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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: Rich Ackerman
Topic: Florida Native Orchids
Date: May 11, 2023

Rich Ackerman has lived in Fort Lauderdale for over thirty years, where he has grown a wide variety of plants. His current interest is Florida native orchids. He caught the orchid bug attending the World Orchid Conference in Miami in 2008.

Rich works closely with UF/IFAS Extension, Broward County, where he is a Florida Master Gardener Volunteer, serves on the Urban Horticulture Advisory Board, and is team leader of the Orchid Team running their Broward County Native Orchid Project. While mostly concentrating on large restoration projects, the Orchid Team also makes native orchids available in small quantities through browardnativeorchids.com

An Associate Dean Emeritus at Broward College, he has collaborated with Palm Beach State College, Florida Atlantic University, and Broward College. He is also a former President of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society. His work focused on project management in computer and library information sciences.



Rich Ackerman

Janice Larit
 Vice President, Programs

Coming Attractions

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

July 13— Swap & Shop

August 10— Mounting/Repotting Part 1

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From President Kathy Kersey

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

April was a crazy month with a lot of God's water, maybe too much in areas of Broward County. I hope you have plenty of blooming orchids and a lot of your plants in spike. It is the time of year for all your Encyclias to be blooming, so keep your eyes on them. Catesetums should also be coming out of dormancy. If yours have approximately 6 or more inches of new growth, you can bring them back to your general population of orchids. If you are working on repotting, remember to think of our upcoming Swap & Shop, and give your divisions time to root and grow.

Today was our 2023 Spring Ramble.... All I can say is WOW!! For those of you who participated in the Ramble, thank you for attending. I hope you enjoyed yourselves. A special Thank you to Jackie Wood and Carol Holdren for allowing us into their homes and to see their amazing growing areas. Both locations were absolutely stunning and totally different growing environments. Thank you to Judy Bailey for attending and being present at Carol's house. I know she answered a lot of your questions, and told you if you have any questions or photos to send, please send them to me and I will forward them on to her. Thank you to Alan LaDuke, Tomer Avivi and Patricia Schillereff for assisting Jackie and Carol in preparing for our visit. It truly was an amazing experience, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to see how you grow your orchids.

For those of you who were able to attend our April meeting presented by Judy Bailey on Organic Growing, I know it was a lot to take in, but I know there are members that like to grow organically. When orchids are growing in the wild, in their natural habitat, there are no pesticides or fertilizers, and they thrive... so I guess growing organically is something to consider.

Please join us on May 11th for a special presentation on Native Florida orchids, presented by Rich Ackerman. Rich is a member of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and is involved with the "Million Orchid Project". This is a don't miss meeting. I hope you can make it.

Now for the fun part.....

If you have not already signed up, our May meeting will be your last chance.. We are doing a bus trip to the Fruit & Spice Park on May 20th for the Redlands International Orchid Show. The cost is \$45 per person, which includes your ride to and from the park, admission is included, beverages and snacks on the bus and a raffle ticket with your entry. We will be leaving from Safe Schools at 8:30 am and returning around 4:45 pm. Please bring a box with your name on it, so all your purchases can be stored easily on the return. Please reach out to Abby Diab at 561-843-0999 or sign up at our May 11th meeting. I know many of you have asked about a bus trip, so here is your chance. It should be a great time. We also have members from the Boca Garden Club and the Deerfield Orchid Society joining us on the bus. I am really looking forward to the Show and I am glad they scheduled it back to the month of May, which it has been for years. Stay safe.

- Kathy

Membership

FIRST YEAR

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BUSINESS: \$40.00
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COUPLE \$25.00
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Newsletter Emailed

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**Boca Raton Orchid
Society**
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Boca Raton, FL 33427

Tasks for May

by Dr. Martin Motes

May's wide temperature swings and dry air suit our orchids to a tee. New growths on sympodial orchids are developing apace and by continuing the careful watering practices of April (i.e. drenching them thoroughly with repeated applications of water to saturate their roots and potting media, then allowing them to dry to nearly 'hard' dry) we can launch them into the summer in vigorous, disease-free growth. Remember, this saturation can only be achieved with two or more soakings to the point of runoff spaced a few minutes apart. Merely holding the water on the plant extra long will not suffice. The water needs to slowly soak into the roots and media. Test the weight of a "benchmark" plant to be satisfied that it is sufficiently heavy to be totally soaked. The arid air of early May will quickly dry the foliage but the roots can draw on the deep reservoir of water that you have provided with this careful, complete watering.

May is still prime time for re-potting. With cattleyas, dendrobiums and other sympodials, the virtuous among us have long since finished this labor of love, but the majority of us are faced with the moral dilemma of doing the potting now or waiting until next year with the pseudo bulbs of our plants overhanging their pots and proclaiming to the world our sloth. The one instance in which this dilemma must be resolved absolutely in favor of the plant, is when the media has broken down in the pot. This condition will encourage root rot to become stem rot which will pursue the rhizome even into those over arching bulbs. If in doubt, give the media the "nose test". A pinch of media taken from below the surface of the pot should smell "sweet". A sour smell or the odor of a pond bottom indicates media that is broken down and must be replaced as soon as possible.

Toward the middle or end of May, the weather in South Florida literally undergoes a sea change with its characteristic afternoon thunder showers. Although lacking the clockwork consistency of June, the rains have come and we must be prepared for them.

News from Dr. Motes

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ORCHID EVENTS

MAY

The May 2023 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, May 27, 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.

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. Advance tickets \$12 pp online at <https://redlandorchidfestival.com/> discount ends shortly; Tickets \$14 pp after end of discount at <https://redlandorchidfestival.com/> Kids under 12 free.

BROS Bus Trip to Redlands International Orchid Festival

WHEN: Sat. May 20, 2023

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

Only 50 seats available!!

If there are any seats left, sign up and pay at the May meeting to reserve your spot. On your check please include “Redlands Orchid Show” and the names of the people you are paying for.

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 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.

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 April:

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Scott Joffe	Paphiopedilum	Blue	Paph. rothschildianum
Laura Barton	Encyclia	Blue	Enc. cordigera rosea 'Palmer'
Teresa O'Neil	Phalaenopsis	Blue	Phal. Sago Rose
Kathy Kersey	Dendrobium	Blue	Den. aggregatum
Kathy Kersey	Vanda	Blue	V. falcata 'Pink Shower' x V falcata 'Lavender Dream'
Kathy Kersey	Encyclia	Blue, Yellow	Enc. bractescens
Robert Finocchi	Species	Blue	C. granulosa 'Sandra'
Robert Finocchi	Cattleya Bifoliate	Blue, Yellow	Epc. Charlie Brown
Jay Collins	Vanda	Blue	V. Crown for "Kimmy's Gold" x V. Christa Collins
Don Zimmermann	Vanda	Blue	V. garayi
Karen Meiselman	Species	Best Blue	Maxillaria tenuifolium

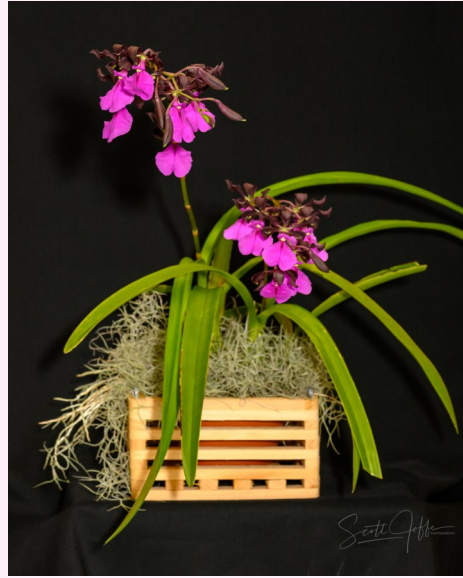
 **BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Karen Meiselman!**

Fun Fact: May 16th is both National Do Something Good For Your Neighbor Day and National Orchid Day.

Members' Blue Ribbon Plants for April



Paph. Rothschildianum—Scott Joffe



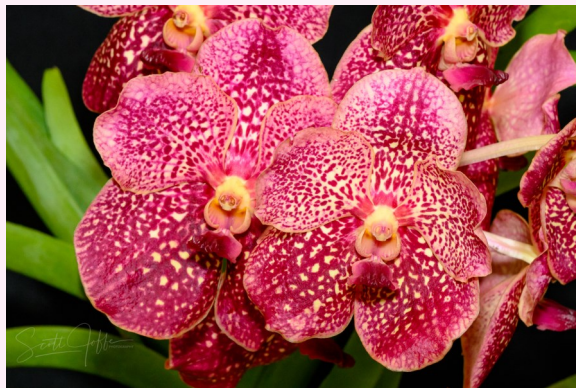
Enc. Cordigera rosea 'Palmer'- Laura Barton



Phal Sago Rose— Teresa O'Neil



Vanda garayi— Don Zimmermann



V. Crownfor "Kimmy's Gold" x V. Christa Collins "Crownfox" -
Jay Collins

Members' Blue Ribbon Plants for April



Den. Aggregatum—Kathy Kersey



V. falcata 'Pink Shower' x V falcata 'Lavender Dream'

Kathy Kersey



Enc. bractescens—Kathy Kersey



C. granulosa 'Sandra' - Robert Finocchi



Epc. Charlie Brown—Robert Finocchi

Members' Blue Ribbon Plants for April



**Maxillaria tenuifolia—Karen Meiselman
Best Blue Ribbon Winner**



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We thank those who participated by providing refreshments at our April member meeting: Janice Larit, Kathy Kersey, Teresa O'Neil, Veronica Risko,



Susan Barbuty, Beth Bove, Lois Kuhlman, Phyllis Lyons

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:

June 1

July 6