

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society CATTLEYA CURRENTS

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Hello Everyone,

I'm happy to report that our club is doing very well. Our membership continues to be solid and growing. Our finances are very solid. I would like to thank all of the members of the club for their contributions that make us a success. If you have a skill or an idea that you feel will benefit the club, we would love to hear about it!

We are now heading into our summer season of growing. The rain and humidity is at its highest during the summer. Remember to apply fungicides and pesticides on a regular schedule to proactively prevent rot and pest damage to the growth brought on by the season. Also remember to allow increased spacing of your plants to help with air circulation. It's always easier to prevent problems than it is to fight them after they appear. Check out Motes Orchid website for detailed June orchid care.

We are currently signing up members and friends for our bus trip September 22, 2018 to orchid growers in Homestead Florida. The signup sheet will be available at our monthly meeting June 12, 2018 at 7:30. Chairpersons Debbie Dicks and Cheryl Babcock will also be taking payments for your reservation on the trip.

Our speaker is Tomas Bajza who will be giving a very informative and entertaining talk on orchid growing which will inspire you! I look forward to seeing you Tuesday at the meeting!

Joe Ortlieb

May Ribbon Winners

Encyclia cordigera var. rosea	Joe Ortlieb/Dennis Pearl
Brassolaeliocattleya "Volcano Queen "	John Morris
Aerides crassifolium	Vince and Debbie Dicks
Schomburgkia thomasoniana x Myrmecophila Isthatso	Carol Ott
Neofinetia falcata	Rick Bellas
Vanda Pedro Bonetti	Grace Holliday
Renanstylis Bangkok Beauty	Dennis Pearl/ Joe Ortlieb
Rhynchostylis Retusa Pink	Susan Kolinsky

DBOS 2018 Bus Trip

It's time to sign up for our annual bus trip! If you haven't been before, it is really a fun day.

When: September 22nd

Price: \$55/member

Confirmed stops are: Quest Orchids, RF Orchids and Nature's Relics.

There will be one or two more stops added and will be announced when confirmed.

Please sign up at our meeting on Tuesday or contact us via email: deerfieldor-chids@gmail.com.

Happy Birthday

Ti Pham-Oh June 5
Susie Martin June 7
Claudette Bish June 14
Cindy Dahl June 15
Lisa Krukoski June 18
Claudia Barrington June 19
Marty Norris June 33
Patti Resso June 26



Upcoming Speakers

July—Jose Exposito of Soroa Orchids

Speaker of the Month

Tomas Bajza

Hi to all orchid lovers! To introduce myself — my name is Tomas Bajza and I am the orchid addict — I call it lover though I originally came to the USA from the Czech Republic, and settled down in hot tropical Miami, Florida some 15+ years ago. Even though I am living in Florida surrounded by orchids for some 15 years, I got into growing orchid only 9 years ago, starting with the usual grocery store selling Phalaenopsis and Dendrobiums, slowly adding some Cattleyas and Vandas since these were the orchids that everyone in Florida grows! All of these were large orchids and mostly hybrids. Some 7 years ago on one of the orchid forums, someone posted about Lepanthopsis astrophora — that was the very first time I have ever seen a miniature orchid. I had no clue that such a thing even exist! I fall in love totally and completely, and immediately ordered a few. When they came, they were even smaller than I ever imagined! That was it, I've got bitten by a "huge" miniature orchid bug — and in the past years I was fortunate enough to collect hundreds of micro and miniature orchid species, many of them pretty rare.

I am a very stubborn grower — I do not listen to anything, and I do not like the word "impossible". I like all orchids, but I do love huge amount of cold- or intermediate-growing species. Many growers in Florida told me that I cannot grow this and that here, because it is too hot or they are too hard to grow. I do not believe any of this till I try myself and either succeed or fail! Through extended research, reading and being active on different orchid boards and in orchid groups, I've learned tremendously. I do not consider myself in any way orchid expert, but someone once told me that a beginner orchid grower is someone who killed less than 10 plants, advance orchid grower is someone who killed more than 100, and orchid professional is someone who killed over 1000 and doesn't count anymore. By this yardstick, I do belong to advance growers I've been very fortunate with meeting and becoming friends with many international orchid growers and nursery owners.

There is another "love" I do have, love for photography. With growing miniature orchid collection, there were endless opportunities for taking the pictures of these amazing, sometimes microscopical blooms. Posting my pictures online caused quite a "buzz" leading to invitations from various orchid societies to provide speeches for their members about growing miniature orchids and cold growing species in hot Florida environment.

Highlights From Our May Meeting

Photos Courtesy of John Morris



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. Mar?, 2019 DBOS Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Women's Club.

Chairperson: Vince Dicks

2. Mar?, 2019 Orchid Home Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.

Chairpersons: Tammy Hall & Jesus Hill

3. Apr?, 2019 Spring Picnic/DBOS Birthday Party. Location: Quiet Waters Park

Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl, Lisa Krukoski & Jesus Hill

4. Sept 22, 2018 Growers Bus Trip

Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks

5. Dec ?, 2018 Annual meeting/Pot Luck Dinner Our regular Dec. meeting to be held here.

Chairperson: Debbie Dicks and Cheryl Babcock

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2018

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 2018. Our dues structure has not increased. Anyone who joined DBOS in October-December 2017 will not have to pay dues for 2018. What a deal!

<u>Renewals</u>		<u>New Members</u>
Individual	\$20.00 vr	Individual

 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 who shares your love and enthusiasm for these lovely plants and gets 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 2018. We will be collecting 2018 membership dues at the January and February 2018 meetings. Stop at the membership table and pay Linda Woodhouse who is in charge of membership. If you plan to mail your dues, please do so by February 17, 2018.

Mail your dues payable to: Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

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2018 Orchid Events

Mounts Botanical Garden-Orchid Trilogy

July 7

Topic: Orchid Basics

Location: Mounts Auditorium

Newcomers to orchids will learn how to choose the correct plants for their growing area and what they need - water, light, fertilizer, temperature, so they grow and flower beautifully. Start your journey into the exciting

hobby of orchid growing!

July 14

Topic: Orchid Repotting & Mounting Orchids

Location: Exhibit Hall A

Learn how often an orchid should be repotted, about different potting medias, the proper type of pot or basket

to use or how to mount orchids on items such as tree fern or cork. Demonstrations will be given.

July 21

Topic: Training your eye—Orchid Pests & Diseases

Location: Exhibit Hall A

Learn about pests and diseases that harm orchids. From bacterial and fungal rots to insects, such as thrips, scale, snails and spider mites. Students will learn how to identify the culprits, what products to use to get rid of them, as well as what to do to avoid them in the future. This is information you need to know to grow the best orchids possible. Orchids or orchid leaves may be brought in for diagnosis, but must be placed in plastic bags to prevent contaminating other plants.

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

Saturdays 10:00am to 1:00pm

Admission for the series: \$95 members, \$105 non-members

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, October, November or December 2017, this will include their 2018 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 Linda Woodhouse, DBOS Membership Chair, at deerfieldorchid@gmail.com 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

Monday, June 11, 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

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

Tuesday, June 12, 7:30 PM

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, Fl 33441

Wednesday, June 13, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

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

Thursday, June 14 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

2018 Committee Positions

AOS Representative	Vince Dicks
Events	Cheryl Babcock
	Debbie Dicks
Librarian	DBOS Officers/
	Board of Directors
Membership	Linda Woodhouse
Newsletter	Lisa Krukoski
Nominating	DBOS Officers/
-	Board of Directors
Plant Judging	John Budree
Publicity	Cheryl Babcock
Raffle Table	Dennis Pearl
	Jesus Hill
Refreshments	Dennis Pearl
Sunshine	Lois Larson
Webmaster	Joe Ortlieb

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