



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: Jose Exposito

Topic: General Orchid Growing

Date: February 8, 2018

Jose Exposito has been growing orchids for 35 years. He is the owner of Soroa Orchids, a founding member of the International Phalaenopsis alliance, past president of Coalition for Orchid Species and the East Everglades Orchid Society, past chairman of the Florida Caribbean Judging Center and Vice President of the Redlands Professional Orchid Growers, organizers of the largest international orchid event in the country, The Redlands Show.

Born and raised in Cuba, Exposito was a published writer at age 17 and planned to teach literature. He got into orchids once he emigrated to the U.S.

Jose also travels around the world lecturing on orchid growing and hybridizing. He has presented lectures at the World Orchid Conferences in Brazil and Malaysia.

—Jay Collins

Vice President, Programs



Jose Exposito

PLEASE NOTE: Jose will supply our Raffle Table and will bring plants to sell
***SALES OF PLANTS BY MEMBERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED AT THIS MEETING

Future Programs

March 8—Alex Lamazares—Now That I Bought Orchids, What Do I Do?

April 12—Roy Tokunaga - Dendrobiums: Species, Hybrids & Culture

May 10—Jim Andre - How to Grow Better Orchids

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of the DASSA Award.



From the Board of Directors



Happy Valentine's Day!!

Our annual Valentine's Weekend Show & Sale is just days away. The Safe Schools Lobby and Meeting Rooms will be transformed into an orchid paradise. Take photos of thousands of orchids and purchase plants to add to your collections. Invite a friend and neighbor. If this is the first show you are attending by our Society you are in for a real treat!

Plant registration for judging your plants is Friday, February 9th from 3 - 6 pm, so get your plants groomed, place each in a decorative container, and stake if necessary to look their best for the show. Winning awards and ribbons is the greatest feeling for all your efforts nurturing that little beauty. If you bring plants to the meeting for Member Plant Table Judging, you can let them stay overnight and come back to register them Friday afternoon for the Show.

We still need volunteers to help Saturday and Sunday. Call Kathy Kersey at 954-802-3575. Food for the judges, vendors and volunteers is also needed; please call Shirlee Rachel at 845-901-6604 and bring your favorite dish Saturday and/or Sunday. They need to hear from you today. Participation gives you the opportunity to meet new members and rekindle old friendships.

Orchid Mania will once again be in the Lobby with their repotting service. Bring your neglected orchids in for some TLC. Remember, all proceeds go to help children with HIV at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics.

Our February Meeting is Thursday, February 8, the same day we set up for the Show. The meeting will be in the LEFT Lecture Room.

We have BROS T-shirts for sale (\$10). Pick yours up at the meeting and wear it Saturday and Sunday. You can also purchase them at the show. Your shirt will identify you as a BROS member to visitors.

Please volunteer at the show and serve as an ambassador to share this wonderful hobby with our visitors. Volunteers do not need a ticket on the day they are working. Please check-in with Kathy, then with your Committee Chairman when you arrive. Come a little early to attend the lectures and do some shopping.

See you at our meeting and show.

Orchid Events

FEBRUARY

February 3, 2018, Pine Jog Wild Orchid 5K Trail Run and Walk. Come join us on February 3, 2018 for the third year of the Pine Jog Wild Orchid 5K trail run and walk. This unique event is open to all walkers, runners, and families who want to experience a true trail course through the beautiful pine flatwood forest at Pine Jog. All proceeds from this event benefit the Million Orchid Project at Pine Jog. Check-in/Registration: 6:30 AM. 5K start: 7:30 AM. Event Location: Pine Jog Environmental Center, 6301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33415. Event Coordinator: Jasmine Coyle (561)686-6600

February 10 and 11, 2018 (10 am—5 pm), Boca Raton Orchid Society Show and Sale. 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 24 and 25, 2018 (9 am—5 pm), Naples Orchid Society Show and Sale. At Naples Botanical Gardens, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples, FL. The theme for the show is “Orchids in the Garden”. More information at <http://www.naplesorchidsociety.org/about-orchid-show/>

March 17-18, 2018. Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show. “Orchids Are for Lovers,” At the Port Saint Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd., Port Saint Lucie, FL For more information, contact Claudia Young 757-879-2142 oma.young@ymail.com

MARCH

March 2-4, 2018, Martin County Orchid Society Show. “Orchids of the Wild, Wild West”. At the Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 South Dixie Highway (A1A), Stuart, Florida 34996. More info: 561-404-2000

March 9-11, 2018. 16th Annual Fairchild International Orchid Show. One of the bigger shows on the beautiful grounds of the Fairchild Botanical Gardens, 9:30 AM—4:30 PM. Admission charge is \$25 pp for Adults; \$18 for Seniors 65+; \$12 for Children ages 6-17; free for Children 5 years and younger.

March 13, 2018. Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Orchid Auction. Preview at 7 pm; auction begins at 7:30 pm. At the Woman’s Club of Deerfield Beach, 910 E Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Free Admission. More info at www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org

March 17-18, 2018. (10 am—5 pm). GardenFest Coral Springs. Free admission and free parking at “The Walk” of Coral Springs, 2600-2920 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065. More info at <http://gardenfestcoralsprings.org/>

RAMBLE - SUNDAY, March 11, 2018, 1:00-5:00 PM

It's been over a year since our last House Ramble, a popular BROS event, so it's time to do it again. And this time we get to see "spring blooming" orchids as well as observe a variety of growing areas and techniques used by our members.

Don't miss this special event. Please mail a check for \$5 per person to BROS, P.O. Box 276367, Boca Raton, FL 33427-6367. You may also sign up at the February 8th meeting. When mailing your check or signing up at the meeting, please provide us with your name, email (preferred) and phone so we can contact you with the directions to the first house, where we will be handing out the list of homes and directions. We suggest carpooling with others to ease parking problems, and it's more fun.

**** SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 4th**

If you have any questions please contact Maritza Graff at maritzagraff@att.net or 954-415-7430, or Anwar Thompson at anwarthompson@hotmail.com or 954-548-4679.



A vertical poster for an orchid show and sale. The top section has the word "Orchid" in a large, red, cursive font, followed by "Show & Sale" in a smaller red font, and "February 10-11, 2018" and "10am-5pm" in black. The middle section features a photograph of orchids with green leaves and pinkish-purple buds. The bottom section has "Boca Raton" in black, "Orchid Society" in red cursive, "SHOW SITE Safe Schools Institute 1790 Spanish River Blvd." in black, "Vist our website for more information: www.brosonline.org" in black, and "Admission \$5 CASH ONLY" in red. The entire poster is framed with a green border.



Redlands International Orchid Festival



WHEN: Sat. May 19th

Cost \$30 Member - \$35 Non-Member

Only 45 seats available!!

Mail your Check by April 18 to reserve your seat, or pay at a meeting

BROS, PO Box 276367, Boca Raton, FL 33427-6367

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

Contact Marion Israel at 561-810-6547

DEPARTURE

**We will meet in the parking lot of the
former Boca K-Mart Garden Center,
Located at Palmetto Park Road & I-95.**

Look for the bus!

Please arrive by 7:30 am

We will return at approximately 4:30 pm

INCLUDES

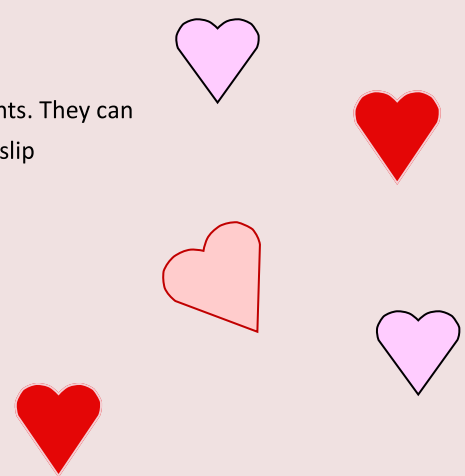
- Bus Ride (includes tolls and gas)
 - Snacks & Bottled Water
- Admission to the Redlands Event (\$10 value)
 - Redlands Vendor \$5 off coupon
 - BROS Raffle Ticket

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

BROS Exhibition Table

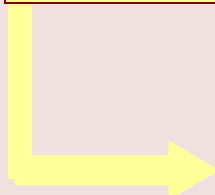
Every month paid-up members have the opportunity to show their latest achievements. They can be admired then judged and you may even win an award ribbon! Fill out a exhibition slip and place it with your entry. Please follow the rules below to avoid disqualification.

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!



The winners in January were...

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Shirley Wilde	Other Vandaceous	Blue	Rhyn. Gigantea peach
Anwar Thompson	Vanda	Blue	V. Kultana Delight X V. Dr. Anek
Ionie Goldson	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. Kingianum Purple Star
Jay Collins	Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Colm. Jungle Monarch
Shirley Schneider	Cattleya Bifoliolate	Blue	C. Tokyo Majic 'Moonbeam'
Jay Collins	Other Cattleya Alliance	Blue	Blc Mahina Yahiro "Mishima"
Karen Meiselman	Misc. Genera	Blue	Angraecum sesquipedale X self
Roderick Lewis	Brassavola	Blue, Yellow	Brassavola Yellow Bird



Best in Show Roderick Lewis. Congratulations, Roderick!

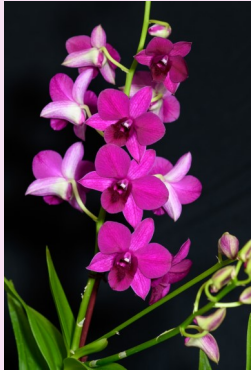
January Member Plants



Cattleya Tokyo Magic 'Moonbeam'



Colm. Jungle Monarch



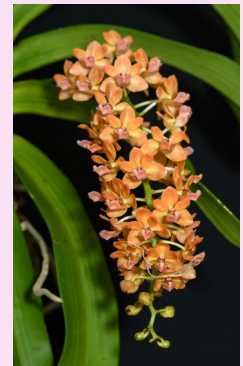
Den. Kingianum Purple Star



V. Kultana Delight X V. Dr. Anek



Rhyn gigantean peach



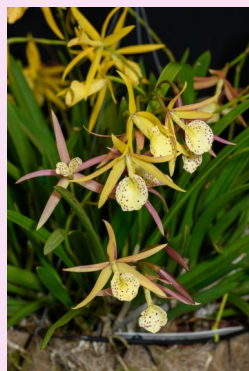
Angraecum sesquipedale X self



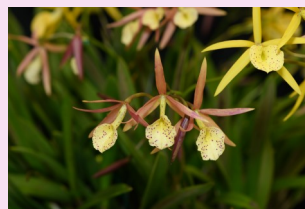
Paph. Hsinying Macbeth X Hyng Shen
Macbeth 'Miao Hua'



BLC Manina Yahiro "Mishima"



BL Yellow Bird



Happy Valentine's Day!

TICKETS

BROS "Pre-Sale" Show tickets have been sent out to all members. These tickets get entrance to the show for \$3.00 instead of the \$5.00 admission at the door. What a bargain!

So now you can invite your family and friends to see all the beautiful displays and introduce them to the wonderful world of orchids. Please mail your ticket sales money to BROS or bring a check to the February meeting made out to "BROS".

Additional tickets are available.

Please contact

Marion Israel (561) 810-6547



WE NEED YOU!

Show Set-Up

Thursday, February 8th
Friday, February 9th

Show Days:

Raffle Table
Membership Table
Security
Clerks for Judging
Hospitality

Volunteers



Needed

Contact Kathy Kersey at (954) 802-3575

Show Your Orchids

Get your best plants groomed and ready to bring in for ribbon and AOS judging. Plan on putting in an educational or hobbyist exhibit or display of five plants of the same genera and win a trophy. **Plant and exhibit registration will be on Friday, February 9th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.**

Contact Carla Lacher at (561) 843-6134 for further information.

Reminders:

- ◆ **Yearly BROS dues and Show ticket money are due now. Make check out to BROS.**
- ◆ **To volunteer for the Show contact Kathy Kersey to sign up at 954-802-3575**
- ◆ **To volunteer to bring food for the 2018 Show, contact Shirlee Rachel at 845-901-6604**

Thank you! We all need to pitch in to make the BROS Show a success!



For Our February BROS Orchid Show:

We need your favorite food donated for the Judges' Breakfast & Lunch Saturday and also to serve the Vendors and Show Volunteers both Show days.

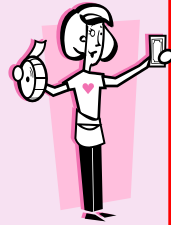
Please contact Shirlee Rachel at (845) 901-6604

Thank you!

Monthly Raffle

Please bring small bills to pay for the raffle tickets at our monthly meetings.

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.

February—No meeting

March—Home of Phyllis Lyons

Thanks to the following people for contributing tasty treats for all of us to enjoy at our January meeting:

Shirley Rachel, Belinda Krause, Barbara Barrie, Cheryl Dodes

Phyllis Lyons

Please bring a treat to share at our next meeting!



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

CONTACT

Phyllis Lyons

(561) 994-3386

MAIL CHECKS TO

Boca Raton Orchid Society

PO Box 276367

Boca Raton, FL 33427

Please sign in at the



**Membership Desk at each
of our Monthly Meetings.**

Tasks for February

by Dr. Martin Motes

February Climate Data

Average high: 77.7

Average low: 60.7

Average mean: 69.1

Average rainfall: 2.07"

Despite the bloom on the avocados and the burgeoning new leaves on the live oaks, February is not spring in South Florida. Danger of freeze continues past mid month and frost can occur still into March. Even if the weather is balmy it's too early to let down our guard or take down any protection we have mounted against the cold. The trend however is toward the positive as each lengthening day brings extra hours of warming sunshine to begin waking our plants from their long winter's rest. February characteristically brings a wide swing of day to night temperatures, ideal for spiking Ascocendas and Vandas but also wringing from the air heavy dews and dense fog. Whilst these add a romantic atmosphere to the South Florida landscape, Wuthering Heights is singularly devoid of snails and slugs (much less Botrytis). The silvery carpet of dew provides a silky path to our orchids for snails and slugs which can range far, under these favorable conditions. They are eager to make a nice meal of your Phalaenopsis leaves or the soft crowns of your Vandas before they retire during the dry months of March and April only to dream of the fresh shoots of the sympodial orchids brought forth by the first rains of May. Now is the time to give them a rude awakening. Remember that snail bait is most effectively applied lightly (scatter the pellets every few feet) and frequently (every 7 to 10 days). Two or three applications should do the job.

Read this month's complete article at:

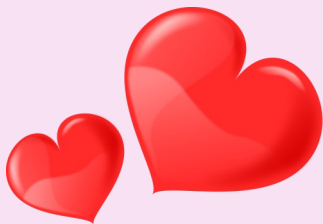
<http://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/>

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