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Well Shiver Me Timbers! Batten Down The Hatches!

You know that old saying about March coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb.....I'm waiting for the lamb to get here. It has been very windy. My babies have been blowing off their hooks every day this week. I found 2 in my neighbors yard. She thought they were gifts.

I'm sad to announce that if more people don't step up and renew their membership, our roster will be about 2 pages long....Hardly even worth printing if you ask me. So PLEASE....PLEASE renew now. See Vicky Edgcomb at our membership table or mail your check in. We're having a continuous membership drive. You can read about it in this newsletter on page 8.

Our Children's Orchid Garden had a few more donations last month. Zion Campus has never looked better.

Charlene Reiff has graciously stepped up to chair our Annual Mother's Day Sale in May. She needs a committee to do this. There will be plenty of opportunities to help out arranging and selling. All you have to do is sign up with Charlene.

There is still time to sign up to be involved in our Annual Orchid Ramble Saturday April 28th. Let me know if you want to be a show off so we can come and visit your orchids. The cost for the Ramble is \$10 per person. All I can tell you is that we have some lovely stops this year and we'll end up at Vince and Debbie Dick's house for a BBQ/Pool Party.

Our Speaker this month is Mac Rivenbark. He will be talking about Exotic Orchids from Asia. Refreshments are always appreciated...and rewarded with a raffle ticket.

Heidi Feser

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February Ribbon Winners

| Category | Plant | Name |
|-------------------|--|---------------|
| Species | <i>Encyclia (E.) cordigera</i> var. <i>rosea</i> x <i>Encyclia (E.) cordigera</i> var. <i>alba</i> | Diana Foulke |
| Species | <i>Epidendrum (Epi.) stamfordianum</i> | Joe Ortlieb |
| Species | <i>Broughtonia (Bro.) cubensis</i> | Juan Bofill |
| Species | <i>Lycaste (Lyc.) macrobulbon</i> | Don Carpenter |
| Cattleya Alliance | <i>Rhyncattleanthe (Rth.) Zul</i> (formerly <i>Blc.</i>) | Carol Ott |
| Cattleya Alliance | <i>Williamcookara (Wlc.) Bill 'Sea Otter's Valentine' CCM / AOS</i> | Carol Ott |

Grand Champion Winner Carol Ott



Happy Birthday

Bob Fabricant March 4
Terry Perrone March 7
David Felton March 14
Heidi Feser March 14
Debbie Dicks March 15
Denice Willis March 15
Friederike Halfey March 17



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 **February** meeting!

Mary Pritchard
Heidi Feser
Madeline Felton
Denice Willis
Dennis Pearl
Vicky Edgcomb

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

Welcome New Members!!

Keely Feser
Michael Edgcomb

Speaker of the Month

Mac and Helen Rivenbark from Mac's Orchids

Exotic Dendrobiums of Asia

Mac and Helen have been in business for 10 years and specialize in Asian species. They belong to many orchid societies and Mac was the Past President of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society.

After many exciting trips to the Phillipines, Mac started to import plants and a business soon started. With extensive study and growing Mac has become an expert in plants from Asia.

Please join Mac and Helen for an interesting class on the genus Dendrobium. Mac will talk about the history of this genus, then show a slide program of interesting species and follow up with culture advice.



Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

These four events will be held on the meeting date or on another day of the week instead of a general meeting.

1. **Apr. 28, 2012** Orchid Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.
Chairperson: Heidi Feser. She could use an assistant.

2. **Oct. 27, 2012** Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield
Beach Arboretum. Our regular October meeting to be held here.
Chairperson: Linda Howe Co-Chairperson: Nancy Shatz

3. **Nov. 10, 2012** Second Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Madeline Felton

4. **Dec 8, 2012** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Place to be determined. Our regular Decem
ber meeting to be held here.
Chairperson: Susan Kolinsky

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

GROWING TIPS

for March

By

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Once again, it is time to repot many kinds of orchids. For new orchid hobbyists, repotting can be a scary task. Once it is done successfully a few times, this gets to be more of a chore than something to be dreaded. Most orchids with bulbs, e.g. cattleyas, dendrobiums, oncidiums, etc should be potted as soon as they start their new growth, which is now. Many species and hybrids have or are about finished flowering, another good time to repot. The biggest issue for many new hobbyists is “How do I know it is time to repot my orchid plant?” Orchids are not like other plants in that they prefer to be left alone and not repotted constantly if the medium they are in is in good shape and not turning into something that looks like garden soil. The following is some basic advice.

Carefully grab the plant (not the pot) and lift gently. If the plant starts to come out of the pot it has either lost its roots or was not well established. Either way, it needs repotting. If the medium has turned to “mush” or looks like potting soil, it is time to repot. If the plant has bulbs that are out of the pot and the medium looks like soil it is time to repot. Never repot because you want to divide the orchid. That may be a consequence of repotting, but never repot for that reason. The larger the plant, the better flowers you will see next year. The following is the process I follow for any orchid that has bulbs.

First, I remove the orchid from the old pot and cut the roots about 2-3 inches from the rhizome. Few roots survive repotting and cutting these off now avoids potential rots later. All roots that are black and clearly dead are removed entirely. Next, I use a fine jet of water to remove any particles of the old medium from the remaining roots. The same jet of water is used to wash any brown tissue from the bulbs. If you have scale on an orchid, a fine jet of water removes scale and does not harm the plant or spread disease. Be sure to wash under the rhizome, too, because scale can hide there and reappear later on your newly repotted orchid. This is a very effective way to get rid of scale in a small collection. If the rhizome was cut or there are any cut surface, sprinkle the wound with cinnamon or other topical fungicide and let it dry. Set the orchid plant in its new pot without medium and sit it in a relatively dry shady place for a week or two. After your orchid has dried thoroughly, place it in its new pot and add medium. Most growers put some large material, e.g. lava rock, plastic peanuts, etc, on the bottom of the pot to enhance drainage and then add the medium.

The new pot should allow your orchid to grow for two years without growing out of the pot, so place the old growths at the pot edge and new growths in the center. It may seem like the pot is too small for dendrobiums if you follow the two year rule, but dendrobiums like to be pot bound and will grow best if new roots quickly contact the side of the pot. Small wires that attach to the side of the pot (pot clips) and hold the rhizome in place may be necessary if the orchid does not have many roots. My preference is to use a stake and tie one of the bulbs tightly to it and then fill the medium around the orchid and roots, pressing down on the medium to be sure there is tight contact of the orchid with the medium. This is a necessity if your orchid is to grow. If the rhizome wobbles, roots will be damaged each time the plant moves when watered.

Mist the plant lightly until new growth appears. If your timing is right, new roots will begin to appear soon, indicating that your orchid is ready to grow and that it is time to return to your regular regimen of fertilizing and watering. The rule of thumb is; if you are not sure of the proper size pot for your orchid, err on the side of the pot being too small.

Phalaenopsis, paphs and phragmepediums do not have pseudobulbs are treated differently. Repotting orchids without pseudobulbs will be discussed in the next column.

Our Kid's Or-Kidz Garden located at Zion Lutheran School is growing everyday thanks to the outpour of donations from friends and members of Deerfield Beach Orchid Society. Linda Boyd from Pompano Beach kindly donated a staghorn that Madeline Felton and I had to cut down and bring to Zion. New Member, Jeff Irvine, was kind enough to get up on the ladder for his first lesson in mounting a staghorn to a tree. He did a great job! Diana Foulke donated a few orchids that we mounted in the butterfly garden area. Our efforts are greatly appreciated at Zion. We are always looking for more plant donations.

Thank you for all your support!



March in Your Orchid Garden—Tasks By Dr. Martin Motes

- Watch out for Mites
- Spray for Thrips
- Repot Genera emerging from dormancy: castasetums, calanthes, soft cane dendrobiums
- Continue general repotting of cattleyas, oncidiums, hard can dendrobiums
- Make top cutting of teretes, semi-teretes, reed stem epidendums
- Move landscape plants gradually to brighter light
- Apply time release fertilizer

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Membership News!!

As you all know, when you bring a guest to a meeting the guest will receive 5 raffle tickets for a chance to win an item from our raffle table.

Now, if your guest should become a member, you will receive 10 raffle tickets at the next meeting! That is a win-win for everyone involved.

So round up your friends and invite them to join us at one of our monthly meetings. We always welcome new members.

2012 Orchid Events

March 9-11, 2012

Fairchild's 10th Annual International Orchid Festival

Choose from over 10,000 orchid plants from vendors from around the world. Explore the wonder of orchids during one of our many garden workshops and walking garden tours.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL

9:30am to 4:30 pm

Admission: Free for Fairchild members, \$25 for non-members, \$18 for seniors and \$12 for children 6-17

April 7-8, 2012

Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show & Sale

American Orchid Society judged orchid show, rare and exotic orchids and bromeliads, orchid displays, orchid supplies, orchid classes and demonstrations, food and music.

9:30am to 4:30pm

Admission: \$18 ages 12+, \$10 ages 4-11, ages 3 and under free and members free

April 13-15, 2012

St. Germain Orchids—Spring Orchid Festival

A spectacular festival of exotic orchids in a picturesque garden setting. Peruse the beautiful blooms while savoring a mouth watering barbeque, luscious desserts, beverages and entertainment. Receive free tips on orchid care.

9am to 4pm

Admission: Free

May 18-20, 2012

Redland International Orchid Festival

Featuring 50 vendors from all over the world and the U.S., walking tours, lectures and demonstrations.

Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Homestead, FL

9:00am to 5:00pm

Admission: \$10

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.

New Dues for 2012

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

Share Your Story...

Be Part Of The Newsletter

In order to keep the newsletter interesting, I'm suggesting that members share their stories with us. We've had articles from members in the past and everyone loved it! I think that this will be a fun way to learn what other members have to contribute. We've all had our experiences with orchids... Now is the time to share yours with us. All articles can be given to me at a meeting so I can scan it into the newsletter. Or, you can email it to me at

DBOSorchids@gmail.com. It must be in typed form. Pictures are okay. The article:

"Email me your story today!"

Once, Twice, Three Times A Member

We always encourage members to bring a guest to our educational monthly meetings. This helps promote and increase our membership. Our speakers cost money. After an individual is a guest more than 2 times, they are no longer considered a guest and need to join the society by paying the Annual Dues. Being a member has so many benefits why would you not want to join after being a guest a few times? See Gail Ritchie for New Membership

Calendar of Meetings

Thursday, March 8, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, March 12 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 PM

**Deerfield Beach Orchid Society-
Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach**

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

2012 Committee Positions

1. Membership..... Vicky Edgcomb
2. Programs.....Stephen Lunsford
3. Judging Plant Table.....Don Carpenter/Juan Bofill/Rosemary Chenery
4. Newsletter.....Lisa Krukoski
5. Librarian.....Diana Foulke
6. Meeting PlaceHeidi Feser
7. Sunshine.....Lois Larson
8. Nominating.....Debbie Dicks
9. Publicity.....Rosemary Chenery
10. Plant Table.....Speaker or DBOS
11. Publicity.....Rosemary Chenery
12. Events.....Madeline Felton
13. Refreshments.....Mary Pritchard
14. AOS Representative.....Rosemary Chenery
15. CourtesyDonna Edwards

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

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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!