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Hi Orchid Lovers.

Hopefully, you survived our recent cold weather, and your orchids didn't suffer much cold damage. Many of us did the old orchid shuffle of protecting as many of our orchids as possible while nursing sore backs, necks, and muscles that we may not use on an ordinary basis. It was interesting reading on Florida Orchid Growing (FOG) the measures that different people took to protect their collections. From moving as many as they were able to into a garage, house, or protected area to wrapping with old sheets, blankets, or tarp, to letting nature takes its course and leaving them in the elements.

your membership. Although we take renewals throughout the year, we try to secure as many renewals as possible during January-March. During the month of April, paid members of DBOS will receive an electronic directory with all paid members listed. If you have not renewed, your information will not be included until the next quarterly directory in July. Renewals are \$20.00 for a single membership and \$30.00 for a couple membership. Please contact Linda Woodhouse, Membership Chair, at 954-234-4623 or lindawoodhouserealtor@gmail.com if you want to renew with a credit card after the meeting. Alternatively, please mail your membership renewal to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441.

At our February 8 meeting, Joe Ortlieb, Grace Holliday, Vince Dicks, and a few of our other expert growers are demonstrating how they divide orchids that have overgrown their pots and it's time for a new division, how they pot orchids in plastic or clay pots, and how they mount orchids on wood, etc. We will have a general discussion on what we do in our South Florida environment.

Our March 8 meeting will be our 9th annual auction. Our 2021 auction was so successful due to the many contributions from our members of orchids, plants, and orchid-related items. After our February meeting you will know how to divide some of those overgrown orchids that will reward you more if you make two or more divisions. Consider potting up one (or more) for yourself and contributing one to the auction. Have duplicates of plants that you could donate the spare? Take a walk through your collection in this glorious weather and see what you have that you could donate. Pots, clips, wire paraphernalia, whatever you have that you don't need/want as you do your spring house/garage cleaning would be appreciated.

Our January 11 speaker was Thanh Nguyen, owner-operator of Springwater Orchids in Melbourne, FL, who has been growing orchids for over 40 years. Thanh is a great orchid grower and friend of DBOS who grows and sells many different orchid genera, however his forte is Paphiopedilums, for which he has won many awards. He discussed how he grows at his greenhouse in a presentation on "All About Growing Orchids."

Our popular Home Ramble is returning on April 2 so mark your calendars now! We will visit five of our members' homes to view their impressive collections. DBOS paid members only, sign-up sheets are available at the February and March meetings, and the ramble is limited to the first 40 people who sign up. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Plan on meeting at the Woman's Club in early morning and continuing to early afternoon.

We have a great year lined up for you.

Happy Orchiding! Cheryl Babcock DBOS President



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"Mounting Orchids on Trees and After Care"





Mounted Vanda Tree with Schomburgkia and Vanilla mounted above at the home of Joe Ortlieb and Dennis Pearl beside the pool in their courtyard.

Mounted Vanda Trees at the home of Cheryl Babcock and John Williams in their front yard.

Left photo with Schomburgkia mounted above—a work in progress.

Right photo newest project on second tree with Vanilla growing above.—another work in progress.

Recently, a few questions were posted in the DBOS g-mail about mounting orchids on trees and the care thereafter. These are questions that we asked our former DBOS President, Vince Dicks, to answer for us as he was a master grower and expert at mounting orchids on trees or almost any stationary object when he lived in Florida.

This is near perfect timing to discuss this topic as we are approaching spring, which is the onset of the growing season. After the winter chills have passed and new roots begin to form, we have the ideal situation for mounting as the roots will have the entire warm weather growing season to attach themselves. The only hard and fast rule to remember is to make sure your plant is firmly attached to the growing surface. You don't want a loose plant flopping around preventing the roots from grabbing, and worse yet, damaging the roots themselves. That brings us to the care portion after the mounting has been completed. The most important thing about fertilizing is to set up a consistent schedule and something that is manageable for you.

Naturally the adage of fertilizing weakly, weekly is a great course of action but may not be an attainable goal. If so, maybe try a bi-weekly schedule. Again, consistency is the key. Time release fertilizers would also provide an assist. As far as fertilizers go, my recommendation would be the Michigan State fertilizer, which would be available under various names through your local orchid supply houses or online. It's a 13-3-15 fertilizer with enough calcium and magnesium to keep your plants thriving. Fish emulsions such as Maxi-Crop seem to be a great asset and may be added into your fertilizer before you spray. As far as bloom busters go, recent studies have shown that while they are effective for a short time, with continued use over a longer period they begin to diminish the health and well-being of the plant. This would be a topic in and of itself, but there is a good article in Orchid Forum on Phosphorus that is worth a read. I hope this information helps a little, and happy growing!

President's Note: When mounting orchids on trees, you can do so at any time of the year. However, now is a great time to acclimate them as the winter sun is not so harsh. Tie them on with pantyhose to secure them snugly against the tree or use Gorilla glue to place a single orchid in a spot that is crying out for an orchid. Many varieties of orchids are happy on various trees, for example, Cattleya's, Dendrobiums, Myrmecophila/Schomburgkia, Phalaenopsis. Orchids that are distressed seem to find new life when they are placed on trees and can spread their roots. If you want a full-blown orchid tree and not just a few orchids placed randomly on the tree, you can make a spectacular showcase of orchid art using vandas and semi-terete. Angle the orchids at different directions around the trunk of the tree for added depth and dimension. For a fuller base, put long plant stakes in the ground around the bottom of the tree and angle them out using S hooks of different lengths to attach to the pantyhose on the tree. Continue filling in gaps with other vandas. I started my orchid tree on a palm three years ago after always admiring the spectacular tree at the home of our members, Joe Ortlieb and Dennis Pearl. It is not on par with their tree, but it is so lovely to come home and see these ever-blooming orchids greet me and brighten my mood.

We will discuss mounting orchids on trees, wood, pottery, etc. as well as how to cut divisions and pot orchids at our Tuesday, February 8 meeting. We hope to see you there.



Bulletin Board

Presently, 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.

Please check your email for information pertaining to our social events for 2022. Announcements will be sent to you as information is available. If you have a question, send it to deerfieldorchids@gmail.com and someone will get back to you.

February Climate Data

Average high: 77.7°F Average low: 60.7°F Average mean: 69.1°F Average rainfall: 2.07"



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 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.



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Kappy Birthday







FEBRUARY

February 01 Linda Trotter
February 06 Elvia Kenney
February 04 Valentyna Dyecheva
February 07 Louise Albright
February 08 Don Carpenter
February 10 Lisa Ray
February 10 Diana Fedrigon
February 13 Joseph Ortlieb
February 14 Jeff McMullan
February 17 Rosemary Chenery
February 18 Elliott Hechtman
February 22 Rick Bellas
February 25 Dot Heley

MARCH

March 02 Sharon Collins-Masel
March 06 Marjory Morehouse
March 14 Heidi Feser
March 15 Debbie Dicks
March 17 Leticia Buck
March 18 Lenore Alford
March 21 Rich Masel
March 22 Bob Henley
March 25 John Williams
March 27 Marilyn McMullan
March 27 Stephen Leech
March 29 Gerd Weimer
March 31 Sandy Steinberg





Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events 2022



I. Mar 8, 2022 DBOS 9th Annual Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club.

FREE Public Welcome

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb

2. Apr 2, 2022 DBOS Annual Home Ramble. DBOS members only.

Visit five of our members' homes/orchid collections

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse

Committee: Ron Franz, Dennis Pearl, Susan Kolinsky, Grace Holliday

and Linda Woodhouse

3. Sep, 2022 DBOS Annual Picnic. Date TBD. DBOS Members and invited guests.

Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt

Committee: Racquel Carles, Jacqueline & Wes Scott

4. Oct, 2022 DBOS Bus Trip - TBD depending on status of Covid and its variants.

5. Nov 12–13, 2022 DBOS 10th Annual Orchid Show and Sale., Orchid Obsession. Safe Schools Institute. Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb

6. Dec 3, 2022 DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party.

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse

Committee: Kristina Brandt, Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton,

and Grace Holliday

If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact Cheryl Babcock or Kristina Brandt.

Upcoming Orchid Events 2022

Boca Raton Orchid Society Valentine's Orchid Show & Sale Saturday and Sunday, February 12-13, 2022

10:00 am - 5:00 pm daily

Safe Schools Institute

1790 Spanish River Blvd.

Boca Raton, FL 33431

Admission: \$5.00 Cash Only, Children 12 & under FREE

www.brosonline.org https://brosonline.org/orchid-show

Proceed by State Shows & Sale Valentine's Weekend

February 12-13, 2022
10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

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Deerfield Beach Orchid Society 9th Annual Orchid Auction

Tuesday March 8th, 2022

Preview at 7:00 pm

Auction begins at 7:30 pm

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach

910 E. Hillsboro Boulevard

Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

The Auction is FREE and Open to the public

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Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3, 2022

9:00 am - 4:00 pm daily

Admission: \$12.00, Children under 12 Free

https://www.bonnethouse.org/

https://www.bonnethouse.org/event/international-orchid-garden-festival/

https://www.bonnethouse.org/tag/orchid-festival/



https://www.bonnethouse.org/visit/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPz_lfTfbuw



Upcoming Orchid Events 2022.....continued

40th International Orchid & Bromeliad Show Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, 2022 Flamingo Gardens

9:30 am—4:00 pm daily

Admission: \$19.95 ages 12+, \$12.95 ages 3-11, Children 2 and under and members free. Discounts available for Seniors, Military, & College Students

contact phone 954-473-2955

https://www.flamingogardens.org/

Tamiami International Orchid Festival Friday-Sunday, May 13, 14, and 15, 2022 11:00 am - 7:00 pm dailyMiami Dade County Fair Expo Center 10901 SW 24th Street Miami, FL 33165

Admission: \$15 at the door (Order Tickets in advance to save),

Kids under 12 FREE!

www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com



Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2022

We thank our members for supporting DBOS during 2020 and early 2021 when we were unable to meet in person. We began holding in-person meetings in June 2021, and our DBOS Board of Trustees began lining up many wonderful activities for the remainder of the year including our profitable auction, our picnic, show, and holiday party. We always hold our monthly meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, except for December when our annual holiday party replaces our meeting. DBOS 2021 paid members received a beautiful FREE orchid at the December 4, 2021, holiday party.

We kicked off the 2022 membership drive at the November 13-14, 2021, DBOS 9th Annual Show and Sale, Orchid Obsession. The DBOS Board of Trustees has arranged dates for the Annual Home Ramble in April where we visit members' homes to view their collections and have breakfast, lunch, munchies, and lively conversations. Why not save back \$20 to renew your membership knowing that you will receive a lovely free orchid at the 2022 Holiday Party (always held on the first Saturday of the month). We've scheduled our Ninth Annual Auction for Tuesday, March 8. We are hoping to hold our Bus Trip to Orchid Growers in September and our Annual Picnic in October. We will round out the year with our annual show and sale in November and our holiday party in December. We have a lot of fun at our monthly meetings and learn from our speakers and from each other.

Our dues structure has not increased. If you want to pay by credit card, please call Linda Woodhouse, our Membership Chair, at 954-234-4623, or send a check to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Renewals are \$20/single membership and \$30/couple membership per year.

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A great big THANK YOU to PUBLIX for donating the refreshments for our meeting every month. There is nothing better than Publix pastries!

Highlights From Our January Meeting Photos Courtesy of John Morris



Our Presicent Cheryl Babcock



Our Speaker
Thanh Nguyen





Snacks



Our Past President Joe Ortlieb and Speaker Thanh Nguyen





Raffle Table







Thanh Nguyen

Springwater Orchids



Thanh's forte has always been growing the genus of Paphiopedilum



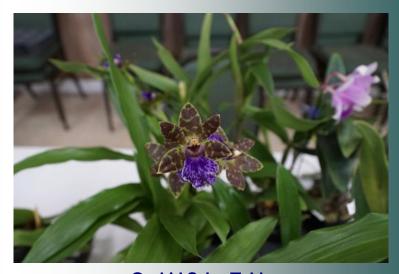
Orchid Sales Table



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Rhynchostylis Gigantia
JUDGES AWARD
Rose & John Pangerl



Vanda Yellow Butterfly "Lime Frost"

BLUE Ribbon

Susan Kolinsky



Rhynchostylis Gigantea Spots

BLUE Ribbon

Grace Holliday



Vanda Lamellata x Noi Blue x Rhy. Coelestis Blue
BLUE Ribbon
Susan Kolinsky



Ascocentrum christensoniana x Darwinara Charm

BLUE Ribbon

Grace Holliday



Myrmecocattleya Mem. Louise Fuchs
'Roy Finley x Cat. Mark Jones '#q'

BLUE Ribbon

Grace Holliday



Dendrobium Conference Gold

BLUE Ribbon

Grace Holliday



Vanda Thongchai Gold

BLUE Ribbon

Grace Holliday



Vanda Josephine Van Brero x Kultana Ruby
RED Ribbon
Susan Kolinsky



Brassolaeliocattleya Young Kong
BLUE Ribbon
Grace Holliday



Rhynchostylis Gigantia Spots
RED Ribbon
Susan Kolinsky



Brassolaeliocattleya Young Kong
RED Ribbon
Barbara Wiemer

January Ribbon Winners

Rhynchostylis Gigantia	Judges Award	Rose & John Pangerl
Vanda Lamellata x Noi Blue x Rhy. Coelestis Blue	BLUE	Susan Kolinsky
Vanda Yellow Butterfly "Lime Frost"	BLUE	Susan Kolinsky
Myrmecocattleya Mem. Louise Fuchs 'Roy Finley x Cat. Mark Jones '#q'	BLUE	Cheryl Babcock
Rhynchostylis Gigantea Spots	BLUE	Grace Holliday
Ascocentrum christensoniana x Darwinara Charm	BLUE	Grace Holliday
Dendrobium Conference Gold	BLUE	Grace Holliday
Dendrobium Thongchai Gold 'Luxana'	BLUE	Grace Holliday
Brassolaeliocattleya Young Kong	BLUE	Grace Holliday
Rhynchostylis Gigantia Spots	RED	Susan Kolinsky
Vanda Josephine Van Brero x Kultana Ruby	RED	Susan Kolinsky
Brassolaeliocattleya Young Kong	RED	Barbara Wiemer

MEMBERS' PLANTS

DBOS members, please send images of some of your favorite orchids at any time to <u>deerfieldor-chids@gmail.com</u> so we can share them with our membership. Mother Nature doesn't always allow some of our beautiful 'orchid babies' to bloom at the right time

for our monthly meetings. We enjoy seeing your blooming orchids in the newsletter as well as in person on our members' table at the monthly meeting. We often see orchids that we put on our list of orchids to add to our collections. If we get enough of our members to submit photos each month, we can have a virtual orchid display. Please also continue to bring in your blooming orchids to our member's table for judging at our monthly meetings.

Take it virtual!



Blc. Lily Marie Almas
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Aerangis luteo-alba x sib
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Ctt. Warpaint Fragrant
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



NoID
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



NoID
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Bc. Hawaiian Agenda 'Florida Winter'
Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Rlc. Annie Belle 'Krull-Smith' AM/AOS Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Den. Country Girl 'Warabeuta' Cheryl Babcock & John Williams





BLC Golf Green John Pancoast



NoID John Pancoast



Howeara Lava Burst 'Puanani' John Pancoast



Perr. Bangkok Sunset John Pancoast



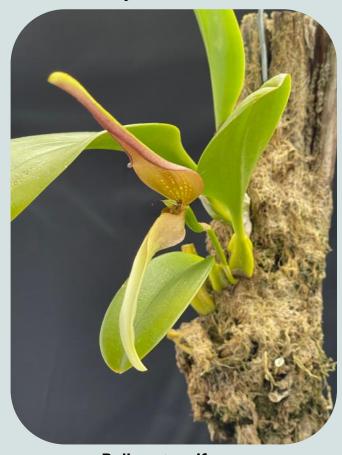
Rth Fuchs Orange Nugget John Pancoast



V. Prema Indigahawela John Pancoast



V. Motes Blue Bird x Motes Ruby Pixie John Pancoast



Bulb. antenniferum John Pancoast



Madeline Felton



Little Star

Madeline Felton



NoID Madeline Felton





NoID Lois Larson



NoID Lois Larson



Lois Larson

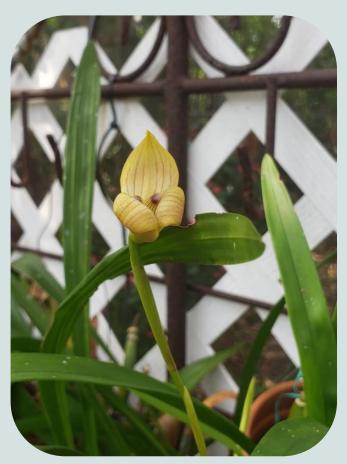




Large Bulbophyllum Plant NoID
This is what happens when you don't fertilize
Only one single spike!
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Air Plant NoID Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Single Spike from plant at left Bulb. NoID Stephanie & Terry Morkert



NoID Stephanie & Terry Morkert

Become a Member of 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!

Top Reasons to Join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

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 or call 954-234-4623

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2nd Monday Every Month 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society

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

https://www.flos.org/

2nd Tuesday Every Month 7:30 PM

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach

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/

In the meantime, support your local vendors through online ordering and/or gift certificates so you can buy new orchids later.

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Joe Ortlieb

Advertising Raquel Carles

Dennis Pearl

Events Cheryl Babcock

Kristina Brandt

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John Williams

Newsletter Terry Morkert

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Programs Lisa Sarno

Publicity Cheryl Babcock

Raffle Table Raquel Carles

Dennis Pearl

Refreshments Dennis Pearl

Sunshine Lois Larson

Webmaster Joe Ortlieb

Terry Morkert

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