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Hello Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Members!

I can't believe October is here already. At least the Halloween candy has been purchased.

Just one more month before our annual show at the Pompano Civic center Nov 2 and 3. Setup day is Friday Nov 1. The Board has been busy getting everything in order for us to welcome our 10 vendors. We need everyone to assist us in some way, as this is the BIG fund raiser of the year. Dennis Pearl has compiled a chart of those who have volunteered so far to assist. Please email him at [Timelessobjects@aol.com](mailto:Timelessobjects@aol.com) if you have not yet volunteered to help. Load in on Friday is always fun, we get to know the vendors first hand, and help them move in their plants, and spot a plant we want held for purchase.

We have rack cards available for all at the October meeting for you to distribute to neighbors, friends. We hope you can ask business owners to display a stack on their checkout counter for their clients. Many members have already paid for their 5 tickets, and more will be available at the meeting.

The nominating Committee is pleased to announce Terry Morkert and John Budree have both volunteered to join the Board next year.

The Holiday party is being hosted by Grace Holiday at her home. Details will be available at the meeting. You won't want to miss this!

See you this Tuesday, don't forget to bring a guest.

Rosemary Chenery

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Did you ever wonder what goes on in our Board meetings? Well, a lot of eating that's for sure! We also work hard on Society business in between bites.



**Welcome New Members!!**

Kay Cascio  
Carole Anderson

# Happy Birthday

**Vince Dicks Oct 8**

**Stephanie Morkert Oct 26**

## 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 **September** meeting!

Dennis Pearl  
Mary Pritchard  
Cheryl Babcock

Stephanie & Terry Morkert

And special thanks to Publix for donating refreshments

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

While scanning the **Members Only** portion of the American Orchid Society web site, I discovered a link to these amazing videos of orchids as they mature and flower.

Click on **Orchid Videos** in the list on the left of the page.

<http://www.healingorchids.com/livingtreeorchidvideos.html>

I encourage you to become a member of the AOS for just \$65 a year.

Join today and begin receiving a wealth of membership benefits including:

- TWELVE issues of award-winning ORCHIDS magazine
- Access to reliable on-line orchid information and features available only to our members at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)
- Receive the annual Orchid Source Directory detailing orchid suppliers worldwide
- Free and discounted admission to [more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta](#)

10% discount on purchases on-line at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) including discount on back issues of ORCHIDS magazine and on American Orchid Society published books

Rosemary Chenery  
AOS representative

# Speaker of the Month

Weyman Bussey

Raised in Belle Glade and educated in Ornamental Horticulture and Botany at the University of Florida, Weyman's love for orchids began at age 12 when he collected his first orchid in the Big Cypress swamps during a Boy Scout camping trip. A trip to the 7th World Orchid Conference in Colombia at the age of 17, inspired him to live and work in the tropics where he could be nearest his real passion, wild orchids. He not only grew them commercially, but built many companies and laboratories throughout his career, not just for orchids, but also other flower crops in Colombia and Mexico. His favorite past time for 30 years was rescuing plants from fallen trees and finding them a home. In his sought after presentation about Mexican orchids, given to over 75 societies during the past 20 years, he shows you how the geography of Mexico has influenced the evolution of more than a thousand species. Do you know the WANTS orchids have? This presentation is much more than a bunch of pretty flower pictures, it takes you into real Old Mexico in depth, teaches you how to choose the Mexican native orchid species best suited for your climate.

## Upcoming Speakers

November – Quest Orchids

## Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

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

1. **TBD 2014**                      Orchid Ramble. Always a Saturday in addition to our regular meeting.  
Leaving Women's Club at 9am  
Chairperson: Joseph Ortlieb
  
2. **Oct. ??, 2013**                Fall Festival/DBOS Birthday Party. Held in Constitution Park, Deerfield  
Beach Arboretum.  
Chairperson: Needed
  
3. **TBD 2014**                      Third Growers Bus Trip  
Chairperson: Needed
  
4. **Nov 2 & 3, 2013**              Fall Show and Sale. To be held at the Civic Center in Pompano Beach.  
Saturday & Sunday              Chairpersons: Rosemary Chenery
  
5. **Dec 8, 2013**                    Annual meeting/Holiday Party. Our regular December meeting to be held here  
  
Chairperson: Grace Holliday

Please consider joining a committee to help out the Chairperson.

## GROWING TIPS for October

By

Courtney T. Hackney

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Hubris is a term that I think about whenever I get to a point where I think that I have finally figured out the culture of orchids. I have thought a lot about that this year. Never in my 50 years of growing orchids have I encountered such consistent issues with various rots. Yes, it has been a wet and rainy summer, but those have occurred before. Hurricanes always seem to bring more rot issues, but there have been none of those, so why this year?

The rot that has been an issue looks like it is fungal and resembles rots that turn up occasionally. First a pseudobulb on a cattleyas yellows and turns black, which eventually spreads up the leaf. Often by the time the dying bulb has been discovered, rot has spread to the rhizome. In many cases large cattleyas were lost and in others large plants reduced to just one bulb. Ironically, phalaenopsis that usually develop rots first have been unaffected as have all other orchid groups.

The speed of infection has been faster than most fungal infections, but slower than bacterial problems I have encountered. So how did I know that the problem was fungal? The fact that the bulbs stayed fairly firm was the first indication that the problem was fungal in nature, but once I opened up an infected bulb and looked carefully under magnification, I could see the fine filaments called hyphae that are characteristic of many fungi.

Standard treatments that always proved effective largely did not work. Even the “nuclear” option, Kocide, failed to halt the progression of this rot. I call this the “nuclear option” because the active ingredient in Kocide, copper, is fairly toxic, even to plants, so it is only used when absolutely necessary. If you must use this product be sure you raise the pH of the water you mix with it above 7 to limit plant toxicity. Most of the well water in my area is above a pH of 7. The product that finally seems to have stopped the carnage was Banrot, an old, reliable fungicide that I stopped using years ago. It was necessary to use it as a drench because the rot seemed to be entering my cattleyas through roots, even though most cattleyas were growing in lava rock. My guess is that old, dead roots were providing a starting point.

So what is next? Just because a problem seems to be solved does not mean it is really gone, especially if it is a bacterial or fungal problem. The greenhouse and all orchids are being maintained drier, i.e. less frequent watering, than would otherwise be occurring. Those few orchids that require more water, e.g. Bulbophylums, are getting hand-watered when they look dry. Anytime a suspicious spot is found it is hit with Banrot. This will continue until the problem is gone, however long that takes. Kocide was also sprayed under benches and on walkways to kill as many fungal and bacterial spores as possible.

But where did this new rot come from? It is always easy to blame a new acquisition, but spores from rots can come from anywhere. My bet is the origin was the swamp next to the greenhouse, which was flooded all summer thanks to the wet weather, but there is no way to know for sure. The incident has prompted me to look at what led to the spread of rot in my growing area. The typical culprit is a lack of air movement, which can be caused by orchids packed too closely together or a need to more fans. The trick now will be to eliminate rots before winter comes and the greenhouse is closed up.

## ROAD TRIP TO MEKE ALOHA ORCHIDS

Calling all orchid lovers!

We are planning a day road trip to visit Meke Aloha Orchids.

Saturday November 9th.... 7am departure

We will be carpooling as much as possible.

Please arrange carpooling before the event date. Or you can drive on your own. If you live north of Deerfield Beach or on the west coast, you can meet us there around 10-10:30am

We will be touring the greenhouses of Paul Storm and his lovely wife Mary. They own Meke Aloha Orchids and have been growing orchids for over 40 years. Their hobby got out of control...Their business is devoted entirely to orchids. They specialize in Lalia-Schomburgkia and Myrmecophila. They are one of the leading breeders of hybrids involving these genera. Bring your wallet. No credit cards accepted here. Cash or check only....No Exceptions!

\*\*\*\*\* I need to inform you that Paul and Mary are Orchid Hobbyists.....Their Greenhouse is casual. There are no prices hanging on the wall. If you like an orchid, politely ask the price and you'll get an answer. Not all the orchids will be in bloom, so if you're looking for something specific, just ask or pre-order with Paul.

Please check out the website.

<http://www.mekealohaorchids.com/>

Pre-orders are greatly appreciated. If you need any Orchidata ( orchid growing potting media), please call Paul and let him know in advance. 941-320-7450 This Stuff works!

We will be leaving the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach at 7am sharp. It's about a 3 1/2 hour drive. You might want to pack some snacks.

Meke Aloha Orchids  
7091 Myakka Valley Trail  
Sarasota, Florida 34241  
Lost??

Call Paul Storm at 941-320-7450

After the tour and shopping, we will go grab a bite to eat. I leave that choice up to Paul, because that's his neck of the woods. After we eat, we will return home to Deerfield Beach Woman's Club....Or wherever you came from.

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Carpooling Cost of trip.....all passengers will split the cost of gas for the volunteer drivers. Estimate about \$25-\$30 per person. If you're not carpooling, you expenses are your responsibility.

Please check out the website and let me know if you plan on attending by calling

Heidi at 954-242-2722

RSVP by Nov 1st.



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1/4 page: \$13 per month or \$125 per year  
1/2 page: \$15 per month or \$150 per year  
Full Page: \$25 per month or \$250 per year

## 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.**



# 2013 Orchid Events

## October 25 to 27

### **Delray Beach Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale “Orchids on the Square”**

Enjoy Autumn’s last weekend, tropical style, amid the intoxicating scent and color of nature’s masterpiece, the orchid. The Delray Beach Orchid Society Invites you to its annual American Orchid Society judged show and sale, Orchids on the Square.

Old School Square Gymnasium, N. Swinton Ave and N.E. 1st Street, Delray Beach FL

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

Admission: \$5 per day or \$8 for 3 day pass

## November 2 and 3

### **Mounts Botanical Garden Fall Plant Sale**

This annual plant sale features over 80 vendors from all over the state showcasing an amazing assortment of fabulous plants and garden goods. Come early and enjoy a rare opportunity to learn about plant culture of South Florida by speaking directly to the growers. **The American Hibiscus Sunrise-Conrad Chapter** [Exhibit Hall B] will be having their annual judging and show featuring many of the state’s best blooms.

Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, W Palm Beach, FL

Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission: Members free, Non-Members \$10

## November 15 to 17

### **American Orchid Society Fall Orchid Show**

Join the American Orchid Society (AOS) for their Fall 2013 American Orchid Society Member’s Meeting and Orchid Show. Details on registering for the meeting can be found in the AOS Member’s Meeting Program. The Orchid Show will be open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday with paid Garden admission.

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

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Admission: Members free, Non-Members \$25

**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 2013

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 Donna Edwards for New Membership**

# Calendar of Meetings

**Thursday, October 10, 7:30 PM**

**Boca Raton Orchid Society**

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

**Monday, October 14 7:30 PM**

**Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society, Inc.**

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall

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

**Tuesday, October 8, 7:30 PM**

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

911 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

**Wednesday, October 9, 7:30 PM**

**Delray Beach Orchid Society**

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park

802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

## 2013 Committee Positions

1. Membership..... Donna Edwards
2. Programs.....Vince Dicks
3. Judging Plant Table.....Don Carpenter/Juan Bofill/Rosemary Chenery
4. Newsletter.....Lisa Krukoski
5. Librarian.....Diana Foulke
6. Meeting Place .....TBD
7. Sunshine.....Lois Larson
8. Nominating..... Rosemary Chenery
9. Publicity.....Rosemary Chenery
10. Plant Table.....Speaker or DBOS
11. Events.....TBD
12. Refreshments.....Mary Pritchard
13. AOS Representative.....Rosemary Chenery
14. Courtesy .....Denice Willis

## 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](mailto:loisj2200@yahoo.com)

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**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!**