



# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

## **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

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Hi everybody. It's almost meeting time again. We have Carlos Cahiz of OFE International as our speaker of the month at our Feb 10th meeting. Carlos will be speaking on plant culture and maintenance. This will also be a good chance to pick up some of those supplies we always seem to need.

Don't forget about our Orchid Auction at the March meeting. We will have over 100 orchids looking for a new home. This is a very entertaining evening so don't miss out on the fun! Coming up in April in addition to our regular meeting is our annual Home Ramble. We will meet up at the Women's Club and car pool to various member homes. This not only allows us to share orchid growing tips but is also a great opportunity to mingle with fellow members in a less formal setting than our regular meetings. Snacks and drinks (we always eat well) will be provided along the way. The date on this is Sat. April 18 so mark your calendars.

Congratulations go out not only to our society but several members for our showing at the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show. The club took home 1st place in the society exhibit division with Grace Holliday and Joe Ortlieb winning blue ribbons for best in category. Joe also took the honors for Grand Champion in the Hobbist Division. This is the top award given and the second year in a row someone from our club has won. Great job! Many thanks to Carol Ott, Grace Holliday, Joe Ortlieb, Dennis Pearl, Terry Morkert, Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks for their time and efforts on our exhibit.

Membership renewal is also upon us so if you haven't yet renewed your membership please see Cheryl Babcock or John Williams to do so. We have a lot of exciting events coming up this year so you certainly don't want to miss out! See you on Tuesday and as always, bring a friend.

Vince

## January Ribbon Winners

Oncidium varicosum	Cheryl Babcock
Epidendrum Rene Vasques	Tammy Hall
Calanthe vestita	John Pancoast
Angraecum leonis	Tom Kuligowski
Zygopetalum Honolulu Baby	Grace Holliday
Oncidium Twinkle "Red Fire"	Tammy Hall
Laeliocattleya Shellie Comton "Touch of Class" x Cattleya Horace "Maxima"	Joe Ortlieb
Paphiopedilum spicerianum #2 x Paphiopedilum Stone Lovely CH4	Joe Ortlieb
Zygopetalum Rhein Moonligh	Jane Baker
Cattleya Cognac "The Best" x Cattleya Motte Spot	Susan Kolinsky
Broughtonia Jamaican Jester	Joe Ortlieb
Pluerothalis longissima	Tammy Hall
Vanda lamellata	Grace Holliday
Ascocenda Crown Fox Gloden Dawn	Grace Holliday
Rhynchostylis Gigantea Red	Susan Kolinsky

# Happy Birthday

**Don Carpenter Feb 8**

**Francine Rogers Feb 12**

**Joseph 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!

Janet Baker

Marilyn McMullan

Kristie Glina

Charlene Reiff

Dennis Pearl

Peter & Cindy Dahl

And special thanks to Publix for donating refreshments

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

DBOS participated in the annual Pompano Beach “Unity in the Community” event on January 31st. This event is a free day of family fun with over 110 exhibitors, non-profit groups, churches, businesses, and civic groups to show what resources are available in the community. There was also free music and food.

We felt that this was a good way to promote our group and get to know our neighbors. We spoke to people about what our society has to offer and also provided an orchid arrangement for auction. The winner is pictured below with our President, Vince Dicks.



## **Upcoming Speakers**

**March-DBOS Auction**

**April-Brian Monk “Mini Oncidiums/Tolumnia”**

**May-Linda Wilhelm from Woodland Orchids**

# *Congratulations DBOS Winners at the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show*





## We Need Your Help!!!

The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society is in need of your new or used decorative pots for our annual Mother's Day sale.

We are looking for small to medium vessels to arrange our orchids in such as; planters, teapots, pretty containers, lanterns, wine carriers or anything else you think would look nice with an orchid arrangement in it. Use your imagination.



Please bring them to the meeting and give to Cheryl at the membership table. Thank you!

## February in Your Orchid Collection By Dr. Martin Motes

Despite the bloom on the avocados and the burgeoning new leaves on the live oaks, February is not spring in South Florida. Danger of freeze continues past mid month and frost can occur still into March. Even if the weather is balmy, it's too early to let down our guard or take down any protection we have mounted against the cold. The trend, however, is toward the positive as each lengthening day brings extra hours of warming sunshine to begin waking our plants from their long winter's rest.

February characteristically brings a wide swing of day to night temperatures, ideal for spiking ascocendas and vandas, but also writing from the air heavy dews and dense fog. Whilst these add a romantic atmosphere to the South Florida landscape, Wuthering Heights is singularly devoid of snails and slugs (much less Botrytis). The silvery carpet of dew provides a silky path to our orchids for snails and slugs which can range far, under these favorable conditions. They are eager to make a nice meal of your Phalaenopsis leaves or the soft crowns of your vandas before they retire during the dry months of March and April only to dream of the fresh shoots of the sympodial orchids brought forth by the first rains of May. Now is the time to give them a rude awakening. Remember that snail bait is most effectively applied lightly (scatter the pellets every few feet) and frequently (every 7 to 10 days). Two or three applications should do the job.

The heavy fog which can cause condensation on leaves even under cover can also bring trouble. Botrytis is a fungus disease that can disfigure flowers with small black spots. Particularly apparent and annoying on white Phalaenopsis, Botrytis can ruin other flowers as well. Control is typically achieved in commercial greenhouses with fungicide in aerosol forms and by running fans to prevent condensation on the flowers. The latter option is also available to collectors. A small fan turned on the spiking and opened flowers at night will greatly alleviate the pressure of Botrytis. So will, to a degree, the application of soap which we suggested in January to control mites. Bicarbonate of soda, ordinary baking soda, at 1Tbs. per gal will help as well. Quaternary ammonium compounds (Phyosan, RD40, Consan, pool algicide) also give some control. Maintaining long lasting flowers like Phalaenopsis, dendrobiums and bi-foliolate cattleyas in more perfect condition is well worth the effort. Having waited so long for the flowers we want to enjoy them as long as possible and they do all last longer in cool weather.

The lower overall temperatures of February call for less frequent and lighter applications of fertilizer as was the practice in January. If any reddening of the foliage persists another application of Epsom salts (1Tbs per gal), preferably in combination with Potassium nitrate, is called for; Nitrate nitrogen being more available to the plants under cooler conditions. If your resolve holds steady not to water (or above all) fertilize those Himalayan dendrobiums, your reward may shortly become evident in bursting flower spikes.

Like the avocados and the live oaks, many cattleyas and other sympodial orchids have bloomed and are just commencing new growth in February. Right after flowering is usually an excellent time for repotting from the plant's perspective and the cool day time temperatures in the greenhouse are hospitable to the orchid grower as well. It's still a bit early to re-basket vandas But an early start on the cattleyas will allow plenty of time and energy for those Spring chores which are right around the corner. With that thought setting out to secure a good supply of pots in anticipation of the potting season ahead is on February's agenda.

## AOS Corner

**The February 2015 AOS Corner-** From the desk of Laura Newton, Membership and Affiliated Societies Chair

The **Webinar** for this month:

**February 25, 2015, 8:30 PM EST**

**Harry Gallis**, Accredited AOS Judge and Board of Trustees Vice President will present, **Demystifying AOS Judging: What are those Judges Looking For?**

Dr. Harry Gallis has been growing orchids since 1980, and currently has about 380 plants. The largest groups are Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, and Dendrobiums, the latter being his current passion. His plants have received 41 AOS awards and, says Harry, "I very much enjoy growing plants for shows and awards." He entered the AOS judging program in 1991, and is an Accredited Judge and Past Chair of the Carolinas Judging Center in Greensboro, NC. In 1999, he was asked to take on the position of national training coordinator for AOS judges. He served as Chair of the Judging Committee for two years. Harry knows lots about judging; getting plants awarded, and will help us all understand what the judges want and how we might get one of those awards.

If you are already an AOS member, sign up for the webinars today on our website [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org). If you are not yet a member, now is the time to become one and start enjoying all the many benefits of membership!

The **webinar lineup** for the next four months:

March- Ron McHatton, *Those Pesky Diseases*

April- Greg Allikas, *Cattleya lueddemanniana*

May- John Salventi, *The How and Why of Fertilizer*

June- Peter Lin, *Novelty Phalaenopsis Breeding*

In the **February 2015** issue of **Orchids**, there are articles on so many diverse genera:

❖ **Cattleyas:**

○ *C. lueddemanniana*, by Michael Sinn

○ *C. maxima*, by Clare and Johan Hermans

○ *C. Betty Ford*, by Arthur and A.A. Chadwick

•❖ *Rhynchostylis* by Peggy Alrich and Wes Higgins, describes this small genus and their powerfully scented flowers.

•❖ **Orchids of Mexico**, by T.J Hartung is a fascinating look at Epidendrums, Oncidiums, Trichocentrum, Rhynchostelea, Prosthechea, Lycastes, Isochilus and Mormodes. It is jam-packed with great cultural information. I've never seen anything like *Prosthechea guttata*, with the unusual spines on the backs of the flowers!

•❖ *Bletilla*, by Hideka Kobayashi and Tony Avent, introduces us to this genus and the breeding trends of these interestingly keeled lips.

•❖ **Great Ideas**, by Ed Wright and Bill Tippit, shows us how to increase our growing space by using vinyl guttering.

The **AOS Spring Members Meeting** will be held in Portland, Oregon and hosted by the Portland and Cherry City Orchid Societies, April 29th thru May 3rd at the Lloyd Center Doubletree. Check out all the details at the website <http://www.portlandorchidsociety.org/calendar/2015AOS.php>

**Show Season** is coming into full swing; check out all the great shows coming up, under the events and news tab on the website, or by this link <http://aos.org/Default.aspx?id=512>. Shows are a great place to see new and interesting Orchids and also a great place to get information from the vendors about plants that you already have in your collection.

Let's grow together, Laura Newton



## 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. **Mar 10, 2015** DBOS Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Women's Club.  
Chairperson: Vince Dicks
  
2. **Apr 18, 2015** Orchid Home Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.  
Leaving Women's Club at 8:30am  
Chairperson: Debbie Dicks & Cheryl Babcock
  
3. **Sept ?, 2015** Growers Bus Trip  
Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks
  
4. **Oct. ?, 2015** Fall Picnic/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield Beach Arboretum.  
Chairperson: Needed
  
5. **Dec ?, 2015** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here  
Chairperson: Grace Holliday Assisted by Debbie Dicks and Cheryl Babcock

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

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## New Dues for 2014

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  
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Deerfield Beach, FL 33443

# 2015 Orchid Events

## February 7

### Mounts Botanical Garden Orchid Extravaganza

This plant sale offers a great opportunity to view beautiful orchid displays with a fun and informative lecture on topics such as Basic Orchid Care and the opportunity to acquire the best orchid and shade loving plants.

Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL

Saturday 9am to 4pm

Admission: Members \$5, Non-Members \$10

## February 14 & 15

### Boca Raton Orchid Society Show & Sale

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

Saturday & Sunday 10am to 5pm

Admission: \$5

## March 13-15

### Fairchild 13th Annual International Orchid Festival

Choose from over 10,000 orchid plants from more than 50 vendors. Explore the wonder of orchids during one of our many garden workshops and walking tours. Marvel at rare orchid species in the American Orchid Society juried show, presented by the Orchid Society of Coral Gables. Visit the Orchid Tea Room for an energizing spot of tea and dessert. Enjoy wonderful food and entertainment

Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Rd., Coral Gables, FL

Friday-Sunday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

Admission: Members Free, Non-Members-Adults \$25, Seniors \$18

## April 4 & 5

### Flamingo Gardens International Orchid & Bromeliad Show

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie, FL

Saturday & Sunday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

Admission: Members Free, Non-Members \$18

## Win FREE Raffle Tickets for You and Your Guest(s)

The chances of you winning a stunning orchid or other enticing item 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. If a guest joins in September, October, November or December 2014, this will include their 2015 membership dues as well.

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

## Top Reasons to Join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

- Monthly Orchid Raffles
- Guest Speakers Monthly
- Monthly Newsletters
- Monthly Drawings
- Annual Show & Sale—Orchid Obsession
- Annual Home Ramble
- Monthly Judging and Awarding of Ribbons to Member's Orchids
- Annual Bus Trip
- Annual Orchid Auction
- Annual Picnic
- Annual Holiday Dinner
- Access to our Orchid Library
- Insightful & Informative Web Page

For further information on how to join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS), please contact Cheryl Babcock or John Williams, DBOS Membership Chairs, at [crbabcock1@netzero.net](mailto:crbabcock1@netzero.net) or call 954-464-8996

**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.

# Calendar of Meetings

**Thursday, February 12, 7:30 PM**

**Boca Raton Orchid Society**

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

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

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

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

**Tuesday, February 10, 7:30 PM**

**Deerfield Beach Orchid Society-**

**Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach**

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

**Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 PM**

**Delray Beach Orchid Society**

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

## 2014 Committee Positions

1. **Membership..... Cheryl Babcock & John Williams**
2. **Programs..... John Budree**
3. **Newsletter..... Lisa Krukoski**
4. **Sunshine..... Lois Larson**
5. **Raffle Table..... Debbie Dicks & Dennis Pearl**
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... Vince Dicks**

## 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!**

