



## Featuring~

Speaker: Prem Subrahmanyam

Topic: Florida Native Orchids

Date: August 13, 2020 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

**\*\*\*This meeting will be held online via Zoom. There will be no in-person meetings until the COVID-19 pandemic abates and it becomes safe to have regular meetings. Watch your email for a link to the meeting.**

Prem has been studying Florida's native orchids for approximately 30 years. A true Florida native, he was born and raised in the Tallahassee, Florida area. He has since become a resident of the Orlando area, moving there in 2005. When not at home spending time with his family, out photographing native orchids, growing his own collection of (legally purchased) orchids, developing his orchid-related websites, collecting fossils or geocaching, he makes his living as a software engineer, primarily in the field of 3d simulation and video game development. Prem is also a graphic designer and 3-d computer animator.

He is also an award-winning photographer, whose works have appeared in various magazine publications, textbooks, educational displays, orchid society newsletters, and brochures. In October 2009, his article on *Epidendrum magnoliae* was published in *Orchids* - the magazine of the American Orchid Society. A number of his photos were also used in the *Illustrated Dictionary of Orchid Genera* and on Jay Pfahl's *Orchidspecies.com* website and the *ISB:Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants*, as well as to PBS for related website content for their *Nova* series.

As a young teen, Prem came across a common violet in the woods, wondering in ignorance if it was an orchid. A quick look through a wildflower book left him disappointed, but a few pages over were illustrations of a few terrestrial orchids (some native to Florida and some not). Two or three years later, he ran across Carl Luer's book *The Native Orchids of Florida* in a bookstore, which his parents purchased for him as a birthday present.

During the course of this pursuit, Prem has found four species of native or naturalized orchids for the first time in Leon County, FL (where Tallahassee is located). These were *Calopogon multiflorus*, *Platanthera ciliaris*, *Platanthera flava*, and *Zeuxine strateumatica*.

This will be a most enjoyable presentation for us, especially since we are supporting the Million Orchid Project that returns Florida native orchids to their natural habitats.

—Marion Israel, Vice President, Programs



All in-person meetings and BROS activities are currently suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

We hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your families are staying safe and healthy.

By now I hope all of you have received and read Jay's resignation letter. The Board and I would like to thank Jay for all his hard work and dedication these last two years.

I am looking forward to my new position as your President of the Boca Raton Orchid Society. Unfortunately, 2020 has not been a great year thus far. I'm sure I speak for the entire Board, that we miss each and every one of you, and we are looking forward to seeing you when it is safe to do so.

The July ZOOM member meeting went well, and I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Veronica for setting it all up. Unfortunately, we do not know when we will be able to return to Safe Schools for our monthly meetings. Marion has done an amazing job securing speakers via ZOOM for our August and September meetings. When we know more we will update you.

Our other concern is our Annual Show in February. Unfortunately, I do not have any updates to give you. I can say that we need to proceed as if the Show will take place. We will keep you informed as we get additional information.

Cheryl sent out an email recently asking members to submit photos of their beautiful bloomers. Thank you to those who responded and sent in photos. We would like to continue posting your photos until we are able to see the plants in person.

Please join us for our monthly meeting via ZOOM on August 13.

Please stay healthy and safe, we miss you.

Kathy

# Show Us Your Orchids

## Plants Our Members Are Proud Of



Den. Aggregatum  
Jay Collins



LSA Dick Pippin - Teresa O'Neil



Vandacho Blue Gem - Teresa O'Neil



RLC Goldenzelle Peach Parfait X RLC Toshie Aoki  
Jay Collins

Like what you see? Join in! Please send photos of your blooming orchids to Cheryl Dodes at [rcdodes@aol.com](mailto:rcdodes@aol.com). Please include your name and the name of each orchid so we can display them for you in the pages of *The Orchid Scentinel*

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Ctsm. Orchidglade Davie Ranches AM/AOS x  
Ctsm tigrinim SVO - Kathy Kersey



Vanda falcata 'Pink Showers' x V. falcata  
Lavender Dream - Kathy Kersey



Den. Victoria - Belinda Krause



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# Show Us Your Orchids

## Plants Our Members Are Proud Of



Brm Garnet Glory - Barbara Barrie



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## 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/>

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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://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/>***