

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 School Institute
1790 NW Spanish River Blvd.
Boca Raton, FL, 33433
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Military Trail & Spanish River Blvd.
(enter from Spanish River Blvd.)

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June's Meeting Features—

Speaker: Mac Rivenbark
Topic: Phalaenopsis

Mac Rivenbark and his wife Helen are the owners of Mac's Orchids which specializes in orchid species from the Philippines. They have had their business for 11 years and grow over 200 different species. After many fascinating trips to the Philippines and extensive study, Mac has become an expert on orchids from the Philippines.

Mac's presentation will start with a brief history of the genus Phalaenopsis, continue with a short slide program and end with culture and growing tips and advice.

Come to hear some interesting stories and get advice on growing the most produced orchid on the planet. Mac will have plants for sale and will also be providing our raffle table.

See you at the meeting!

Jackie Wood
Vice President, Programs



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From Our President

Hello Everyone!

Hot off the press: We have a new Newsletter Editor.

As many of you are aware, we have been looking for someone to take over the newsletter editor position for months. As of this date, I am happy to announce that we finally found someone. Tom Rowe will be our monthly newsletter editor. Tom joined us a few months ago to increase his knowledge of the hobby as he has approximately 40 plants in his collection. Please join me in welcoming Tom as the BROS Newsletter Editor.

The Orchid Education Program.

As many of you may be aware, Dave Hogaboom has headed the Orchid Ed program for the past 10 years. This school program that BROS has participated in has been a successful voluntary after school orchid education program. This year they met with grades 3, 4 and 5 at two local schools. BROS orchid educators introduced 60 to 70 students to the excitement of growing orchids. Each child is given an orchid and in each session is taught how to nurture their plant to bloom. They are pleased to announce they had a success rate of approximately 90 percent! Shirley Wilde, Fred Gilbert and Karen Khan join Dave as orchid educators. In addition to the program Dave had the opportunity to take part in the Earth Day Program on May 20th at J.C. Mitchell School. Dave was able to speak with 216 students during six sessions. Using a variety of blooming genera, he introduced many of them to the world of orchids. The program was very well received!

When was the last time you checked out our library?

Our Librarian, Amy Hogaboom is going to be working on freshening up the society library. She will be looking for new books and DVDs to add to the existing collection. Since these books can be very expensive, a good way to read them is by checking out one per month. Save yourself a trip to the bookstore while saving some money. We have many books on orchid care and culture. If you have books or DVDs that you would like to donate to the Boca Raton Orchid Society Library please bring them in during one of our meetings and speak with Amy.

Have a Happy June!

Corrine Juliano
President

2011 Redland Festival Trip a Great Success!

The bus was full of members and guests eager to leave at 8 am. We had a fantastic bus driver, plenty of breakfast type snacks and perfect weather. What more could you ask? How about thousands of orchids waiting for a new home?

Well, we filled the bus with our newly acquired catts, phals, epis, bulbos, dens, vandas, supplies to get them growing and much, much more! Success I think is measured from the smiles when we left.

Even though the wallets were empty there was still room for that one more Raffle Plant. How lucky we all were to win a surprise orchid to add to our collections. Oops, I almost forgot to mention the snacks on the way home.

Thanks Sharon for keeping our list growing and Kelly for all your help!

Lorraine Conover
Corresponding Secretary



Events

June 14

Tuesday 7:30 pm

Come hear the 'Orchid Doctor'
Come learn about orchid care & repotting.
Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Meeting
3245 College Avenue, Davie, Florida

July 24

Sunday 8 am to 4 pm

Coalition for Orchid Species Symposium
(See page 5 for more details)
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
In the Garden Room
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, Florida

BROS Board Meetings

June 15, Dave Hogaboom

July 20, Jackie Wood

August 17, Sharon Wesolowski

AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden, Judging

The West Palm Beach judging center holds its monthly meetings at the AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden. On the fourth Saturday of each month at 2 pm, the judges get together to evaluate the flowers brought in for their consideration. This is a wonderful opportunity for orchid lovers to observe the judging process.

AOS Orchid Doctor

Wednesday, Saturday, and Sundays
Having problems growing your orchids?
Blooms fall off? Are your plants sick?
You can find the answers to your questions by bringing the invalid plant to the AOS Visitor's Center and talking with the "Orchid Doctor".

Experts are on hand Wednesdays from 10:00–11:30 am, Saturdays, 1–4 pm and Sundays 14 pm.



American Orchid Society

Check out more AOS events & news online at www.aos.org

Orchid Tidbits

ORCHIDS IN FLORIDA

Species and hybrids of six orchid genera are widely recommended because of their adaptability, ease of growing, and beautiful flowers.

- Cattleya
- Dendrobium
- Epidendrum
- Oncidium
- Phalaenopsis
- Vanda

AVOID DISEASE CONTAMINATION

It is recommended to work first with younger plants and then older ones. Some basic sanitation practices are: washing hands with soap, using disposable gloves when repotting, sterilizing pots and substrates, disinfecting tools between plants with 10 percent commercial sodium hypochloride, 2 percent sodium hydroxide or 5 percent sodium triphosphate for five minutes, flaming for several seconds (after the tools are dipped in alcohol), or heating with at least 300 F° for one hour. Single-edge disposable razor blades can be used for cutting; use each razor on one plant only, then discard the blade. Pots can be soaked in a solution of household bleach (1 cup in a gallon of water for at least 30 minutes, dried and reused after a thorough rinsing. Potting substrate should not be reused.

HAVE A GREAT ORCHID CARE TIP?

Share your orchid tips with your fellow members. Email your tip to editor@brosonline.org and be published in an up-coming edition of our newsletter!

Have a great month!

Tom Rowe

Newsletter Editor



We Welcome a New Member!

Josephine A. Paterson

Thank you for joining the Boca Raton Orchid Society.
We look forward to getting to know you.



Coalition for Orchid Species Symposium

**SUNDAY
JULY 24, 2011
8 AM TO 4 PM**

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden,
In the Garden Room
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, Florida

PRICES

\$45.00 for COS members

\$50.00 for non-COS members

Price includes lectures, continental
breakfast, and homemade buffet
luncheon.

Orchid sales will be available
during the day, as well as
AOS judging.

Space is limited! Purchase your
tickets now for this exciting event!

FOR TICKETS

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AGENDA

8:00 am – 8:30 am

Continental Plus Breakfast

8:30 am – 8:45 am

Mirta Russis-Heineman, President, COS

8:45 am – 9:45 am

Peter Lin, Big Leaf Orchids

“Phalaenopsis Species.”

Peter began growing orchids over 30 years ago, advancing from growing to hybridizing. He started Big Leaf Orchids in 1996, a family owned operation in Texas specializing in Phalaenopsis. He is also the newsletter editor for the International Phalaenopsis Alliance as well as a contributing author and international speaker.

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Greg Allikas, AOS Photographer

www.orchidworks.com

“Four Pairs of Eight of a Kind: The Confused Bifoliate Cattleyas”

Greg is known the world over for brilliant photographs of orchids, but many do not realize that he is also an expert orchid grower. He is a photographer for many AOS judging centers and shows, and is a regular contributor to the AOS magazine, Orchids, Orchid Digest, and many other publications. He is also the author or coauthor of several orchid photography books, and much sought-after orchid speaker.

11:15 am – 12 Noon

AOS Judging

12 Noon – 12:45 pm

Lunch

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Prem Subrahmanyam

www.FLNativeOrchids.com

“Orchids in Our Backyard: Florida’s Wild Orchids”

Prem has been studying Florida native orchids for over 25 years. A Florida native himself, his love for native orchids lead to a website dedicated to them, along with articles, speaking engagements, and contributions to various books and magazines. The ultimate Florida native orchid expert!

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Roy Tokunaga, AOS Judge

H&R Nurseries

“Dendrobium Species: Growing & Flowering Specimen Plants”

After getting his biology degree, Roy was hired by Ernest Iwanaga to set up an orchid lab, where for the next 7 years he spent honing and perfecting his skills at cloning and germinating orchids. With Harry Akagi, he began H&R Nurseries in Hawaii, 30 years ago, and the rest is history! With several thousand hybrids made, he specializes in Cattleyas and Dendrobiums.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, AOS Judge and Trustee

“The Species of Catasetum, Cycnoches, and Mormodes”

Fred has been growing for over 30 years, over 20 of those in hybridizing. With over 23 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, he applies those skills to his own orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, in San Diego, CA. His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, including Fred-clarkeara After Dark, the “blackest flower ever witnessed!”

We'll Miss You!

We recently lost two Boca Raton Orchid Society Members.

George F. Barbuty, Jr.

George passed away on April 20, 2011. Our hearts go out to his wife Susan and their family in this difficult time. George was a wonderful Boca Raton Orchid Society member, he was very helpful with our Hospitality Services and we will surely miss him!

Sylvia Hill

Sylvia passed away on June 3, 2011. She was long-time member and friend of the Boca Raton Orchid Society, Deerfield Beach Orchid Society and Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society. Her warm and endearing presence will be missed!

They will be in our hearts and memories.

BROS Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00, COUPLE \$35.00
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Business: \$40.00
Newsletter emailed.

RENEWAL

SINGLE \$18.00, COUPLE \$25.00
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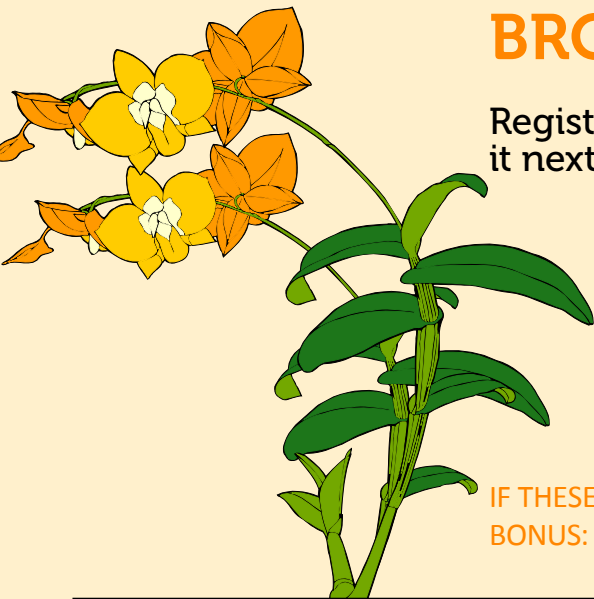
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Orchid Word Search

Try finding the list of words in the puzzle below. Good luck!

AIR	ANTHER	BRASSIAS	CCM	COLMANARA
DISA	FIR	GREX	KEIKIS	LIP
POLINIA	ROT	RENANTANDA	RHIZOME	STEM
ANGULOA	AOS	CALYPSO	CHAULIODON	DENDROCHILUM
FCC	GONGORA	IONOPSIS	LEAFLESS	LUDISIA
ROOTS	RED	RHS	SKINNERI	VANDA





BROS Monthly Exhibition Table

Registration: Please fill out a PINK exhibition slip and display it next to your orchid on the plant table.

1. You must have owned your orchid for at least 6 months.
2. Absolutely NO INSECTS or DISEASE.
3. Your orchid must have a name.
4. It must be in the correct category. (Ask if you don't know.)
5. Clearly print the name of the orchid and also include your name.
6. Display your orchid in an attractive container to enhance its beauty.

IF THESE CRITERIA ARE NOT MET, YOUR PLANT MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.

BONUS: Each plant registered will receive a FREE raffle ticket!

CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME	OWNER
Encyclia	Blue	Encyclia randii 'Nicolás (Nico) Xavier'	Juan Bofill
Cattleya Bifoliata	Blue & Culture	BLC Copper Queen 'STW'	Lorraine Conover
Dendrobium	Blue	Thongchai gold	Dave Hogaboom
Phalaenopsis	Blue	Phal Equestris 'Pink Purple Baldan'	Shirley Wilde
Vanda	Blue	Tricolor 'Suavis'	Alan LaDuke
Oncidium	Blue	UFO	Alan LaDuke

Visit our website to see pictures of our members' orchids!
www.brosonline.org/memberpics.html

How Refreshing!

Provide refreshments for our meeting.

Ideas are cookies, cakes, punch, soft drinks, juice, vegetables & dip, fruit, nuts, chips or something tasty treat to serve our members during the break.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO—

Tonky Bofill
 Brenda Diaz
 Kim Hitt
 Shirley Schneider
 Jackie Wood

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

Tasks for June

By: Dr. Martin Motes

1. Careful watering this month often means no watering at all. Arise early to enjoy the cool and water only when truly necessary.
2. Space plants amply. Good air circulation is essential across the coming months.
3. Re-pot Phals and re-set Vandas. Make sure that plants are firmly set in their new abodes.
4. Begin or continue a disease prevention program with the prophylactic application of Thiophanate Methyl (Cleary's 3336) and Alliette or Banrot.
5. Clean up growing area and plants. Remove dead leaves from plants and the ground. Pull weeds.
6. Prune trees and shrubs to increase light and air circulation.
7. Apply snail bait lightly early in the month and again lightly mid-month.

Read this month's complete article at:
<http://conta.cc/l8oaN6>

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

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