

The Orchid Scentinel

BOCA RATON ORCHID SOCIETY



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Meetings

Our Society meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Location

Safe Schools Institute
1790 NW Spanish River Blvd.
Boca Raton, FL 33433
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Military Trail & Spanish River Blvd.
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Map: <http://bit.ly/qQhKXu>

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Boca Raton Orchid Society was founded in 1989 and 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.

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Featuring—

Speaker: Robert Fuchs, R.F. Orchids
Topic: 20th World Orchid Conference, Singapore
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2012

This month's program will cover highlights of the 20th WOC and R.F. Orchids' participation. Enjoy recounts of his travels, including Singapore, three destinations in Malaysia, and Bangkok.

Originally the nursery was run by Robert's grandparents Fred and Louise Fuchs' located on their 1921 Homestead property. Fred and Louise ran their nursery together until Fred's death in 1969. Prior to that the nursery suffered great decline due to Fred's poor health. In 1970 Robert graduated from Florida State University, and returned to Homestead and began a massive cleanup and renovation of the nursery. He brought in plants from his own collection and in December of that year R.F. Orchids opened for business! At that time, Robert was teaching at Homestead Junior High, and the nursery was open only on weekends and afternoons.

In 1984 at the 11th World Orchid Conference and orchid show a lot of attention focused on R.F. Orchids when 12 of their plants won individual medals and their exhibit won a Best In Class trophy. And most importantly, R.F. Orchids' plant Vanda Deva 'Robert' was honored as the Grand Champion of the 11th WOC. This award catapulted them to international recognition and acceptance as a leading vandaceous orchid grower. Robert retired from teaching in 1985 and incorporated the nursery. The nursery participates in several dozen orchid shows each year, many of them international shows outside the United States.

Robert has written many articles for publication in Orchids, the prestigious magazine of the American Orchid Society, and in other distinguished international publications. An accredited AOS judge, he travels extensively throughout the world to attend orchid shows, present lectures and programs to orchid societies and other groups, he is also the author of the section on "Vanda Culture" in the AOS's Handbook on Orchid Culture.

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From Our President

Hello Fellow Orchid Lovers,

It's SHOW time! Jackie will wave her magic wand and our meeting place will become a spectacular wonderland of colors, shapes and fragrances. This magic wand is synonymous with volunteers. Now it is your turn to assist. There is any number of areas in which to put your talents to use. Raffle sales, security, vendor assistant, clerking are only some of the many areas needing coverage during the show. There is strength in numbers. It is important for all of us to participate in some way (see page 5).

One item everyone should be thinking of is the member ribbon judging. Groom your plants. Place them in an appropriate container, and bring them on Friday afternoon to register for the show. Who knows, you might have an FCC or AM award waiting for you.

Refreshments are a very much appreciated necessity for the show day. Marina Kruse (561-499-8634) is coordinating food for the judges, all-day workers and vendors. Check with Marina and see what you can contribute.

Last but not least, with the dry weather get ahead of the bugs. Spray a good systemic such as Orthene to keep thrips and scale in somebody else's garden!

See you at the meeting!

Dave Hogaboom

President



Epicattleya Fuchs Sunglow 'Naranja' BROS
Member: Garfield Gilchrist



R.F. Orchids is both a working nursery and has a thriving botanical garden.

R.F. Orchids celebrated its 40th Anniversary in 2000. In the years since the nursery's founding, it has won more American Orchid Society awards, over 1,000 since 1985, than any other nursery or individual grower. Those awards include more CCM/AOS awards for culture (given to the grower and not to the plant) than have been awarded to any other orchid grower in the world! R.F. plants have also won many FCC/AOS awards – the First Class Certificate, the highest flower-quality award the AOS grants, and Bob's stunning show exhibits have won thirty Gold Medals, and 48 Show Trophies from the AOS for the Most Outstanding Orchid Exhibit at an AOS-sanctioned show. They have also been recognized with prestigious awards from the Royal Horticultural Society in England, World Orchid Conferences, the Japan Grand Prix, South African Orchid Congress Shows, and from orchid societies in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama, Guatemala, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. R.F. Orchids has been featured in many national and international publications, including TIME, National Geographic, the New York Times, Casa y Estilo, Vanidades, and Southern Living, as well as local and regional newspapers and magazines.

Bob is a life member and former trustee of the American Orchid Society, life member of the Royal Horticultural Society of Thailand, member of the Royal Horticultural Society in England, past president and current board member of the South Florida Orchid Society; founding member and past president of the East Everglades Orchid Society. In 1994 the South Florida Orchid Society presented him with its Distinguished Service Award. He is a member of the Homestead Florida City Chamber of Commerce, and a generous supporter of the education and conservation programs at Miami Metro Zoo. In October 1999, the City of Homestead presented Bob with the Key to The City, and proclaimed Robert Fuchs Day, in recognition of his dedication, hard work and contributions to the improvement of the horticulture industry in our community. In January, 2001, Robert was named Miami-Dade County's Agriculturalist of the Year. In January 2008, he was appointed Co-Chairman of the 19th World Orchid Conference, in Miami. Held once every three years in a different international location, the World Orchid Conference is the largest and most prestigious gathering of orchid professionals, scientists, growers and hobbyists.

Our Raffle Table will be supplied by R.F. Orchids and they will have plants for sale.

See you at the meeting!

Lorraine Conover

Vice President, Programs



Vanda Josephine Van Brero
Rev. Clay Clark

AOS Monthly Judging

Now at Flamingo Gardens.
For upcoming dates visit:
www.wpbjudging.org

Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Road, Davie
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www.FlamingoGardens.org

Visit the AOS Events
Calendar to see more
orchid happenings:

<http://bit.ly/wd0Hj>

BROS 2012 Valentine's Orchid Show & Sale

February 11–12 (10 am to 5 pm)
Experience the beauty, exotic colors
and heavenly perfumes! Perfect event
for the Valentine's Day weekend.
(See page 5)

Safe Schools Institute
1790 NW Spanish River Blvd.
Boca Raton
www.brosonline.org

Key West Orchid Society Show

March 2–4 (10 am to 4 pm)
Sales, Supplies, Raffle and Food
Adults \$10, Children under 12 free.

Key West Garden Center
West Martello Towers
635 Ixora Drive, Big Pine Key
www.keywestorchidsociety.org

Fairchild's 10th Annual International Orchid Festival

March 9–11 (9:30 am to 4:30 pm)
Marvel at rare orchid species in the
AOS juried show, presented by the
Orchid Society of Coral Gables. Enjoy
wonderful food and entertainment.
Free for Fairchild Members and children
5 and under. Non-members: \$25 for adults,
\$18 for seniors 65 and up and \$12 for
children 6–17.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami
<http://www.fairchildgarden.org/>

57th Annual Central Florida Orchid Society Spring Show

March 31–April 1 (9 am to 5 pm)
This will be an AOS judged show with
beautiful orchid exhibits, hundreds of
plants for sale from orchid vendors,
cultural seminars and door prizes.

Maitland Civic Center
641 S. Maitland Ave., Maitland
www.cflorchidsociety.org

Florida West Coast Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction

March 31st, Preview at 8:30 am,
Auction at 9:00 am.
Blooming and non-blooming orchid
species and hybrids.

SW Southwest Recreation Complex
13120 Vonn Road, Largo
Admission & Parking are free.
www.fwcos.org

Vero Beach Orchid Society Show

April 28–29 (10 am to 5 pm)
Riverside Park, 3001 Riverside Park Dr.
Vero Beach
www.verobeachorchidsociety.org

Redland International Orchid Festival

May 18–20 (9 am to 5 pm)
Featuring over 60 vendors from
all over the world. (See page 6)

Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187th Ave., Homestead
One Day Pass: \$10, Weekend Pass: \$25
www.redlandorchidfestival.org



Phcal. Kryptonite 'Ursula' AM/AOS
Member: Tony Biviano

Boca Raton OS

Monthly Meeting:
Monthly, 2nd Thursday (7:30 to 9:00 pm)
Safe Schools Institute
1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton

Upcoming Board Meetings:
February: No meeting
March: Alan LaDuke's home, 7:30 pm
www.brosonline.org

Coral Springs OS

Monthly, 3rd Monday (7:30 pm)
Cypress Hammock Park Community Center
1300 Coral Springs Drive, Coral Springs
www.coralsspringsorchidsociety.org

Coalition for Orchid Species

Monthly, 3rd Monday (7:30 pm)
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
South entrance, in the Garden Room
10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables
www.cosspecies.com

Deerfield Beach OS

Monthly, 2nd Tuesday (7:30 to 9:00 pm)
Womans Club of Deerfield Beach
910 East Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach
www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org

Delray Beach OS

Monthly, 2nd Wednesday (6:30 to 9:30 pm)
Veterans Park
802 Northeast 1st Street, Delray Beach
www.delraybeachorchidsociety.com

Fort Lauderdale OS

Monthly, 2nd Monday (7:30 to 9:00 pm)
Christ Lutheran Church, Parish Hall
1955 East Oakland Park Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale
www.flos.org

South Florida OS

See website for dates & times.
Fire Fighters Memorial Building
8000 NW 21st Street, Miami
www.sforchid.com

Tropical OS

Monthly, 4th Thursday (7:30 pm)
Mounts Botanical Gardens Auditorium
531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach
www.tropicalorchidsociety.org



Ascda, Karnda "Mary Motes" HCC/AOS



Tasks for February

by Dr. Martin Motes

1. Spread snail bait lightly. Spread again lightly in two weeks.
2. Spray for Botrytis using Florida recommended fungicides or bicarbonate of soda.
3. Begin Spring potting.
4. Watch for mites.

Read this month's complete article at: <http://bit.ly/wNzJYj>

Sign up for Dr. Motes's newsletter at: www.orchidworks.com/redland/motes

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Boca Raton Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale

Saturday, February 11, 2012, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, February 12, 2012, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Safe Schools Institute
1790 NW Spanish River Blvd.
Boca Raton

Volunteers Needed!

Show Set-up: Thursday 9th & Friday 10th
Clean-up: Sunday 11th
Raffle Table
Membership Table
Security
Clerks for Judging
Hospitality

Show Your Orchids

Get your best plants groomed and ready to bring in for ribbon & AOS judging. Plan on putting in an educational or hobbyist exhibit or display of five plants of the same genera and win a trophy. Plant and exhibit registration will be on Friday, Feb. 10th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

Jackie Wood at bocaorchidlady@aol.com

TICKETS

Extra tickets are available.

Sharon Wesolowski at (954) 605-9932

SPONSORS

Denise Libby is on the look-out for sponsors for our trophies that are awarded at our 2012 Orchid Show.

Denise Libby at (954) 796-7559



BROS Annual Redlands Festival Bus Trip

Every year the BROS makes its May pilgrimage to the Redlands International Orchid Festival to enjoy its incredible orchid-bounty.

The Redlands Festival is held at the Fruit & Spice Park in Homestead, FL and is the largest annual orchid show in the U.S. featuring over 50 booths of educational exhibits and orchid vendors.

An AOS judged event showcasing various types of orchids, plants, and supplies for sale, as well as lectures by experts, raffles, and food.

DATE

Saturday, May 19, 2012
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

DEPARTURE

We will meet in parking lot of the Boca Kmart Garden Center, located at Palmetto Park Road & I-95. Look for the Bus!

Arrive by 7:45 am,
Departing PROMPTLY at 8:00 am.
We will return at 4:00 pm.

PRICE

\$35 BROS members
\$40 Non-members

INCLUDES

- Bus Ride (includes tolls and gas)
 - Snacks & Bottled Water
- Admission to the Redlands Event (\$10 value)
 - Redlands Vendor \$5 off coupon
 - BROS Raffle Ticket

SIGN UP

Stop by the membership table at our next meeting or call Sharon Wesolowski at (954) 605-9932.

MAIL CHECK TO:
BROS

PO Box 276367
Boca Raton, FL 33427-6367

**Make your reservations now
and start writing a “wish list”
as you’re sure to return
with new treasures!**

Seating is limited so don’t delay.



Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence'
Member: Tony Biviano

BROS Exhibition Table

Every month members have the opportunity to show their latest achievements. They can be admired then judged and you may even win an award ribbon! Fill out an exhibition slip and place it with your entry. Please follow the rules below to avoid disqualification.

1. Clearly print the orchid name and your full name.
2. It must be featured in the correct category.
3. You must have owned the orchid for at least six months.
4. The plant must not have insects or disease.
5. Display your orchid in an attractive container.

Each plant registered earns you a FREE raffle ticket!

January's winners were—

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Tony Biviano	Paphiopedilum	Blue	Paph. Maudiae 'Eureka' FCC/AOS x Paph Candy Apple 'Ching Hua'
Tony Biviano	Misc. Genera	Blue	Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Ursala' AM/AOS
Tony Biviano	Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue	Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence'
Belinda Krause	Other Vandaceous	Blue	Rhynchostylis gigantea alba
Garfield Gilchrist	Other Cattleya	Blue	Epicattleya Fuchs Sunglow 'Naranja'
Dave & Amy Hogaboom	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Dendrobium spectabile
Lew Stone	Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Brassia verrucosa
Rev. Clay Clark	Vanda	Blue	Vanda Josephine van Brero

BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Tony Biviano for his Bc. Pastoral 'Innocence' win!

BROS Member Plant Sales—

BROS Members are welcome to sell their plants at our monthly meetings.

Five simple rules:

1. Maximum of 5 plants.
2. No insects or diseases.
3. Must have a name tag.
4. No commercial sales.
5. 10% of your total sales must go to the BROS treasurer that night.

How Refreshing!

The wonderful refreshments provided at last month's meeting were delicious & appreciated!

A Special Thanks to—

Barbara Benefield
Kim Hitt
Marina Kruse

Marian McElligott
Shirley Schneider
Colleen Taylor

Help out by providing refreshments for our meeting's break. Ideas are cookies, cakes, drinks, fruit, nuts, chips or some other tasty treat to serve our members.

BROS Membership

FIRST YEAR

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RENEWAL

SINGLE \$18.00

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& mailed.

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*Welcome
New Members!*

Martha Kostamo

Louise Albright

Sandra Lebos

Thank you for joining, we'll look forward
to getting to know you!

Rhynchostylis gigantea alba
Member: Belinda Krause

Old & used?

Magazines and
books that is...

I'm looking for any
outdated orchid
magazines, books or
reference materials.

Your donation would
be greatly appreciated!

Please contact—
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Have a heart?

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