

# The *Orchid* *Scentinel*

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## Featuring—

**Speaker:** Norman Fang  
**Topic:** Let Us Surprise You!  
**Date:** June 14, 2018

Even before 1988, when he received his degree in Ornamental Horticulture from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, Norman Fang was already immersed in orchids. While still a student, he managed the Raymond Burr Orchid Collection on campus. Two scholarships to study plant tissue culture also allowed him to study under Dr. Murashige at the University of California and Dr. Tanabe at the University of Hawaii.

In 1986, he started his renowned nursery, Norman's Orchids, based in both California and Taiwan. His parents, brother and sister soon joined him in the company as it grew, and he wisely was the first to secure the domain name of [www.orchids.com](http://www.orchids.com). Exhibiting at shows across the US, he has received more than 400 AOS flower quality awards and 20 AOS Show Trophies. In addition, he was honored in 2005 with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Agriculture at Cal Poly in Pomona. As the second youngest judge to become fully accredited, Norman has traveled around the world to judge orchid shows, from Asia to South Africa, from Canada to South America. In 1996, with Paul Bechtel, he initiated AOS Judging at the Taiwan International Orchid Show and since then has served as the AOS Judging Coordinator for the show. He has also long served as the AOS Representative for the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association. As a result of these relationships, he has been instrumental in bridging the license agreement with TOGA and the Taiwan Paphiopedilum Society to include their award records in Orchids Plus.

As a former Vice President of the American Orchid Society, and having also Chaired their Development Committee, he is currently serving on their Public Relations Committee. In addition to these AOS volunteer activities, he's a Founding Member and Regional Director of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, currently celebrating its 25th year!

As an active member of several affiliated societies, Norman is a sought-after guest speaker for society meetings, shows and conferences. He generously supports Judging Centers, societies and the AOS with generous financial, scholarship and plant donations

*—Marion Israel*

Vice President, Programs

### Future Programs

**July 12: - Francisco Miranda: The Genus Laelia in Brazil**

**August 9—TBD**

**September 13 - Bill Thoms: Bulbophyllum Culture**



**Norman Fang**



### 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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The BROS is the proud recipient  
of the DASSA Award.



## From Our President

Hello Orchid Lovers!

Redlands was so much fun. A great time was had by everyone despite the relentless rain. Orchids, orchids and more orchids. Everyone enjoyed seeing vendors from near and far. Everyone on our bus loved the orchid raffle we held on the way home. We also enriched our orchid knowledge by participating in a quiz about orchids. Many of us came back poorer in money but richer in orchids and orchid paraphernalia.

Now that we are in the rainy season, we must all be aware of fungus among us. Make sure your potting medium drains and dries quickly, or else you may be visited by some sort of rot. Snails are another problem during this wet time of year. They reproduce prolifically and are born hungry. Perhaps some snail bait (choose the ones that are non-toxic to pets,) will keep them in check.

A "New Members Workshop" took place at the home of Alan LaDuke in May. We will continue to have these workshops from time to time so make sure you come to the meetings where the announcements are made for the workshops. Even if you have been growing orchids for a while, we hope that new members will take advantage to see or learn from others. We do like to share information.

Thanks to Marion Israel, who has stepped up to fill the position of Vice President, Programs. Marion is already doing a great job booking interesting speakers and programs for our member meetings.

Thanks to Kathy Kersey for filling the post of Corresponding Secretary. With her great organizational skills Kathy will excel at this endeavor.

*Jay Collins*

President

# BROS Membership

## FIRST YEAR

SINGLE: \$25.00

COUPLE: \$35.00

BUSINESS: \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

## RENEWAL (Dues are due January 1)

### 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

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PURPOSE, PLEASE NOTE WHAT THE  
CHECK IS FOR IN THE "MEMO" SECTION  
OF THE CHECK. THANK YOU!

# Tasks for June

by Dr. Martin Motes

In June, such soaking rains that can sometimes be an inch or more an hour are the norm rather than the exception. For orchids grown outside in South Florida this month, how to dry them out becomes more the question than how or when to water them.

June is an excellent time to review the spacing of our plants. Always give your plants sufficient space to allow for good air circulation to permit rapid drying. Crowded plants stay wetter longer encouraging fungus and bacteria.

A persistent problem in June is how to apply liquid fertilizer to our plants under these often persistently wet conditions. As all of our orchids are in rapid growth in June they need to be fed, ironically this comes in the face of super abundant moisture. While rain contains minute quantities of nitrogen, heavy persistent rain can in fact strip nutrients from our plants by reversing the normal osmotic process. To a degree this effect of the heavy rains can be positive leaching away any excessive fertilizer salts that have accumulated over the dry season but overall the rain leaves them needier than before.

For orchid grown in pots with media, the relatively new, slow release fertilizer widely sold as "Dynamite" (i.e.. Nutri-cote) is of especial value at this time of year.

In general, a good rule in June is that when some opportunities to water present themselves, think rather of applying liquid fertilizer instead of just water. Remember too, the oft repeated bad advice to water your plants before fertilizing them is particularly erroneous in June when over-watering can quickly have negative consequences. In June, as always, replace a watering with an application of the proper concentration of liquid fertilizer.

Read this month's complete article at:

<http://www.motesorchids.com/fogblog/?category=fogblog>

Sign up for Dr. Motes' Newsletter at::

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

# ORCHID EVENTS

## JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

**AOS Judging - West Palm Beach Judging Center**, Saturday, June 23, Saturday, July 28, Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 2—4 PM. At Flamingo Gardens Botanical Gardens & Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330-1614. More info at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

### **Orchid Classes at Mounts Botanical Garden on Saturdays**

All are located at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL, from 10 AM—1 PM. Cost for all three classes: \$95; \$105 for nonmembers Cost for each class: \$40; \$45 for nonmembers. Instructor: Sandi Jones, Broward Orchid Supply

July 7, 2018: Orchid Basics

July 14, 2018: Orchid Repotting and Mounting Orchids

July 21, 2018: Training Your Eye - Orchid Pests and Diseases

More Info or to register: 561-233-1757 or visit their website <https://www.mounts.org>

## SEPTEMBER

**Mounts Botanical Garden Everything Orchid: A Shady Affair Plant Sale** Saturday and Sunday, September 15 & 16, 2018, 9 AM—4 PM. Members Free; Non-members \$5. A collection of the area's premier plant vendors will be selling a variety of begonias, bromeliads, orchids, ferns, hoyas and aroids. This plant sale offers a great opportunity to acquire the best orchid and shade loving plants. Fun and informative lectures will be offered on topics such as Basic Orchid Care, Shade Loving Plants, and Fragrant Plants. Magnificent tabletop arrangements will be offered in a silent auction to benefit the Garden. At Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL. More info: 561-233-1757

### **Please Note...**

**BROS membership dues are payable January 1 of each year. The membership year runs from January to January, no matter when a person joins the Boca Raton Orchid Society. Please See Page 3 for Our Dues Structure**

# Board Meetings

The BROS Board meets the Wednesday following the General Meeting at 7:30 PM.

June 20 —home of Cheryl Dodes

July 18 — home of Marion Israel

August 15 — home of Carol Ott

*Refreshments are needed for our June, 2018 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.*

Thanks to those who provided refreshments at the May meeting:

Cheryl Dodes, Phyllis Lyons, Teresa O'Neil, Fran Wydra,

Eileen Magenheim, Bill Thrall, Lucy Walker, Esther Blitz, Jeanne Sozio



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN SO WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE YOU IN THE NEWSLETTER.**

***Please—all attendees please sign in at meetings. Thanks!***

# 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 May were:

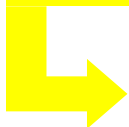
### BROS Member Plant Sales-

BROS Paid-Up 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.

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Carla Lacher	Phalaenopsis	Blue	Phal. Sogo Gotris
Roderick Lewis	Encyclia	Blue	Encyclia Ruffy Profuse
Maritza Graff	Cattleya Bifoliate	Blue	LC Golddigger X Enc. Rufa
Carla Lacher	Other Cattleya Alliance	Blue	BC Estrella del Aconquija (B. perrini 'Ruben' X C. Chocolate Drop 'SVO' AM/AOS
Maritza Graff	Other Vandaceous	Blue	Renanstylis Azimah X Renanthera Bangkok Flame
Karen Meiselman	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. aggregatum
Bill Thrall	Vanda	Blue	V. Mini Palmer



**BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Bill Thrall on his win!**



**Bill Thrall's Winning Plant**  
**Vanda Mini Palmer**



# MAY MEMBERS' PLANTS



**BC Estrella del Aconquija**

B. perrinii 'Ruben' X C. Chocolate  
Drop 'SVO' AM/AOS



**Phalaenopsis Sogo Gotris**



**LC Golddigger X Enc. Rufa**



**Renanstylis Azimah X Renanthera Bangkok  
Flame**



**Dendrobium aggregatum**



**Encyclia Rufly Profuse**



**Vanda Mini Palmer**



**BROS arrives at the Redlands Orchid Festival, May 19, 2018**

Our bus trip to the Redlands International Orchid Festival was a great success and lots of fun! A great big Thank You to Marion Israel, who did an excellent job organizing this trip! Although most of us got soaked by the heavy rains, we persevered and had a great time.

Our comfy, air-conditioned bus was a pleasure to ride in. We also enjoyed snacks and water on the trip.

At the Festival, we were dazzled by the 60+ orchid vendors from around the world, including South Africa, Germany, Malaysia, Brazil, Thailand, Taiwan, Jamaica, Peru, Japan, Argentina, etc. The United States was also well-represented with local Florida growers and vendors from California and Louisiana.

The food vendors at the Festival provided us with many different cuisines. Many of us posed for a photo for the Florida Orchid Growing Facebook page.

Many members of the Florida Orchid Growing group on Facebook attended the Festival, and proudly wore their FOG shirts and badges. It was nice seeing our Facebook friends in person.

On the way home, the bus was filled with beautiful orchids, within the passenger compartment and underneath the bus in the luggage area. Everybody won an orchid in the raffle on the way home. We enjoyed an Orchid Quiz that educated us and made us think.

All of us were very excited with our new acquisitions!

We look forward to next year's Festival with eager anticipation!



## A Ghost Orchid Tip We Can All Use!

The Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society recently enjoyed a fabulous opportunity when Ghost Orchid Specialist Wendy Mazuk came to visit and spoke in detail about Ghost Orchids.

Later that week, Wendy was then kind enough to join the Flamingo Gardens Orchidteers for their regularly scheduled Thursday workday at the gardens.

One tip she showed them—learned from mounting ghost orchids—was to tightly attach the orchid to the tree (in this case, they were working with Vandas) using 2 or 3 Zip Ties —but then also providing some extra support by stabilizing the plant's existing roots using fishing line.

Even though those existing roots will only attach where new growing root tips touch the tree, every little bit helps while waiting for entire new roots to emerge at the base of the plant and more firmly anchor the orchid to the tree.

I returned to the gardens a few weeks after Wendy's visit—specifically to check on orchid roots.

I was very pleased to see new root growing tips were starting to attach for those Vandas — and with the orchid firmly Zip tied in place, it won't be long before entire new roots have it well anchored to its permanent home.

I also copied Wendy's tip on a Phalaenopsis I mounted at home and I'm very pleased at how the roots are attaching - so give it a try. Hope this tip helps!

Happy Growing!

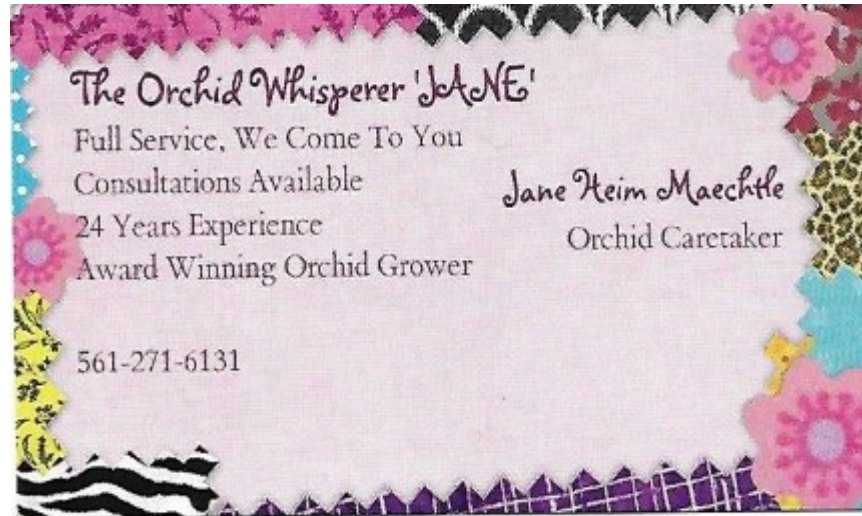
*Carol Holdren, AOS Judge, FG Board Member, Director Orchids.org*



Ghost Orchid Firmly Attached to Tree

*Welcome New Member!*

**Abby Diab**

A decorative border with various floral patterns in pink, yellow, and purple surrounds the central text.

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