

# Deerfield Beach Orchid Society CATTLEYA CURRENTS



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## **President's Message**

Hi Orchid Lovers,

Our May 9 speaker is Brian Spitler from Ohio, who will be speaking on "Researching Your Orchids Culture with a Focus on Dendrobiums." Many of our members are big fans of Dendrobiums, so this should be an interesting discussion. Brian will also be speaking at other orchid societies in the area during the week.

It appears that the orchid thief was me! Have I aroused your curiosity? At our annual auction in March, I was carrying around four photos of lovely vandas that we received from Yolanda and Segundo at Quest Orchids to put the photos with the vandas to be included in the auction. I searched high and low and couldn't find them anywhere in the Woman's Club, and I knew they were with all the orchids that I had been taking care of for several weeks prior to the auction. Where could they be? Did they get misplaced in the orchid shuffle getting everything set up? This puzzled me throughout the meeting and for two weeks after the auction. One day I walked into our garage to get something and lo and behold, there those four vandas were innocently hanging off a shelf blending in with the items behind them. They were healthy and flourishing. They immediately went back to the vanda house for a good soak. I had been in and out of the garage a dozen times since that night and never noticed them. How did this happen? If you saw my car that night, you know that it was completely loaded with boxes and boxes of orchids for the auction and several of our members helped me carry them into the meeting. In loading all the boxes into the car, they were overlooked.

What does this mean for you? In addition to our raffle plants, we are holding a silent auction with these four beautiful vandas. Opening bids on each will be \$25.00, and the bids must increase by \$1.00/minimum. We will have the sign-up sheets near the membership table, and throughout the evening you can enter/re-enter your bid(s). After the raffle drawing, we will determine the winners.

The four vandas included in the silent auction are: Ascda. Orange Spots x Vanda Kultana Ruby – Ascda. Lenakamolphan, Vanda Bitz's Hearthrob x Ascda. Lenakamolphan, Vanda Madame Rattana Lenakamolphan x V. Sanderiana, and Rhv. Ploenpit Prize (V. Mem. Panchai x Rhyn. Gigantea). My promise to you is that I'll certainly try to remember to put them in the car on Tuesday night!

We had a wonderful learning experience and a lot of fun with our April 11 speaker, Jim Roberts, from Florida SunCoast Orchids. He provided fantastic orchids for our raffle table, had a large variety of orchids for sale, and spoke on "A Few Encyclias to Enjoy."

Mark your calendar for our June 13 meeting when Thanh Nguyen from Springwater Orchids will be joining us and discussing Paphiopedilums.

Happy Orchiding!

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## Speaker of the Month

## **Brian Spitler**

May 9, 2023 7:30 pm



### "Researching your orchids culture with a focus on Dendrobiums"

Brian has been growing orchids for 25 plus years. He is experienced in growing orchids in diverse climates including California's hot dry deserts and coastal climate as well as the Midwest. His travels in locations such as Sweden, Brazil, Costa Rica, Japan, and Colombia allowed him to understand orchid growth in native conditions. As an American Orchid Society judge, he has visited many regional and international shows.

He holds a Computer Science degree and works in the IT industry. He participated on the Mid America Orchid Congress for years as the IT Chair and is a member of the Conservation Committee.

As Past President of the Cincinnati Orchid Society he facilitated marketing and educational endeavors. They include online presence and payment systems, initiated and lead the Beginners Group, and a two weekend educational and society promotion endeavor via the local Home and Garden Show. He also led the creation of the restricted speakers fund targeted at financing the more expensive expert presenters. He feels these endeavors are vital to the future of societies.

Having international orchid grower friends and visiting many growing facilities, he has developed knowledge of both the commercial and hobbyist market.







#### 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** 

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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 <u>lindawoodhouserealtor@gmail.com</u> 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

Happy Birthday







MAY May 05 Dennis Pearl May 11 Barry Silver May 12 Janet Baker May 19 Stephanie Currie May 19 Thomas Milo May 25 Jennifer Fox May 27 Janet Woodhouse May 31 Heather Nedich

### JUNE

June 07 Maxine Weimer June 09 John Sargent June 13 Alan Silverstein June 14 Claudette Bish June 18 Lisa Krukoski June 19 Claudia Barrington June 19 Don Grayson June 21 Beth Bowe June 22 Marty Norris June 22 Rebecca Stallard June 24 Jeri Monical June 24 Jeri Monical

#### **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.

#### **May Climate Data**

Average high: 87.2°F Average low: 72°F Average mean: 79.6°F Average rainfall: 5.52"



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#### May in Your Orchid Collection

#### By Dr. Martin Motes

May is a month of transition in South Florida. Early in the month we can expect the driest weather of the year. Because of the clarity of the air and lack of cloud cover, temperatures rise rapidly in the late morning and can reach the upper eighties or nineties by mid afternoon before cooling substantially in late afternoon. Fortunately, over night radiant cooling rapidly dissipates the previous day's heat. May mornings are a delight, the wise orchidist rises early to enjoy them and to finish his chores before the heat sets in. Chief of these should be extensive dragging of hoses.

May's wide temperature swings and dry air suit our orchids to a tee. New growths on sympodial orchids are developing apace and by continuing the careful watering practices of April (i.e drenching them thoroughly with repeated applications of water to saturate their roots and potting media, then allowing them to dry to nearly 'hard' dry) we can launch them into the summer in vigorous, disease-free growth. Remember, this saturation can only be achieved with two or more soakings to the point of runoff spaced a few minutes apart. Merely holding the water on the plant extra long will not suffice. The water needs to slowly soak into the roots and media. Test the weight of a "benchmark" plant to be satisfied that it is sufficiently heavy to be totally soaked. The arid air of early May will quickly dry the foliage but the roots can draw on the deep reservoir of water that you have provided with this careful, complete watering.

With the increased heat and light of May we do not want to put our orchids on too lean a diet. Fertilize with up to 2 tsp. of 15-5-15 per gal of water every week or so. Alternating with Epsom salts and potassium nitrate at 1 tbs. each per gal. is still a best practice during May. Always substitute fertilizer for a watering and apply like the water in two doses to the point of saturation. Never follow the widely stated but antiquated advice to "water before fertilizing". It's a receipt for over watering without any basis in logic or science, Now is also a good time to apply a soluble trace or micro element fertilizer. Follow the dilution rates on the package as mixtures and strengths differ. You can apply this in conjunction with the Epsom salts/potassium nitrate but never with the 15-5-15, 20-20-20 or any other fertilizer containing phosphorus. In South Florida's highly alkaline water the phosphorus interacts with the other metallic elements, reducing the effectiveness of the trace elements. Potassium nitrate, 13-0-46, is the perfect companion to minor elements because it not only lacks phosphorus which would hinder the absorption of the trace elements but the nitrate nitrogen seems to enhance their uptake.

May is still prime time for re-potting. With cattleyas, dendrobiums and other sympodials, the virtuous among us have long since finished this labor of love, but the majority of us are faced with the moral dilemma of doing the potting now or waiting until next year with the pseudo bulbs of our plants overhanging their pots and proclaiming to the world our sloth. The one instance in which this dilemma must be resolved absolutely in favor of the plant, is when the media has broken down in the pot. This condition will encourage root rot to become stem rot which will pursue the rhizome even into those over arching bulbs. If in doubt, give the media the "nose test". A pinch of media taken from below the surface of the pot should smell "sweet". A sour smell or the odor of a pond bottom indicates media that is broken down and must be replaced as soon as possible.

The case in which this is almost universally true is with plants potted in sphagnum moss. Sphagnum simply will not last beyond one year (even under cover) in South Florida. As the vast majority of commercially produced *Phalaenopsis* are now grown in sphagnum, recently acquired plants MUST be re-potted annually. As most Phals. will be finishing their flowers, now is a good time to get them right for the new year's growth. When repotting, one can, of course, choose a more durable media; rock, red wood chips or various mixtures and avoid this annual ritual. Choosing a more durable media will entail modifying one's watering schedule to accommodate the faster draining, quicker drying qualities of these harder substances.



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### Highlights From Our April Meeting Photos Courtesy of John Morris and Other Members







































































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V. curvifolia franksmithiana BLUE Ribbon Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Asctm. garayi BLUE Ribbon Cheryl Babcock & John Williams



Ascda. Sweet Pea 'Ruby' BLUE Ribbon Dave & Beth Bowe





Den. Cretaceum BLUE Ribbon Susan Kolinsky

Phal. Liu's cute Angel BLUE Ribbon John Pancoast



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Papilionanthe teres andersonii BLUE Ribbon Joseph Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



Paphiopedilum Michael Kaopoioitz x paph. philipinenz BLUE Ribbon Joseph Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



Encyclia Maderoi BLUE Ribbon Charlie Rowell



V. ampullacea BLUE Ribbon John Pancoast



Lc. Carolyn Reid 'Glowing Embers' BLUE Ribbon Joseph Ortlieb & Dennis earl



Bromocanthe Jamaican Fire BLUE Ribbon Joseph Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl

### **April Ribbon Winners**

V. curvifolia franksmithiana	BLUE	Cheryl Babcock John Williams
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Ascda. Sweet Pea 'Ruby'	BLUE	Dave Bowe Beth Bowe
Den. Cretaceum	BLUE	Susan Kolinsky
Phal. Liu's cute Angel	BLUE	John Pancoast
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#### Annual Picnic

## 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 15	DBOS Annual Picnic at Tradewinds Park. DBOS Members and invited guests. Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt Committee: Racquel & Felipe Carles, Steve Brandt
5. November 11-1	2 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 Bus Trip to Growers



**Annual Auction** 





Annual Ramble

Annual Holiday Party

## Upcoming Orchid Events 2023

### **Redland International Orchid Festival**

Located at the idyllic Redland Fruit and Spice Park in South Dade, the Redland International Orchid Festival is world renowned as a bucket list event for orchid lovers. Join the best orchid growers in the world along with fellow avid orchid fans for three and a half days of pure orchid mania.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 19-21, 2023 10:00 am - 6:00 pm daily Fruit and Spice Park 24801 SW 187th Ave Redland, FL 33031

https://redlandorchidfestival.com/





## MEMBERS' PLANTS



DBOS members, please send images of some of your favorite orchids at any time to <u>deerfieldor-</u> <u>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

blooming 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.



C. forbesii x C. Beaufort John Pancoast

## Take It Virtual!



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Den. bracteosum John Pancoast

Den. faciferum John Pancoast



V. ampullacea John Pancoast



Pomatocalpa spicata John Pancoast



V. vietnamica x V. Christine Joan John Pancoast



Aerangis hildebrantii John Pancoast



Adaglossum Tarantula 'Sweet Orange' John Pancoast



B. falcatum John Pancoast



Den. pachyphyllum John Pancoast



Onc. Sharry Baby John Pancoast



Leptotes bicolor John Pancoast



Saidenfadenia mitrata John Pancoast



Vanda brunnea John Pancoast



Vanda Julian Shaw John Pancoast



Vanda Dragon Tongue John Pancoast







Brasia Rex 'Sakata' sub v. 'Lea' Cheryl Babcock and John Williams

Brasia Rex 'Sakata' sub v. 'Lea' Cheryl Babcock and John Williams



Den. Yaya Victoria Cheryl Babcock and John Williams



Cuaritonia [Ctna.]Why Not ('Yellow' x self) Cheryl Babcock and John Williams



Ons. Wildcat 'Yellow King' Cheryl Babcock and John Williams



V. Josephine Van Brero x Kultana Blue Cheryl Babcock and John Williams



Seiden Fadinia mitrata Cheryl Babcock and John Williams



Semi-Terete NoID Cheryl Babcock and John Williams



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**Dendrobium Anosmum NoID Stephanie and Terry Morkert** 



Myrmecophila (Schom.) NoID **Stephanie and Terry Morkert** 



Trigonidium egertonianum Stephanie and Terry Morkert



**Stephanie and Terry Morkert** 



**Dendrobium Secundum Stephanie and Terry Morkert** 



Dendrobium lindleyi (aggregatum) Enc. Rioclarense (cordigera x randii) **Stephanie and Terry Morkert** 



Dendrobium Anosmum NoID Stephanie and Terry Morkert



Myrmecophila (syn. Schom.) tibicinis Stephanie and Terry Morkert



Rhctm. Ladda Gold Stephanie and Terry Morkert



Myrmecophila (Schom.) NoID Stephanie and Terry Morkert



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Myrmecophila (Schom.) NoID Stephanie and Terry Morkert



meeting every month. There is nothing better than Publix pastries!

### 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.

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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#### **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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