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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~

Program: Successful Orchid Growing Methods for Hobbyists

Speaker: Jeffrey Adkins

Date: November 9, 2023

Jeff Adkins is known for his beautiful orchids, as well as his skill as an AOS Judge. However, this isn't Jeff's only talent. He is quite the master carpenter, recognized for his expertise at building orchid greenhouses. A third generation grower, Jeff was influenced by his mother and grandmother. Their exceptional orchids were always present in his life. Jeff began his career at Jones and Scully Nursery in Miami, and in 1984, He put together the Jones and Scully display for the 11th World Orchid Conference. He began his own business, Adkins Orchids, when J&S closed shop. Adkins Orchids specializes in big, showy Cattleyas, Vandas, and Dendrobiums, among others.

In his talk, Jeff will share information from his vast experience growing orchids in South Florida.

*****Jeff will be supplying plants for the raffle table, and will bring plants to sell. No member plant sales will be permitted at this meeting.**

Janice Larit

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Coming Attractions

December 14: Annual Holiday Meeting

Be prepared to have fun!

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From President Kathy Kersey

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I can't believe it's November. Don't forget to change your clocks back this Sunday November 5th. This is the time of year I dread the most. Remember to get out early to water your growing area. The sun goes down around 6 pm. October was a very windy month, as it always seems to be. Check your plants for signs of Thrips. Now the dry season begins, and hopefully, cooler temperatures as well.

I would like to welcome back all of our seasonal members. We hope you will join us for our upcoming meetings.

For those of you who joined us for our October meeting with Jose Exposito, I hope he gave you some valuable information about growing orchids in South Florida. He's always a joy to have around. We are so lucky to have the perfect climate in Florida to successfully grow orchids.

Please join us on November 9th for Jeffrey Adkins. He will be speaking on *Successful Orchid Growing Methods for Hobbyists*. It should be a great presentation. I hope you can make it to the meeting.

Mark your calendars.... February 10-11, 2024, Our annual Orchid Show & Sale. We have the volunteer boards available at our meetings to sign up. Without our members volunteering to work the show, our show would NOT be possible. As they say... it takes a village. We start set up on Thursday, and welcome vendors on Friday. If you are available to help set up, please sign up.

We are selling pre-sale tickets at our monthly meetings. They are \$3.00 in advance and for every 5 that you purchase you will receive 1 comp ticket. Get yours early and save. Just as a reminder if you volunteer during the show, you don't need a ticket to enter.

One of the BEST parts of our show is the food that our members donate for our judges, vendors, and volunteers. We provide the AOS judges with breakfast and lunch on Saturday. If you are not aware, judges volunteer their time and some of them travel quite a distance to attend our show. Sometimes I think vendors participate in our show because we always have the BEST food for them. Please sign up to bring your favorite breakfast or lunch item, the signup sheets are available at our meetings. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can contact Teresa O'Neil and she will add you to the list. Let's make this year the BEST EVER in food donations.

Just a reminder that your membership dues for 2024 are due by December 31. Please bring your check to the meeting or mail it to our PO Box.

Last, as a reminder... Guests are always welcome at our meetings. If you have a friend or neighbor that loves orchids, please invite them to come with you. If you are out and about and meet people that want to learn more about orchids, let them know about our Society. When I meet people, I tell them I belong to the Boca Raton Orchid Society and tell them to Google us. They will be able to read our newsletters and find out who will be speaking at our upcoming meetings, as well as the location and time. We have an amazing Society with the BEST members! As I always say, "Share the LOVE of orchids". Come early to the meetings; it will give you more time to socialize and ask questions to other members.

Kathy

Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00

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RENEWAL

SINGLE \$20.00

COUPLE \$25.00

BUSINESS \$40.00

Newsletter Emailed

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Society**

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Tasks for November

by Dr. Martin Motes

Protecting our tender plants from exposure to wind must be our primary concern in preparing them for winter. Buildings, walls and even thick hedges can be very effective windbreaks slowing or stopping chill air. Choose places in your garden that offer this sort of protection to your orchid plants wherever possible. The geography of Florida plays into the equation as well. Because the Florida peninsular juts decidedly to the Southeast (Naples is due south of Jacksonville), protection from the Northwest wind is even more crucial than protection from the North wind on the east coast of Florida. Northwest winds are blowing out of the cold heart of the landmass while true North winds have in most locales usually blown over more warm water and less cold land. Regardless of the degree of north, safeguarding our collections from the wind is critical to their healthy maintenance. Not until the air circulating clockwise around the cold high pressure system shifts to the Northeast to blow over the warm Gulfstream can we relax our guard.

Getting our growing area ready for winter is one half of the equation. We must also get the plants themselves ready. Healthy, well-nourished plants withstand cold better as do plants that are harder and not too lushly in growth. Because both light and temperature are lower in November and most orchids have slowed their growth, they need less fertilizer. In cooler weather ammoniacal nitrogen is less available to our plants because it needs the assistance of bacterial action to ease its absorption by the plants. Nitrate nitrogen is more desirable therefore in cooler weather, because it is more quickly and readily absorbed by the orchids. Check the label on your fertilizer and try to choose one with a higher ration of nitrate nitrogen to ammoniacal nitrogen for winter use. The very best source for nitrate nitrogen is potassium nitrate (KNO₃). It has the formula 13-0-44. The lower level of the desirable nitrate form of nitrogen is well suited to the continuing but diminished nutritional needs of our orchids in cool weather. The level of potassium is thought to contribute to the 'hardening' of the plants. Try to obtain the soluble or 'Spray' grade. If only Prills (small beads like tapioca) are available they will need to be dissolved with boiling water, a tedious task.

Potassium nitrate is superlative also because it contains no phosphorus which, in combination with our hard, alkaline water interferes with the plants' absorption of trace elements. Trace element nutrition is especially important to maintain healthy orchids in cool weather: above all, magnesium, the 'major' minor element.

News from Dr. Motes

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ORCHID EVENTS

NOVEMBER

The November 2023 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, November 18, 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 for more information or email Jackie Wood at bocaorchidlady@aol.com.

Mounts Botanical Garden's Plant-A-Palooza, Saturday November 4, 9 AM—4 PM and Sunday, November 5, 9 AM—3 PM. Admission \$15 pp or free for garden members. 50 of the region's highest quality vendors and artisans, plus special presentations and food trucks. At Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415. www.mounts.org

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. Deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org

DECEMBER

Sawgrass Nature Center & Wildlife Hospital Orchid and Plant Festival, Saturday and Sunday, December 2 & 3, 2023, 9:30 AM—4 PM. Admission: \$8 pp. 3000 Sportsplex Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065. More info: 954-752-9453. sawgrassnaturecenter.org 100% of admission proceeds support the Nature Center.

JANUARY

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show and Sale, "Orchid Jungle", January 5, 6, and 7, 2024, 10 AM-6 PM. At the Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Blvd., Pembroke Pines, FL. Admission: \$15 pp, available at FLOS.org. Parking is free. Breathtaking orchid exhibits, exotic orchids and related items available for purchase. There also will be free orchid educational classes to help your plants thrive.

Tamiami International Orchid Festival, January 12, 13, 14, 2024, 11 AM-6PM daily. Miami-Dade County fair & Expo Center, 1090 SW 24th St., Miami, FL 33165. Admission: \$15 pp at the door. Kids 12 and under free. Pre-sale tickets may be ordered online at tamiamiorchidfestival.com. This is one of the largest orchid shows in the United States.

FEBRUARY

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Orchid Weekend, February 3 and 4, 2024, 10 AM-5 PM. Featuring orchid vendors from across Florida. At Morikami Museum, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach, FL 33446. Admission to Morikami is \$15 pp, free to members. Seniors (65+): \$13; Children (6-17): \$9; Children 5 and under, free. More info at morikami.org

BROS ORCHID SHOW AND SALE, FEBRUARY 10-11, 2024

We need volunteers to sign up to help set up the Show, work at the Show, and break it down afterward. Please sign up at a meeting or contact Kathy Kersey.

Orchid Show & Sale Valentine's Weekend

February 10-11, 2024
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



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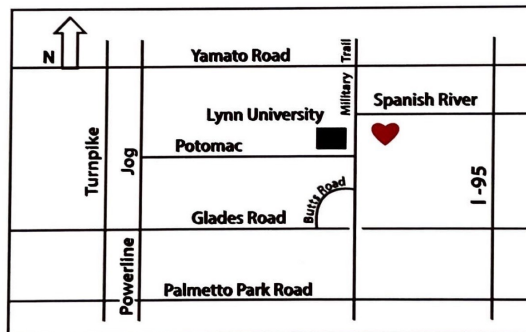
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1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton
Corner of Spanish River Blvd. & Military Trail, across from
Lynn University.

I-95 S and I-95 N:

1. Exit 48A - Spanish River Blvd. /FAU – bear right at exit
2. Turn RIGHT going WEST
3. Turn LEFT into the campus of Don Estridge Middle School.

Turnpike:

Exit 75 for Glades Rd., turn LEFT onto Glades, turn
LEFT at Butts Rd., turn LEFT onto Military Trail, then
turn RIGHT on Spanish River Blvd.

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

1. 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!

REMINDER

Your Dues are Due for 2024

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 October:

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Teresa O'Neil	Broughtonia	Blue	Br. Cosmo Sanguinia
Teresa O'Neil	Dendrobium	Blue	Den. Blue Planet
Patti Hogan	Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue	RCL digbyana 'Green Giant'
Robert Finnoch	Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue	BLC Mem. A-Nunt Meesangmill 'N.N'
Robert Finocchi	Species	Blue	Brassavola nodosa "Nemar" x 'Mas Mejor'
David & Beth Bowe	Vanda	Blue	V. Taweewan x Dr. Anek
Rod Lewis	Brassavola Species	Blue	Brassavola nodosa
Denise Guzman	Cycnodes	Blue	CYCD. Taiwan Gold 'Orange'
Jay Collins	Misc. Genera	Best Blue, Yellow	Bulb. Elizabeth Anne Buckleberry

BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Jay Collins



Bulb. Elizabeth Anne Buckleberry—Jay Collins

Members' Blue Ribbon Plants for October



Dendrobium Blue Planet—Teresa O'Neil



RCL digbyana "Green Giant" - Denise Hogan



Br. Cosmo Sanguinea—Teresa O'Neil



BLC Mem. A-Nunt Meesangmill 'N.N.—Robert Finocchi

Brassavola nodosa "Nemar" x "Mas Mejer"—Robert Finocchi



Members' Blue Ribbon Plants for October



V. Taweewan x Dr. Anek—David & Beth Bowes



Brassavola nodosa—Rod Lewis



Cyod Taiwan Gold Orange—Denise Guzman

Bulb. ElizabethAnn Buckleberry—
Jay Collins
*** Best Blue Ribbon***





Don't Miss It!

Join us for a delightful weekend at the Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens on Saturday, February 3rd, and Sunday, February 4th, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the lush beauty of the Morikami gardens as you embark on a captivating journey into the fascinating realm of orchids. This is your rare chance to unravel the secrets of these delicate, exquisite blooms!

Orchid Talk by Serena Roman: Join us at the Lady Vanda Orchid Tent* at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday for a captivating talk. Discover the art of cultivating Vandaceous Orchids and unravel the mysteries of these elegant floral wonders.

*See you there,
orchid enthusiasts!*

**Save the Date:
February 3 & 4, 2024**

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
FREE with paid museum admission



Serena Roman
Lady Vanda Orchids



Featuring Orchid Vendors from Across the State:

Explore a stunning collection of orchids and related goodies from these exceptional vendors and purchase something to bring home.

- o Florida Orchid House - Myakka City, FL
- o Hiko Bonsai - Coral Springs, FL
- o Jim-N-I Orchids - Redland, FL
- o Kazumi Gardens - Pembroke Pines, FL (featuring exquisite kokedamas)
- o Lady Vanda Orchids* - Homestead, FL
- o Laurel Orchids - Jupiter, FL
- o OFE International - Orchids Supplies - Homestead, FL
- o Orchids In Bloom - Apopka, FL
- o Quest Orchids - Miami, FL
- o Sierra Madre Orchids - Miami, FL
- o Smiley Orchids - Clermont, FL
- o Soroa Orchids - Homestead, FL
- o Tropic 1 Orchids - Kissimmee, FL



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We thank those who participated by providing refreshments at our October member meeting.



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:

November 2

December 7