



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: Peter Kouchalakos

Topic: Integrating Orchids into the Landscape

Date: January 9, 2020

Peter Kouchalakos of PCK Orchids and Exotic Plants calls himself the "Johnny Appleseed" of orchids. He went to law school, but found a passion and a career in orchids and other exotic plants instead.

"There are plenty of lawyers in Miami-Dade and not enough plant people," he says.

His wife Clara's love of flowers and plants rubbed off on him. Their yard has no grass. Instead, it's covered in sprays of yellow flowers, orchids, bromeliads and palm trees. He started growing his own orchids and bromeliads and helped service other growers' collections.

Peter will teach us how easy it is to add orchids to our landscapes. With proper care, everyone can introduce fabulous orchids that add just the right touch to our tropical gardens or patios. Our expert will talk about the types of garden habitats various orchids require and what you can expect in the way of performance. Some of the orchids suitable for introducing into the landscape include members of the Phaius, Spathoglottis, Epidendrum and Oncidium genera.

— Marion Israel

Peter Kouchalakos



Vice President, Programs

**Members may bring plants to sell at this meeting. Limit of 5 plants;
10% of the proceeds must go to BROS that night.**

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The BROS is the proud recipient
of the DASSA Award.



From the President

As we say Good Bye to 2019 and Hello to 2020, let's reflect a little on 2019: All the great speakers, a wonderful Orchid Show, our December meeting, bus trips to Redlands International Orchid Show and Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens, also the spring picnic.

Speaking of our yearly Orchid Show, please sign up to help. We need people to help in many areas. The volunteer signup sheets will be at the January meeting, or call Co-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. If you can provide either a breakfast dish or something for lunch, contact Teresa O'Neil at 845-901-6604. Teresa is this year's coordinator and you can tell her what you wish to donate.

The December meeting is a lot of hard work for a lot of people; however, like most things in life the harder you work the better it is for everyone. For me, the December meeting was great and I hope you feel the same way. If you have any suggestions how to make it better, please don't hesitate to talk to me.

As always, Boca Raton police officer Adam Glass and his coworkers arrived with big smiles on their faces to gather the toys we donated and help us play orchid bingo. Santa was also there to help the officers call all three games! The prizes were beautiful Mini Phals. After the third game, we had a raffle and everyone went home with at least one plant. The real winners will be the children who will benefit from all the wonderful gifts that were donated by the members.

I announced this year's Best Blue Ribbon Award and the winner is Robert Finocchi. Once again there was a tie for Monthly Best Blues with four other members. However, Robert had the most Blue Ribbons overall throughout the year. Congratulations Robert, nice growing! Keep bringing your blooming plants to the monthly meeting because you never know who will win.

Let's make 2020 the best year yet. As Kathy said at the December meeting, the Board has some really good ideas to make 2020 special. We are open to any suggestions you might have, so please feel free to let us know what you are thinking. Hope to hear from you.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jay Collins

President

COMING SOON



PLEASE NOTE: The February member meeting will take place on FEBRUARY 6 (first Thursday of the month). Our speaker will be Jose Exposito from Soroa Orchids sharing his expertise and wit with us. He will bring raffle plants and plants for sale. The change in the date of the meeting is due to our Valentines Orchid Show.

No member sales at this meeting.



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 <https://sarasotaorchidsociety.org/event/january-4-orchids-in-paradise-show/>

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 hours; \$1 per hour thereafter up to \$15 daily maximum.

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.

Boca Raton
ORCHID SOCIETY

Valentine's Orchid Show & Sale

February 8-9, 2020
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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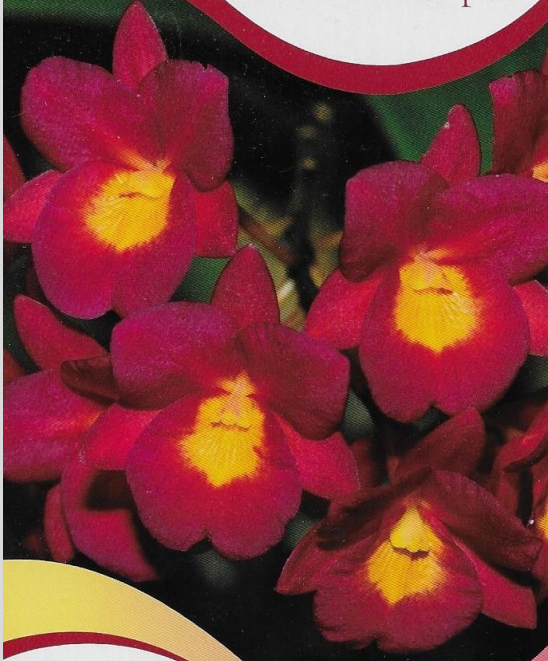


Photo:
Scott Joffe

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Boca Raton
ORCHID SOCIETY

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

www.brosonline.org

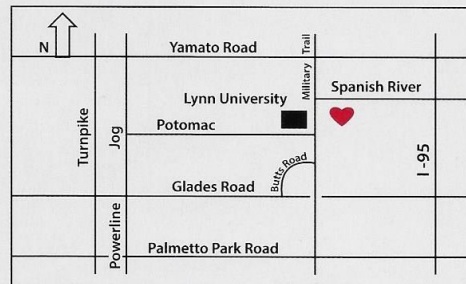
Boca Raton
ORCHID SOCIETY

Valentine's Orchid Show & Sale

February 8-9, 2020
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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.

Reminders:

- ◆ Yearly BROS dues 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 2020 Show, contact Teresa O'Neil at 765-592-1386

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

**Thank You to These Members
for Their Help During 2019**

Board of Directors

Jay Collins, Veronica Risko, Phyllis Lyons, Cheryl Dodes, Kathy Kersey, Alan LaDuke, Marion Israel, Carla Lacher, Barbara Barrie, Marilyn Collins

Hospitality

Teresa O'Neil, Don Salas, Shirlee Rachel

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After School Program

BJ Saul, Shirley Wilde, Mirta Sacon, Karen Zarif, Teresa O'Neil, Sheila Bell, Janice Larit

Member Plant Table

Scott Joffe, Belinda Krause, Bill Thrall

Picnic Committee

Karen Meiselman, Eileen and David Magenheim, Ron Franz, Laura Levine

AOS Representative

Jackie Wood

*****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

BROS DECEMBER 2019 MEETING

We all had a great time at the December Members Meeting!. Robert Finnochio received the Best Blue Ribbon Award for earning the most "Best Blue Ribbons" at meetings during 2019. There was a tie for this honor; Robert won because he had the overall highest total number of Blue Ribbons. Jay Collins thanked all the members who helped out during the year, and recognized the efforts of our dedicated Board of Directors.

After meeting business was conducted, attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet of sandwiches and desserts, and three rounds of Orchid Bingo. Boca Raton police officers joined in the fun, calling the Bingo games. 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.



The 2019 BROS Board of Directors



Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!

BROS DECEMBER 2019 MEETING



Boca Police Officers, led by Adam Glass with the toys donated by BROS members



Officer Glass and Santa called the Bingo numbers



BROS members had a good time at the meeting



Each officer picked an orchid to take home



Kathy Kersey and Carla Lacher

BROS DECEMBER 2019 MEETING



Our Bingo Winners!



Thanks to our Boca Officers and Santa!

BROS After School Program

Submitted by BJ Saul

During the month of December, participants continued to learn about orchids. The instructors brought in various orchids for the students to see. The specific characteristics of each plant were discussed, such as thick or thin leaves, long or short stem and more. They then compared and contrasted the orchids and colored pictures for the 2020 BROS Orchid Show and Sale.

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



**Elementary School Students Enjoying
BROS After School Orchid Program
Activities**



Second Chance Phal Program Gets a Re-boot

On Wednesday, December 4th, volunteers from BROS attached 28 orchids of various genres on the grounds of The SONATA Assisted Living Facility and Memory Care Center located at 9591 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. This is BROS' very first "Orchid Naturalizing Event". Many of the orchids were donated to BROS by Whole Foods of Boca Raton. Additional orchids were donated by members of BROS. Volunteering for this event from BROS were Event Coordinator and Chief Naturalizer, Alan LaDuke, Jay Collins, Veronica Risko, Barbara Barrie and Teresa O'Neil. The volunteers attached the orchids on trees near the entrance to the buildings and in a nice secluded shady sitting area, keeping the "chids" cultural needs in mind. Hopefully, as these orchids grow and bloom, they will bring a smile and joy to the residents. More events are planned for 2020 and a goal of naturalizing 200 "chids" has been set. Any volunteers looking to participate and/or donate "chids" are encouraged to contact Chief Naturalizer Alan LaDuke, 561-789-2465.



Teresa attaching as Veronica enjoys the dappled sunshine on a brisk morning



Two Phalaenopsis attached to a large tree



A Mokara Vanda on top, Nodosa "little Stars" and a "noID" Schomburkia at the bottom



**L-R: Alan, Teresa, Barbara, Veronica and Jay
Our BROS Orchid Naturalizers**



The facility where we placed the orchids

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 Teresa O'Neil at 765-592-1386.

Thank you!

BROS Tee Shirts

If you ordered a BROS tee shirt at the December meeting, please bring payment for it to the January meeting

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

Board Meetings

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

January 15—Home of Alan LaDuke

February—No meeting

March 18 - Office of Carla Lacher's Husband

April 15 - Home of Marion Israel

BROS Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00

COUPLE \$35.00

BUSINESS: \$40.00

Newsletter emailed.

RENEWAL

SINGLE \$20.00

COUPLE \$25.00

BUSINESS \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

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561-994-3386

MAIL CHECKS TO

Boca Raton Orchid Society

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**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>



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