

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society CATTLEYA CURRENTS

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I would like to start out by congratulating our exhibit design team for once again taking 1st place at the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show in the Society division. Thanks go out to Carol Ott, Joe Ortlieb, Dennis Pearl, Grace Holliday, Cheryl Babcock and Rosemary Chenery for their creative efforts. Many thanks also to those of you kind enough to lend your plants to the cause! Congratulations also go out to Joe Ortlieb and Susan Kolinski for individual awards. Once again a nice showing for our club.

Our featured speaker on February 9th will be Carlos Cahiz of OFE International. Carlos will be providing a wealth of information on plant care and cures and also will have on hand the products to solve our problems.

Also coming up on February 20th is our annual Home Ramble. For information contact Tammy Hall at 561-306-2456 or email at robtamash @comcast.net or better yet speak with her at the Feb. meeting.

Cheryl and John will again be taking membership renewals at the meeting. Be sure to renew by February 29 to ensure being in the 2016 directory.

Hope to see you all at the meeting and as always, bring a friend.

Vince

January Ribbon Winners

| Encyclia cordigera v. rosea | Cheryl Babcock |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Vanda Loke (V. Lamellata x V. Luzonica) | Susan Kolinsky |
| Calanthe vestita | John Pancoast |
| Vanda Manuvadee | Adrianne Jaffee |
| Rhynchorides Memoria Suranaree | Adrianne Jaffee |
| Rhynchostylis gigantea | Adrianne Jaffee |
| Potinara Ahchung Yoyo | Susan Kolinsky |
| Vanda Sufan Beauty | John Pancoast |

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

Please be prepared to renew your membership at our February meeting if you haven't already done so.

Individuals: \$20

Couples: \$30

Jr. Membership \$5

Happy Birthdag

Cheryl Torner Feb 3 Elvia Kenney Feb 6 Katie Molz Feb 6 Louise Albright Feb 7 **Don Carpenter Feb 8** Paul Cipolla Feb 10 Lynn Allen Feb 11 Maureen Morrison Feb 12 Joe Ortlieb Feb 13 **Rosemary Chenery Feb 17** Elliot Hechtman Feb 18 Hope Fickle Feb 19 **Janet Fabricant Feb 20 Jayne Wing Feb 21** Rick Bellas Feb 22 Marty Hunt Feb 22 **Doreen Kneale Feb 26**



Speaker of the Month

Carlos Cahiz of OFE Orchid Supplies, R.C.K.

OFE Orchid Supplies, R.C.K. is a family owned and run business. They believe in personal care and attention to their customers. Their name ends in **R.C.K**. It stands for **Respect**, **Care** and **Kindness**. "**Respect** to ourselves and to everybody around us. **Care** for what we have, and **Kindness** to those who need it."

Carlos will be speaking on tips and tactics on orchid culture to help orchid lovers and collectors.



Upcoming Speakers

February — Carlos Cahiz of OFE Orchid Supplies

March — Auction

April — Rio Orchids

Congratulations DBOS!!

To all our members, be very proud again! Thanks to all the people who helped to make our display at the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show & Sale a success with their time and plants. Special thanks go to Carol Ott, who chaired this display, to Grace Holiday, Cheryl Babcock, Vince & Debbie, Rosemary, Dennis and Joe. Special thanks to Dennis, Joe and David Ortlieb for their work on the back drop.

For the second year in a row Deerfield Beach Orchid Society has won "Best Society Class Display" Joe and Dennis won "Best Broughtonia" Susan Kolinsky received a "Blue Ribbon" for her Vanda and Joe and Dennis received a "Blue Ribbon" for their Yellow Bird.











Welcome New Members!!

Hal Allen
Lynn Allen
Kenneth Bingham
Carol Bingham
Sandra Pihl
Sarah Provincal

Highlights From Our January Meeting

Photos courtesy of John Morris



New for 2016 ---- A Chance to win \$250!!

Beginning in 2016 the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society will implement a new 'point' system.

For every monthly meeting, society event, ramble you attend etc. (details below) you will be given points. At the end of the year, if you have received 13 points or greater you will be eligible to win \$250 from the Society. All qualifying members' names will be put in a hat and a winner will be picked at our annual Holiday Party.

Monthly Meeting I Point
Picnic I Point
Home Ramble I Point
Bus Trip I Point
Volunteer at Show 2 Points

Please remember to sign in at the monthly meetings or you might lose your points!

^{**}All DBOS Board members will be excluded from this event.

February in Your Orchid Collection 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 wringing 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 (Physan, RD40, Consan, pool algicide) also give some control. Maintaining long lasting flowers like Phalaenopsis, dendrobiums and bi-foliate 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.

2015 Show Tickets

If you have not already done so, please return your unsold show tickets, or the money for the show tickets to Debbie Dicks as soon as possible.

| DBOS Home Ramble Saturday, February 20, 2016 | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 8:45am - 9:00am | Meet at Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach 910 E Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach 33441 Carpool to keep cars at each stop to a minimum | | |
| 9:00am - 9:15am | Travel | | |
| 9:15am - 10:00am | Grace Holliday 1565 SE 9th Street, Deerfield Beach 33441 Breakfast snacks will be served | | |
| 10:15am - 10:30am | Travel | | |
| 10:30am | Jesus Hill and John Dolan 624 Canistel Lane, Boca Raton 33486 | | |
| 11:10am - 11:15am | Travel | | |
| 11:15am | Susan Kolinsky 481 SW 8th Terrace, Boca Raton 33486 | | |
| 12:00pm-12:15pm | Travel | | |
| 12:15pm | Adrianne Jaffe 2671 NW 45th Street, Boca Raton 33434 | | |
| 1:00pm-1:10pm | Travel | | |
| 1:10pm | Dennis Pearl and Joe Ortlieb, please have your drivers license to present at security gate. 7130 Via Firenze, Boca Raton 33433 Lunch will be served | | |
| Sign-up prior to February 13 | , 2016. Event is free for DBOS members. A charge of \$10 applies for each guest. | | |
| Member name(s): | | | |
| Member Phone number(s): | | | |
| Guest name: | | | |
| Guest name: | | | |
| I/we will at | tend all day, including lunch at Dennis and Joe's. | | |
| l/we will at | tend the ramble, however cannot attend the lunch. | | |
| Questions please contact: Ta | mmy Hall - tammy hall@saintandrews net or (561) 306-2456 | | |

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.

I. Feb 20, 2016 Orchid Home Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.

Chairpersons: Tammy Hall & Susie Martin

2. Mar 8, 2016 DBOS Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Women's Club.

Chairperson: Vince Dicks

3. **Sept ?, 2016** Growers Bus Trip

Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks

4. Oct. ?, 2016 Fall Picnic/DBOS Birthday Party. Location: Quiet Waters Park

Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Lisa Krukoski

5. Dec ?, 2016 Annual meeting/Pot Luck Dinner Our regular Dec. meeting to be held here.

Chairperson: Debbie Dicks & Cheryl Babcock

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2016

We thank all of our members for their participation in our meetings, social activities, and continued support of DBOS. We sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm for our monthly speakers and raffle drawings, willingness to bring in your plants for judging so we can all enjoy them, and sharing your love of orchids and best practices with your fellow members.

We are starting our membership drive for 2016. Our dues structure has not increased. Anyone who joins DBOS in October-December 2015 will not have to pay dues for 2016. What a deal!

\$25.00 yr.

| <u>Renewals</u> | | <u>New Members</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Individual | \$20.00 yr. | Individual |
| Couples | \$30.00 vr | Countes |

 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 another terrific year. Our membership has grown this year, and we welcome all of our new members as well as our longtime supporters. We hope you have enjoyed the year as much as we have and will renew your membership for 2016. We will be collecting 2016 membership dues at the October and November 2015 meetings and the January and February 2016 meetings. Stop at the membership table and pay John or Cheryl. If you plan to mail your dues, please do so by February 19, 2016.

Mail your dues payable to: Cheryl Babcock

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2016 Orchid Events

February 13 & 14

Boca Raton Orchid Society Show & Sale

Featuring orchids displays and sales, educational lectures, repotting service and AOS judging

Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Blvd., Corner of Military Trail and Spanish River Blvd. Saturday & Sunday, 10am to 5pm

Admission: \$5

March 11-13

Fairchild 14th Annual International Orchid Festival

Immerse yourself within the world of orchids with over 10,000 orchid plants from local and international vendors. Learn about growing and care for orchids at home, pick up handmade products from artisan vendors, enjoy delicious foods from local vendors or marvel at the rare orchid species in the American Orchid Society juried show, presented by the Orchid Society of Coral Gables.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156 Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9:30am to 4:30pm Admission: Adults \$25, Members Free, Seniors \$18, Children 6-17 \$12, Children 5 and under Free

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 2015, this will include their 2016 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 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 II, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, February 8, 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

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

Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 PM

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach 911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, Fl 33441

Wednesday, February 10, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park 802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

2015 Committee Positions

| AOS Representative | Vince Dicks |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Events | Cheryl Babcock |
| | Debbie Dicks |
| Librarian | DBOS Officers/ |
| | Board of Directors |
| Membership | Cheryl Babcock |
| • | John Williams |
| Newsletter | Lisa Krukoski |
| Nominating | DBOS Officers/ |
| 6 | Board of Directors |
| Plant Judging | John Budree |
| Publicity | Cheryl Babcock |
| Raffle Table | Dennis Pearl |
| | Jesus Hill |
| Refreshments | Mary Pritchard |
| | Dennis Pearl |
| | Millicent Hammill |
| Sunshine | Lois Larson |
| Webmaster | Joe Ortlieb |
| A A COULTANTE | Joe Or theb |

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