



## 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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*Happy New Year**Featuring~*

**Speaker:** Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids

**Topic:** Cattleyas 365, 24/7

**Date:** January 11, 2018

This month we welcome Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids in California. Alan owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college, he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times, as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids.

Alan is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and as a trend setter in miniature compact and Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many international publications. He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker, a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and 3 terms on the Board of Directors, as well as two terms as a Trustee for the AOS.

—Jay Collins

**Vice President, Programs**

**\*\*\*Alan Koch will be bringing plants to sell, so members  
may not sell anything at this meeting**

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The BROS is the proud recipient  
of the DASSA Award.



## From the BROS Board

Happy New Year Orchid Lovers!

We wish you good health, good friends, and all the best for the New Year!

Our December meeting was lots of fun! The Boca Raton police, who came to gather the toys we donated, were good sports and called two games of Bingo. Santa arrived and called a game too! The prizes were beautiful orchids; most members went home with at least one plant. Children in need will benefit from all the wonderful gifts that were donated by our members. A good time was had by all who attended.

We said a temporary farewell to our President, Lorraine Conover, who has moved to northern Florida, but who will return in February to help with our Valentines Orchid Show, February 10 and 11. We presented Lorraine with a framed Appreciation of Service Certificate from the American Orchid Society, Lifetime Membership in BROS, and a lovely engraved crystal vase. Lorraine has been a fantastic President who has greatly furthered the aims of our Society and has given of herself for many years. We wish her well in her new home and will miss her!

Speaking of our Orchid Show, please remember to sign up to help. We need people to help out in many areas. The volunteer signup sheets will be at the January meeting, or phone Chair Kathy Kersey at 954-802-3575 to sign up. We also need donations of food from members to feed the judges, vendors, and volunteers at the Show. We need both breakfast and lunch items. Please contact Shirlee Rachel, who is coordinating the food donations - 845-901-6604 - and tell her what you wish to donate.

As of this writing, the position of President remains open, waiting for the right individual to step up. We hope that more members will get involved and join the Board. Two Director positions are open for people who want to begin to learn what it takes to keep this organization running smoothly. There is always room for a fresh point of view and an extra pair of hands.

Once again, we wish you all good things for the New Year! Let's make 2018 the best year yet!

*The Board of Directors*

*Boca Raton Orchid Society*

# Orchid Events

## JANUARY

**January 6 (9 AM—5 PM) & 7 (10 AM –5PM), 2018, “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 12, 13, 14, 2018 (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 19, 20, 21, 2018, Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show and Sale, “Orchid Jubilee” 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 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. \$25 pp .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

**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.brosoonline.org](http://www.brosoonline.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. More information at <http://www.naplesorchidsociety.org/about-orchid-show/>

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society  
presents

# Orchid Jubilee

Our 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary



**Orchid Show, Sale  
and Celebration!**

January 19, 20 & 21, 2018  
War Memorial Auditorium  
800 NE 8th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL  
[www.FLOS.org](http://www.FLOS.org)

# Orchid

Show & Sale  
February 10-11, 2018  
10am-5pm



Boca Raton  
*Orchid Society*

SHOW SITE  
Safe Schools Institute  
1790 Spanish River Blvd.

Visit our website for more information:  
[www.brosonline.org](http://www.brosonline.org)

Admission \$5 CASH ONLY

### Reminders:

- ◆ Yearly BROS dues and Show ticket money are due at the January member meeting.  
Checks are the preferred payment method.
  - ◆ To volunteer for the Show contact Kathy Kersey 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!

# BROS DECEMBER 2017 MEETING

A good time was had by the more than sixty members who attended our December Member Meeting. Anwar Thompson received the Best Blue Ribbon Award for earning the most Best Blue Ribbons at meetings during 2017. Lorraine thanked all the members who helped out during the year, and BROS recognized Lorraine Conover for her years of dedication and service to our Society.

After meeting business was conducted, attendees enjoyed a buffet of treats and three rounds of Orchid Bingo. Boca Raton police officers joined in the fun, calling two games. Santa arrived and also called a game. Winners of each game chose from among many beautiful orchid plants for their prizes. The officers gratefully accepted all the toys generously donated by BROS members for distribution to local children who might otherwise not receive any gifts.



Happy Holidays!

## **Thank You to These Members for Their Help During 2017**

### **Board of Directors**

Lorraine Conover, Jay Collins, Veronica Risko, Phyllis Lyons, Cheryl Dodes, Carol Ott, Alan LaDuke, Marion Israel, Carla Lacher

### **Hospitality**

Shirlee Rachel, Don Salas

### **Librarian**

Sandy Haradon

### **Show Committee**

Lorraine Conover, Veronica Risko, Jackie Wood, Adrienne Levy, Kathy Kersey, Phyllis Lyons, Shirlee Rachel, Alan LaDuke, Anwar Thompson

### **After School Program**

Fred Gilbert, Shirley Wilde, Mirta Sacon

### **Member Plant Table**

Scott Joffe, Belinda Krause, Bill Thrall

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Phals**

Marilyn Collins, Phyllis Lyons, Alan LaDuke

**\*\*\*A Special Thanks To All The Members Who Helped With Our  
Show & Throughout The Year!\*\*\***

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."*

~Elizabeth Andrew

## 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

**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!

### If You Need More BROS Orchid Show Tickets...

Please contact Marion Israel at

**561-810-6547**

## 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"**

# BROS Membership

## FIRST YEAR

**SINGLE \$25.00**

**COUPLE \$35.00**

**BUSINESS: \$40.00**

**Newsletter emailed.**

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## RENEWAL (Before March 1)

**SINGLE \$18.00**

**COUPLE \$25.00**

**BUSINESS \$40.00**

**Newsletter emailed**

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## RENEWAL (After March 1)

**SINGLE \$25.00**

**COUPLE \$35.00**

**BUSINESS: \$40.00**

**Newsletter emailed.**

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## CONTACT

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## 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.**

**Thank you!**



# Tasks for January

by Dr. Martin Motes

## January Climate Data

Average high: 76.5

Average low: 59.6 Average mean: 68.1

Average rainfall: 1.88"

January is somewhat like December but in reverse, with each succeeding day bringing longer hours of sunlight until days are long enough that afternoons return at the end of the month with extra sunshine to warm us after the extra sharp cold snaps. January, like December, is cold and dry, in fact even colder and drier. Dry is good, cold can be very bad. We need to accentuate the positive by especially careful watering in January. By keeping our plants as dry as possible and spacing our waterings as far apart as possible, we conserve our potential to use water to protect our plants from the cold, keeping our powder dry, as it were. In January water early, water thoroughly when you do and do so sparingly. The cooler overall temperatures of January are much less dehydrating even to plants which have received less water. Remember, many of our orchids come from seasonally dry and cool climates not so different from South Florida. Many orchids are equipped already to handle the drier cooler conditions of our Florida January. A good strategy is to "top-up" the light watering that our plants receive with the passing showers that each successive cold front brings. This slight additional artificial irrigation may prove to be all the watering that many genera need. Such parsimony with watering preserves the possibility of using water on truly cold nights to warm our plants.

Tasks for January: Water judiciously only early in the day Run plants on the dry side to preserve the possibility of using water for cold protection Check irrigation system in anticipation of cold Flush excess fertilizer salts from cattleyas and other sympodials Spray for mites, then spray again in 7-10 days.

**Read this month's complete article at:**

**<http://brosonline.org/motes/Motes-January.pdf>**

**Sign up for Dr. Motes' monthly newsletter at:**

**<http://www.redlandpress.com/subscribe.html>**



Welcome New Members!

**Heidi Rokow**

**Marta Binetti**

## Board Meetings

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

January 17—Home of Jay Collins

February—No meeting

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