & SALE

February 9-10 10am-5pm

**BOCA RATON
Orchid Society**

Safe Schools Institute • 1790 Spanish River Blvd.
Corner of Military Trail and Spanish River Blvd.

Tropical Landscape Plants

Also •• For more information visit us on the web at:
www.BocaRatonOrchidSociety.org

Admission **\$5.00**

Speaker of the Month

Mark Edlund of Orchid Acres

Our speaker for Feb is Mark Edlund of Orchid Acres. Mark is a local product having attended Pompano Beach High School and is probably our nearest grower. Mark graduated from the University of Florida in 1989 with a degree in Horticulture and began his orchid business with 2,000 orchid plants received as wedding gift from his now ex father-in-law. Orchid Acres is located in Wellington Florida where Mark specializes in dendrobiums and vandas. In addition to his greenhouse, Mark has 20 acres of prime equestrian real estate that he would be more than happy to peddle so he can chase his dreams and move to Hawaii. Mark will be speaking on dendrobiums and be happy to answer any questions



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. ??, 2013** Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield
Beach Arboretum.
Chairperson: Needed

3. **Nov ??, 2013** Second Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Madeline Felton

4. **Nov ??, 2013** Fall Show and Sale. To be held at the Civic Center in Pompano Beach.
Saturday & Sunday Chairpersons: Rosemary Chenery

5. **Dec 10, 2013** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here

Chairperson: Needed

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

GROWING TIPS

for February

By

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The only real rule of orchid growing is that the rules are just guidelines. Winter was brief and many different orchids are both blooming earlier and initiating growth early relative to most years. Orchids that rely on day length instead of temperature for blooming are following their normal blooming and growth pattern. Readers of this column know my normal advice is to limit fertilizer applications to warmer months, but this year is different because the environment where my orchids are growing has been different. My orchids that rely on temperature to start are in a different growth stage than those that rely on day length. How do I know that some have started their growth cycle and others not? Should fertilizing applications begin if some orchids are growing and others are not?

There are many hanging orchids in my greenhouse, not just because of space, but because they are some of the “canaries” that tell me how my orchids are interpreting light levels and temperatures. Especially important in my greenhouse are bifoliate cattleyas, such as *C leopoldii* and *C guttata*. When these species initiate their new growth, spring is officially here no matter what the calendar says and they are getting close to initiating new growths.

Many of my spring blooming cattleyas and paphs are orchids that use temperature to tell them when to grow and flower. Unfortunately, this year these will be finished flowering when the spring orchid shows need exhibition plants. Many of these have almost always bloomed within a week or so of the same time each year, but this year will be an exception based on buds I see swelling in the sheaths.

When orchids initiate new growths, it is time to begin using fertilizer regularly and at higher doses. After several months of flushing during the fall and winter, nutrients adhering to media have largely been lost or used up. During the last several years, I have limited fertilizers in an attempt to avoid producing lush foliage that can be attacked by bacteria and fungi.

There are some orchids that do receive regular fertilizer, albeit at lower levels in winter. Those include orchids that are growing and blooming such as phals and paphs, which I keep in different places. Many cymbidium growers follow a similar fertilizer regimen, but use fertilizer higher in phosphorus, the middle number, starting in fall.

Hobbyists with just a few plants have an easier time making the decision because they can look at each plant and decide to fertilize or not. This is really easy if Nutricote, which lasts six months, is your fertilizer of choice. The balanced formulation is an excellent one for all orchids and safe to use. I usually add it to the surface of the medium in early March, but recommend adding it now if your orchids are starting to grow new leaves or breaking eyes for new pseudobulbs. If you cannot find Nutricote in your local store, check with Carter & Holmes Orchids. They sell small quantities. If your temperatures have not been as warm as here in north Florida, you might need to wait a little longer. Let your orchids tell you when you need to begin adding fertilizer.

It will be interesting to see if there will be extra bulbs or leaves this year with a longer growing season.

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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.

2013 Orchid Events

February 9-10, 2013

Boca Raton Orchid Society Show

Safe Schools Institute

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL

Admission: \$5, Pre-show tickets \$3

February 16-17, 2013

Gardenfest Coral Springs

205 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs, FL

Experience a wide variety of beautiful orchids, many native plants, unusual ferns, wonderful roses, palms, fruit trees, succulents, herbs and many other plants that are just waiting for you to take home. In addition to plants, we also have vendors that will feature lovely pottery, fountains and unusual art to enhance your garden.

Saturday Feb 16 9am-5pm, Sunday Feb 17 10am-4pm

Admission & Parking: Free

March 8-10, 2013

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.

March 30-13, 2013

Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Expo & Sale

3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie, FL

Experience the beauty of orchids at Flamingo Garden's 32nd International Orchid & Bromeliad Show. The International Orchid & Bromeliad show is the most popular event at Flamingo Gardens with over 30 of the best orchid & bromeliad vendors selling rare and exotic species from around the globe. The Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society presents their annual American Orchid Society judged show of award winning orchids in the Gallery, along with lectures and demonstrations from orchid experts. Find orchid supplies and enjoy live music, food, and for Easter kids can meet the bunny and make crafts.

9:30am to 4:30pm all days

Admission: \$18 ages 12+, \$10 ages 4-11, ages 3 and under free, members free

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!

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, February 14, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, February 11 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, February 12, 7:30 PM

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, February 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. Judging Plant Table.....Don Carpenter/Juan Bofill/Rosemary Chenery
4. Newsletter.....Lisa Krukoski
5. Librarian.....Diana Foulke
6. Meeting PlaceTBD
7. Sunshine.....Lois Larson
8. Nominating..... Rosemary Chenery
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!