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Thursday, May 12, 2011 Program

7:30 p.m.

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Topic: Warm Growing Brazilian Miltonias
Speaker: Brian Monk

Brian Monk born in Milton, Florida developed an intense passion for nature while growing up in Charleston, West Virginia which led to his profession as a veterinarian and his many hobbies including bird-watching, orchid growing, photography and natural history. Because of his passion for all things orchid, Brian and his wife, Mary-Margaret, formed Blu Llama Orchids, Inc. and now reside in Ft. Lauderdale along with their five cats and their ever expanding orchid collection.

Brian started growing and hybridizing orchids in his backyard, but this has recently expanded to a 4000 square foot greenhouse. He will grow anything green, but focuses on his hybridizing projects, which include the development of multi-floral white and pink Paphiopedilums, warmth-tolerant red Oncidiinae and a standard pink Cattleya with an all white lip.

Encouraged by his wife and inspired by his orchids, Brian continues to pursue and perfect his orchid culture and photographic skills. Brian's photography has won awards online, at the 2007 Miami International Orchid Show and at the 2008 World Orchid Conference.

Brian will be bringing plants to sell and will be providing our raffle table.

See you at the meeting,
 Jackie Wood, V.P. --- Programs



Sherrí Croyle
 Terri Esteban



Calendar of Events

- Thur. May 12 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting — Brian Monk—Warm
Growing Brazilian Miltonias
- Wed. May 18 7:30pm BROS Board Meeting - Karen Kahn's home
- Thur. June 9 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting — TBA

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President's Message:

Happy May to everyone,

This is a great month; the weather is nice for sitting on the back porch. I don't know about the rest of you, but my Phalaenopsis are really putting on a show this year. They are amazing.

It has been said that time flies when you are having fun. I can't believe I have been your president for a year, as of this month. I have really enjoyed getting to know you all better. I want to thank everyone for being so kind to me. I realize I am not the most knowledgeable about orchids, but I really enjoy them. If you want to know the actual name or how to take care of something, that question is better asked to Jackie Wood. That being said, you don't have to have a bunch of knowledge to get involved with the society, just enjoy the hobby in the way that works for you.

Redlands International Orchid Festival at Fruit and Spice Park on May 14, 2010. There will be over 80 vendors and that is where you are going to find that special plant you have been searching for. There are always several food vendors at the Festival serving a wide selection of lunches ranging from Thai food, French crepes (my favorite), sausage & peppers, and the other usual Fair-type food. Or if you prefer, you can pack a lunch. There are still some seats available on our bus and if you are interested in going you need to contact Sharon Wesolowski @ 954-605-9932 or Lorraine Conover @ 561-395-2145 as soon as possible. Cost for the trip is \$30.00 per person and includes admission, snacks, water and a fun time. It also includes a \$5.00 coupon that can be used towards the purchase of an orchid valued at \$25.00 or more. So how can you beat that? If you sign up for the trip, I highly recommend you bring a box or two to store your purchases in under the bus and also bring some return address labels that you can stick to your plants, bags, boxes, etc. , so there is no confusion when we get home and unload the bus.

Don't forget, if you haven't renewed your membership, time is running out if you want to continue getting the newsletter and having your name in this years Directory.

And finally, how about bringing in some of those beautiful orchids you are growing at home to share with the members and even win a blue ribbon. Remember, you get a free raffle ticket for every plant you bring in for the Members Plant Table.

Corrine Juliano

President

*Mark your Calendars:
Our annual Redlands Bus Trip Is Coming SOON!*

YES WE ARE GOING

ON OUR ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO THE REDLANDS!!!!!!!!!!!!

We do have a few seats left for

Saturday May 14, 2011

Sign up now by calling

Sharon Wesolowski (954) 605-9932 or Lorraine Conover (561) 395-2145

Or you can stop by the membership table at the May meeting.

\$30.00 BROS members / \$35.00 non BROS members

Your money will get you the following:

- ⇒ Bus Ride (Tolls and gas included)
 - ⇒ Snacks
 - ⇒ Water
- ⇒ Entry into the event (\$10.00 value)
 - ⇒ \$5.00 coupon
 - ⇒ Raffle

Please mail your check to

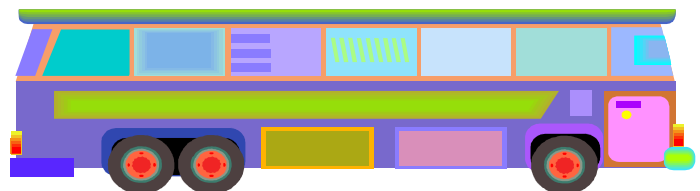
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We will be departing at the K-Mart Garden Center on Palmetto & I-95 @ 8:00 AM be there at 7:45 sharp.

We will be returning at 4 pm.





American Orchid Society

American Orchid Society News:

Judging at the AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden

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.

The Orchid Doctor is In, 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 am – 11:30 am, Saturdays, 1 – 4 pm and Sundays 1 – 4 pm.

Check out more AOS events & news online at <http://www.aos.org>

ORCHID TIDBITS

Tips on how to repot your orchids or New Orchid Growers

You want to start accumulating different books about how to grow Orchids. Remember we have a library at your disposal every meeting for you to check out.

1. Wash your hands and make sure that you use sterilize all of your tools before you start
2. Remove your Orchid from its pot by turning it over (over top of a garbage can) while supporting the plant and gently tapping on the pot to loosen the plant. You can also use a sterilized knife to lightly scrape around the inside of the pot.
3. Gently remove the old potting material with your hands.
4. If you see old or loose roots remove them by cutting them with a sterilized tool.
5. Place the Orchid in a pot one size bigger than the pot it was just in. Remember to place the old growth towards the back of the pot leaving room at the front for the new growth to grow.
6. If your roots were damaged or diseased and need to be removed then plant the Orchid in a sterilized pot the same size.
7. You can fill the bottom of your pot with a layer of Styrofoam peanuts to ensure proper drainage and now add fresh potting medium.
8. Make sure that you pack the potting medium around your plants roots to ensure that it is secure.

DO YOU HAVE GARDEN, HORTICULTURAL AND PESTS QUESTIONS?

Call Mounts Master Gardener at 561-233-1750.

You can also go online at Mgarden@pbc.com



LOCAL EVENTS 2011



MAY

13, 14 and 15 15th Annual REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL

9:00AM - 5:00PM Fruit Spice Park 24801 SW 187th Ave. Homestead, Florida www.redlandorchidfestival.org

13 Sushi & Stroll - Summer Walks at the Morikami

May 13, June 10, July 8, August 19 and September 9th at 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Admissions \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 kids, Free for members and kids under 3

28 - 29 — OrchidMania South Florida will be hosting its 13th Annual Orchids in the Park fundraiser to benefit Project Cradle, a program at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine that provides assistance to children and young adults living with HIV/AIDS. "Orchids in the Park will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Dante Fascell Park in South Miami 8600 SW 57th Ave (Red Road) You'll find great plants, great prices and help a great cause. Visa/Mastercard, cash and checks (w/proper identification) will be accepted.

JUNE

14th - Come hear the 'Orchid Doctor talk about orchid care and repotting at the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Meeting 3245 College Avenue in Davie, Florida (7:30 p.m.)

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Coalition for Orchid Species Symposium

Agenda

Sunday
July 24, 2011
8 am to 4 pm

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

Tickets:

\$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!**

Tickets can be obtained from:

Mrs. Erna Maxwell
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Miami, FL 33193
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8:00 - 8:30am - Continental Plus Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45am - Mirta Russis-Heineman, President, COS

8:45 - 9:45am - 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.

10:00-11:00am - Greg Allikas

Orchidworks.com, AOS Photographer

"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 co-author of several orchid photography books, and much sought-after orchid speaker.

11:15- Noon - AOS Judging (Noon - 12:45pm - Lunch)

12:45 - 1:45pm - Prem Subrahmanyam,

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 - 3:00pm - Roy Tokunaga, H&R Nurseries,
AOS Judge**

"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- 4:00pm- Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids,
AOS Judge and Trustee**

"The Species of *Catasetum*, *Cynoches*, 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 Fredclarkeara After Dark, the "blackest flower ever witnessed!"

March 2011 Boca Raton Orchid Society Plant Table

B.R.O.S Plant Table Registration Instructions.



1. You must have owned your plant for at least 6 months.
2. Absolutely NO INSECTS.
3. Your orchid must have a name.
4. It must be in the correct category. (Ask if you don't know.)
5. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY the name of the Orchid and your name on the Registration Form.
6. Try to place your plant in an attractive container to enhance the orchids beauty.

IF THESE CRITERIA ARE NOT MET, YOUR PLANT MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.
 Help all members enjoy your beautiful orchids by displaying them correctly.

BONUS: Each plant registered will receive a FREE raffle ticket for the plant draw.

Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name	Owner
Epidendrum	Blue	Enc. Barctescens X Sibling	Tony Biviano
Phalaenopsis	Blue & Culture	Fairy Snow	Pat Salas
Phalaenopsis	Blue & Culture	Baudan's Kalaidusops	Lewis Stone
Oncidium Alliance	Blue	RDCM. Apple Blossom X Tolu. Elfin Star	Tony Biviano
Misc. Genera	Blue	Phaius Dan Rosenberg "Tropical Ice"	Tony Biviano
Paphiopedilum	Blue	Paph philippinense X Paph gardineri	Tony Biviano
Dendrobium Alliance	Blue & Culture	Den. Chrysotoxum	Clay Clark

If you would like to view the pictures of these winning Orchids, Please visit our web site at: www.BocaRatonOrchidSociety.org

You can't do anything about the length of your life, but you can do something about its width and depth.

Refreshments are needed for our May 2011 Meeting

These refreshments can be: Cookies, cakes, punch, soft drinks, vegetables & dip, cut up fruit, fruit salad , nuts, chips or anything tasty to share with the other members during the break.

Thank You to Lorraine Conover, Carolyn Huckshorn, Marty Hunt, Marina Kruse, and Carol Ott

for bringing those delicious goodies to share at our April meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU IN



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BROS Meetings are Held the
2nd Thursday of each Month at
7:30 p.m. at:

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Southeast Corner of
Military Trail and Spanish River Blvd.

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