



### 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  
Map: <http://bit.ly/qQhKXu>

Guests are Always Welcome!

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## Featuring~

**Speaker: Kristen Uthus**

**Topic: Honey I Shrunk the Orchids (Miniatures)**

**Date: April 11, 2019**

Dr. Kristen Uthus studied both plant and animal ecology and evolution at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Ohio State University (OSU). She then taught biology and ecology at several colleges including VCU, OSU, University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University. The daughter of a plant fanatic, Kristen has been growing orchids for over 20 years, and in 2014 she fulfilled her dream of making orchids a full-time commitment by purchasing New World Orchids (NWO).

Although she enjoys growing many varieties of orchids and other plants, miniatures remain her passion—the weirder the better. New World Orchids specializes in Japanese species including *Neofinetia falcata*, *Dendrobium moniliforme*, and *Sederia japonica* as well as Asian Cymbidium species, but her miniature selection has been expanding to include many other small species including Pleurothallids, Bulbophyllums, and Angraecums. Although not ever entirely up to date, you can check out some of NWO's offerings at [www.newworldorchids.com](http://www.newworldorchids.com).

Eventually everyone runs out of room for more orchids—unless they're really small. While their size intimidates some people, miniatures are just as tough as their larger relatives. What makes them so appealing is their variety of form in addition to flower; they are just plain cute! The fact that they take up so little space means that you can have a lot of different kinds of orchids in a limited area. Bigger definitely is not better!

Kristen lives in Manchester, MI, about an hour west of Detroit. She is supported in her orchid pursuits by her husband, Dr. Kevin Wehrly, her two sons, Henry and Gus, and a veritable menagerie of lovable animals.

**Dr. Uthus will be providing the Raffle Table and have orchids for sale at our April Member Meeting.**

**No member plants or other merchandise may be sold at the April meeting.**

—*Marion Israel*  
*Vice President, Programs*

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The BROS is the proud recipient  
of the DASSA Award.



## From Our President

Hi Everyone,

I would like to give a big Thank You to Karen Meiselman and the members of the Picnic Committee, including Eileen and David Magenheim, Laura Levine, and our very own grill master Ron Franz. Although attendance was light, those of us who were there all had a wonderful time. The weather was spectacular and the food was delicious. A special shout out goes to all who brought great tasting appetizers, salads, and desserts. Mostly everyone participated in the games that Ron and Alan provided such as Frisbee, Corn Hole, and Ladder Toss. We are looking forward to another fun picnic next year; hope to see everyone there.

Alan LaDuke will host a workshop for new members on April 13th at 9:00 AM at his house. If you've been a member for a year or less, contact Alan at 561-789-2465 to sign up, or sign up at the April meeting on April 11.

This year the Redlands International Orchid Festival will be held May 17th thru May 19th. We have reserved a bus for our Society to go Saturday May 18th for the day. We leave at 8:30 AM and return home about 4:30 PM. See the posting on page 4 of this newsletter for all the information. If you have never been to this show, you are in for a treat! Many International, East Coast to West Coast orchid vendors attend each year, bringing an incredible selection of orchids and orchid-related merchandise to see and buy. A variety of other vendors sell at this show, several with supplies, etc. It takes place outside with the vendors under tents, so dress appropriately. We can store our purchases under the bus in the luggage area. However, many plants do find their way into the bus. We will provide cold water on the bus, so if you want a snack feel free to bring it, and there are food concessions at the show selling various types of cuisine. The drive time is about one hour forty-five minutes one way, so there is plenty of time to relax and socialize. Mail your check made out to "BROS" to Marion Israel, 12128 Oakvista Drive, Boynton Beach, FL 33437 by April 19th to reserve your seat or pay at the April 11th member meeting.

Spring is upon us and our orchids are blooming. It is also time to check each plant to see if it is ready for repotting. If there are new roots growing and the orchid has finished blooming, or it has not yet begun to spike, it is the perfect time to divide, mount or repot. Also, check for diseases and take immediate action if you see something. A little snip of a leaf, a little attention to potential problems can go a long way in keeping your orchids healthy.

-----Jay Collins

President



## A Message from Your 2019 Show Chair Carla Lacher

Now that the dust has settled...I have finally found the time to thank everyone in the BROS family: Kathy Kersey, who turned out to be a fantastic Co-Chair; all committee chairmen and Board members were also very supportive. A special thanks goes out to Lorraine Conover, for driving down for 6 hours to get our Show well on its way; Teresa O'Neil, for helping us move things in and out of storage; Kathy Geis, for helping us with setup, and during the show; Abby Diab, who offered to tabulate 1,800 survey results and also helped throughout our show; Carol Ott, thanks for making the beautiful flower arrangement for the Survey Raffle.

Without everyone's help and support we could not have had a successful show. I wanted to let you know I'm already working on our 2020 show. Our new rack cards are ready and being printed in the next few days. We sadly have to say goodbye to one of our loyal and longtime vendors, Carib Plants, Inc. Robert Randall told me they're going to retire, so they're not coming back next year. Robert and Diana, thank you for being such loyal vendors; you were with us all these years and it was a wonderful relationship, since the time we used to have our shows at the Mall! We wish you the best and hope you enjoy your retirement.

I secured a new vendor who was suggested to me by Kathy Kersey: B.L. Orchids of Miami, whose specialty is selling Vandas, Mokaras, and Renantheras. Bernard Lavaud, welcome to the BROS family!

We had two new vendors this year who were a great addition: John's Jungle Market Baskets, and Snowwhites Personal Creations. Both are planning to come back for our 2020 BROS show.

Please mark your calendar: next year's show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 8th and 9th, 2020, from 10 am-5 pm at the Safe Schools Institute.

Looking forward to seeing you all again there!

Best regards,

Carla Lacher

Show Chair



(L - R) Show Chairs Carla Lacher & Kathy Kersey

# Redlands International Orchid Festival



**WHEN: Sat. May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**\$30 Member - \$35 Non-Member**

**Only 45 seats available!!**

**Mail your Check made out to "BROS" by April 19 to Marion Israel, 12128 Oak-vista Drive, Boynton Beach, FL 33437 to reserve your seat or pay at a meeting**

**Don't miss out on a fun day with fellow orchid enthusiasts!**

**Contact Marion Israel at 561-810-6547 for more info.**

## DEPARTURE

**We will meet in the parking lot of the**

**Boca K-Mart Garden Center,**

**Located at Palmetto Park Road & I-95.**

**Look for the bus!**

**Arrive by 8:10 am; Departing PROMPTLY at 8:30 am**

**We will return at approximately 4-4:30 pm**

### Trip Includes:

**Bus Ride (Incl. tolls and gas) and Bottled Water**

**Admission to the Redlands Show (\$10 value)**

**Redlands Vendor \$5 off coupon**

**BROS Raffle Ticket**

**Bring a box for storage (your name on it), sunscreen, hat, camera and comfortable walking shoes**

# ORCHID EVENTS

## APRIL

**April 20-21, 2019 (9:30 am-4:30 pm). Flamingo Gardens International Orchid & Bromeliad Show.** At 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330. For more info: 954-530-0076 or <http://www.flamingogardens.org/>

**April 12-14, 2019 Pan American Orchid Society Show "Orchid Festival 2019,"** is being held at R.F. Orchids, Inc., 28100 SW 182 Ave., Homestead, FL. AOS Judging is being held on April 12, 2019 at 9:00 AM. There will be exhibits, vendors, and more. Simultaneously, at the same location, R.F. Orchids will hold its annual **"Spring Fling"** - their annual spring sale. The sale features new arrivals, flowering plants, garden décor, and lots more. For more information, contact R.F. Orchids at 305-245-4570 or [info@rforchids.com](mailto:info@rforchids.com)

**April 27, 2019 AOS Judging at Flamingo Gardens.** Judging takes place at Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330 at 2:00 PM on the fourth Saturday of the month. For more information, W: (305) 245-4570, C: (786) 218-9081; Email: [bob@rforchids.com](mailto:bob@rforchids.com)

**April 27-28, 2019 (10 am—5pm both days). Vero Beach Orchid Society Show "Aloha Orchids".** 3001 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach, FL. Contact Joe Bryson, 321-777-6282 or [jbryson@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jbryson@cfl.rr.com)

**April 27 (9 am—4pm) and April 28 (9 am - 3 pm), 2019. Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale "Plant-A-Palooza".** Find everything you need for your home garden, including rare, exotic, hard-to-find plants, trees, herbs and lots of garden accessories. Plenty of garden-themed items and accessories are also available in the Mounts Botanical Gift Shop, Nursery and the Vintage Shop. At Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL. Admission: \$10 for non-members; FREE for Mounts members. More info: 561-233-1757 or visit their web site, <http://mounts.org>

## MAY

**May 17—19, 2019. (9 am—5pm) Redland International Orchid Show.** At Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Avenue, Homestead, FL. Admission: \$10.00. Children under 12—Free. Experience the largest annual orchid show in the United States! The Festival features educational exhibits and lots of different orchid vendors. An American Orchid Society judged event that showcases various types of orchids, plant and supplies for sale. Listen to lectures, and try your luck at one of the many raffles. Enjoy an assortment of delectable treats from around the world. More info at <http://www.redlandorchidfestival.org/>

**May 18, 2019 BROS Bus Trip to Redland International Orchid Festival.** More information on page 4 in this issue of the Newsletter. Contact Marion Israel at 561-810-6547 or see her at the April BROS meeting.

**May 25, 2019 AOS Judging at Flamingo Gardens.** Judging takes place at Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330 at 2:00 PM on the fourth Saturday of the month. For more information, W: (305) 245-4570, C: (786) 218-9081; Email: [bob@rforchids.com](mailto:bob@rforchids.com)

## BROS Member Plant Sales

BROS paid-up Members are welcome to sell their plants at designated monthly meetings.

### Five simple rules:

1. Maximum of 5 plants.
2. No insects or diseases.
3. Must have a name tag.
4. No commercial sales.
5. 10% of your total sales must go to the BROS treasurer that night.



## REMINDER

**Your Dues are Due for 2019**

**Please make payment at the April meeting or mail it in to :**

**BOCA RATON ORCHID  
SOCIETY**

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

### *Refreshments are needed for our April 2019 Meeting*

The refreshments can be: Cookies, cakes, punch, soft drinks, vegetables & dip, cut up fruit, fruit salad, nuts, chips or anything tasty to share with the other members during the break.

### *Thank you to:*

*Cheryl Dodes, Josephine Paterson, Shirley Schneider, Kathy Geis, Carla Lacher, Cathy Hanna, Eileen Magenheim, Bill Thrall, Mary Ann Johnston, and Teresa O'Neil for providing refreshments at our March meeting.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN SO WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE YOU IN THE NEWSLETTER.**



**Do you have garden, horticultural, or pest questions?**

**Did you know that Mounts Botanical Garden has a Master Gardener Program that you can access online to ask questions?**

**The web site is**

**[Mounts.org/gardens-gardening/ask-a-master-gardener](http://Mounts.org/gardens-gardening/ask-a-master-gardener)**

# BROS Exhibition Table

Every month **paid-up members** have the opportunity to show their latest achievements, They be admired then judged. 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!

## The winners in March were...

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Carol Ott	Misc. Genera	Blue	Schom. Mem. Louise Fuchs
Karen Meiselman	Misc. Genera	Blue	Maxillaria sanguinea
Shirley Schneider	Other Cattleya Alliance	Blue	Pot. Dick Smith "Paradise"
Robert Finocchi	Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Onc. cebolleta
Jay Collins	Other Cattleya Alliance	Blue, Yellow	Epc. Kyogucni "Fumi"
Kathy Kersey	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue, Yellow	Den. canaliculatum
Kathy Kersey	Brassavola	Blue	Brassavola David Saunders
Karen Meiselman	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. Anosmum alba
Robert Finocchi	Cattleya	Blue, Yellow	C. lueddemanniana coerulea 'La Orquidea' X 'Azul'
Barbara Barrie	Ascocentrum & Ascocenda	Blue	V. Prayat Muang Ratch X V. Luzonica
Rod Lewis	Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue	Encyclia cordigera
Marilyn Collins	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue, Yellow	Den. farmerii
Maritza Graff	Other Cattleya Alliance	Blue, Yellow	Pot. Love Passion "Island Romance"

**BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Maritza Graff**

# March Members' Plants



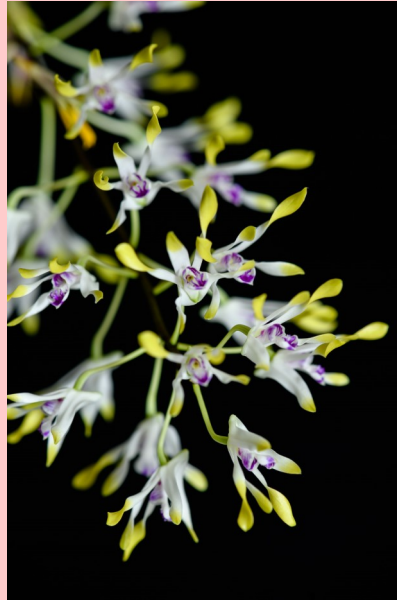
Maxillaria sanguinea



Schom. Mem. Louise Fuchs



Epc. Kyogucni "Fumi"



Den. canaculatum



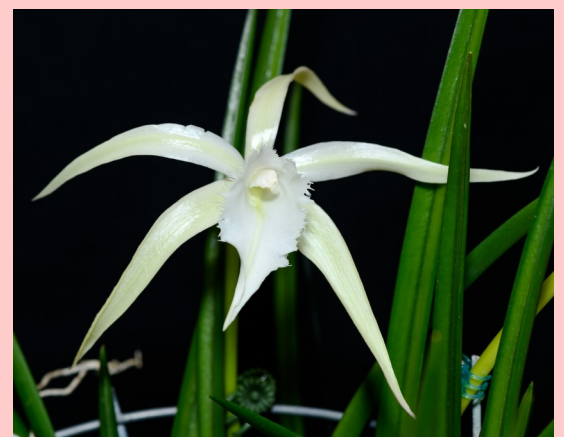
Oncidium cebolleta



Pot. Dick Smith "Paradise"



Encyclia cordigera



Brassavola David Saunders



# March Members' Plants



C. Lueddemanniana coerulea 'La Orquidea' X "Azul"



Den. farmerii



Den. anosmum alba

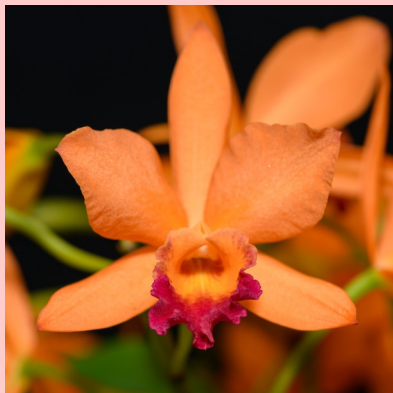


V. Prayat Muang Ratch X

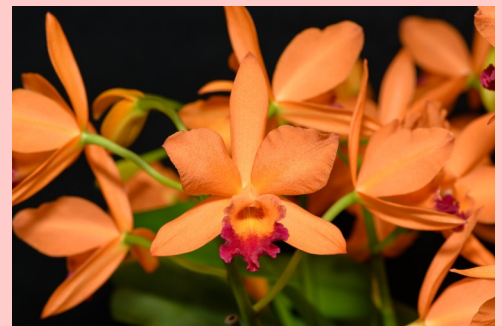
V. luzonica

*It's*

*Spring!*



Potinara Love Passion "Island Romance"



# BROS Picnic, March 24, 2019

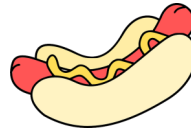
On Sunday, March 24 BROS members and their guests enjoyed a picnic at Patch Reef Park in Boca Raton. The food and activities were great, and everyone had a good time. By special request, Marilyn Collins' recipe for "Cowboy Caviar" appears below. Delish!

## Cowboy Caviar (from Marilyn Collins)

- 1 can black beans
  - 1 can black-eyed peas
  - 1 can white shoe peg corn
  - 1 cup chopped tomatoes
  - 2/3 cup chopped green onion
  - 1/3 cup chopped cilantro
  - 3 chopped avocados
- Mix together:
- 1/4 cup olive oil
  - 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
  - 2 minced garlic cloves
  - 1 tsp cumin
  - 3/4 tsp salt
  - 1/8 tsp black pepper
  - 5 splashes Tobasco sauce



You can prepare beans, etc. ahead of time, then add avocados and tomatoes and pour dressing over just before serving. Then it doesn't get so mushy.



# BROS Membership

## FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00  
COUPLE \$35.00  
Business: \$40.00  
Newsletter emailed

## RENEWAL (Before March 1)

SINGLE \$18.00  
COUPLE \$25.00  
Business: \$40.00  
Newsletter emailed

## RENEWAL (After March 1)

SINGLE \$25.00  
COUPLE \$35.00  
Business: \$40.00  
Newsletter emailed

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# Tasks for April

by Dr. Martin Motes

1. Full speed ahead with re-potting
2. Water heavily and well
3. Don't forget to fertilize
4. Spray for mites and thrips

Read this month's complete article at:

<http://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/>

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## Board Meetings

**BROS Board meets the Wednesday following the Member meeting at 7:30 PM**

**April — Barbara Barrie (April 17)**

**May — Marilyn Collins (May 15)**

**June — Phyllis Lyons (June 19)**

**July — Marion Israel (July 17)**

**August - Alan LaDuke (Aug 21)**

### Fun Fact:

According to the fossil evidence, orchids have existed on Earth around 100 million years.

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[www.brosonline.org](http://www.brosonline.org) is the web site of the Boca Raton Orchid Society. Lots of resources are located there: Meetings & Events, Photos of Members' Plants, Links to Previous BROS Newsletters, and Links to Sites that offer valuable info about orchids.

One particular web site—[http://](http://www.orchidspecies.com/)

[www.orchidspecies.com/](http://www.orchidspecies.com/) - has photos and info about orchids, listed alphabetically. What a great resource! *Check it out!*

*The Boca Raton Orchid Society has a Facebook page!*

*Please visit us at*

*<https://www.facebook.com/BocaOrchid/>*