

BOCA RATON ORCHID SOCIETY

The Orchid Scentinel

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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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A Personal Message from the Editor.....

This time of year is full of wonderful traditions with family and friends. It's great being part of a Society that also has its traditions. Our annual Holiday Meeting is always fun and informative. Providing toys for Children in Boca who might otherwise have no holiday gifts is a particularly fine BROS tradition.



Another tradition is our annual Valentines Show. It takes many people to put on a successful Show each year. I hope it will become a tradition for each BROS member to help make our only fundraiser of the year successful.

A joyous holiday season to all!

--- Cheryl Dodes

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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 Everyone!

Can you believe another year is already gone? It seems like the days, weeks, and months pass by quicker each year. No matter, every month we have the opportunity to meet with our friends and fellow members in order to increase our knowledge of how to take better care of our orchid collections, maybe win a plant or two, and plant a smile on our faces.

Your Board of Directors has done a wonderful job this year. Marion has provided entertaining, educational, and informative programs. Veronica keeps our finances in balance. Barbara and Cheryl keep the Minutes of all Board meetings and Cheryl also provides a wonderful Newsletter each month. Alan diligently mans the Raffle Table each month and does anything needing to be done. Kathy is our Corresponding Secretary and Co-Chair of the show. Phyllis keeps our membership records as up-to-date as possible. Carla once again is Chair of the 2020 show and I don't want to forget our newest director Marilyn Collins.

Many of you have volunteered to help throughout the year. Our Show Committee includes Jackie Wood, Carla Lacher, Kathy Kersey, Teresa O'Neil, Alan LaDuke, Marion Israel, Adrienne Levy, Phyllis Lyons, and Veronica Risko. The BROS After School Orchid Education Program which has grown to three schools is manned by BJ Saul, Mirta Sacon, Shirley Wilde, Teresa O'Neil, Karen Zarif, Sheila Bell, and Janice Larit. Second Chance Phals were handled by Alan LaDuke, Phyllis Lyons, and Arlene Presto. The refreshment table at our monthly meetings is handled by Shirlee Rachel, Teresa O'Neil and Don Salas. Monthly plant judging is ably handled by Scott Joffe, Belinda Krause, and Bill Thrall. I also know several members give a hand whenever they see a need. You are all very much appreciated.

The Volunteers and Hospitality Food sign-up sheets for our Valentine's Show will be at this meeting and January's. We need your help and a favorite dish, snack, etc. to feed everyone Saturday and Sunday during the show. If you are a newer member don't be shy, "jump in"!

If you are unable to attend December's meeting but would still like to donate a toy, please contact me, a Board member, or a friend who plans to attend. The important thing is to help the children.

Ann and I wish you all a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a Happy Healthy New Year.

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 12, 2019 - 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, delicious food, 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, Eileen Magenheimer, Josephine Paterson, Adrienne Jaffee,
Maryann Johnston, Jeanne Sozio, Janice Larit, Marilyn Collins

*****You may bring a dessert to the December meeting if you wish**

Delicious 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 15—Home of Alan LaDuke

February—No meeting

March 18 - Office of Carla Lacher's husband

BROS Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00

COUPLE \$35.00

Newsletter emailed.

BUSINESS: \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

RENEWAL

SINGLE \$20.00

COUPLE \$30.00

BUSINESS \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

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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
Jay Collins	Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue	BLC Mahina Yahiro Mishima
Kathy Kersey	Brassavola	Blue	Brassavola cordata
Josephine Paterson	Oncidium Alliance	Blue & Yellow	Oncidium Catafite Sun King
Alan LaDuke	Brassavola	Blue	BLC Yellow Bird
Roderick Lewis	Brassavola	Blue	Brassavola nodosa

 **BEST IN SHOW: CONGRATULATIONS TO RODERICK LEWIS**



Brassavola nodosa - Best in Show

NOVEMBER MEMBERS' PLANTS



BLC Mahina Yahiro Mishima



Brassavola cordata



Oncidium Catafite Sun King



BLC Yellow Bird

Brassavola nodosa



Boca Raton Orchid Society After School Orchid Program

Submitted by BJ Saul

The After School Orchid Club program is going strong. During the month of November club members learned how to identify a Phalaenopsis orchid by identifying 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 flower spike. The students are eager to watch them bloom and uncover the color of their flowers. Many thanks to Shirley Wilde, Mirta Sacon, Sheila Bell, Janice Larit, Teresa O'Neil, and Karen Zarif for helping BJ Saul with this program.

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



JC Mitchell Elementary School Students Are Proud of Their BROS Orchids

**Addison Mizner Elementary School
Students Love Participating in the BROS
After School Orchid Program**

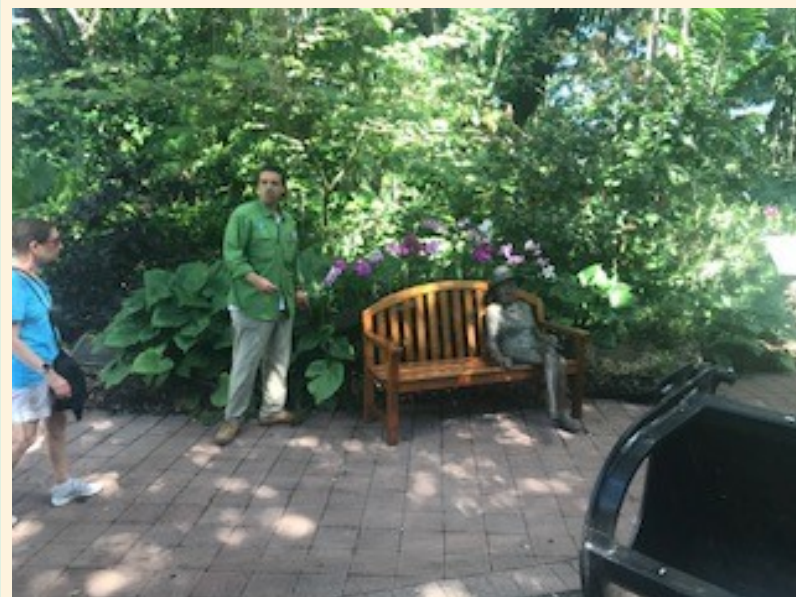


BROS Visited Fairchild Garden Million Orchids Program

On October 28, 2019, BROS members journeyed by bus to Fairchild Garden to visit Jason Downing and the Million Orchid Project. In the facility at Fairchild, local native orchids are propagated, grown, then distributed for placement in the areas that once had these orchids.

Participants enjoyed seeing where the seeds are flasked and grown in nutrients until the orchids are large enough to be potted individually. The aim of the Project is to repopulate South Florida with the native orchids that were abundant here in the past, but vanished as people collected them and their habitats were destroyed by development.

Many thanks to Jason Downing for his gracious hospitality!



Scenes from the Boca Raton Orchid Society's visit to The Million Orchid Project at Fairchild Garden



Orchid Events



JANUARY

January 4 (9 AM—5 PM) & 5 (10 AM –5PM), 2020, “Orchids in Paradise” Show, Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 North Tamiami Trail, (US 41), Sarasota. More info at <http://sarasotaorchidsociety.org/2017-show-a-symphony-of-orchids/>

January 17-19, 2020 (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 10-12, 2020; Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show and Sale, “Orchid Paradise,” 10 AM-6 PM at Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd., Fort Lauderdale FL 33316. Admission \$12 pp. Coupon for \$2 off and more info at www.FLOS.org. Parking is \$6 for up to 5

FEBRUARY

February 8 and 9, 2020, 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.

February 22 and 23, 2020 (9 AM—5 PM), Naples Orchid Society Show and Sale, “Wild About Orchids”. At Naples Botanical Gardens, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples, FL. More information at <http://www.naplesorchidsociety.org/about-orchid-show/>

MARCH

March 13 - 15, 2020 (9:30 AM - 4:30 PM). International Orchid Festival. At Fairchild Botanic Gardens. 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables FL. One of the biggest shows in South East Florida spread over 80 beautiful acres of the Gardens. More than 10,000 orchid plants will grace the Garden during the three-day festival. Admission: \$25 pp; Seniors 65+ \$18; Children (ages 6-17) \$12. Free for children 5 and younger. Free admission for Fairchild members.

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Why Not

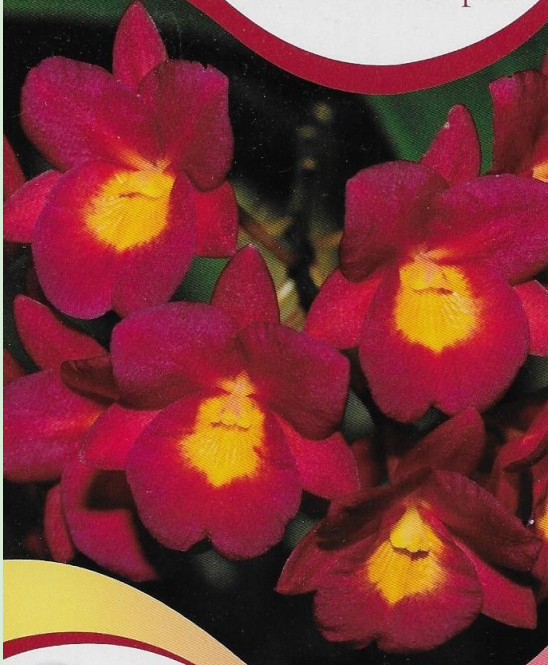


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Scott Joffe

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Held inside Don Estridge Middle School campus
SHOW SITE: SAFE SCHOOLS INSTITUTE
1798 Spanish River Boulevard
Free Parking

ADMISSION: \$5.00 Cash
(Credit cards accepted by vendors inside)
Children 12 & under FREE admission

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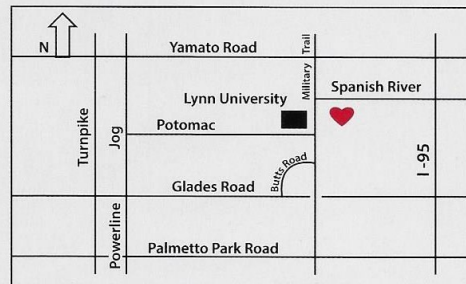
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Featuring:

Florida & Hawaii Orchid Growers, Orchid Displays & Sales,
Judging by the American Orchid Society
Free orchid classes, with special lecture by orchid biologist
Dr. Jason Downing about The Million Orchid Project
Bring overgrown orchids for repotting, dividing
& mounting services from OrchidMania (proceeds to benefit
children of pediatric unit at Miami Children's Hospital)



2020 Orchid Vendors:

B&L Orchids ♥ Carmela Orchids ♥ EFG Orchids
Florida Suncoast Orchids ♥ Krull-Smith Orchids
Mac's Orchids ♥ Odom's Orchids ♥ Plantio La Orquidea
Quest Orchids ♥ Red Hawk Nursery ♥ Soroa Orchids
Springwater Orchids

Directions

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.

Most Sincere Condolences

to

Karen Meiselman

In the Loss of Her Dear Aunt Flo



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"



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