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President's Message

Hello orchid lovers!

I am so looking forward to listening and learning from Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, who will be joining us live via Zoom for our November 10 meeting at 7:30 pm EST. He will discuss one of my favorite and fascinating group of orchids in his presentation on "Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas." He will provide a detailed look at the latest developments in the breeding and growing of these colorful and showy orchids and cover the "best growing practices" for

their cultivation. Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

A passionate orchid grower, Fred continues to grow in his pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids. When he last joined us as our speaker at the June 2019 DBOS monthly meeting, his notable grex, Fredclarkera After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed" had received five FCC's and three AM's on the first flowers shown for judging. Fast forward to the present and this grex has received over 100 awards worldwide with nine FCC's and 30 AM's from the AOS judges! This one is definitely going on my "wanna add to my collection list!"

The rain prevented many of us from getting out there and taking photos of our orchids to share with our members in future newsletters. After all, we now know how to take much better images thanks to our October speaker, Tom Kuligowski, noted photographer and renowned orchid grower, who taught us "How to Take Better Pictures of Your Orchid Collection." He shared with us how we can create better images of our personal collections whether using a smartphone, point and shoot, or digital single-lens reflex camera. We received lots of positive comments from our members after the meeting about how enjoyable the evening was, how they enjoyed seeing many of his orchids taken in different background conditions, and how they learned some new things to help them capture better images of their orchids.

DBOS members, please send images of some of your favorite images at any time to deer-fieldorchids@gmail.com so we can share them with our membership. We all used to like to ooh! and aah! at our monthly meetings when we had our members' table and people brought in their blooming orchids to show. We often saw 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. So many of you have commented on FOG or Facebook that you have a beautiful orchid to show and no place to take it. Take it virtual!

Due to the continued cases of Covid-19, the Board of Trustees postponed the December holiday party, and we have tentatively rescheduled it to February 20, 2021. Members who paid their dues for 2020 will receive a FREE orchid. Due to our members potentially traveling and attending holiday gatherings, we have decided to hold our January 12, 2021 meeting as a Zoom meeting as well and will further monitor situations to see when we will return to live meetings at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach.

Happy Orchiding!

Cheryl Babcock DBOS President



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Bulletin Board

DBOS meetings will be held virtually via ZOOM live for the remainder of the year due to **Covid-19 restrictions**.

In case you missed your email for the recorded video link for the October meeting, check your email for the email sent to you the morning of October 16th from deerfieldor-chids@gmail.com.

Please check your email for information pertaining to events for the fall. 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.

November Climate Data

Average high: 85.4°F Average low: 72.2°F Average mean: 78.8°F Average rainfall: 6.19"



November in Your Orchid Collection

By Dr. Martin Motes

In November we can no longer afford to be dominated by the illusion, so easy here at the northern edge of the tropics, that summer will never end. Although Indian Summer persists for the whole winter in South Florida, November is the month to prepare our plants for those short sharp blasts of cold which are inevitably coming as each successive cold front pushes the overall temperature a little lower and a little lower. Each day is shorter too. The loss of daylight savings time should awake us to the fact that there are less hours of sunlight to save our plants from the chill of the night. Many genera are already anticipating this sea change and have completed their growths for the season. Some like *Catasetum*, *Cycnoches*, *Calanthe* and the *nobile* dendrobiums are even beginning to shed their foliage in preparation for the cool, dry season. While the Himalayan Dendrobium species of the *nobile* and *Callista* types, calanthes, cymbidiums and an few others, actually relish temperatures down to near freezing, and most cattleyas and Oncidium alliance species and hybrids are not bothered by temperatures in the mid-thirties, the majority of the genera which we grow, vandas, evergreen dendrobiums, *Phalaenopsis* and others, benefit from being protected from the cold. Now, while the first breathes of cool air remind us that more and stronger cold is in the offing, is the time to start thinking about protecting our plants.

In nature nearly all the tender tropical epiphytic orchids native to South Florida are found nestled in the bosom of deep hammocks where they are well protected from the wind. This observation leads us to think of protecting our orchids from the north and northwest winds. Creating or utilizing already existing wind breaks to the north and west of our orchids will limit the ability of the wind to steal the warmth out of our plants. The critical factor is not the low temperature that the air reaches but rather the temperature to which the plant tissue is chilled and for how long. This is why limiting the movement of cold air over our plants is essential. In still air, plant tissue (mostly water but with some dissolved salts) retains heat for a long time and is aided by the plants' metabolism. The very goings on of life generate heat, therefor considerable exposure to still air is needed to chill a plant to the temperature of the surrounding environment. Not so if wind enters the picture. Wind can quickly rob the plant's surfaces of heat, chilling the plants tissue deeper and deeper. When the plant's temperature tolerance is reached, at best growth ceases or worse yet damage ensues. Slowing the cooling process and limiting the hours of exposure to sub-optimal temperature is the best gift we can give our plants for the holidays.

Protecting our tender plants from exposure to wind must be our primary concern in preparing them for winter. Buildings, walls and even thick hedges can be very effective windbreaks slowing or stopping chill air. Choose places in your garden that offer this sort of protection to your orchid plants wherever possible. The geography of Florida plays into the equation as well. Because the Florida peninsular juts decidedly to the Southeast (Naples is due south of Jacksonville), protection from the Northwest wind is even more crucial than protection from the North wind on the east coast of Florida. Northwest winds are blowing out of the cold heart of the landmass while true North winds have in most locales usually blown over more warm water and less cold land. Regardless of the degree of north, safeguarding our collections from the wind is critical to their healthy maintenance. Not until the air circulating clockwise around the cold high pressure system shifts to the Northeast to blow over the warm Gulfstream can we relax our guard.



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Speaker of the Month

Fred Clarke

Sunset Valley Orchids
Virtual ZOOM Presentation

November 10, 2020 7:30 pm





"Spotted and Splashed Cattleyas"

What a fascinating group of Orchids! This talk is a detailed look at the latest developments in the breeding and growing of these colorful flowers.

Spotted and splashed Cattleyas come in many colors and shapes. Learn about the important breeding plants and what hybrids are available for the orchid enthusiast. In conclusion we cover the 'best growing practices' for cultivation of these colorful and showy Orchids.

The presenter will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista. Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Paphiopedilum and Aussie Dendrobium hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out! His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide with nine FCC's and thirty AM's from the AOS judges!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Link to the meeting will be sent to members from deerfieldorchids@gmail.com prior to the meeting.



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Kappy Birthday







NOVEMBER

Nov 02 Mikesha Murray

Nov 03 Liz Huffman

Nov 10 Gail Ritchie

Nov 11 Brian Kenney

Nov 11 Janet Leech

Nov 12 Tonky Bofill

Nov 14 Wes Scott

Nov 18 Janice Dunford

Nov 21 Hal Allen



DECEMBER

Dec 01 Mary Pritchard

Dec 05 Cheryl Babcock

Dec 06 Omar Gonzales

Dec 06 Skye Wooten

Dec 10 Chris Doone

Dec 10 Grace Holliday

Dec 11 Tom Kuligowski

Dec 14 Gail Carpeter

Dec 18 Lee Anne Evans

Dec 18 Susan Kolinsky

Dec 18 Mike Simon

Dec 22 Terry Morkert

Dec 22 Jim St. Clair

Dec 26 Debbie McManus

Dec 27 Sharon Taylor



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. Feb 20, 2021 DBOS Annual Members' Holiday Party

The Holiday Party, typically held the first Saturday in December in place of our December monthly meeting was moved to February 2021 in an abundance of caution.

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Lisa Sarno

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

& Linda Woodhouse

2. March 9, 2021 DBOS 8th Annual Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb

3. April, 2021 DBOS Annual Orchid Home Ramble

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Linda Woodhouse

Committee: TBD

4. Sept, 2021 DBOS Annual Picnic

Chairpersons: Dennis Pearl & Kristina Brandt

Committee: Racquel Carles, Lisa Sarno, Jacqueline & Wes Scott

5. Oct, 2021 DBOS Annual Bus Trip

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt

6. Nov 13 –14, 2021 DBOS 9th Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Safe Schools Institute

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock, Kristina Brandt & Joe Ortlieb

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

MEMBERS' PLANTS

Oncidium Orchid Photo Wins Photo Contest and FREE DBOS 2021 Membership

for Grower, Louise Albright

Congratulations to Louise Albright, who listened, learned, and carefully observed as Tom Kuligowski, our October DBOS speaker, showed us how to take better photos of our orchid children. Louise's prize-winning shot of her Oncidium (NOID) was selected by a panel of judges and determined to be the best orchid image. As the winner of the photo contest, Louise receives a FREE Membership in DBOS for 2021 valued at \$20/single membership and/or \$30/couple membership.



Oncidium NOID
Louise Albright
WINNER!



Laelia Cattleya NOID

Louise Albright

We are pleased that several of our other DBOS members submitted photos of their orchids as well. Not everyone had a chance, due to the heavy rains in October, to follow all of Tom's tips, however, we are so pleased that they have shared their photos, shown below.



Blc Sa-Ngob Delight
Charlene Reiff



Brassanthe Maiki Mayumi Charlene Reiff



Orchid salmon diagonal PS NOID Elvia Kenney



Van Josephine Van Brero x V. Dr.Aneka Charlene Reiff



Laelia Cattleya NOID Ken Bingham



Exotic Cattleya NOID

Elvia_Kenney



Cattleya NOID Rachelen Hut



Dendrobium NOID

Diana Fedrigon



NOID
Diana Fedrigon



Dendrobium Phalaenopsis NOID

Diana Fedrigon

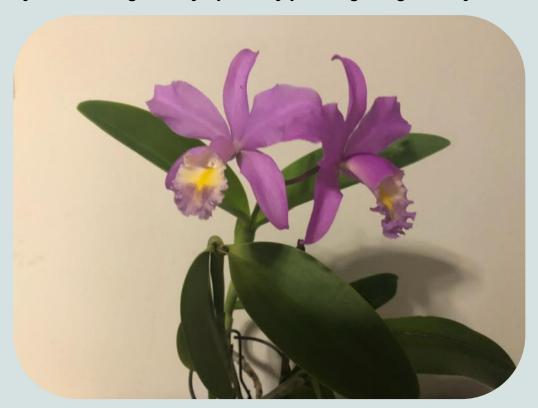


NOID
Diana Fedrigon

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Take it virtual!

The DBOS Board of Trustees is exempt from the photo contest. However, many of them have shared some of their blooming orchids for you to enjoy. Great growing to ALL of our members and thanks for sharing.



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Blc. Hawaii Stars 'Paradise'
(B. Little Stars x Lc. Mem. Robert Strait)
Cheryl Babcock



V. Bitz's Heartrhob x V. Gordon Dillon 'Yo'
Cheryl Babcock



C. Cherry Song 'Pink'
Cheryl Babcock



Cattleya Lc Fire Dance 'Patricia'
Cheryl Babcock



Blc. Miya's Fascination 'Odom's Wildfire'
x Lc. Tinan City 'Genera'
Cheryl Babcock





Oncidium Sharry Baby Lisa Sarno



Phalaenopsis "Moth Orchid" NOID Raquel_Carles



Brassolaeliocattleya NOID Raquel_Carles



Cattleya NOID Raquel_Carles



Bulbophyllum Frank Smith 'Golden Throne' x Bulbophyllum echinolabium 'A-doribil Too' Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



Paphiopedilum moquettianum
x Paphiopedilum Lynleigh Koopowitz
Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



Paphiopedilum bellatulum 'Round Face' x Paphiopedilum rothschildianum 'New Generation'

Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Sa-Ngob Delight 'Rosie' Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



Dendrobium Green Apples Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



Blc. Cornerstone 'Yellow Lip'
(Makaha Gold x C. walkeriana)
Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



Renanstylis Bangkok Beauty Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl



Cattleya NOID
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Laelia Cattleya NOID
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Cattleya NOID
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Cattleya NOID
Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Encyclia Cochleata

Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Cattleytonia Why Not Stephanie & Terry Morkert



Oncidium Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'
Stephanie & Terry Morkert

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. If a guest joins in October, November or December 2020 this will include their 2021 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

In addition to access to our orchid library, insightful and informative web page, and occasional plant sale table provided by our guest speakers, DBOS members enjoy 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 Deer-field 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.



Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2021



We thank all of our members for supporting DBOS during this unusual year when we have been unable to meet in person and enjoy the many activities that DBOS provides to the members. We hope that you have enjoyed some of the phenomenal speakers who have joined us through Zoom. We might not have had a chance to hear from these gentlemen in person. A shout out to Bill Thoms, Dr. Martin Motes, and Jose Exposito for sharing their time, knowledge, and expertise with DBOS members via Zoom. For the remainder of the year, we are looking forward to Zoom meetings with Tom Kuligowski and Fred Clarke.

We sincerely hope to get back to our in-person meetings in 2021. We have scheduled our January 12, 2021 meeting to be held at the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach at 7:30 pm. There will be a limited number of people who are able to attend in person, members will be socially distanced, and everyone must wear a mask. The meeting will also be recorded and sent to members who are not comfortable venturing out. More information about this will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

Our 2021 membership drive will begin in January 2021, however we will accept your membership dues at any time. Our dues structure has not increased. Members who pay their 2021 dues will receive a FREE orchid if they attend the December 2021 holiday party.

Members who did not previously pay their 2020 dues have the option of paying their dues and receiving a FREE orchid if they attend the February 2021 holiday party. Do you only want to renew for 2021 and not 2020? That's fine, too, and you are more than welcome to join us at the February 2021 holiday party. Remember, only 2020 paid members will receive an orchid. This is in respect to the 2020 dues-paying members. If you don't remember if you paid your 2020 dues, please email or call Linda (954-234-4623) or lindawoodhouserealtor@gmail.com) and she will let you know.

Membership Renewals

New Members

\$20.00/year Individual \$30.00/year Couples \$5.00/year Junior Membership

\$25.00/year. Individual Couples

\$10.00/year Junior Membership

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership -- If you are able to renew, you can either call Linda at 954-234-4623 with a credit card or send a check to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 732, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Renewals are \$20/single membership and \$30/couple membership per year.

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Calendar of Meetings

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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

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/

In the meantime, support your local vendors through online ordering and/or gift certificates so you can buy new orchids later.

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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