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MEETINGS

THE 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

Guests are Always Welcome!

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Featuring~

Speaker: Judy Bailey

Topic: Secrets of Growing Your Orchids Organically

Date: April 13, 2023

Judy Bailey is back with us once again to share her vast knowledge, this time about how to grow orchids more organically.

If you remember her last talk a few months ago, she gave us great tips about orchid questions that we need to ask.

As a long time Master Gardener as well as an American Orchid Society Judge, Judy embraces opportunities to learn, share and teach plant knowledge. In 2006, she was thrilled to retire to south Florida to enjoy year-round outdoor gardening after many years of growing orchids under lights in her unfinished Ohio basement.

She is always experimenting with plants and enthusiastically continues to learn how to grow the healthiest plants in the simplest ways possible.

Please join us in person at Safe Schools Institute and gain great insights that will benefit your orchid growing.

Janice Larit

Vice President, Programs

Coming Attractions

May 11 — Florida Native Orchids — Rich Ackerman

June 8 — The Four Horsemen of Orchid Breeding — Jim Davison

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From President Kathy Kersey

HAPPY SPRING....

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I can't believe it's April already... Finally, we are getting some rain for our plants and maybe a little relief on the water bill. As I have said many times, God's water is so much better for our orchids than our city water, and it's FREE.

It's that time of year to re-pot... Spring has sprung and if you have orchids that have overgrown their pots, it's that time to freshen them up. Also it's the perfect time to divide your larger plants and to think about getting your divisions ready for our next Swap & Shop. It is tentatively scheduled for our July meeting. That will give the plants plenty of time to adapt to their new pots.

Now for the fun part...

Sunday April 30th is our Ramble. We are going to the homes of two AOS judges—Jackie Wood and Carol Holdren. I am so excited about our Ramble. This year we will NOT be providing lunch. Since we only have two houses we should be done by noon. We will be splitting the members into two groups to accommodate the parking situation at Jackie's house. Details to follow... we will be providing water at both locations. The cost is \$5.00 per person. If you have not paid, you can pay at our April meeting or mail your check to our P.O. Box, to hold your spot.

Mark your calendars for May 20th, The Redlands International Orchid Show. We are doing a bus trip this year. I know many of our members have asked about a bus trip. Just a little information... the cost to rent a bus has doubled since our last bus trip. The cost is now \$45.00 per person. Your admission to the Redlands is included, and we will provide water and snacks on the bus. Please make your payment at the April meeting or send your check to our P.O. Box. Please note what you are paying for and who you are paying for on your check or include a note. I am looking forward to our bus trip, should be a fun day. We are scheduled to leave at 8:30 am and return at 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.

Please join us at our April 13th meeting... This is definitely a DON'T MISS MEETING.. We have Judy Bailey (AOS Judge) again speaking on growing organically. Her tips and tricks on growing orchids at our February meeting, were AMAZING!!! Any tips that we can learn to grow better and healthier orchids are a plus. I hope you can make it to our meeting.

Please contact Abby Diab 561-843-0999 to put your name on the list for the Ramble or Bus trip; we need to get a count.

Thank you and hope to see you on April 13th.

Kathy

Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00
COUPLE \$35.00
BUSINESS: \$40.00
Newsletter Emailed

RENEWAL

SINGLE \$20.00
COUPLE \$25.00
BUSINESS \$40.00
Newsletter Emailed

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Tasks for April

by Dr. Martin Motes

Far from the cruelest, April is the kindest month to South Florida orchid growers. The weather in April is definitely settled into warm, even deliciously hot, with passing cold fronts only adding the delight of a pleasant change in temperature. The clean, bright days brimming with abundant sunlight and the low relative humidity create the high drying potential that orchids love.

Now we can get our orchids off to a great start on the growing season by practicing our very best watering skills under ideal conditions. Water heavily when you water and allow the plants to dry thoroughly before watering heavily again. Drying 'hard' in the Spring will produce benefits all season. We want to get our plants well launched while leaving all the fungi high and dry.

The new shoots of Oncidinae, grammatophyllums and dendrobiums are quite cup-like; care must be taken that water does not stand too long in these immature growths. Water these types very thoroughly with two or three applications of water spaced 10-15 minutes apart. Water should run freely through the pot on each application. Saturated thoroughly in this fashion the plants will need only weekly watering. Even more care should be taken with the soft plicate leafed genera like Catasetum, Mormodes, Cycnoches, Gongora, Calanthe and Thunia. The new growths of this type are rolled together (the fancy word is convolute) like a collapsible drinking cup. These should be grown in water retentive media that should be saturated at each watering to permit the developing roots to have abundant water but allow the vulnerable new growth extra time to dry. Feel the weight of a pot when you have finished watering. Be sure it is heavy with water. If it's not water one more time. With plants properly spaced, good drying should not be difficult in the hot dry air of April. But do be careful to water early enough in the day to allow the tender new growth to thoroughly dry by twilight.

News from Dr. Motes

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ORCHID EVENTS

APRIL

The April 2023 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, April 22, 2023. 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.

April 8-9, 2023 (9:30 AM-4 PM). Flamingo Gardens International Orchid & Bromeliad Show. Experience the beauty and diversity of orchids and bromeliads at the 41st International Orchid and Bromeliad Show at Flamingo Gardens. Rare and exotic orchids and bromeliads will be on display and for sale, along with an American Orchid Society judged orchid show hosted by the Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society. 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 \$21.95 for ages 12+, \$15.95 for ages 3-11, Flamingo Gardens members and children 2 or younger are free. Narrated tram tour included. For more info: <http://www.flamingogardens.org/> or call 954-473-2955.

April 22-23, 2023 (10 AM—5 PM both days). Vero Beach Orchid Society Show, “Golden Age of Orchids”. 3001 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach, FL.

April 29 (9 AM- 4 PM) and 30, 2023 (9 AM-3 PM) Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale “Plant-a-Palooza”. At Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL.. Admission: Free for members; \$15 for non-members. \$12 seniors 65+; \$7 children ages 6-17. Find everything you need for your home garden, including rare, exotic, hard-to-find plants, trees, herbs and lots of garden accessories. More info: 561-233-1757 or visit their web site, <http://mounts.org>

MAY

May 6 (9 AM-5 PM) and 7 (9 AM-4 PM), 2023. 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 19-21, 2023, (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.



2023 Bus Ramble

April 15th



April 15, 2023 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Join us as we travel to RF Orchids and Soroa Orchids for a fun day touring their greenhouses and buying beautiful orchids. These two outstanding orchid growers have received many AOS Awards and grow amazing orchids.

Leave the driving to us, as our bus departs at 8:30 AM Sharp from: ***Delray Tri-Rail Station: 345 S. Congress Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida 33445***

Cost: \$30.00 Member and \$40.00 non-member

Your reservation and payment is due before **April 6, 2023**, payable to: "DBOS" and mailed to our P.O. Box 6571, Delray Beach, FL 33482-6571

If you have any questions, please contact Jill Row (Bus Ramble Chair) at text/call 561-323-8597, or via e-mail at: jrow103@gmail.com

NOTE: PLEASE BRING:

Your lunch (bottled water provided on bus)

A box/crate with your name printed clearly, for all your orchid purchases.

Itinerary: 1. R.F. Orchid Nursery 2. Soroa Orchids, Homestead.

***** This trip is hosted by the Delray Beach Orchid Society and has been made available to BROS members.**

If you are interested, please get your reservation and payment in ASAP

Redlands International Orchid Festival



WHEN: Sat. May 20, 2023

\$45 Member (includes admission to the Show!)

Only 50 seats available!!

Sign up and pay at the April 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 and return at 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.

Place we will leave from TBD

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.

- 1.
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!

REMINDER

Your Dues are Due for 2023

Please make payment at the March meeting or mail it in to :

BOCA RATON ORCHID SOCIETY

P O BOX 276367

BOCA RATON, FL 33427

The winners in March:

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Teresa O'Neil	Dendrobium	Blue	Den. farmeri
Laura Levine	Phalaenopsis	Blue	Pha. Chia-E Yerlin
Teresa O'Neil	Cattleya Bifoliolate	Blue	C. Gold Digger
Kathy Kersey	Dendrobium	Blue	Den. canaliculatum
Kathy Kersey	Catasetum	Blue	Ctsm Donna Wise 'Amber' AOS/AM x
Kathy Kersey	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. Country Girl 'Warabeuta'
Barbara Barrie	Vanda	Blue	V. Josephine Van Brero x Kultana Ruby
Robert Finocchi	Cattleya Unifoliolate	Best Blue	LC Fire Dance x Trick or Treat

BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Robert Finocchi!



LC Fire Dance x Trick or Treat
Robert Finocchi

Members' Blue Ribbon Plants for March



Den. Fameri—Teresa O'Neil



Phal. Chia-E Yerlin—Laura Levine



Cattleya Gold Digger—Teresa O'Neil



Den. Canaliculatum—Kathy Kersey



Ctsm. Donna Wise 'Amber' AOS/AM x Ctsm.
Pileatum 'SVO Blood Red' - Kathy Kersey



Den. Country Girl 'Warabeuta' - Kathy Kersey

Members' Blue Ribbon Plants for March



V. Josephine Van Brerer x Kultana Ruby—Barbara Barrie



Lc Fire Dance x Trick or Treat—Robert Finocchi

Soaps and Detergents (Excerpted with permission from *Orchids* March 2023: 186-187)

Should they be used on orchids? (Reprinted from *Orchids* 77(7): 502-504) by *Raymond Cloyd, PhD*)

Pesticides such as insect growth regulators, insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, feeding inhibitors, beneficial fungi and bacteria and other microorganisms may be used in interior plantscapes because these materials generally leave minimal residues, are less toxic to humans and are short-lived in the environment. In addition, they are generally nontoxic to the user unless ingested at high doses. Insecticidal soaps are among the most commonly used of these sprays.

Insecticidal soaps may provide control of a variety of insects and mites, including aphids, scales, mealy bugs, and two-spotted spider mites (*terranychus urticae*). Soap is a general term for the salts of fatty acids. Fatty acids are the primary components of the fats and oils present in plants and animals.

Soft-bodied pests such as Aphids, scale, and mealybug crawlers, thrips, whiteflies, and mites are susceptible to soap applications. Soaps typically have minimal effect on beetles and other hard-bodied insects due to the insect's thickened cuticle, which is more resistant to penetration.

Soaps are effective only when insect or mite pests come into direct contact with the wet spray. Dried residues on plant surfaces have minimal (if any) effect on insect or mite pests. Insecticidal soaps may also be harmful to beneficial insects such as the ladybird beetle and green lacewing larvae.

Examples of research demonstration the effectiveness of various dishwashing liquids and detergents on insect and mite pests are described below:

- Palmolive, Dawn, Joy, Ivory, and Dove reduced populations of the sweet potato whitey, green peach aphid, cabbage aphid, and two-spotted spider mite on a variety of vegetable crops.
- Dawn Ultra dishwashing liquid was effective in controlling the German cockroach, causing 100% mortality.
- Ivory liquid dishwashing soap at 0.4 to 3% concentrations provided control of fade mites, aphids, and psyllids, and of Aphids, spider mites, psyllids, and thrips at 1 and 2% concentrations.
- New Day dishwashing detergent when used at 2ml/liter (0.2 ounce per gallon) was effective in controlling white flies, providing 95% mortality of silverleaf whitefly nymphs. New Day contains cocamide DEA and dodecylbenzene sulphonic acid as the active ingredients.
- Ivory liquid dishwashing detergent and Tide detergent reduced populations of aphids, citrus red mites, and greenhouse thrips on landscape plants.

It is possible for these detergents to cause plant injury by dissolving the waxy cuticle of orchid leaves. Registered, commercially available insecticidal soaps are less likely to dissolve plant waxes compared with household cleaning products.

Despite the activity of some dishwashing liquids and laundry soaps on insects and mites, their use should be avoided on orchids primarily because they are not EPA registered pesticides. Even more important, a pest control company will generally stand behind a product when there is a problem. However, if a dish or laundry detergent is used and orchids are injured, there is no recourse.

CHANGE IN DATE AND INFORMATION FOR BROS RAMBLE:

Unfortunately April 29th does not work for Jackie and Carol.

New information:

Ramble is rescheduled for Sunday April 30th.

Time: 9 a.m. start (we should be done by noon)

Cost: \$5.00

We will NOT be serving lunch. We will be providing water at each location.

If you can not make it and have already signed up, or you would like your name added to the list please text Abby Diab at 561-843-0999.

If you cannot make it and have already paid, we will refund your money at the April meeting.

Redlands Show: Please text Abby Diab as well if you want to go on the bus trip so she can add your name to the list.

We are truly sorry for the inconvenience,



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We thank the following people for providing refreshments at our March member meeting:



**Cheryl Dodes
Beth Bowe
Phyllis Lyons
Lois Kuhlman
Fran Plotnick**

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:

May 4

June 1