



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: Mounting Orchids**

**Speaker: Teresa O'Neil**

**Date: September 14, 2023**

After last month's successful program on repotting orchids, Teresa is back to teach us about placing orchids on various types of mounts. She will share her considerable expertise to give us some great ideas for our own collections.

Mounting is very natural for orchids, since most are happy growing on tree branches, and some even on rock material.

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.

**Don't miss this meeting!**

*Janice Larit*

Vice President, Programs

**Please note: Elsewhere in this newsletter you can access the handouts that were given out at the August BROS Member Meeting.**

### Coming Attraction

**October 12: Jose Exposito of Soroa Orchids—  
General Orchid Growing**

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of the DASSA Award.



## From President Kathy Kersey

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

August was an extremely HOT month. However, the rain was well appreciated. Teresa O'Neil and I have had a few conversations regarding people who grow outside, but under cover and people who grow outside with no cover. Meaning a solid roof over head versus a screened enclosure which the rain waters consistently. As most of you know, I have no solid roof. Half of my orchids are in pots on my screened in porch around my pool and the rest are outside in my yard. Teresa brought up about some larger plants rotting because they are NOT getting ample time to dry out between the rain showers. A couple of our suggestions is making sure that your plants are spaced properly to get proper air flow. Consider placing a fan in your grow area to provide air flow which will help them dry out quicker. If you can, try to bring larger plants out of the rain to dry, as well as certain plants that don't require a lot of water. Also you may want to consider mounting your plants. Remember what Judy Bailey said " You can never over water a mounted plant" Which leads me into our next meeting in September.

Please join us on September 14th, when Teresa will be demonstrating mounting orchids. Mounting is not for everyone, but we will give you some great ideas on how to mount, what you can mount on, and that you don't need trees to hang them in. For those of you who attend our monthly meetings. We have 4-arm plant stands that we use to display members plants for judging. I have approximately 12 stands that I use to hang my mounted plants on. I do very little mounting on trees because I have major Iguana issues in my neighborhood. I hope you can join us on September 14th. We will be bringing in a lot of examples of plants that have been mounted. Hopefully it will give you some ideas of what you can do in your yard and with your orchids.

Also at our September meeting we will be giving you your 2024 membership invoice. Please bring a check so you can pay that night and not have to worry about it in the coming months. Payment is due by December 31, 2023.

We will also be selling pre-sale tickets for our show on February 10-11, 2024. Remember for every 5 that you purchase you will receive one COMP ticket.

Lastly, I will have the Volunteer boards starting in September to sign up for our show.. Sign up early and don't forget to sign up to bring in food as well. I truly believe that some of our vendors only come to our show for the food. I know the AOS judges love what they get for breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

I hope to see you on September 14th at 7:30, It should be a great meeting.

Thank you for being a part of the Boca Raton Orchid Society,

**Kathy**

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FIRST YEAR

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# Tasks for September

by Dr. Martin Motes

Even without the prospect of the unspeakable 'H' word, September disheartens since it is easily the dampest, dullest month in the year. Although more inches of rain fall in June, more hours of rain occur in the often slow, seemingly endless drizzles of September. Frequently a day or two can pass without so much as a solid hour of truly bright sunshine to lift our spirits and dry out our plants. Days are growing much shorter also, with long nights when our plants are wet from the frequent rains. Coming at the end of the rainy season when disease pressure has been building, September presents the maximum opportunity for fungal and bacterial diseases to take hold of our orchids. Hopefully careful watering practices and the judicious use of fungicides (as recommended last month) will have diminished the potential for disease in our collections. But even in the best managed collection, September calls for extra vigilance. Keep a close eye out for problems and remove immediately any plant that shows the first sign of fungus to a dry location to prevent the disease being spread by splashing rain drops. Good hygiene is particularly important this month. Clean up growing areas and remove any dead leaves, twigs or other organic debris from the plants and the ground. In September numerous diseases that linger in decaying plant material find the ideal conditions that allow them to jump to the living tissue of our prize orchids. Such problems can develop more quickly in September than in any other month. September is a month to stay home and be there for your orchids. Look at every plant, every day.

September, above all, is the month that the old Florida growers' adage that "One needs a cat to grow good orchids," holds true. By leaving enough space between plants on a shade house bench for a cat to walk around without knocking them down, one provides the good air circulation which is absolutely essential in periods of protracted wet weather. Well spaced plants are much less likely to encounter disease problems this month. Remember that your plants will have grown considerably over the summer and that the space they occupied comfortably in the Spring has now been filled by their own growth as well as their neighbors. Space them out. Now is perhaps the time to decide to hang some of the larger ones where they will dry much more quickly. The small cute ones left behind on the bench will be very appreciative of the extra air and light.

News from Dr. Motes

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# ORCHID EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

The September 2023 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, September 23, 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

Mounts Botanical Gardens Summer Plant-A-Palooza Exotics and Orchid Sale; Saturday, September 16, 9 AM-4 PM and Sunday, September 17, 9 AM-3 PM. Mounts Botanical Garden's Exotics & Orchids sale features the highest quality of well-known plant growers and orchid experts from across the State of Florida. Visitors have the opportunity to fully engage in the world of plants and learn new gardening techniques, discover what's trending in floral design, and enjoy Mounts Botanical's tranquil tropical oasis all at the same time. Located at 531 N Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415. Admission is free for members; Nonmembers: Adults—\$15; Seniors 65+, \$12; Children 6-17, \$7. Free for children under 6.

## 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.

# 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**

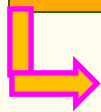
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**to :**

**BOCA RATON ORCHID**  
**SOCIETY**

**P O BOX 276367**  
**BOCA RATON, FL 33427**

## The winners in August:

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Kathy Kersey	Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue	Enc. tamlea
Jay Collins	Cattleya Bifoliata	Blue	BLC "Fort Watson" Mendenhall
Robert Finocchi	Angraecoid Species	Blue	Sobennikoffia humbertiana
Kathy Kersey	Vanda	Blue	Rhrds. Bangkok Sunset x Vasco Pine River
Teresa O'Neil	Brassavola Species	Blue	Brassavola subulifolia
Robert Finocchi	Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue	BLC (Love Sound x Horizon Flight) Svo Picotee x P. Angel's Flare FCC/AOS



**BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Robert Finocchi!**



BLC (Love Sound x Horizon Flight) Svo Picotee x P. Angel's Flare FCC/AOS  
—Robert Finocchi

# Members' Blue Ribbon Plants for August



Enc. Tamlea—Kathy Kersey



BLC "Fort Watson" Mendenhall—Jay Collins



Sobennikoffia humbertiana—Robert Finocchi



Rhrds. Bangkok Sunset x Vasco Pine River—Kathy Kersey



Brassavola subulifolia—Teresa O'Neil

BLC (Love Sound x Horizon Flight)  
Svo Picotee x P. Angel's Flare  
FCC/AOS  
Robert Finocchi  
\*\*\*Best Blue Ribbon\*\*\*



**Blooming Seasons for Bifoliate Cattleya Species in  
The 'Root Before Bloom' Group**

Repot these when they begin to send up new growths in  
Spring/Summer

<i>Species</i>	<i>Blooming Season</i>
C. bowringiana	October/November
C. loddigesii	November to March
C. deckeri	December/January
C. amethystoglossa	January/February
C. aurantiaca	February/March
C. intermedia	March/April/May
C. skinneri	April

**Blooming Seasons For Bifoliate Cattleya Species in  
The 'Root After Bloom' Group**

Repot these immediately after they bloom in Spring/Summer/Fall

<i>Species</i>	<i>Blooming Season</i>
C. schilleriana	April/May
C. forbesii	April/May
C. porphyroglossa	May/ early June
C. granulosa	May/ early June
C. harrisoniana	June/July
C. leopoldii	June/July
C. schofieldiana	July/August
C. eldorado	July/August
C. velutina	August
C. bicolor	August/September
C. elongata	September
C. gutatta	September
C. tenuis	September

**Blooming Seasons for Unifoliate Cattleya Species in  
The 'Root Before Bloom' Group**

Repot these when they begin to send up new growths in  
Spring/Summer

<i>Species</i>	<i>Blooming Season</i>
<i>C. maxima</i>	July to November
<i>C. labiata</i>	October/November
<i>C. mooreana</i>	November
<i>C. jenmanii</i>	December/January
<i>C. percivaliana</i>	December/January
<i>C. quadricolor</i>	late December/January
<i>C. trianaei</i>	January/February
<i>C. schroderae</i>	March/April
<i>C. lawrenceana</i>	March/April
<i>C. iricolor</i>	April/May
<i>C. mossiae</i>	April/May
<i>C. luteola</i>	April/May
<i>C. mendelii</i>	April/May/June

**Blooming Seasons For Unifoliate Cattleya Species in  
The 'Root After Bloom' Group**

Repot these immediately after they bloom in Spring/Summer/Fall

<i>Species</i>	<i>Blooming Season</i>
<i>C. lueddemanniana</i>	March
<i>C. warneri</i>	May
<i>C. warscewiczii</i>	June/July
<i>C. dowiana</i>	late June/July
<i>C. rex</i>	July
<i>C. gaskelliana</i>	July
<i>C. aurea</i>	July/Aug./Sept.



**Blooming Seasons of  
Some Cattleya Species in  
With Oddball Growth Patterns**

<i>Species</i>	<i>Blooming Season</i>
<i>C. aclandiae</i> *	First bloom peak in April/May but Re-blooms over entire summer
<i>C. violacea</i> *	First bloom peak in May but Re-blooms over entire summer
<i>C. walkeriana</i> **	December to April
<i>C. nobilior</i> **	March/April

\**C. aclandiae* and *C. violacea* send out successive new growths over the summer. Each growth blooms immediately as it matures and roots can emerge as soon as the lead begins growing, while the growth blooms, or immediately after the growth blooms. Best to repot these just as a new lead is emerging.

\*\**C. walkeriana* and *C. nobilior* generally send out fleafless growths in winter or early spring from which blooms emerge. Roots may or may not emerge from these leads. The plants then send out regular leaved growths later in March/April/May after they finish blooming. Best to repot these in March/April/May as the leaved growths begin to emerge.

**The information about the blooming seasons of various Cattleya orchids on pages 7-9 was provided by AOS Judge Judy Bailey at our August Member Meeting. We hope that you find this information useful.**



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**We thank those who participated by providing refreshments at our June member meeting: Janice Larit, Donna “Cupcake” Swanson, Veronica Risko**



**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:**

**September 7**

**October 5**