



# The Orchid

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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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## Featuring—

**Date:** July 12, 2018

**Speaker:** Francisco Miranda

**Topic:** The Genus *Laelia* in Brazil

A taxonomist, naturalist and orchid grower, Francisco travels extensively in the U.S. and internationally speaking at orchid-related events and meetings. He has been doing this since 1988, while still living in Brazil. Francisco and his family moved to Florida in 1999.

Francisco has traveled extensively to study orchids in their natural environments.

Miranda Orchids started in 1999. Many of the plants available are produced in their lab and nursery in Central Florida from their extensive collection of plants. The rest they bring from Brazil to increase variety and novelty.

Miranda Orchids is located between Orlando and Tampa, on the I-4 Central Florida corridor. Access the nursery by I-27 south from I-4 or from I-4 exit 48 south. They are about 4 miles in a straight line south of I-4.

Francisco will educate us about the many *Laelia* orchids that hail from Brazil.

—*Marion Israel*  
Vice President, Programs



Francisco Miranda

**Members may NOT sell anything at the July Member Meeting. Francisco Miranda will bring plants to sell and will supply our raffle table**

## Future Programs

August 9: Mounting/Potting Party

September 13: Bill Thoms - *Bulbophyllum* Culture

October 11: Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids (tentative)

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The BROS is the proud recipient  
of the DASSA Award.



## From Our President

Hello Orchid Lovers and Happy July 4th!

Summer has begun with a lot of rainy days that put a strain on us and our orchids. We must be vigilant in checking for fungus infections and pests that would adversely affect the health of our orchids.

Hurricane season began June 1. If this year is anything like last year, we will be bringing our orchids into the house to protect the plants from the effects of a hurricane. Finding a safe place to hang or store them inside temporarily can be difficult. Remember to water well and drain, then treat for pests before bringing in the plants. If you cannot bring all your orchids indoors, leave nothing hanging in the wind. Placing on concrete is preferred to placing directly on the ground where flooding and pathogens might contact your plants. You may wish to treat your plants with a fungicide after a hurricane, because the storms are known to bring many fungal diseases. If your trees have lost branches after a storm, and too much sunlight becomes a problem for the orchids you have growing in trees, you may prevent sunburn by cutting a length of screening or shade cloth and hanging it between the orchid and the sunlight. Spanish moss draped around the plants can also be helpful. In addition to shielding the plants from sunlight, the moss helps hold moisture when draped around the orchid's roots.

We appreciate all our members - both old and new. This is your Society. We hope that you enjoy the meetings and activities. If you have any suggestions, we would like to hear them. Thanks to all of you!

*~ Jay Collins*

*President*

Thank you to all the members who are participating in the Second Chance Phal Program. We look forward to continuing to adopt out the Whole Food Phalaenopsis each month at our meetings to provide beautiful re-bloomed plants for Hospice By the Sea

# HAPPY 4th of JULY

# Tasks for July

by Dr. Martin Motes

- Dry plants hard once or twice
- Apply liquid fertilizer instead of water during dry patches.
- Watch for Thrips when rain has been sparse for several days.
- Finish top cutting and planting of Vandaceous genera
- Check the spacing of plants on benches to allow sufficient room for the bases of the plants to receive both air and light.
- Now is a good time to trim those trees on which orchids are mounted or hung. Removing vertical branches will permit the light our orchids need to enter and will also insure that the tree has less wind resistance in the event of a storm.
- Be especially careful with watering and relish every opportunity to dry our orchids out.

Read this month's  
complete article at:

[http://www.motesorchids.com/  
fogblog/](http://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/)

Sign up for Dr. Motes' newsletter at:

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

## BROS Membership

### FIRST YEAR

SINGLE: \$25.00

COUPLE: \$35.00

Business: \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

### RENEWAL (if paid before March 1)

SINGLE \$18.00

COUPLE \$25.00

BUSINESS \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

### RENEWAL (if paid after March 1)

SINGLE \$25.00

Couple \$32.00

BUSINESS \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

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### **BROS Member Plant Sales**

**BROS Members are welcome to sell their plants at designated monthly meetings.**

#### **Five Simple Rules:**

1. Maximum of 5 plants
2. No insects or diseases.
3. Must have a name tag.
4. No commercial sales.
5. 10% of your total sales must go to the BROS treasurer that night.

**NO PLANTS MAY BE SOLD AT THE JULY**

**MEETING. THANK YOU!**



# ORCHID EVENTS



## JULY

**AOS Judging—West Palm Beach Orchid Center Judging**, Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 2 PM. At Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S. Flamingo Road, Davie, FL . Education Session begins at 12:30 PM; Judging at 2 PM. More info at <http://www.wpbjc.org/>

**SATURDAYS IN JULY - ORCHID CLASSES AT MOUNTS BOTANICAL GARDENS**, 531 S. MILITARY TRAIL, W. PALM BEACH

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

JULY 7 - ORCHID BASICS - CULTURE: LIGHT, WATER, TEMPERATURE

JULY 14 - REPOTTING AND MOUNTING DEMONSTRATIONS

JULY 21 - TRAINING YOUR EYE - HOW TO PREVENT PESTS AND DISEASES

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER VISIT THE MOUNTS WEB SITE:

[www.mounts.org/events/2018-07/](http://www.mounts.org/events/2018-07/)

## AUGUST

### 2018 BONNET HOUSE ORCHID CLASS SCHEDULE

900 N. Birch Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304

Classes: Saturdays, August 11, 18, and 25, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Instructor: Sandi Jones - Bonnet House Orchid Curator & Owner of Broward Orchid Supply.

August 11 - Orchid Basics, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

August 18 - Repotting and Mounting, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

August 25 - Diagnosing Pests & Diseases, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please register on the Bonnet House web site: <http://www.bonnethouse.org/adult-workshops/> \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members for each individual class. Classes are non-transferable and non-refundable. Info 954-703-2606



Welcome New Member!  
We're so glad to have you join in the fun!

**Ruth Albert**



The BROS Board meets the **Wednesday** following the members' meeting, at 7:30 PM.

July 18—home of **Marion Israel**

August 15—home of **Carol Ott**

# BROS Exhibition Table

Every month 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 June were...

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Anwar Thompson	Vanda	Blue	V. Kultana Delight X V. Dr. Anek
Carla Lacher	Cattleya Bifoliata	Blue, Yellow	C. intermedia var. Orlata 'Rio'
Sally Glick	Misc. Genera	Blue	Gram. scriptum 'Grasshopper II'
Shirley Wilde	Ascocentrum/Ascocenda	Blue	Ascocentrum ampullaceum 'Fuch's Snow'
Anwar Thompson	Species	Blue	Bulb. annandalei
Josephine Patterson	Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Mtssa Amazon
Shirley Schneider	Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Onc. "Pacific Sunset" AM/AOS
Shirley Schneider	Phalaenopsis	Blue	Phal. Terradyne "Mulligan" X Happy King Pine Ridge
Marion Israel	Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Gptm. Starburst 'Parkside' AM/AOS
Anwar Thompson	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. Isabel Sander
Jay Collins	Misc. Genera	Blue	Millenium Magic "Witchcraft"
Bill Thrall	Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue	C. conhemiana coerulea "Azure Sky"
Anwar Thompson	Ascocentrum/Ascocenda	Blue	Ascda. Bens Delight
Kathy Kersey	Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue	Epicattleya El Hatillo "Pinta"

**BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Kathy Kersey!**



# June Members' Plants



Millenium Magic "Witchcraft"



Gram. Scriptum 'Grasshopper II'



Bulbophyllum annandalei



C. conhemiana coerulea "Azure Sky"



Phal. Terradyne "Mulligan" X Happy King "Pine"



Gptm. Starburst 'Parkside'



Onc. "Pacific Sunset" AM/AOS



Ascocentrum ampullaceum 'Fuch's Snow'



Den. Isabel Sander



C. intermedia var. Orlata 'Rio'



Mtssa. Amazon



V. Kultana Delight X V. Dr. Anek

# June Members' Plants



Epicattleya El Hatillo "Pinta"



Ascda. Ben's Delight

# How Refreshing!

## *Refreshments are needed for our July Meeting*

These refreshments can be: Cookies, cakes, punch, soft drinks, vegetables & dip, cut up fruit, fruit salad, nuts, chips or anything tasty to share with the other members during the break.

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

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

**Shirlee Rachel, Lucy Walker, Bill Thrall,  
Phyllis Lyons, Cheryl Dodes, Carla Lacher,  
Eileen Magenheim, Judy Litwin, Jeanne Sozio**



## Did You Know...

- ◆ Orchids are the largest family of angiosperms (flowering plants).
- ◆ There are more than 25,000 documented orchid species throughout the world.
- ◆ The smallest orchid, *Campylocentrum insulare*, is just 2.1mm wide. The petals are so thin that they are just one cell thick and transparent.
- ◆ Orchids have the tiniest seeds in the world; there can be up to 3 million seeds in an orchid seed pod.
- ◆ Some orchid flowers last for a few hours, while others last for months.
- ◆ Some orchid plants have lived 100 years or more.
- ◆ In 1909 it was discovered that certain fungi are important for the germination of orchid seeds. The symbiotic relationship between fungus and a root is known as a *mycorrhiza*, which literally means fungus-root.



*Warm and healing thoughts to*

*Scott Joffe*

*for a quick recovery*





Happy  
**4th of July!**



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