

# The Orchid Scentinel

BOCA RATON ORCHID SOCIETY



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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  
Bldv. Boca Raton, Fl. 33433  
Map: <http://bit.ly/qQhKXu>

Guests are Always Welcome!

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**A Personal Message from the Editor.....**

*Another year comes to a close. I wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.*



**We are getting closer to our annual Valentines Orchid Show on February 9 and 10, 2019. Please make sure to sign up to help with some aspect of our Show; whether it's Show set-up, helping during the Show, supplying food for the judges, vendors, and volunteers, working Show security, or in some other capacity, you will be contributing to the well-being of the Boca Raton Orchid Society.**

**The Society is a source of knowledge and enjoyment for all of us. Let's help it enjoy continued success!**

**— Cheryl Dodes**

**2019 New Board Members**

President—Jay Collins

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Vice President, Membership—Phyllis Lyons

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Recording Secretary—Maddy Frankel

Newsletter Editor—Cheryl Dodes

Director—Alan LaDuke

Director—Marilyn Collins

**No Plant Judging or Member Plant Sales at the December Meeting**

**Thank you!**

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The BROS is the proud recipient  
of the DASSA Award.



## From Our President

Happy Holidays!

This year has flown by so quickly. The Board and I hope that you have enjoyed all the programs and activities this year. We have had wonderful speakers, trips to the to the Redlands Show and to growers in Homestead. Plus, let's not forget the Ramble. We have taken our chances with our monthly raffles and gone home with some fabulous plants.

I want to thank our Board of Directors for working quietly behind the scenes. VP Program: Marion Israel finds speakers for our meetings who educate and entertain us. VP Membership: Phyllis Lyons maintains our membership records and keeps them up to date (If you have a new email, phone #, etc. please let her know). Treasurer: Veronica Risko keeps records of our funds. Recording Secretary: Carol Ott writes Minutes of the Board meetings. Editor: Cheryl Dodes serves up our Newsletter each month. Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Kersey who is not only our Corresponding Secretary and Show Co-chair, but is also our tee shirt maven. Director: Carla Lacher is Chair of the 2019 Show. What would our Raffle table be without Director Alan LaDuke? Alan also volunteers to do whatever jobs need to be done, from placing signs for our show to educating new members in orchid care. I would also like to give a special thanks to Carol and Carla who are leaving the Board. Please welcome the new Recording Secretary Matty Frankel, and Director Marilyn Collins. Ladies, your first Board meeting is at my house January 16, 2019.

Our organization is so much better for the efforts of our many volunteers. Our Show Committee included Jackie Wood, Shirlee Rachel, Kathy Kersey, Anwar Thompson, Alan LaDuke, Adrienne Levy, Phyllis Lyons, Veronica Risko, Carla Lacher, and so many others. Second Chance Phals were handled by Alan LaDuke, Phyllis Lyons and Arlene Presto. Food and drink at our meetings were artfully arranged by Shirlee Rachel and Don Salas. Monthly plant judging was ably handled by Scott Joffe, Belinda Krause, and Bill Thrall. Please accept my gratitude for your help. I apologize if anyone has been left out.

In order for the Boca Raton Orchid Society to continue its After School Orchid Program, its annual scholarship to an FAU student studying some aspect of plant biology, its support of the Million Orchid Program, the funding of the Orchid Short Course at Gainesville, and of course, our fabulous Orchid Show, we will continue to need the involvement of our members. Thanks again for volunteering your time and effort. I look forward to working with everyone in 2019.

In closing, Ann and I would like to wish everyone Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holidays.

*Jay Collins*

*BROS President*

*Boca Raton Orchid Society*

Don't Miss

# The BROS December Meeting

at

Our Usual Meeting Place and Time:

At Safe Schools Institute

Thursday, December 13, 2018 - 7:30pm

**\*\*\*Please bring an unwrapped toy for the  
"Toys for Teens and Tots" Toy Drive**

**THIS MEETING IS FOR PAID MEMBERS ONLY! (NO GUESTS PLEASE)**

There will be no plant judging or raffle

There **WILL** be enjoyable, fun activities and surprises in addition to our regular meeting

And the Presentation of the Best Blue Ribbon Award

**DON'T MISS THIS MEETING!**



## How Refreshing!

The wonderful refreshments provided at last month's meeting were delicious and appreciated!



### Thanks to

Cheryl Dodes, Shirlee Rachel, Ellen Magenheim, Maritza Graff, Carol Ott,  
Karen Meiselman, Esther Blitz, Veronica Risko, Shirley Schneider

**\*\*\*No need to bring refreshments for the December meeting!**

**Light food will be provided by the Society**



## For Our February BROS Orchid Show:

We need your favorite food donated for the Judges' Breakfast & Lunch and also to serve the Vendors and Show Volunteers. Please contact Shirlee Rachel at (845) 901-6604.

If you haven't already, please sign up for a shift or two at our Show. For the Show to be successful, many members must pitch in. Kathy Kersey, our Volunteer Coordinator for the Show has the sign-up sheets at every meeting, or you may phone her at (954) 802-3575.

**Thank you!**



### Please...

Wear your BROS tee shirt when volunteering at the BROS Show in February.

Thank you!

## Board Meetings

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

There will be no Board meeting in December

January 16—Home of Jay Collins

February—No meeting

March 20 - Home of Marion Israel

## BROS Membership

### FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00

COUPLE \$35.00

Newsletter emailed.

BUSINESS: \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

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### RENEWAL (Before March 1)

SINGLE \$18.00

COUPLE \$25.00

Newsletter emailed

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### RENEWAL (After March 1)

SINGLE \$25.00

COUPLE \$35.00

Newsletter emailed

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Boca Raton, FL 33427

## Tasks for December

by Dr. Martin Motes

December marks the beginning of the serious dry season in South Florida. While this additional dryness provides relief from the autumnal rains that can bring so many fungal problems, December is also the month of shortest day lengths. This contracted period of light, on the contrary, reduces severely the drying potential for our plants. Nature thus both gives and takes away from us in December. We must make sure, therefore, that we do not aid the dark side of the force by improper watering. In December, above all, one must stick strictly to the two cardinal principles of orchid watering: water early in the day so your plants have as many hours as possible to dry, and water heavily when you water, allowing longer intervals between watering to dry plants thoroughly. This practice maximizes the benefit of the dryer air of December and minimizes the adverse effect of the shorter day lengths.

Most sympodial orchids are resting in December and require less fertilizer.

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.

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. Keep a close eye on the forecasts during this volatile month.

Keep those vandas, phalaenopsis and hard cane dendrobiums as warm as you can.

Read this month's complete article at:

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

You may also sign up for Dr. Motes' Monthly Orchid Blog at the same Web address:

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

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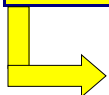
# BROS Exhibition Table

Every month paid-up members have the opportunity to show their latest achievements. Plants may be admired, then judged. You may even win an award ribbon! At the Member Meeting, 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. You must have owned the orchid for at least six months
3. The orchid must be featured in the correct category
4. The plant must not have insects or disease
5. Display the orchid in an attractive container
6. Each plant registered earns a FREE raffle ticket

## The winners in November were...

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Anwar Thompson	Other Vandaceous	Blue	Vandchostylis Ocean Storm X Mimi Palmer
Kathy Kersey	Vanda	Blue	V. Jiraprapa - Davarak X V. Butterfly
Anwar Thompson	Cattleya Bifoliate	Blue & Yellow	Cattleya Maikai
Roderick Lewis	Cattleya Unifoliate	Blue	Cattleya Dessie Charles
Bill Thrall	Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Onc. Heaven Scent
Kathy Kersey	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. convolutum
Anwar Thompson	Phalaenopsis	Blue	Phal. Peter K Blue Lip
Marion Israel	Species	Blue	FDK After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids'
Alan LaDuke	Brassavola	Blue	Brassavola Yellow Bird



**BEST IN SHOW: CONGRATULATIONS TO ALAN LADUKE**



## NOVEMBER MEMBERS' PLANTS



FDK After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids'



Phal. Peter K Blue Lip



Den. convolutum



Onc. Heaven Scent



Cattleya Dessie Charles



Cattleya Maikai

## NOVEMBER MEMBERS' PLANTS



**Vanda Jiraprapa - Davarak X Vanda Butterfly**



**Vanchostylis Ocean Storm X Mimi Palmer**



**Brassavola Yellow Bird (Best in Show)**



Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society  
presents

**Orchid Paradise**  
Orchid Show  
and Sale

**January 25, 26 & 27, 2019**  
War Memorial Auditorium  
800 NE 8th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL  
[www.FLOS.org](http://www.FLOS.org)

**Orchid**  
Show & Sale  
February 9-10, 2019  
10am-5pm

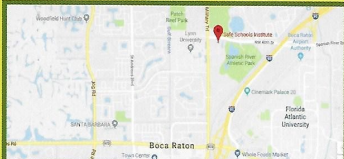


Boca Raton  
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SHOW SITE  
Safe Schools Institute | 1798 Spanish River Blvd.  
Located on Don Estridge High Tech Middle School Campus  
Visit our website for more information:  
[www.brosonline.org](http://www.brosonline.org)  
Admission \$5 CASH ONLY

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**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 /EAU - stay in right lane as you exit
2. Turn RIGHT going WEST towards Military Trail
3. Go past Spanish River Athletic Facilities at DeHoerle 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  
5185 Conklin Dr., Delray Beach, FL  
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**Merry**  
**Christmas**



**HAPPY**  
**HANUKKAH**

**WANTED: SHOW SPONSORS**

**We are looking for Sponsors for our Valentines Show. This is a tax deductible donation of \$100 to BROs. Award Trophies are given in the Sponsor's name.**

**Sponsors are listed at the show and in our March Newsletter.**

**If you are interested or have a local business you would like to approach please contact Veronica Risko for our "Donation Letter"**



# Orchid Events



## JANUARY

**January 5 (9 AM—5 PM) & 6 (10 AM –5PM), 2019, “For the Love of Orchids” Show,** Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 North Tamiami Trail, (US 41), Sarasota. More info at <http://sarasotaorchidsociety.org/2017-show-a-symphony-of-orchids/>

**January 11, 12, 13, 2019 (10 AM—6 PM); Tamiami International Orchid Show.** At Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24th St.), Miami, FL 33165 \$10 pp in advance, \$12 at the door, or \$20 for a weekend pass (weekend passes only in advance, online). More info: <http://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/>

**January 25, 26, 27, 2019; Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show and Sale, “Orchid Paradise,”** 10 AM-6 PM at War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th Street, Fort Lauderdale. Admission \$12 pp. More info at [www.FLOS.org](http://www.FLOS.org)

## FEBRUARY

**February 9 and 10, 2019, Boca Raton Orchid Society Show and Sale; 10 AM—5 PM** At Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Blvd., corner of Military Trail and Spanish River Blvd. Admission \$5 pp. For more info, [www.brosonline.org](http://www.brosonline.org).

## Boca Raton Orchid Society After School Orchid Program

Submitted by BJ Saul, Fred Gilbert, Shirley Wilde, and Karen Zarif

Elementary school students in the Boca Raton Orchid Society After School Orchid Program were so excited to receive their Phalaenopsis orchids. During class, they learned the parts of the orchid plant, including flower, petals, leaves, roots and spike. Caring for the plant was the primary focus. Plant placement with respect to how much sun is needed and the danger of burning the leaves and how to water without overwatering were discussed. Students were shown how to water their plants without getting water in the leaves, letting water drain and not letting the plants sit in water. JC Mitchell students will receive their orchids November 30. They also began coloring orchid pictures to be put on display at the BROS February Flower and Sale Show.



## Orchids as Gifts

Many people buy orchids to give as gifts for the holidays. Here are some tips if you plan to gift an orchid to a person who does not know much about orchids:

- Choose an orchid such as a Phalaenopsis (Moth Orchid) that is readily available, inexpensive, and beautiful. Phalaenopsis orchids are available at big box stores at this time of year. Explore the growing conditions in the home of the recipient; Phalaenopsis orchids like shadier conditions, for example. Cattleyas like brighter conditions. Do some research into which growing conditions match which orchids.
- Make sure that you choose an orchid in a pot that has a hole or holes for drainage. The more holes the better! The most common reason for orchid death among people who have little orchid knowledge is overwatering and root rot in a pot that has no holes.
- Most of the orchids available for purchase in South Florida are tropical plants. There are no ice cubes in the tropics where these plants grow naturally. Please do not advise your friend or relative to water the plant with ice cubes. The ice cube advice began when vendors began to sell orchids in pots with no holes. See above for advice about pots and drainage. The general rule of thumb for watering most orchids is to water thoroughly about once per week. Orchids such as Vandas, which may be growing bare-root should be watered more frequently. Add water until you see the orchid's roots turning green.
- Please do not spend a lot of money on a rare orchid that you plan to give to someone whose orchid knowledge is limited. You and the recipient will be disappointed if the orchid dies.
- Give the gift of knowledge along with the orchid. It's worth giving the recipient written instructions on how to care for the plant.
- If your recipient manages to keep that gift orchid alive, it may be the start of a lifelong hobby. And isn't encouraging that our real aim in giving orchids as gifts?



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