

# The Orchid

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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: Annual Meeting and Holiday Celebration**

**Date: December 14, 2023 at 7:30 PM**

**We hope you will join us for our annual meeting and holiday celebration!**

**It is very important for everyone who plans to attend to respond to Abby Diab at [abbydbros@gmail.com](mailto:abbydbros@gmail.com) by December 1 so we know how much food and how many plants to order.**

**\*\*\* No guests will be permitted at this meeting. The December meeting is for paid members only, please.**

**There will be fun and games in addition to yummy light bites.**

**We will also have the installation of officers who will serve in 2024 and give thanks to those who served our Society in 2023.**

**Don't miss this meeting!**



*Janice Larit*

Vice President, Programs

### Coming Attractions

**January 10, 2024: Jet Tanner—Tips for Orchid Growing**

**January 13, 2024: Bus Trip to Tamiami Orchid Festival (see page 4)**

**February: Judy Bailey with more great orchid info**

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of the DASSA Award.



## From President Kathy Kersey

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. My husband and I spent the holiday with my sister in Jacksonville. It was nice to enjoy temperatures in the 50's.

November was very windy the week before Thanksgiving. I hope everything was okay at your house. I know I had quite a mess to clean up at my house and around our neighborhood. The best news is that the 2023 hurricane season is over and we dodged another year without a hurricane. That is truly a blessing for all of us.

For those of you who attended our November meeting with Jeffrey Adkins, I hope you enjoyed his presentation. He had a wonderful selection of plants for sale; I hope you are enjoying your purchases.

We are planning our annual member meeting for December 14th. If you haven't already.... We need everyone to RSVP to Abby Diab at (abbydbros@gmail.com) by December 1st if you are planning to attend. We need to order the food and other items for the meeting.

Our annual Valentines Show is right around the corner, February 10-11, 2024. If you haven't signed up to volunteer, please do so at our December meeting. Without our members our show would NOT be possible. We also have a sign up sheet for breakfast and lunch items to donate so we can feed our judges, vendors and volunteers for the weekend. You can also text me at 954-802-3575 and I will add you to the list. Remember to text your name and what you are bringing and I will put you on the list. We will also be selling pre-sale tickets to the show at our December meeting. When you buy 5 tickets at the reduced price of \$3 each you receive 1 comp ticket.

At the December meeting we will be taking orders for our BROS shirts. We like to have our volunteers wear their BROS shirts during the show so our guests can easily identify us if they have questions. I will be placing the order after our December meeting so we will have them for our January meeting.

We are planning a bus trip on Saturday, January 13, 2024 to attend the Tamiami International Orchid Show. The cost will be \$45.00 per person. The bus will be leaving at 8:30 AM and returning around 4:45 PM. We will be providing snacks and beverages. Friends are always welcome. The show is located at the Miami Dade County Fair & Expo Center. If you have never attended the show, it is absolutely amazing and a little overwhelming. It is inside, so weather is NOT a factor. We will have a sign up sheet at the December meeting. Abby has already secured a bus, now we just need you to sign up. Please bring your check to the December meeting to secure your spot. We will have a great time and the best part is someone else is doing the driving. We just need to sit back and enjoy the ride. Your friends are welcome to come with us at the same cost.

I hope to see all of you at the December meeting on December 14th. We have a lot of fun things planned.

Kathy

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**FIRST YEAR**

**SINGLE \$25.00**

**COUPLE \$35.00**

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**Newsletter Emailed**

**RENEWAL**

**SINGLE \$20.00**

**COUPLE \$25.00**

**BUSINESS \$40.00**

**Newsletter Emailed**

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**PO Box 276367**

**Boca Raton, FL 33427**

# Tasks for December

by Dr. Martin Motes

Himalayan dendrobiums of the nobile and Callista (*D. aggregatum*, *chrysotoxum*, etc.) Sections require no additional water (beyond rain) in December. Remember, those of you who water (or, even worse, fertilize) these dendrobiums in December, will be punished by having your flowers taken away in the Spring. Some growers who have the space, isolate these dendrobiums along with other types that want hard drying such as *Catasetum*, *Cynoches*, *Mormodes*, and *Calanthe*. Another strategy is to hang these plants high or at the edges of the collection reminding oneself to neglect them and also to avoid watering them by mistake. Some growers achieve the same result effect by turning the pots of these genera on their side in November or December, to avoid catching water from whatever source. Plants of some of these genera that have finished flowering can even be removed from their pots and stripped to bare roots in anticipation of re-potting them in new media when they break growth in the spring.

Most sympodial orchids are resting in December and require less fertilizer. Biweekly or even monthly applications of a balanced fertilizer or 15-515 are still desirable. Nitrate nitrogen is the most readily absorbed in cooler weather; therefore at least one more application of the potassium nitrate/magnesium sulphate (at 1tbs. each per gal.) recommended in November is still a good idea. It's good stuff! Vandas, *Phalaenopsis* and other monopodial orchids should be fertilized right through the winter although both the amount of fertilizer and the frequency of application can be reduced. Remember reddening of the foliage is not natural, nor is it a response to the cold per se but rather a symptom of nutritional deficiency. The plants are asking for more potassium and magnesium.

December can be cold. Frost has occurred in the first week of the month and unforgettably, the coldest temperatures ever recorded in South Florida were registered on December 25, 1989. If you haven't taken some of the precautions outlined in the November Newsletter, get busy! Keep a close eye on the forecasts during this volatile month. Remember that hard cane dendrobiums of the sections *Spathulata* and *Phalaenanthe* are the most sensitive of commonly cultivated orchids. They resent temperature much below 60 degrees F. *Phalaenopsis* are next most sensitive, then vandas. Protect all these genera more carefully.

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# Bus Trip to Tamiami International Orchid Festival



**WHEN: Sat. January 13, 2024**

**Cost: \$45 per person (includes admission to the Orchid Festival!)**

**Only 50 seats available!!**



**\*\*\*Sign up and pay at the December meeting or mail your Check by December 20 to reserve your spot on the bus. Make check out to "BROS". On your check please include "Tamiami Orchid Festival" in the memo area. Let us know the names of the people you are paying for.**

**\*\*\* The trip is open to members and guests. Same price for everyone!**

**Mail check 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 snacks and beverages on the bus.**

**Bring a box or foldable cart to hold your purchases at the Show**

**We will leave from Safe Schools Institute at 8:30 AM and return around 4:45 PM, depending on traffic.**

**The Tamiami Show is located at the Miami Dade Fair and Expo.**

**It is the largest winter orchid event in the United States, with 90 national and international vendors, free orchid lectures, and beautiful exhibits.**

# ORCHID EVENTS

## DECEMBER

The December 2023 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, December 16, 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).

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://morikami.org)

Boca Raton Orchid Society Show and Sale, February 10 and 11, 2024 at Safe Schools Institute. See next page for more information.



## 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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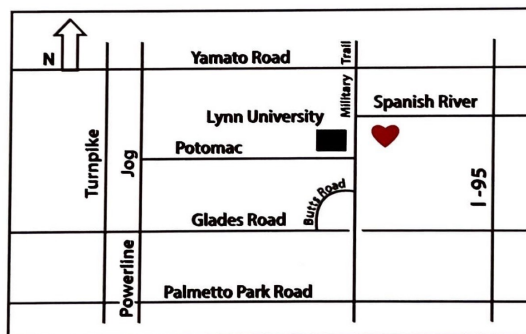
### Orchid Show & Sale Valentine's Weekend

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

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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.



**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



# 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. 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 November:

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Denise Guzman	Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Onc. flexuosum
Beth Bowe	Other Vandaceous	Blue	V. Prapathom Gold x Chaopraya Sapphire 'Crown Fox'
Denise Guzman	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. bracteosum
Denise Guzman	Cattleya Alliance	Blue	Procatavola Key Lime Stars
Rod Lewis	Cattleya Unifoliate	Blue	Cattleya Bob Betts
Teresa O'Neil	Brassavola	Blue, Yellow	Bc Maikai Mayumi
Robert Finocchi	Species	Blue	C. bowringiana coerulea
Karen Meiselman	Misc. Genera	Blue, Yellow	Coelogyne rochussenil

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



Coelogyne rochussenil



# Members' Blue Ribbon Plants for November



Onc. Flexuosum—Denise Guzman



V. Prapathom Gold x Chaopraya—Beth Bowe



Den. Bracteosum—Denise Guzman



Procatavola Key Lime Stars—Denise Guzman



Cattleya Bob Betts—Rod Lewis

# Members' Blue Ribbon Plants for November



Bc. Maikai Mayumi—Teresa O'Neil

C. bowringiana coerulea—Robert Finocchi



Coelogyne rochussenil—Karen Meiselman

\*\*\* Best Blue Ribbon\*\*\*





## Boca Raton Orchid Society After School Orchid Club *by BJ Saul*

The After School Orchid Club program is off to a great start at JC Mitchell, Our current volunteers, Sheila Bell, Rita Walsh, Andrea Willens and BJ Saul are doing a fabulous job teaching our future orchid growers.

At all the meetings, students are busy coloring orchid pictures for BROS February Flower Show.

During the month of September members learned all about plants and an introduction to orchids. They had fun pretending to be a plant. Their feet were roots, body a stem, their arm and hands the leaves and their heads were flowers.

In October they were asked "What do we know about orchids?" They watched videos and discussed what orchids need to grow, saw many different types of orchids, explored different growing medium and discovered where in the world do orchids grow.

The November class taught club members how to identify a Phalaenopsis orchid by studying the orchid's different parts. They then received an orchid and learned how to care for their plant. They were so excited to get them. Each plant had a beautiful spike with a bud. The students are eager to watch them bloom and uncover the color of their flowers.

If you would like to volunteer, your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact BJ Saul, [bjfsaul@comcast.net](mailto:bjfsaul@comcast.net), 561-347-0618



Students coloring orchid drawings



Exploring orchid growing medium



JC Mitchell students proudly displaying their Phalaenopsis plants

## **Teresa O'Neil Receives an AOS Award**

On October 28, 2023 Teresa O'Neil's beautiful Oncidium Heaven Sent 'Sweet Baby' received a coveted CCM/AOS award at American Orchid Society judging. A CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit) is awarded to an exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least 12 months prior to the award and must score between 80 and 89 points inclusive on a 100 point scale. Teresa's plant received 80 points from the judges. Congratulations, Teresa!



**Teresa O'Neil's Oncidium Heaven Sent 'Sweet Baby', awarded CCM/AOS (80 points)**



## Barbara Barrie Awarded Best Hobbyist Grower Award

At the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Orchid Show on November 11, 2023, Barbara Barrie received the Best Hobbyist Grower in Show Award and a Cultural Award her amazing *Encyclia cordigera* "Hinomaru". The plant has many flower spikes, all of which are populated with many blooms of excellent quality. Congratulations to Barbara!



Barbara Barrie's *Encyclia cordigera* "Hinomaru"

Happy Hanukkah



*Merry  
Christmas*  
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**We thank those who participated by providing refreshments at our November 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:**

**December 7**

**January 3**