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President's Message

Hi Orchid Lovers and Happy St Patrick's Day,

Are you working with your orchids trying to get as much repotting and sprucing up done as you can before the hot, humid weather begins? I try to go out early every morning, and it is quite pleasant for a couple of hours and then begins to get a little steamy. Be sure to make some space available for the new orchids that you will purchase at the DBOS 10th annual Orchid Auction March 14. The auction is FREE and held at the Wom-

an's Club of Deerfield Beach, 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Preview at 7:00 pm. Auction begins at 7:30 pm. Guests welcome!

Mac Rivenbark, our outstanding auctioneer, is watching for any movement on your part so if you straighten your glasses, smooth down any unruly locks, or itch your nose, it may be interpreted as a bid! If he says, "Going once! Going twice! Sold!" and you were nodding your head or any of the above, you may go home with a new orchid. We have an assorted variety of over 120 marvelous orchids including Bulbophyllum, Cattleya, Dendrobium, Oncidium, Paphiopedilum, Phalaenopsis, Schomburgkia, Vanda, Vanilla Orchid, and more from some of your favorite orchid nurseries. Orchids are from Mac's Orchids, Motes Orchids, Orchids in Bloom, Quest Orchids, Soroa Orchids, and more. See photos of a few of this year's orchids on Page 2-3.

Our members also bring in a variety of orchids and other items from their personal collections, and you know what great growers we have in our Society. Items will include assorted cuttings of mailbox orchids, Vanilla orchids, Hoya's, succulents, orchid supplies, and other plants and items. Our 2022 auction was successful due to the many contributions from our members of orchids and orchidrelated items. Do you have duplicates of orchids that you could keep one and donate one? Walk through your collection and see what you could donate. Pots, clips, wire paraphernalia, whatever you have that you don't need or want would be appreciated. Please bring items between 6:30 and 7:00 pm on March 14 or get in touch with me if you are unable to make it, and we'll see that it gets to the auction.

Our members seemed to thoroughly enjoy our Valentine Day meeting where many were fortunate to win orchids playing Orchid Bingo or by the luck of the draw. People went home with full tummies from the delicious food, some new acquaintances, and happy hearts!

Our popular Home Ramble is March 25 so mark your calendars now! We will visit four of our members' homes to view their impressive collections. Sign-up sheets available at the March auction meeting for DBOS paid members only so renew your membership if you haven't already done so. The ramble is FREE and limited to the first 40 paid members who sign up. Lunch provided. Plan on meeting and parking at the south end of the lot at the Woman's Club at 9:00 am to carpool. Call Kristina Brandt at 954-661-7261 if you want to attend or your plans have changed, and you can no longer attend.

Our April 11 speaker is Jim Roberts of Florida Sun Coast Orchids. He will bring raffle plants and plants to sell from his beautiful nursery. Bring a friend to the auction and to our meetings to enjoy a pleasant evening and find some "must have" orchids!

Happy Orchiding!

Cheryl Babcock DBOS President deerfieldorchids@gmail.com

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Dendrobium



Mvc. Frances Fox var. Fire (cattleya)





"A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words" so

Picture Some of These Beauties in Your Collection!

Join us at the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society's 10th Annual Orchid Auction March 14, 2023

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 All! (Cash, Checks, Credit Cards)



Phalaenopsis





Dendrobium





Blc. Sanyung Ruby



RIC. Chanthong Fancy

More of the approximately 130-140 Orchids that will be up for Auction!



Vanda Julian Shaw (V. tessellata x V. barnesii) (2437)





Blc. King of Taiwan



Vanda Stephen Scott Young x Vanda Motes Ruby Pixie "Alice Motes" HCC/AOS (2719)





Vanda William
Youngblood (V.
Stephen Scott Young
x Vanda ustii) (2266)



RIC. Asia Pacific



Vanda Motes Adorbs (Vanda ampullacea x V. christensoniana) (1944)

★★★☆ 3 Reviews



Dendrobium





Onc. Sharry Baby







Artistic display at 1st Stop

Annual Home Ramble

Saturday, March 25, 2023 ~ 9:00 am am – 2:00 pm

Our popular Home Ramble is March 25th so mark your calendars now! We will visit four of our members' homes to view their impressive collections. Sign-up sheets available at the March auction meeting for DBOS paid members. If you have not renewed your membership for 2023, now is the time to do it so you can attend this fun event where we have the opportunity to see how some of our outstanding members grow and display orchids in their collec-



Orchid Fountain Display at 3rd Stop

tions. Enjoy visiting with one another, and take note of what orchid(s) you like and want to add to your wish list! Seeing how other orchid hobbyists incorporate orchids into their landscape is always inspiring and provides lots of ideas for your own environment and orchid collection.

The ramble is FREE and limited to the first 40 paid members who sign up. Lunch provided. Plan on meeting and parking at the south end of the lot at the Woman's Club at 9:00 am to carpool. Call Kristina Brant at 954-661-7261 if you want to attend or your plans have changed, and you can no longer attend. An itinerary will be sent to members who sign up prior to the ramble.



Tranquil Corner at 1st Stop



Birdland at 3rd Stop



3rd Stop





2nd Stop



2nd Stop



Lunch at our 4th stop, a new stop on the Ramble





Join or Renew Your Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Membership 2023 DBOS Membership Annual Fees

New Members: \$30/Single or \$40/Couple ~ Membership Renewal: \$25/Single or \$35/Couple Reasons to join or renew your membership in the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

Monthly Events

DBOS & AOS Members

Prize Drawings

Guest Speakers

DBOS & AOS Members Plant

Judging/Awarding Ribbons

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 or to pay by credit card, please contact Linda Woodhouse, DBOS Membership Chair, at lindawoodhouserealtor@gmail.com or call 954-234-4623. If you prefer to pay by check, make it payable to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society and send to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33443-0732. DBOS meetings held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 (except December Holiday Party).

Membership year Jan. I-Dec. 31, 2023, and DBOS 2023 renewals DUE by April 12

Kappy Birthday







MARCH

March 01 Howard Brand
March 07 Heather Pope
March 12 Chunlin Yang
March 14 Heidi Feser
March 14 John Pancost
March 15 Debbie Dicks
March 18 Lenore Alford
March 19 Cindy Rostock
March 22 Bob Henley
March 25 John Williams
March 27 Marilyn McMullan
March 28 Marguerite Tschada-Horras

APRIL

April 01 Nye Woodhouse

April 02 Myra Tucker-Joeckel

April 02 John Morris

March 13 Roe Ramos

April 14 Linda Woodhouse

April 19 Cynthia Cummings

April 21 John Pangerl

April 22 Denise Rough

April 20 Jesus Hill

April 25 Lisa Sarno

April 29 Virginia Bauer

April 30 Elaine Mende



Bulletin Board

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, 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach FL 33441.

Please check your email for information pertaining to our social events for 2023. 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.

March Climate Data

Average high: 80.7°F Average low: 64°F Average mean: 72.4°F Average rainfall: 2.56"



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 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 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 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. Its plastic coating is superior to others and relatively unaffected by heat, an especially important consideration in S. 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 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 offshoots. Sliding the knife or shears down the stem before making the horizontal cut usually preserves an extra set of leaves. Now is also the ideal time to remove and reset offshoots 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 solid-ly

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 ½ 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 it re-starts growth,



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Highlights From Our February Valentine's Meeting Potting, Mounting and Bingo Photos Courtesy of John Morris







































Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events 2023



I. January 28 DBOS Annual Bus Trip to Growers.

Meet at Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach at 7:45am and return by 6:15pm.

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt

2. March 14 DBOS 10th Annual Orchid Auction to be held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club.

FREE EVENT Public Welcome. Preview at 7:00 pm—Auction begins at 7:30 pm.

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb

3. March 25 DBOS Annual Home Ramble. DBOS members only.

We will visit DBOS members' homes / orchid collections.

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse

4. October TBD DBOS Annual Picnic at Tradewinds Park. DBOS Members and invited guests.

Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt Committee: Racquel & Felipe Carles, Steve Brandt

5. November 11-12 DBOS 10th Annual Orchid Show and Sale, Orchid Obsession. Safe Schools Institute.

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb

6. December 2 DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party to be held at the Croatian American Social

Club at 6:00 pm.

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse

Committee: Kristina Brandt, Raquel Carles, Madeline Felton, Grace Holliday

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



Annual Auction



Annual Ramble



Annual Bus Trip to Growers



Annual Picnic



Annual Holiday Party

Upcoming Orchid Events 2023

Bonnet House 14th Annual International Bonnet House Orchid & Garden Festival

Saturday and Sunday, April 1-2, 2023

9:00 am - 4:00 pm daily

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

900 North Birch Road

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

954-563-5393

Admission: \$12.00, Children under 12 Free

www.bonnethouse.org/





41st International Orchid & Bromeliad Show

Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9, 2023

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

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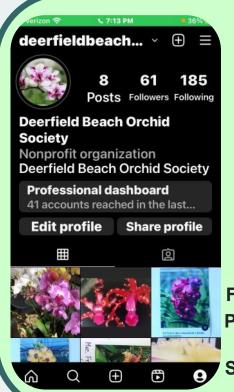


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MEMBERS' PLANTS

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 bloom-

ing 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!

Members' Photos in this issue are from January and February 2023

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Tuberolablum quisumbingii John Pancoast



Vanda Julian Shaw John Pancoast



Vanda brunnea John Pancoast



Bulb. zamboangense John Pancoast



Bulbophyllum vaginatum John Pancoast



Den. Regal Vista John Pancoast



C. aurantiaca 'Mishima Spots' x self John Pancoast



Den. Royal Chip John Pancoast



Epidendrum calanthum John Pancoast



Laelia lundii John Pancoast



Hexisea bidentata John Pancoast



Lc. Cluster Fire 'Cinnabar'
John Pancoast



Sc. Crystelle Smith 'N. R'. HCCAOS John Pancoast



Vanda lilacina John Pancoast



T. Phyllis Envy 'Cherry' John Pancoast





Roberts Delight Madeline Felton



NoID Madeline Felton



Catalaya is warpaint Madeline Felton



Mia Kia Little Star Madeline Felton



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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

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.

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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

910 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, Fl 33441

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/

4th Thursday Every Month 7:00 PM Except November and December

Tropical Orchid Society

Mounts Botanical Gardens
531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL
http://www.tropicalorchidsociety.org

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Dennis Pearl

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& Board of Directors

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Programs Cheryl Babcock

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**