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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~

**Program: Repotting Orchids**

**Date: August 10, 2023**

**Presenter: Teresa O'Neil**

**Knowing how and when to repot an orchid is key to becoming a successful orchid grower. Choosing the correct pot for your orchid is also important.**

**Teresa O'Neil has tended orchids for herself and for other people professionally, and has had many satisfied clients.**

**On August 10 she will share some of her vast knowledge with us at our meeting. Handouts containing pertinent information will be distributed.**

**Orchid judging will take place at this meeting, so bring one or more of your flowering orchids for all to admire.**

**Members will be able to sell plants at this meeting. Please remember that 10% of anything you sell must be given to BROS that night.**

*Janice Larit*

Vice President, Programs

### Coming Attractions

**September 14—Mounting Orchids—Teresa O'Neil**

**October 12— TBD**

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The BROS is the proud recipient  
of the DASSA Award.



## From President Kathy Kersey

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I can't believe it's August already. I have lived in South Florida my entire life and I believe this is the hottest Summer I have ever experienced. Please be careful out there. Get out early in the morning for your watering and maybe late in the afternoon if you need to do some trimming. We have been experiencing triple digit heat index temperatures, so stay hydrated. Your orchids are also experiencing the same conditions. The rain that we have been having is great, but if you don't get God's water remember your plants need extra attention this time of year.

For those of you who participated in the Swap & Shop in July, thank you. For those of you who attended our meeting, I hope you enjoyed yourself and are enjoying your purchases.

Please join us on August 10th for a repotting demonstration given by Teresa O'Neil. I know repotting and dividing can be a challenge sometimes. We will be demonstrating the steps you need to take and hopefully answer any questions you might have. We will also be providing you with handouts to assist you in repotting. AOS judge Judy Bailey also passed on some great information on when to repot specific types of orchids, which I will have to give you as well. I hope you can join us.

September 14th is all about Mounting orchids. We will have a demonstration on mounting as well as different types of mounts you can use to attach your orchids. We will also bring in examples of mounted plants for you to see. The great thing about mounting is you can be as creative as you want. I started mounting orchids during Covid because I ran out of room for pots on my benches. Some of you may be in the same situation or just want to try something new. I hope you can join us.

Mark your calendars for February 10-11, 2024. Our annual Valentines show & sale. The rack cards have been printed. We will have the volunteer sign up boards starting in September. Remember our show could NOT happen without you, our members.

Thank you for being a part of the Boca Raton Orchid Society. We as a board are working hard to provide you with monthly presentations that assist you with growing orchids. Speakers that provide information that is relative to our growing environment. If you have any suggestions for future topics, please feel free to let me know.

I hope to see you on August 10th, be safe and stay hydrated.

**Kathy**

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# Tasks for August

by Dr. Martin Motes

Good air circulation and proper watering are the keys to disease prevention. Remember that your plants will have increased considerably in size by this point in the growing season. They have added extra growths and extra leaves across the summer. August is a good time to evaluate the spacing of our plants. Remember the old Florida saw that one needs a cat to grow good orchids because when properly spaced a cat should be able to navigate the benches between plants without knocking them over. While we can not recommend specific chemicals, the county agent recommends Banrot, a convenient combination of Thiophanate-methyl and Truban which controls a number of leaf-spotting diseases and soft rots, for home owner use. A combination of Thiophanate-methyl and mancozeb has also been recommended. This can be found pre-packaged as Duosan. If one can overcome the aversion to chemicals and can learn the safe application of them, they are valuable tools to better orchid growing. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure especially before the soft, slow drizzle of September sets in.

Lengthening nights in August mean cooler nighttime temperatures. Many sympodial orchids are reaching the end of their growing cycle and require less nitrogen. Cattleyas and oncidiums have maturing bulbs. Genera that become deciduous in winter like nobile dendrobiums, calanthes and catasetums should be given much less nitrogen in August to prevent them producing an unwanted off season growth and perhaps forgetting to flower. Substitute an additional application of potassium nitrate and Epsom salt (1TBS each per gal) instead of the balanced 20-20-20. Vandas will respond well to this also, as several of the parental species of our hybrids produce blooms on shortening day lengths and lower levels of nitrogen in their fertilizer seems to egg them on. One or two heavy applications in succession, a week or so apart will certainly provide all the phosphorus and all the stimulus (or wake up shock) our plants require to bloom.

**News from Dr. Motes**

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# ORCHID EVENTS

## AUGUST

The August 2023 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, August 26, 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. Exhibitors can go to [www.wpbjudging.org](http://www.wpbjudging.org) for more information or email Jackie Wood at [bocaorchidlady@aol.com](mailto:bocaorchidlady@aol.com).

## SEPTEMBER

Jacksonville Orchid Society Fall Orchid and Plant Sale, Saturday, September 9, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and Sunday, September 10, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Educational Orchid Culture and Demonstrations daily. At Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223. \*FREE ADMISSION

## OCTOBER

Delray Beach Orchid Society Show and Sale, Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22, 2023 at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, Delray Beach, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444. Hours TBD.

## NOVEMBER

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Orchid Obsession Show and Sale, Saturday, November 11 and Sunday, November 12, 2023, 10 AM—5 PM both days, at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Boulevard, Boca Raton, FL. Admission: \$5 pp; children under 12 free.

\*\*\* We will list other events and provide details for the ones listed above as the information is received. If you hear of events of interest to our members, please let Cheryl know and they will be included here. To contact Cheryl, email [rcdodes@aol.com](mailto:rcdodes@aol.com)

### Plant Photos Needed for Our Social Media Pages

If you have some great photos of your orchids, please send them to Steve Miller, [lobsterman47@yahoo.com](mailto:lobsterman47@yahoo.com), and he will post them on our Instagram page. Our Instagram page web address is [bocaratonorchidsociety\\_bros](https://www.instagram.com/bocaratonorchidsociety_bros). Please pick your best photo of each plant, since we will post only one photo of a particular plant.

## Swap n' Shop Was Great Fun!

We held our second Swap n' Shop of this year in July. Once again, it gave members a chance to interact with each other, talk about orchids and orchid care, and pick up some great bargains. Even people who swore they were not going to buy anything found great temptation and gave into it. Everything from great orchids, fancy orchid pots, orchid medium, net bags for slatted orchid pots, orchid hangers, and much more were brought to sell or trade.

The buzz around the room was "When are we going to do this again?" Never fear, members! We plan to make this an event that repeats. We'll let you know when it will come around again. Meanwhile, save up the plants and other goodies for trading or selling next time!

## Congratulations to Roderick Lewis!

Our own BROS member Roderick Lewis recently received an Award of Merit from the American Orchid Society for his orchid *Rhyncholaelia Aristocrat* 'Jestina Lewis'. The flower was awarded 86 points, meaning it had an excellent appearance, with great structure and form. This plant is a hybrid of *Rhyncholaelia digbyana* and *Rhyncholaelia glauca*. It has the beautiful attributes of both parents, including the *digbyana*'s frilly lip and greenish yellow color.

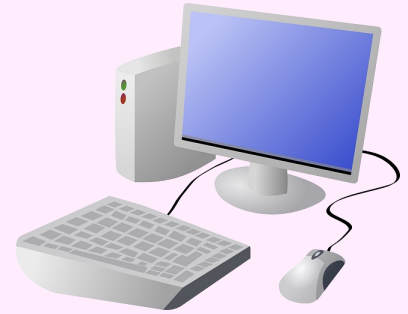
Growing an orchid that is so wonderful that it earns an AOS award is a great accomplishment! Kudos to Roderick Lewis!



*Rhyncholaelia Aristocrat* 'Jestina Lewis' AM/AOS  
Roderick Lewis



## **BROS is on the Web**



**On Instagram: bocaratonorchidsociety\_bros**

**BROS Website: brosonline.org**

### **Other Interesting Orchid-Related Websites with Great Information:**

**Florida Orchid Growing (FOG) on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fl.orchid>**

**American Orchid Society: [aos.org](https://aos.org)**

**[Orchids.org](https://orchids.org)**

**St. Augustine Orchid Society:  
<https://staugorchidsociety.org>**

**Check them out! You'll learn a lot!**

## Need Help with Boca Raton Afterschool Orchid Club

BROS members, I'm excited to share that we are off to an exciting new school year of teaching kids about orchids. We will be providing classes to 2 elementary schools this year, JC Mitchell and Whispering Pines. The kids love it!!

The curriculum is already created. However, there is a need for volunteers. You DO NOT need to be an orchid expert just enjoy working with kids. There will be at least 2 volunteers per school. It meets once a month from September-February. As it is an afterschool program, the time will be approximately 2:30 PM- 3:15 PM with 15 students, grades 3-5. The day of the week is different for each school. You do not have to be at all the classes at your school. There will always be someone to substitute for you.

Please let me know if you can volunteer.

Thanks

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**We thank those who participated by providing refreshments at our June member meeting: Lois Kuhlman, Shirley Schneider, Bob Swanson, Bethania**

**Blanco, Jann Miller, Kathy Kersey, and Cheryl Dodes**



**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:**

**August 3**

**September 7**