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

Guests are Always Welcome!

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Featuring—

Program: Mounting/Potting Party

Date: August 9, 2018

Carmela Orchids in Hawaii has supplied the plants for tonight's mounting/potting program. Most of the plants are Cattleyas and some are Dendrobiums. All plants are seedlings and most will not bloom for at least a year or two. The mounting materials available are tree fern, three pieces of cork, and a sponge. You may bring your own mount or pot if you wish.

If members wish to mount their own plants, they are welcome to do so. If anyone wants to bring a plant to be repotted, that's fine also. Although members will have priority access to the plants and other materials, guests will be invited to participate. Everyone will take home their work of art.

Materials participants need to bring for tonight's program:

- ◆ If mounting, bring fishing line or polyester thread to secure the plant and moss to your mount.
- ◆ If repotting, bring a new or clean pot, along with a pot clip or two for anchoring the plant.

If you are planning to repot a plant, please email or call Marion and let them know. This will help us know how much materials to bring.

This meeting is a little different and hopefully will be a lot of fun. Your feedback and suggestions are always appreciated.

****** Members may bring plants to sell at this meeting. Please see the rules on p. 3**

—*Marion Israel*

Vice President, Programs



The Secret Word

There is a "secret word" hidden in this BROS Newsletter. Be the first to say the Secret Word to Jay Collins before the formal start of the meeting and win a prize!

Future Programs

September 13: Bill Thoms - Bulbophyllum Culture

October 11: Mac Rivenbark—How to Grow Big and Strong Plants

November 13: Dr. Jason Downing - The Million Orchid Project

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of the DASSA Award.



From Our President

Hello Fellow Orchid Lovers

We hope that you and your orchids are doing well during this very hot summer.

Welcome new members! We hope that you enjoy attending meetings, reading the monthly newsletter, and attending and volunteering to help with events such as our annual Valentines Orchid Show in February, rambles, bus trips, the Second Chance Phals Program, and others. Volunteers are the key! The Boca Raton Orchid Society values the input of all our members. Please speak up if you wish to contribute your time, energy, and/or suggestions to make our Society even more fun and relevant.

The Boca Raton Orchid Society is supported by your dues. Membership renewal materials are sent out in November or December. Each member is also responsible for paying for five discounted tickets to our annual Orchid Show. The total cost for the tickets is \$15; please include payment for the tickets in addition to your membership renewal fee when you renew your membership. The dues we pay allow us to have our monthly meetings, help to subsidize trips, pay for the materials for our After School Orchid Program, pay for the Orchid Short Course at the University of Florida at Gainesville, and much more.

The Society has resources available to all members. Our monthly newsletter, The Orchid Scintinel contains photos and names of orchids that have won blue ribbons, orchid culture information, and much more. Our library of orchid-related materials is present at every meeting for members to borrow books, movies, etc. Please avail yourself of our library resources and please remember to return them so that other members may utilize them.

We have set aside the date of Sunday, March 24, 2019, to hold a BROS member picnic. Preliminary thoughts are that our Society will provide main entrees (for example: hamburgers, hot dogs), drinks, paper goods and utensils; and we will ask those attending to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. We are in the process of researching locations in and around Boca Raton. Please let us know if you would like to have an event such as this.

-----*Jay Collins*
President

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Our Membership Chair, Phyllis Lyons, needs someone to sit with her at meetings and help her. Please contact Phyllis if you would like to help: (561) 994-3386

BROS Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE: \$25.00

COUPLE: \$35.00

BUSINESS: \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

RENEWAL (if paid by March 1):

SINGLE \$18.00

COUPLE \$25.00

BUSINESS: \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

RENEWAL (if paid after March 1)

SINGLE \$25.00

Couple \$32.00

BUSINESS \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

CONTACT

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MAIL CHECKS TO:

Boca Raton Orchid Society

PO Box 276367

Boca Raton, FL 33427

BROS Member Plant Sales

BROS 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.

Tasks for August

by Dr. Martin Motes

Water Early and allow complete drying in between applications are your tasks for August.

- With shorter days the importance of watering as early in the morning as possible comes to the fore. With fewer hours of sunlight to dry the plants, extra care should be taken in choosing when to water. Back to the basics of the classic saying:
 - ⇒ If a Vanda looks like it needs water, water it;
 - ⇒ If a Cattleya or Oncidium looks like it needs water, water it tomorrow.
 - ⇒ If a Paph or a Phal looks like it needs water, you should have watered it yesterday.
 - ⇒ If plants retain water even from an early morning watering, allowing them to dry a bit harder before the next watering is always a good idea. An extra day of drying rarely does harm.
- Day lengths will be decreasing rapidly now and the extra light and air movement that judicious tree pruning provides will allow our orchids to dry more quickly as the drizzle of September approaches. Even in the best case scenario, trimming is an excellent idea. Rise early while the temperatures are still in the upper 70's and get it done!
- August should provide numerous opportunities to dry each orchid to its desired level of dryness. Take the opportunity to dry your orchids "hard" at least once but preferably twice in August. This will give your orchids a leg up on their mortal enemies, the fungus, before the drizzle of September switches the advantage to our adversaries

Read this month's complete article at:

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

Sign up for Dr. Motes' Newsletter at:

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

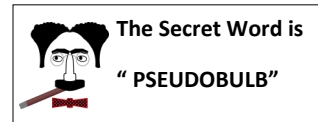
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ORCHID EVENTS

AUGUST



AOS Orchid Judging at Flamingo Gardens; August 25, 2018 from 2-4 pm. Judging occurs the 4th Saturday of every month at the West Palm Beach Judging Center at Flamingo Gardens in Davie, FL. Go to their web site <http://www.wpbjc.org/> for details. Everyone is welcome to attend as an observer and you are invited to bring your plants for orchid judging. You do not have to be an AOS member to participate or to have your plants judged. Contact Carol Holdren at (561) 212-4876 or email cjholdren@gmail.com for more information.

SEPTEMBER

The Ridge Orchid Society Presents
ORCHID EXPLOSION
Our 56th Annual
SHOW & SALE
Sept. 22nd & 23rd, 2018
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
W.H. Stuart Center
1702 US Hwy 17 South, Bartow, Florida
Admission \$3
Call (863) 602-0778 for more information

Exotic Plant and Orchid Sale and Indoor Craft Fair at Mounts Botanical Gardens, Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16; 9 AM – 4 PM. 531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415. Phone (561) 233-1757. Members: Free; Non-Members: \$10

Stroll through the Garden and enjoy the new and improved sale featuring an amazing selection of rare and unusual orchids and exotic plants from more than 50 vendors. Plus, enjoy an all new food court and INDOOR/AIR-CONDITIONED ARTS & CRAFT Fair.

OCTOBER

Delray Beach Orchid Society Show "Orchids on the Square"; Friday, October 26—Sunday, October 28, 2018. The show takes place at the Old School Square Vintage Gymnasium at 51 North Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444. Hours are 10 am to 5 pm (4 pm Sunday). Tickets are \$5.00. Children under 6 are free. Sorry—no pets allowed. Questions? Call Annette at (561) 573-2422.

BROS Exhibition Table

Every month paid-up 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!

Please remember to sign-in when you attend a BROS Meeting.

The sign-in sheet will be at the Membership Desk as you enter the room.

Thank you!

The winners in July were...

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Shirley Schneider	Epidendrum	Blue	Epi Charlie Brown
Shirley Schneider	Ascocentrum/Ascocendra	Blue	Asco. Yip Sum Wah
Kathy Kersey	Cattleya Bifoliate	Blue	BLC Wainae Leopard "Ching-Hua" Spots
Jay Collins	Cattleya Unifoliate	Blue	BLC Goldenzell Peach Parfait X Toshie Moki Richji
Carol Ott	Misc. Genera	Blue	Grammatophyllum scriptum

BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Carol Ott on her win!



Welcome New Member! So Glad You've Joined the Fun!

Sandy Stiner

JULY MEMBERS' PLANTS



Asco. Yip Sum Wah



BLC Goldenzell Peach Parfait X Toshie Moki Richie



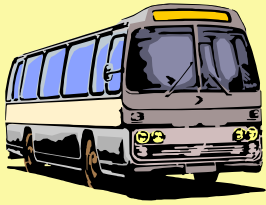
Grammatophyllum scriptum



BLC Wainae Leopard "Ching Hua"



Epidendrum Charlie Brown



Please join us for a Special Trip to three
Homestead Orchid Growers

Saturday, October 20, 2018

On Saturday, October 20, we will be taking a trip on a lavatory-equipped coach bus to three orchid growers in the Miami area - RF, Soroa, and Banjong.

The cost is \$30 pp for members and \$35 pp for non-members, and includes lunch, water, and great company. All monies must be in by the September BROS meeting. Please arrive at 7:30 AM at the K-Mart parking lot on Palmetto Park Road and I95.

The bus will depart at 8 AM; return time approximately 4 PM.

Soroa Orchids has graciously offered to provide a complimentary lunch for us at their nursery. You may bring your own lunch if you wish.

Please bring a large box(es) or plastic tub with your name on it to stow your purchases in the cargo area below the bus.

If you wish to join us, please send a check labeled "Homestead Bus Trip" in the memo for the correct amount as soon as possible to:

Boca Raton Orchid Society, PO Box 276367, Boca Raton, FL 33427,
or contact Marion Israel at 561-810-6547 or
marionisrael161@gmail.com for further information.

Orchid

Show & Sale

February 9-10, 2019

10am-5pm



Boca Raton

Orchid Society

SHOW SITE

Safe Schools Institute | 1798 Spanish River Blvd.

Located on Don Estridge High Tech Middle School Campus

Vist our website for more information:

www.brosoonline.org

Admission \$5 CASH ONLY

Boca Raton Orchid Society Orchid

Show & Sale

February 9-10, 2019

10am-5pm

Featuring Orchid Displays & Sales

Educational Lectures

Repotting Service, AOS Judging



Directions

I-95 southbound and northbound:

1. Take exit 48A for Spanish River Blvd /FAU - stay in right lane as you exit
2. Turn **RIGHT** going **WEST** towards Military Trail
3. Go past Spanish River Athletic Facilities at DeHoernle Park, and turn **LEFT** into the campus of Don Estridge High Tech Middle School
4. Institute is on the north side of the campus, first right as you come in through the entrance gates.

Turnpike:

Take exit 75 for Glades Rd., turn **LEFT** onto Glades, go **EAST** to Butts Rd, turn **LEFT** onto Butts Rd., turn **LEFT** onto Military Trail, then turn **RIGHT** on Spanish River Blvd. Show site is first entrance on the right.

Advance Ticket Sales \$3.00

Available at:

Green Barn Orchid Supplies

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August: A Warming Trend: Modifying Care Plans to Deal with the Heat of Summer

By Thomas Mirenda ~ Originally published in Orchids August 2007

As the temperatures wax across North America this month, our productivity tends to wane. In August, most people, it seems, take off for someplace cooler, such as the beach, an air-conditioned mall or Antarctica. Hobbyists weren't meant to swelter in 95-degree heat and, similarly, any orchids blooming this month tend to fade more quickly due to the high temperatures and light levels they receive. In August, it's easy to imagine what the earth will be like if it continues its current warming trend. No one really knows, specifically, what global warming may wreak upon us.

AILMENTS: Hot weather can increase the reproduction of some of the worst pathogens in orchids. *Erwinia* bacterial rot can "melt" a phalaenopsis collection in just a few' days. It is more important now than ever to observe plants daily and take corrective actions. While it's tempting to drench your plants with water on hot days, constant watering and puddles of standing water on plants are vectors for these pathogens. On hot days, light misting combined with good airflow are the keys to keeping all your plants healthy.

INSECTS: Hot temperatures also translate into increased insect activity. Check any plants summering in the yard for insects. Ant colonies will often invade the coarse, airy medium in orchid pots. Plants in such pots often decline quickly due to the change in pH that happens when ants exude their waste around orchid roots. Myrmecophila (which means "ant lover" in Latin) thrive in such acidic conditions. In nature, they live symbolically with ant colonies inside their hollow pseudobulbs. Other orchids collapse under these conditions. In addition, ants farm out other insects, such as scale, aphids and mealybugs, carrying young insects throughout your collection and returning later to harvest their sweet exudates. In general, they cannot be tolerated in an orchid collection. Immediately repot any plants that look as if ants are living in them.

FERTILIZING : Many lowland species are thriving now while the upland species are struggling. The warm-growing plants require copious watering and fertilizing and should be kept separate from cooler-growing plants. Take full advantage of the warm conditions for these plants. Vandas, ascocendas, many angraecums, standard and nobile-type dendrobiums, myrmecophilas and those laelias that used to be schomburgkias, encyclias, psychopsis, *Cattleya violacea* and *Brassavola nodosa* and its hybrids are among the orchids that are rapidly growing in the intense heat. *Catasetums*, *cycnoches* and their allies need fertilizer to fill their growing pseudobulbs. *Stanhopeas*, *coryanthes* and their ilk are producing their exotic pendulous spikes, filling the greenhouse with delicious aromas. Make sure you have a camera handy to capture images of their luscious but deliquescent blooms at their peak.

*Tom Mirenda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades and is an AOS accredited judge. He recently coauthored *The Book of Orchids: A life-size guide to 600 species from around the world* (email: biophiliak@gmail.com). Reprinted with permission from the American Orchid Society*

Board Meetings

The BROS board meets the Wednesday following the monthly Member Meeting at 7:30 PM.

August 15—home of Carol Ott

September 26—home of Phyllis Lyons

October 17—home of Cheryl Dodes



REFRESHMENTS



Thanks to the following members for bringing delicious treats to our July meeting:

Shirlee Rachel, Shirley Schneider, Relly Kabrun, Veronica Risko, Stephen Chait, Phyllis Lyons, Karen Meiselman, Eileen Magenheim, Carol Ott, Carla Lacher, Regina deRojas

Please help make our meetings even more enjoyable by bringing a snack or beverage to share.

Suggested refreshments include cut-up fruit, cookies, cakes, crackers & dip, or special treat that our members and guests might enjoy.

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