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IT'S AUCTION TIME!

Taking the place of our normal monthly meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 10th we will be having our annual auction. We are still gathering but should have over 100 items up for grabs. Other than an array of orchids we will also have pots, potting accessories and who knows what other surprises. We are still accepting donations, so if anyone has any unwanted (clean) items, cuttings or plants we would be happy to accept them.

Due to the length of the evening we will be starting promptly at 7:30 with a preview at 7:00. Checks, cash, credit cards will be accepted. There will be NO plant judging this month so unless you want to run the risk of your prized orchids being auctioned off please leave them at home.

Regular programming will return in April with Dr. Brian Monk speaking on Tolumnias formerly know as equitant oncidiums. Also in April we will be having our annual Home Ramble on Sat. the 8th. Always a lot of fun so don't miss out. I believe we will have a sign-up sheet at the March Auction. As always, bring a friend or two and this month your cash, checks, credit cards or an open line of credit at your local bank.

See you there....Vince

February Ribbon Winners

Brassolaeliocattleya Hawaiian Agenda "Florida Winter"	Grace Holliday
Oncidium Twinkle	Susan Kolinsky
Brassolaeliocattleya Lawless Zauberflote	Lynn Molitor
Potinara Love- Love	Garfield Gilchrist
Brassolaeliocattleya Dan O'Neil "Jubilee" HCC/AOS	Garfield Gilchrist
Myrmecatavola Francis Fox	Grace Holliday
Psychopsis Kalihi	Joe Ortlieb
Dendrobium Nobile Sweet Purple	Garfield Gilchrist
Dendrobium Amethystoglossum	Joe Ortlieb
Ascocenda (Fuch's Delight x John DeBiase) x Ascocenda(Kay Pancoast x John DeBiase)	Garfield Gilchrist
Ascocenda Banjong Delight	Grace Holliday
Laeliocattleya Bonanza Queen "Panamint" AM/AOS	Joe Ortlieb
Blaire Tahoma Glacier "Green"	Garfield Gilchrist
Cattleya Skinneri "Heiti Jacobs" ***Cultural Award in Addition to Blue Ribbon***	Grace Holliday
Brassolaeliocattleya Zul ***Cultural Award in Addition to Blue Ribbon***	Carol Ott

Happy Birthday

Robin Paley Mar 2

Codia Carter Mar 4

Robert Fabricant Mar 4

Heidi Feser Mar 14

David Felton Mar 14

Denise Willis Mar 15

Debbie Dicks Mar 15

Kristie Colina Mar 16

Friederike Hafley Mar 17

John Williams Mar 25

Marilyn McMullan Mar 27

Mary Pavlinek Mar 28

Roz Waitman Mar 29



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!

Dennis Pearl

Carol Ott

Grace Holliday

And special thanks to Publix for donating refreshments

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

Auction Information

We could use a few extra hands to help set up for our Auction on Tuesday, March 10th. Please arrive at 6:30 p.m. to help us out if you can.

We are also accepting orchid related items for donation for our auction, plant stands, pots, cuttings, plants, supplies etc. Please make sure that they are in good, clean condition and bring them at 6:30 p.m.

And remember that there will no member plant judging this meeting so please don't bring your plants in this month.

Have fun and happy bidding!!!

Upcoming Speakers

March-DBOS Auction

April-Brian Monk "Mini Oncidiums/Tolumnia"

May-Linda Wilhelm from Woodland Orchids

We are proud to inform you that our society was awarded five (yes 5) first place (Joe Ortlieb three and Grace Holliday one and Carol Ott one), one second place and one third place prize in the hobbyist division at the Boca Raton Orchid Society Show.

Joe Ortlieb was awarded two cultural awards and Grace Holliday received one cultural award. Cultural awards are among the highest awards given. Joe Ortlieb also was awarded Best Specimen plant and best Brassavola/Laelia and Carol Ott was awarded best Broughtonia.

It brings us great pride that we continue to win coveted awards in South Florida Shows.

Congratulations to our winners!



Highlights From Our February Meeting

Photos courtesy of John Morris



March in Your Orchid Collection By Dr. Martin Motes

Whilst March never comes in like a lion in South Florida, occasionally it slinks in like a bob cat. Frost is not unheard of in the first few days of the month. The more cold sensitive genera, hard cane dendrobiums, Phalaenopsis and vandas may well need some protection even into the middle of the month. Overall, however, March brings us some of the most ideal orchid growing conditions of the entire year. Dry air, low humidity and wide swings of day to night temperatures optimize both blooming and rooting of most orchids. In March, Nature gives orchidists growing outside a free sample of what life would be like with a covered green house. With little or no additional water falling from the sky and drying breezes acting like fans, we are in total control of our plants' water needs. Now, we can water properly: very heavily, and allow the plants to dry thoroughly in the near desert air before the next heavy application of water.

The ideal growing conditions of March present a great opportunity to get our plants off to a superlative start on the new growing season. The virtuous among us, who have already re-potted their cattleyas and other sympodials as they have finished blooming across the winter, can smile serenely, assured of their place in orchid heaven. For us few reprobate it is still not too late to catch up with virtue. In addition to flowered-out plants, now is also the time to replant those genera which are breaking or ready to break their dormancy; i.e. catasetums, Mormodes, calanthes and those Himalayan Dendrobium species that have finished flowering. Now is also an excellent time to re-pot those hard cane dendrobiums that need it, with the reminder that they really don't like to be disturbed and relish their roots being crowded in the pot. For those commercially mass produced plants grown in peat based mixtures, repotting is necessary in any case as the peat mix will not last out the summer and will likely rot all the roots. Hopefully these will have rooted so thoroughly that the roots have formed a solid mass that can be shifted undisturbed to a new only slightly larger pot. Otherwise the roots will need to be washed clean of soft medium and lightly trimmed. Rock, tree fern, coconut husk, charcoal/wood chip mixes are best replacement media for the long haul. All of these materials have a life expectancy of several years before they break down in South Florida's wet humid summers.

Attention to fertilizer in March will pay high dividends later on. As many sympodial orchids are commencing their growth cycle, now is a good time to apply slow release fertilizer to last the season. The 13-13-13, 180 day formula marketed at Home Depot as 'Dynamite' (Nutri-cote in commercial sizes) is the best available to hobby growers. Its plastic coating is superior to others and relatively unaffected by heat, an especially important consideration in South Florida. Applied now it will be exhausted by September when we want to slow our plants down in anticipation of bloom and dormancy. The wide temperature swings of March also maximize the effectiveness of high phosphorous 'Bloom Booster' fertilizer. The extra phosphorous in these formulas probably does not really stimulate flowers (most likely the opposite) but does help rooting. Two applications a week apart will speed the rooting process. Return to regular 15-5-15 fertilizer weekly thereafter as the excess phosphorus in the "Bloom Booster" interferes with minor element absorption to an inordinate degree in our highly alkaline South Florida water.

Vandaceous orchids should be breaking vigorous new roots in March. This is the ideal moment to top them if they have grown too tall and if they have three good roots on the top cutting. Conserving one or more leaves on the old plant's stump will insure a bountiful production of off-shoots. Sliding the knife or shears down the stem before making the horizontal cut usually preserves an extra set of leaves. Vanda cuttings made with care can conserve an extra set of leaves and the potential for more off shoots. Now is also the ideal time to remove and reset off-shoots of vandas and ascocendas. Again take care each has three or more roots and be sure you tie them firmly in their new container until they have rooted solidly.

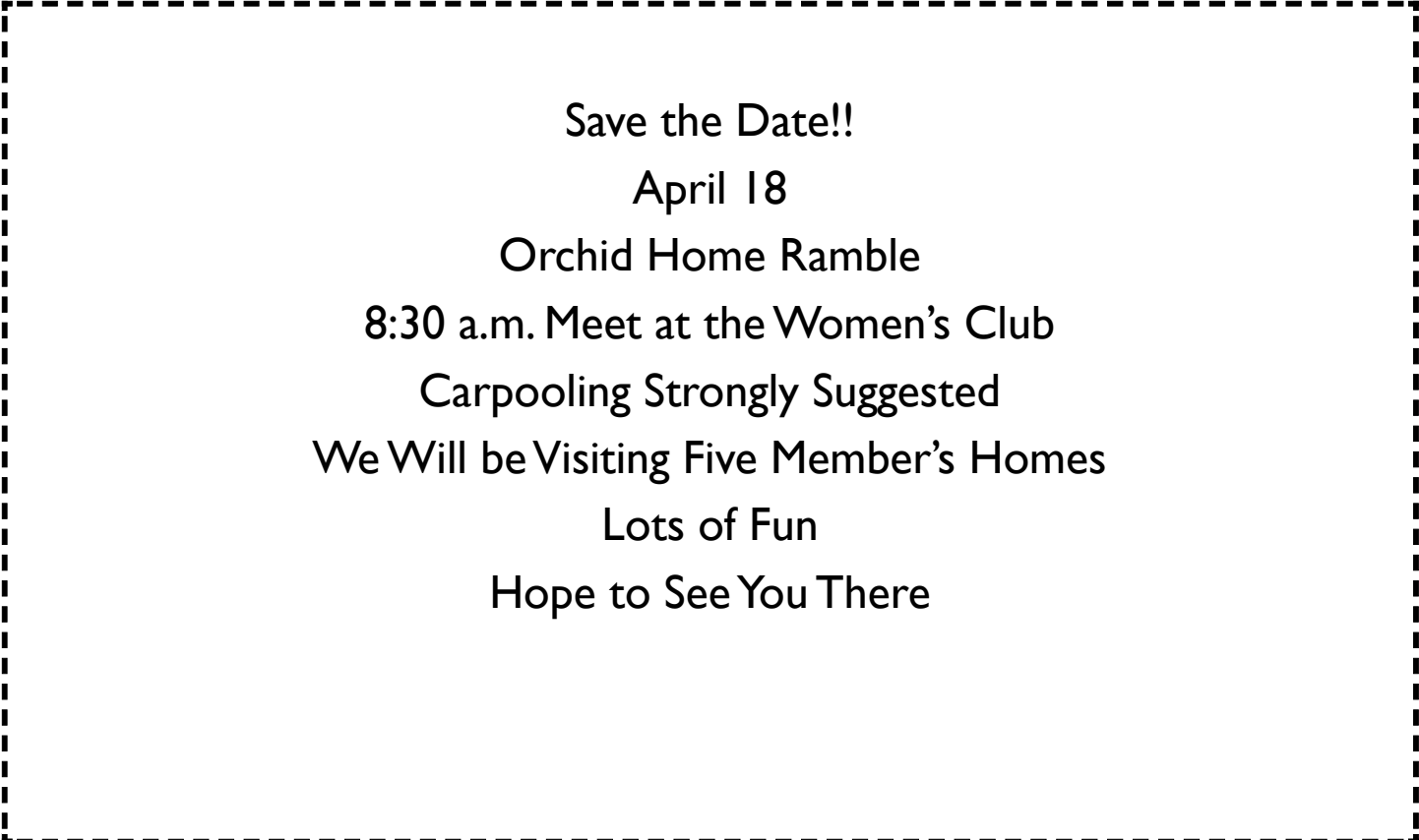
March is also the month for acclimatizing sun-loving plants to full sun. Vandas, dendrobiums and reed-stemmed epidendrums that have not been blooming as they should because they are in too deep shade can be gradually moved to more light. This is best done in two or three stages, moving the plants a short distance every few days and always keeping them with the same side orientated towards the sun. Without this gradual acclimatization, the bright clear sunlight of March can scorch even the most sun-loving of orchids.

The chief blot on the otherwise nearly ideal growing scenario of March is Thrips. March is the month when we are asked most frequently "Why do my Vanda flower spikes grow 1/2 inch and then die?" The answer, like the answer to so many problems with orchids in South Florida, is Thrips. The hot dry weather of March favors Thrips which are ubiquitous in our landscapes. The drought of March drives them from their homes in our lawns and shrubberies to seek the cool lush oasis of our orchid collections. Most orchidists recognize the symptoms of Thrips on their flowers: the silvered, sand blasted appearance and the withering of the flower parts. Many do not recognize the earlier symptoms which show up on the root tips of vandas and ascocendas as a pitted ring at the point where the green growing root tip is maturing into white. Left unchecked, this damage will cause the root tip to wither. When Thrips pressure subsides and the root re-starts growth, a brown ring remains. Orthene (acephate) is the chemical of choice for Thrips because of its low toxicity and residual action. Knoxout and Malathion are recommended also by the Florida Department of Agriculture. A non-chemical solution is liquid dish soap applied at the rate of 2oz (6tbs) per gallon of water. Be sure to water the plants the day before applying soap and take care to drench the plants thoroughly, covering not only all the surfaces but penetrating into leaf axils and other nooks and crannies where the reclusive Thrips loves to loiter. Tuff the Thrips out of your collection and you will get the growing season off to a good start.



Welcome New Members!!

Teri Chong
Judy Minott
Joyce Ramsingh
Denise Rovah
Jean Valentine
Adrienne Joffe
Karen Meiselman



Save the Date!!
April 18
Orchid Home Ramble
8:30 a.m. Meet at the Women's Club
Carpooling Strongly Suggested
We Will be Visiting Five Member's Homes
Lots of Fun
Hope to See You There

AOS Corner

The March 2015 AOS Corner- *From the desk of Laura Newton, Membership and Affiliated Societies Chair*

The Webinar for this month:

Ron McHatton will present-Pests and Diseases part 2 - Orchid Diseases on Mar 25, 2015 at 8:30 EDT/5:30PDT. (This webinar is open to everyone.)

Ron McHatton, Director of Education of the American Orchid Society will share information on the various kinds of diseases that can affect our orchid collections and how to manage them. No orchid grower is completely immune from the introduction of pests and diseases to their collection. This means that sooner or later we are all going to be faced with having to go to battle on some level with the forces of nature that have decided to infect our plants. Join us for this webinar and learn how to prevent and manage the diseases.

The **webinar lineup** for next month:

Greg Allikas- *Cattleya lueddemanniana* on April 14, 2015 at 8:30pm EDT (This is a **members only** webinar.)

Ron McHatton- AOS Greenhouse Chat on April 21, 2015 at 8:30pm EDT (This webinar is **open to everyone.**)

The **March 2015** issue of *Orchids* has articles on:

- ***Ancistrochilus rothschildianus***, by Ron McHatton. This unusual African species has pseudobulbs that resemble Hersey's kisses!
- ***Schoenorchis*** by Thomas Mirenda, details this interesting Genus with small flowers, which have varying leaf forms.
- **Roots**, by Sue Bottom shows us why roots are so important and how to maximize your growing so that you too can have not only beautiful flowers, but also some great roots to support them.
- **The Genus *Guarianthe***, by Nile Dusdieker, M.D., is an in-depth look at this Genus that most of us think of as Cattleyas.
- **Great Ideas**, by Ed Wright and Bill Tippit, shows us how to make a tip-proof device for use in taking your plants along for the ride.

Appreciating *Iwa Chidori*, by Taiga Miyamoto and Hideka Kobayashi this is a fascinating article about a species, ***Amitostigma keiskei***, that I had never heard of, and the hybridizing that provides a wonderful array of colors, for these spring jewels.

If you haven't received your issue yet, don't worry it will be on its way soon, and in the meantime you can view it online through the website!

The **AOS Spring Members Meeting** will be held in Portland, Oregon and hosted by the Portland and Cherry City Orchid Societies, **April 29th thru May 3rd** at the Lloyd Center Doubletree.

You don't want to miss out on this great opportunity!

Check out all the details at the website below:

<http://www.portlandorchidsociety.org/calendar/2015AOS.php>

The Members Meeting in conjunction with the Slipper Orchid Alliance, The Phalaenopsis Alliance, and the Pleurothallid Alliance have an awesome array of fabulous speakers, which include:

Frank Smith- Keynote Speaker, Graham Wood, George Hatfield- Cymbidiums, Alan Koch, Wally Orchard- Disas, Carlos Fighetti- Phalaenopsis, Norman Fang, Kristen Uthus- Neofinetia Culture, and Alfonso Doucette- Coolers for Cold Growers.

Are you aware that membership in the AOS gets you a **5% discount** with the following vendors? Don't forget to mention that you are an AOS member when you are making your purchases with these vendors to get your discount:

[Exotic Orchids of Maui](#), [Krull-Smith](#), [Orchid Doctor](#), [Orchid Inn, Ltd](#), [Seagrove Orchids](#), [Sunset Valley Orchids](#), and [Woodstream Orchids](#).

Let's grow together,
Laura Newton

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. **Mar 10, 2015** DBOS Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Women's Club.
Chairperson: Vince Dicks

2. **Apr 18, 2015** Orchid Home Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.
Leaving Women's Club at 8:30 a.m.
Chairperson: Debbie Dicks & Cheryl Babcock

3. **Sept ?, 2015** Growers Bus Trip
Chairperson: Cheryl Babcock and Debbie Dicks

4. **Oct. ?, 2015** Fall Picnic/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield Beach Arboretum.
Chairperson: Needed

5. **Dec ?, 2015** Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here
Chairperson: Grace Holliday Assisted by Debbie Dicks and Cheryl Babcock

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

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New Dues for 2015

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.

Renewals

Individual	\$20.00 yr.
Couples	\$30.00 yr.
Jr. Membership	\$ 5.00 yr.

New Members

Individual	\$25.00 yr.
Couples	\$35.00 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
P.O. Box 732
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2015 Orchid Events

March 13-15

Fairchild 13th Annual International Orchid Festival

Choose from over 10,000 orchid plants from more than 50 vendors. Explore the wonder of orchids during one of our many garden workshops and walking tours. Marvel at rare orchid species in the American Orchid Society juried show, presented by the Orchid Society of Coral Gables. Visit the Orchid Tea Room for an energizing spot of tea and dessert. Enjoy wonderful food and entertainment

Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Rd., Coral Gables, FL
Friday-Sunday, 9:30am to 4:30pm
Admission: Members Free, Non-Members-Adults \$25, Seniors \$18

April 4 & 5

Flamingo Gardens International Orchid & Bromeliad Show

Experience the beauty of orchids at Flamingo Gardens! Rare and exotic orchids and bromeliads are on display and for sale along with an American Orchid Society judged orchid show hosted by the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society. With over 30+ vendors, you can see thousands of beautiful orchids and bromeliads, purchase orchids and orchid supplies, enjoy lectures and demonstrations from orchid experts while enjoying music, food and more. For Easter kids can meet the Bunny and make Easter crafts

Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie, FL
Saturday & Sunday, 9:30am to 4:30pm
Admission: Members Free, Non-Members \$18

April 19

Mounds Botanical Garden

Orchid Care 101: Repotting Your Orchid

This hands-on workshop, with orchid curator Sandi Jones from Broward Orchid Supply, will explain what orchids need—water, light, fertilizer, and temperature. Attendees are encouraged to bring an orchid (up to 6") to be evaluated and repotted or mounted. Demonstrations of various potting and mounting techniques, such as using tree fern.

Mounds Botanical Garden, Mounds Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL
Sunday 10am to 1pm
Admission: Members \$30, Non-Members \$40

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 2014, this will include their 2015 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, March 12, 7:30 PM

Boca Raton Orchid Society

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

Monday, March 9, 7:30 PM

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 PM

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society-

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 PM

Delray Beach Orchid Society

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

2014 Committee Positions

1. **Membership..... Cheryl Babcock & John Williams**
2. **Programs..... John Budree**
3. **Newsletter..... Lisa Krukoski**
4. **Sunshine..... Lois Larson**
5. **Raffle Table..... Debbie Dicks & Dennis Pearl**
6. **Nominating..... DBOS Board**
7. **Publicity Cheryl Babcock**
8. **Plant Table..... Speaker or DBOS**
9. **Events..... Cheryl Babcock & Debbie Dicks**
10. **Refreshments..... Mary Pritchard & Millicent Hammill**
11. **AOS Representative... Vince Dicks**

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!

