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MEETINGS

THE SOCIETY MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M.

Location:

Safe Schools Institute
1790 NW Spanish River
Blvd. Boca Raton, FL.
33433

Guests are Always Welcome!

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Featuring~

Speaker: Cielo Ojana

Topic: Preventative Growing and Pest Management

Date: March 14, 2024

Cielo Ojana was born and raised in Cagayan Valley, Phillipines, where the famous Sierra Madre Mountain—home to over a thousand orchid species—can be found. His family operates an agri-supply business, and an exotic plant and orchid nursery in the Phillipines.

Sielo is currently the community garden cultivator of South Miami Hospital, part of Baptist Health of South Florida, Doctor's Hospital, and West Kendall Baptists for their "Grow to Heal" Program.

After serving in the Coast Guard since 2005, he decided to retire and open his own orchid company, Sierra Madre Orchids and Bromeliads, to pursue his first love of growing exotic plants and orchids.

He and his wife, a registered nurse, immigrated to the U.S. in 2004. Here he met a Filipino horticulturalist, the late Mr. Robert Baterna, who was head orchid grower for a business, and Cielo's mentor and inspiration. He taught Cielo everything he knew about plants. Now Cielo will share some of his extensive knowledge with us at our March meeting.

Janice Larit

Vice President, Programs

Coming Attractions—BROS Member Meetings

April 11 — Mac Rivenbark; Dendrobiums

May 9 — Swap and Shop

June 13— Bill Nunes, "The Rhizome Cowboy"; Growing Encyclias

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of the DASSA Award.



From President Kathy Kersey

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made our 2024 Annual Valentines Show such a success.

Set up on Thursday and Friday went very smoothly. The addition of fabric tablecloths this year was definitely a big help. It made it so much easier when the vendors arrived on Friday to tweak their table layout. We had an amazing set up crew both Thursday and Friday. The vendors were extremely thankful for all of the assistance they were given on the unloading of their trucks and set up of their booths.

To everyone who donated food for the judges, vendors and volunteers, we thank you for your donations. All of the judges thanked me for the amazing breakfast and lunch they were served. There was such a great variety of items. The vendors also thanked us for the food and hospitality they were given the whole weekend. We always order pizza for everyone on Friday who volunteers to help with set up. The vendors really look forward to the pizza after their long drives. Thank you to Barbara Barrie and Thick & Thin Pizza.

A special THANK YOU goes out to Teresa O'Neil, Don Salas, Susan Barbuty, and Mary Waggoner. They spent two long days in the kitchen preparing breakfast, lunch and snacks for everyone. They did an outstanding job. I know I always joke about the Judges and Vendors coming to our show because we serve them the BEST food. It's NOT a joke.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer during the show. As I keep saying it takes a village to put on our show. Whether you worked Security, Raffle or Clerking we couldn't have done it without you.

To those who volunteered for breakdown, Thank you. Set up went smoothly with the fabric tablecloths, but breakdown took longer than usual. All tablecloths needed to be folded neatly and placed in the plastic tubs. Lesson learned... more breakdown volunteers for next year.

To all of our Board members, you did an amazing job. Overseeing all of the teams, Admissions when our guests walked in and thanking them when our guests left. Lois Kuhlman, who spent both days greeting our guests when they arrived and holding the doors for them when they left. It's all the little things that we do for our guests that make our show the BEST!!

A special THANK YOU to Jackie Wood, Carol Holdren, and all of the AOS judges that participated at our show. If you don't know, they volunteer their time to come to our show. Some of our judges live 2 hours away. We appreciate their dedication to the American Orchid Society and to our Society.

Again, I just wanted to THANK everyone for making our 2024 show a success and being a part of Boca Raton Orchid Society. I hope you enjoyed yourself.

Thank you,

Kathy Kersey

President and Show Chairman

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Tasks for March

by Dr. Martin Motes

Whilst March never comes in like a lion in South Florida, occasionally it slinks in like a bobcat. Frost is not unheard of in the first few days of the month. The more cold sensitive genera, hard cane dendrobiums, phalaenopsis and vandas may well need some protection even into the middle of the month. Overall, however, March brings us some of the most ideal orchid growing conditions of the entire year. Dry air, low humidity and wide swings of day to night temperatures optimize both blooming and rooting of most orchids. In March, Nature gives orchidists growing outside a free sample of what life would be like with a covered green house. With little or no additional water falling from the sky and drying breezes acting like fans, we are in total control of our plants' water needs. Now, we can water properly: very heavily, and allow the plants to dry thoroughly in the near desert air before the next heavy application of water.

Attention to fertilizer in March will pay high dividends later on. As many sympodial orchids are commencing their growth cycle, now is a good time to apply slow release fertilizer to last the season. The 13-13-13, 180 day formula marketed at Home Depot as 'Dynamite' (Nutri-cote in commercial sizes) is the best available. Its plastic coating is superior to others and relatively unaffected by heat, an especially important consideration in S. Florida. Applied now it will be exhausted by September when we want to slow our plants down in anticipation of bloom and dormancy. The wide temperature swings of March also maximize the effectiveness of high phosphorous 'Bloom Booster' fertilizer. The extra phosphorous in these formulas probably does not really stimulate flowers (most likely the opposite) but does help rooting. Two applications a week apart will speed the rooting process. Return to regular 15-5-15 fertilizer weekly thereafter as the excess phosphorus in the "Bloom Booster" interferes with minor element absorption to an inordinate degree in our highly alkaline South Florida water.

News from Dr. Motes

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ORCHID EVENTS

MARCH

The March 2024 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, March 23, 2024. Judging takes place at Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330 at 2 PM on the fourth Saturday of the month (third Saturday November/December). Plant Registration will begin at 1:30.

Masks and social distancing required. Exhibitors can go to www.wpbjudging.org for more information or email Jackie Wood at bocaorchidlady@aol.com.

March 12, 2024. Deerfield Beach Orchid Society 11th Annual Orchid Auction. Preview at 7 PM; auction begins at 7:30 PM. At the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, 910 E Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Free Admission. More info at www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org

March 9-10, 2024 (10 AM - 5 PM). Orchids in Bloom. At Fairchild Botanic Gardens. 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables FL. One of the biggest shows in South East Florida spread over 80 beautiful acres of the Gardens. More than 10,000 orchid plants will grace the Garden during the two-day festival. Admission: \$24.95 pp; Seniors 65+ \$17.95; Children (ages 6-17) \$11.95. Free for children 5 and younger. Free admission for Fairchild members.

March 30-31, 2024 (9:30 AM-4:30 PM). Flamingo Gardens International Orchid & Bromeliad Show. Experience the beauty and diversity of orchids and bromeliads at the 42nd International Orchid and Bromeliad Show at Flamingo Gardens. Enjoy live music featuring the Island sounds and dances of Polynesian Proud Productions, a Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society raffle, and multi-cultural food available for purchase from local food vendors and Flamingo Gardens' own Flamingo Pond Café & Grill. Enjoy the amazing images of *Microsculpture* on display in the Gallery. Orchid enthusiasts may also register online for in-person classes and presentations, for an additional fee. Limited seating will be available for classes.

The Orchid & Bromeliad Show is included with admission to Flamingo Gardens. Tickets may be purchased on-site, or in advance online. At 3750 South Flamingo Road in Davie, Florida 33330. Orchid enthusiasts may also register for classes and presentations, for an additional fee. Limited seating will be available for classes. The Orchid & Bromeliad Show is included with admission to Flamingo Gardens. Admission is \$24 for ages 12+, \$17 for ages 3-11, Flamingo Gardens members and children 2 or younger are free. For more info: <http://www.flamingogardens.org/> or call 954-473-2955.

APRIL

April 27 (10 AM-5PM) and 28, 2024 (10 AM—4 PM). Vero Beach Orchid Society Show, "There's No Business Like Orchid Show Business". 3001 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach, FL. More info: VBOSnewsletter@hotmail.com

April 27(9 AM- 4 PM) and 28, 2024 (9 AM-3 PM) Mounts Botanical Garden Spring "Plant-a-Palooza" Plant Sale. At Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL.. Admission: Free for members; \$20 for non-members. \$18 seniors 65+; \$13 children ages 6-17. More info: 561-233-1757 or visit their web site, <http://mounts.org>

*** See page 17 for information about the Bonnet House Orchid Event, April 6 and 7. BROS is a sponsor of this event.

MAY

May 4 (9 AM-5 PM) and 5 (9 AM-4 PM), 2024. Broward County Plant Affair. At Volunteer Park, 12050 W Sunrise Blvd, Plantation, FL 33323. Local plant vendors, Orchids, Native Plants, Herbs, Exotics, Succulents, Houseplants, Handmade Garden Art, and more. Free entry and free parking. For more info, 954-797-2722 or email BCPlantAffair@gmail.com

May 17-19, 2024, (10 AM-6 PM). Redland International Orchid Festival. At Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Avenue, Homestead, FL 33031. Head to the only botanical garden of its kind, Fruit and Spice Park in Homestead for this three-day event you will not want to miss. Attend lectures to learn how to grow your orchids or control insects. Purchase your favorite flowers to take home and enjoy for years to come. External promo or coupons cannot be applied for this special event. No pets allowed. Advance tickets \$20 pp online at <https://redlandorchidfestival.com/> at <https://redlandorchidfestival.com/> Kids under 12 free.

Redlands International Orchid Festival



WHEN: Sat. May 18, 2024

Skip traffic and parking hassles, avoid lines at the gate, and travel in air-conditioned comfort on a luxury motor coach with your fellow Orchid Society enthusiasts.

\$45 Member includes transportation, refreshments on the bus, admission to the Festival, raffle tickets and possibly discount coupons for orchid purchases at the festival. Contact Abby Diab to sign up at abbydbros@gmail.com

Only 50 seats available!!

Pay at the March meeting or mail your Check by May 1st to reserve your spot. On your check please include "Redlands Orchid Show" and the names of the people you are paying for.

Mail to: BROS, PO Box 276367, Boca Raton, FL 33427-6367

Don't miss out on a fun day with fellow orchid enthusiasts. We will provide water and snacks on the bus.

Bring a box or foldable cart to hold your purchases at the Show

We are scheduled to leave at 8:30 am from Safe Schools Institute (our regular meeting place) and return at approximately 4:30 pm. If you have never been to the Fruit & Spice park it is beautiful, and we can leave the driving to someone else.

Thank You 2024 Show Sponsors

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Thanks so much to all the members who helped put on this wonderful Orchid Show. Whether you helped with the food, security, raffles, clerking, judging, signs or with any of the other jobs that were so vital, we want you to know how much your efforts are appreciated. If we missed your name please contact Kathy Kersey so you may be included.

Tomer Avivi	Dennis Glick	Gregory Nielsen
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Many Thanks to Our Orchid Show Food Donors

The following people generously donated delicious dishes to feed the vendors, judges, and volunteers at our BROS Valentine's Orchid Show.

If anyone's name is not included, please let us know so we may acknowledge and thank everyone.

Mary Balser

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Bethania Blanco

Beth Bowe

Kathy Burns

Jay and Ann Collins

Sally Glick

Denise Guzman

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Laura Levine

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BEST IN SHOW VENDORS' ORCHID DISPLAYS

BROS MEMBERS' TABLE 2024



2024 BROS INDIVIDUAL RIBBON AWARDS

Class	Ribbon	Plant Name	Exhibitor
4	White	Rhyncattleanthe Love Triangle	Kathy Kersey
5	Blue	Rlc. Hawaiian Agenda	Sally Glick
5	Blue	C. lueddemanniana Drago x Inferno	Roberto Finocchi
8	Red	Rhyncholaelia glauca	Roberto Finocchi
9	White	C. lueddemanniana'Jim Elmore' x Arthur Chadwick	Joe Ortleib
10	Blue	Guaricattonia Jairak Jewel	Sally Glick
10	Blue	Rth. Hsinying Sunbeam	Denise Guzman
15	Red	Eplc. Don Herman	Joe Ortleib
16	Blue	Rth.Orange Treat	Barbara Barrie
16	White	Ett. Volcano Trick	Denise Guzman
18	Blue	Grt. Why Not	Denise Guzman
19	Blue	B. nodosa x C. alagoensis	Teresa O'Neil
20	Red	B. Killani Stars x Enc. Tamcorata	Teresa O'Neil
30	Blue	Paph. concolor "Rockbend"	Joseph Ortleib
44	Blue	Vandachostylis Azure	Beth & David Bowe
44	Red	Rhynchorides Bangkok Sunset	Roberto Finocchi
46	Blue	Vanda lamellata	Joseph Ortleib
48	Red	V. Kulwadee Fragrance #27	Beth & David Bowe
53	Blue	Angraecum Unknown Species	Denise Guzman
80	Blue	Cymbidium Alcor 'Embers'	Joseph Ortleib
90	Blue	Den. Green Mist	Denise Guzman
90	White	Den. Violet Yamaji 'Puanani'	Joseph Ortleib
94	Blue	Ludisia discolor	Neri Stover
94	White	Ludisia discolor	Patricia Bair

BROS 2024 SHOW AOS AWARDS

PLANT	AOS AWARD	EXHIBITOR
Commercial Exhibit	AOS SHOW TROPHY Gold Certificate	Red Hawk Nursery Red Hawk Nursery
Epicatanthe Butterfly Kisses 'Mendenhall'	AM/AOS	So Orchids
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Vanda lamellata 'Jaden's Surprise'	CCM/AOS	Joseph Ortleib
Paph. Platycolor	AM/AOS	Quest Orchids

BROS 2024 SHOW TROPHY AWARDS

Trophy	Category	Plant Name	Exhibitor
	AOS Show Trophy	AOS Show Trophy	Red Hawk Nursery
	Lester Berkow Memorial Award		
I	Award	Best Depiction of Theme	Plantio La Orquidea
II	Best Commercial Exhibit	1st Place	Red Hawk Nursery
		2nd Place	Soroa Orchids
		3rd Place	Odom's Orchids
III	Best Specimen	Rth. Nina de Primavera	Soroa Orchids
	Dave Hogaboom Mem. Award		
IV	Catteleya	Rth. Nina de Primavera	Soroa Orchids
		Epicatanthe Butterfly Kisses	
V	Best Epi, Encyc., Broughtonia	'Mendenhall	So Orchids
VI	Best Brassavola or Laelia	Mcv. Francis Fox	Quest Orchids
VII	Best Cypripedium Plant	no award	
VIII	Best Paphiopedilum Species	Paph. appletonianum	Red Hawk Nursery
IX	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. St. Swithin	Mac's Orchids
X	Best Paphiopedilum Specimen	Paph. Platycolor	Quest Orchids
XI	Best Ascocentrum	Vanda miniatum	Soroa Orchids
	Best Renanthera or Rhynchostylis	Rntda. Mem. Maria Therese St. Come	BL Orchids
XII			
XIII	Best Vanda or Vanda Alliance	Ple. teres var. andersoni	BL Orchids
XIV	Best Angraecum	Angraecum eburneum	So Orchids
XV	Best Phalaenopsis	Phal. JC Stars Shining '372'	Ritter Orchids
XVI	Best Aerides	no award	
XVII	Best Oncidium Alliance Plant	Trichocentrum splendidum	Florida Suncoast Orchids
XVIII	Best Oncidium Specimen	Oncidium cebolleta	Plantio La Orquidea
		Den. Sunny Vista x Den. Duno	
XIX	Best Dendrobium Alliance Plant	Kayla	Krull-Smith
XX	Best Cymbidium Alliance Plant	Cym. Charles Weckerle Thrun	Krull-Smith
XXI	Best Catasetum Alliance Plant	no award	
	Best Plant of Diversified Gen- era	Ludisia discolor	Neri Stover

APRIL

Bonnet House International Orchid and Garden Festival. Saturday and Sunday, April 6 & 7 from 9 AM—4 PM. At Bonnet House Museum and Gardens, 900 North Birch Road Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304. Admission: \$15 pp. House tour is an additional \$10 pp. Children 12 and under, free. (954) 563-5393. www.bonnethouse.org. The Boca Raton Orchid Society is a sponsor of this Show.

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 a exhibition slip and place it with your entry. Please follow the rules below to avoid disqualification.

- 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.
- 6. Each plant registered earns you a FREE raffle ticket!

The winners in February:

REMINDER
Your Dues are Due for 2024
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MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Patricia Bair	Misc. Genera	Blue	Ludisia discolor
Sally Glick	Other Cattleya Alliance	Blue	Guaricatlonia Jairak Jewell/Red
Denise Guzman	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. Green Mist Comulitin
Teresa O'Neil	Brassavola Alliance	Blue	Brassavola nodosa x C. alagoesis
Denise Guzman	Species	Blue	Angraecum sesquipedale
Robert Finocchi	Vanda	Blue	Rhynchorides Bangkok Sunset
Teresa O'Neil	Vanda	Blue	V. Painters Dream x Kulwadee Fr- grance
Sally Glick	Cattleya Unifoliata	Best Blue	Bc Hawaiiiai Agenda

BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Sally Glick!



Bc Hawaiiiai Agenda—Sally Glick

Members' Winning Plants February 2024



Guaricatlonia Jairak Jewell/Red— Sally Glick



Ludisia discolor—Patricia Bair



Den. Green Mist Comuulitin—Denise Guzman



Brassavola nodosa x C. alagoesis—Teresa O'Neil



Angraecum sesquipedale—Denise Guzman



Rhynchorides Bangkok Sunset—Robert Finocchi

Members' Winning Plants February 2024



V. Painters Dream x Kulwadee Fragrance—Teresa O'Neil



Bc.Hawaiiia Agenda—Sally Glick

Best Blue Ribbon

Boca Raton Orchid Society After School Orchid Program

Submitted by BJ Saul

Students in the After School Orchid Club program were sad to have their last class. Members were very proud that their orchids were blooming and thriving. They shared what color their buds bloomed into. The students reviewed what they learned this past year.

Finally their beautifully colored orchid pictures used at the BROS Orchid Show were returned to them. Students were thrilled to have received ribbons for their artwork.

Students also were thrilled to attend the BROS Orchid Show and see their artwork and all the beautiful orchids.

Special thanks to Sheila Bell, and Rita Welch, for sharing their wisdom and knowledge.

If you would like to volunteer, your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact BJ Saul, bjfsaul@comcast.net, 561-347-0618



WELCOME

Welcome New Members!

Lorie & Ed Rowan Mariana Harrington Peter Zitoli Kathleen Kraft

Denise Mann Carla Quinlan Ken & Irma Herzog

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Tami O'Leary Teresa Woodall Richard & Debbie Zimmerman

Barbi Block Gina Serrato

We thank those who participated by providing refreshments at our February member meeting: Cheryl Dodes and Lois Kuhlman. Please consider bringing something to share at our meetings. We all appreciate the variety!



Board Meetings

The BROS Board meets the Thursday
before the monthly Member Meeting at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Next meetings:

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April 4

May 2



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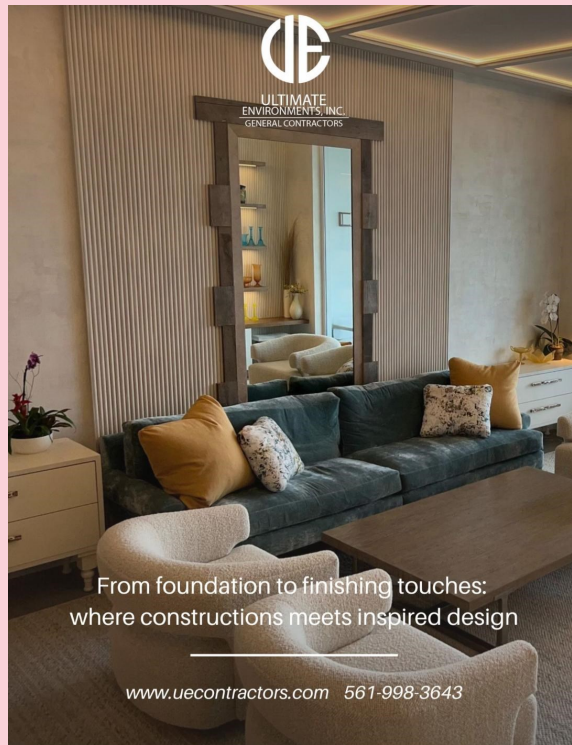
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