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President's Message

Hello orchid lovers!

Well June was an unusual month for weather. It started out extremely wet and rainy like May, and the last few weeks were extremely dry. I spent energy-sapping time outside watering my orchids not under a watering system during the extremely hot weather—even at 7:00 am when the humidity and heat were already brutal. Dr. Motes says, “The lack of rain has given our plants welcome relief from diseases that are ever present in our subtropical gardens. We now need to

take advantage of this opportunity to dry our plants hard. Water only when plants have become completely and thoroughly dry. Be sure to water with several applications of water spaced a few minutes apart. Then let plants dry thoroughly again.” He also recommends that you apply liquid fertilizer instead of water during dry patches.

Follow Dr. Motes recommendations for hard drying for Vandas and other monopodial orchids; thrip control, which is always a threat when there are more than five days without rain; and, how mites might savage your soft cane Dendrobiums, Catasetums, Oncidiums, and Paphs. These tips and more are outlined in his books *Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month* or *Florida Vanda Growing*. Dr. Motes suggest that this year without the rains that typically wash away the mites in June and July as well as the excessive heat, in order to control mites two sprayings 7-10 days apart are required. Control of mites is covered in *Florida Orchid Growing*.

We hope you enjoy/enjoyed (depending on when you read the newsletter) our July DBOS Virtual Meeting featuring Bill Thoms, a renowned orchid grower specializing in Bulbophyllums. Bill is a world traveler and nationally recognized speaker. It goes without saying that he is a knowledgeable, interesting and funny speaker.

Florida is seeing spikes in the cases of COVID-19 as I write this note to you. We will wait and see how things are for the August 11 meeting. Presently, we can begin face-to-face meetings at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach for our August meeting, and we are planning to do this. We will let you know if this changes and if we will need to hold another virtual meeting or a meeting on Zoom. The results of the Survey Monkey that we sent out a few weeks ago indicate that about 75 percent of the respondents would like to meet in person.

Jim Roberts, who leads Florida SunCoast Orchids, is our August speaker. Jim has been growing orchids for over 30 years in climates ranging from cold Minnesota to hot Southwest Florida. In search of orchid treasures, he has traveled extensively to locations in Hawaii, South America, and Europe, always seeking plants that will grow and bloom best for his clients. Jim's topic is *Summertime and the Growin' is Easy!* It highlights ways to grow orchids outside in the summer, which is mostly for South Florida folks, and it also applies to those who go back north over the summer.

We will keep you informed of other events scheduled for this fall as we have further information.

Happy Orchiding!

Cheryl Babcock
DBOS President

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Speaker of the Month

Bill Thoms

Virtual Presentation

July 14, 2020



“Bulbophyllums; Bizarre and Beautiful (the largest genus in the orchid world!)”

Renowned orchid grower, world traveler and nationally recognized speaker Bill Thoms will be presenting a talk on Bulbophyllums; Bizarre and Beautiful (the largest genus in the orchid world!)

Be prepared to learn more about this fascinating group of plants than you ever dreamed! Bill Thoms and his wife, Doris Dukes, have been growing orchids around Central Florida for almost 40 years and have received every award granted by the AOS as well as more Awards for Culture than anyone else in the world, (currently at 102 in over 30 genera, including 47 in the bulbophyllum alliance (capped off with a 97 pt. Certificate of Cultural Excellence for Bulb. Sue Blackmore). His hybrid, Bulb. More Than Aghast ‘A-doribil Ruby’ FCC/AOS was the highest awarded flower in 2013.

Bill is the only person to receive Awards of Quality for Bulbophyllum hybrids as well as receiving the hybridizer’s dream; an Award of Distinction for a New Avenue of breeding. Many of his crosses are winning awards around the country. The AOS has just added a yearly award named for him for the best Bulbophyllum exhibited.

The talks are spiced with funny stories and funny associations so whether you grow thousands of orchids, only a few, or none at all, you will have a wonderfully entertaining time and be able to grow anything better. Many of the most important requirements for growing world class plants are made easy to understand and remember.

Don’t miss this great opportunity to learn how to grow these fascinating plants and to hear one of the most knowledgeable, interesting and funny speakers in the orchid world.

Bill will include information in his presentation on how to get a signed copy of his new book, Bulbophyllums; the Incomplete Guide, From A to WHY?



<https://bulbophyllums-com.myshopify.com/>

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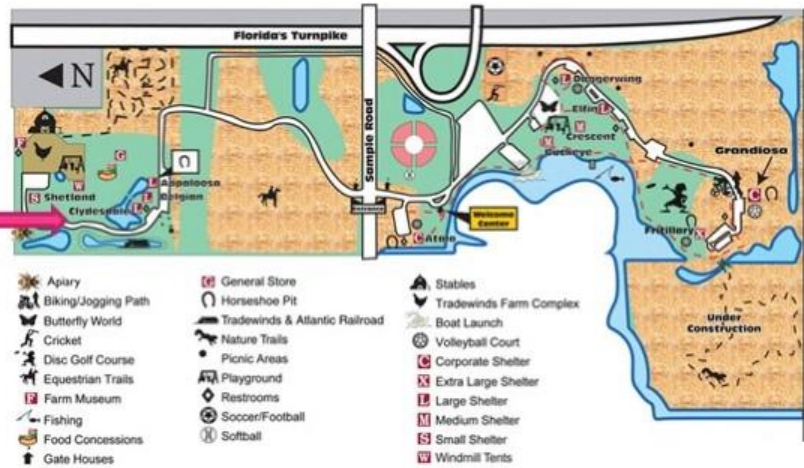
DBOS meetings are now held virtually due to Covid restrictions. In case you missed your email, here is the link to June’s meeting:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=63AJ0wr0KdU>

Please check your email for information regarding future meetings.

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3600 W. Sample Rd., Coconut Creek, FL 33073
954-357-8870 or 954-537-2844 (TTY)
Broward.org/Parks



**Picnic located at Pavilion CLYDESDALE SHELTER– please bring a food item
See you there!**

**Picnic Tentatively Scheduled for Sunday, September 20
at 11:00 am. Further information provided if picnic
needs to be postponed again!**

The DBOS Board members know that our annual picnic is always a fun and popular event. We have lots of great food, fellowship, and rousing games of Orchid Bingo where you have a chance to win fantastic orchid prizes.



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9th Annual Orchid Show & Sale



November 14 and 15, 2020
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Orchid Obsession Orchid Art by Patti Resso

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DIRECTIONS:

1790 Spanish River Boulevard • Boca Raton, FL 33431

I-95: Exit Spanish River Boulevard
West to show site.

Turnpike: Exit Glades Road, East to Jog Road,
turn Right on Potomac, turn Left on
Military Trail to show site.

Show signs will provide additional directions.



Happy Birthday



JULY

Jul 01 Lois Larson

Jul 03 Jean St. Clair

Jul 04 Barbara McDermott

Jul 07 Barbara Weimer

Jul 11 Ron Franz

Jul 13 Doug Dicks

Jul 14 Kristina Brandt

Jul 14 Wes Scott

Jul 19 Cynthia Cummings

Jul 23 Kathy King

Jul 30 Kay McGinn

Jul 31 Adrianne Jaffee

Jul 31 Felipe Carles

AUGUST

Aug 01 Millicent Hammill

Aug 02 Teresa Hammerbacher

Aug 06 Peggy Noland

Aug 18 Liz Posey

Aug 22 Wendy Drake

Aug 23 Lucie Alessio

Aug 23 Madeline Felton

Aug 25 Joni Goldberg

Aug 27 Tomer Avivi

Aug 28 Juan Bofill

Aug 28 Steve Brandt

Aug 30 Elaine Mende

Aug 31 Daniela Nikolova

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

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. **March 9, 2021** DBOS 8th Annual Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
2. **April, 2021** DBOS Annual Orchid Home Ramble
Chairperson: Linda Woodhouse
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl, Ron Franz,
Susan Kolinsky and Grace Holliday
3. **Sept 20, 2020** DBOS Annual Picnic **Tentative September 20, 2020**
Chairperson: Dennis Pearl **Will advise members if needs to be rescheduled.**
Committee: Kristina Brandt, Racquel Carles, Lisa Sarno, Jacqueline & Wess Scott
4. **Oct 3, 2020** DBOS Annual Trip to Homestead Area Orchid Growers
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt
5. **Nov 14 –15, 2020** DBOS 9th Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Safe Schools Institute.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb
6. **Dec 5, 2020** DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party
The Holiday Party is in place of our December monthly meeting.
We are looking at some alternative venues where we can have social distancing practiced.
Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt
Committee: Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton, Grace Holliday & Linda Woodhouse

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

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. If a guest joins in October, November or December 2020 this will include their 2021 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

In addition to access to our orchid library, insightful and informative web page, and occasional plant sale table provided by our guest speakers, DBOS members enjoy 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

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.

Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2020

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.

Our 2020 membership drive began in January 2020. Our dues structure has not increased. Anyone who joins DBOS in October-December 2020 will not have to pay dues for 2021. What a deal!

<u><i>Renewals</i></u>		<u><i>New Members</i></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.

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership -- If you are able to renew, you can either call Linda at 954-234-4623 with a credit card or send a check to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. We are still taking renewals.

It is \$20/single membership and \$30/couple membership renewal.

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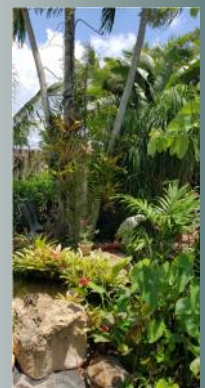
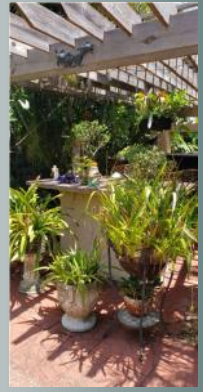
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Virtual Annual Orchid Home Ramble Home of Ron and Sharon Franz

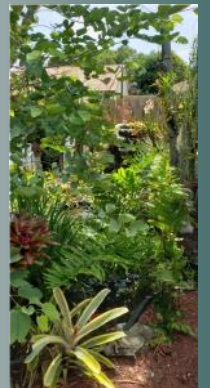
Note from your editor: A special thank you to Ron and Sharon Franz (and of course Duke, Milo and Piper) for photos of the orchids on their home landscape in the following pages. Ron and Sharon were to be our 3rd stop on this year's orchid ramble. Since COVID-19 forced us to cancel our Annual Orchid Home Ramble in April, I thought it would be a way of encouraging our members to take advantage of limited outings to work outside with their orchid collections. We plan to feature photos of our other members' home orchid landscapes that were scheduled for the ramble in upcoming issues of our newsletter .

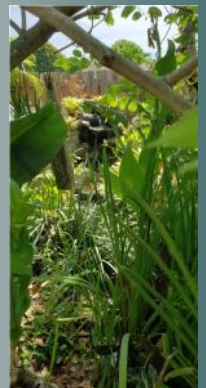












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Calendar of Meetings

2020 Committee Positions

DUE TO COVID-19, CHECK WITH LOCAL ORCHID SOCIETIES TO SEE WHEN THEY WILL RESUME FACE-TO-FACE OR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

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

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910 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

<https://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org/>

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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.

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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