



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—

Speaker: Fred Clarke

Topic: Cynoches, Mormodes, Catasetums, and How to Grow Them

Date: June 13, 2019

Fred Clarke started Sunset Valley Orchids in 1995 as a natural outgrowth of a hobby that began 27 years earlier. Sunset Valley Orchids is a “Boutique” style nursery dedicated to providing excellent customer service and breeding superior orchid hybrids for the orchid enthusiast.

Backed by over 28 years of experience in the horticultural industry as a professional grower and manager, Fred applies these skills to produce well grown and healthy orchid plants. Sunset Valley Orchids is located in Vista, California about 35 miles north of San Diego and 50 miles south of Los Angeles.

Fred is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. Orchids from Sunset Valley Orchid have received hundreds of AOS awards, including 8 that have received the highest honor, the ‘First Class Certificate’.

He will inform us about the varieties of orchids listed above and best culture ideas.

Fred will take pre-orders and give a 10% discount and charge no shipping. For pre-orders you must indicate that you are a member of BROS, so he knows which society gets each order. Go to his website to order: sunsetvalleyorchids.com Pay with a credit card and he will adjust the total and put “Deliver to Boca Raton Orchid Society on 6/13” in the message box.

—*Marion Israel*

Vice President, Programs

Future Programs

July 11 - Carol Holdren - 10 Orchids You Should Own

August 8—TBD

September 12 - Romina Gazis-Seregina - Orchid Diseases

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From Our President

Hello Orchid Lovers!

The bus trip to the Redlands International Orchid Festival was a huge success. Kudos to Marion for putting together another great trip. It was wonderful to see the many vendors with their unique plants that we only get to see once a year, the vendors from our show, and some of the speakers we have had the privilege to meet and hear. As I walked around, half the fun was looking forward to seeing old friends. By my observations on the return trip, it was a very successful day. People chatted up a storm, new friendships were made, lots of laughter was heard, and a few caught a quick nap. Many of us came home poorer in money but richer in many other ways.

I am happy to report that the After School Orchid Program will tentatively grow from two schools to four schools this coming school year. Last year's participating schools were Addison Mizner and JC Mitchell. This year Whispering Pines and Calusa will be joining the program. This is due in large part to the hard work and efforts of the program chair, BJ Saul. BJ has a great team of volunteers: Sheila Bell, Janice Larit, Teresa O'Neil, Mirta Sacon, Shirley Wilde, and Karen Zarif. It is such a treat that our society has the opportunity to teach the next generation of orchid lovers. Thank you everyone.

Thank you to the people who volunteered for the Million Orchid Project: Carol Anderson, Abby Diab, Sally Glick, Teresa O'Neil, Arlene Presto, Shirley Schneider, and Jeanne Sozio.

Repotting your orchids should be almost finished unless you just bought them. Keep an eye out for signs of snails and don't forget to treat with a systemic fungicide to ward off fungus, rot and mold.

See everyone at the June meeting.

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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RATON ORCHID SOCIETY FOR ANY
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 22, Saturday, July 27, Saturday, August 24, 2019 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

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 13, 2019: Orchid Basics

July 20, 2019: Orchid Repotting and Mounting Orchids

July 27, 2019: Training Your Eye - Now What?

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

SEPTEMBER and Beyond

Mounts Botanical Garden Everything Orchid: A Shady Affair Plant Sale - Stay tuned for details to follow. No information was available on the mounts.org website as of the end of May.

South Florida Orchid Society's 73rd Miami International Orchid Show "Orchid Treasures"; October 5 and 6, 2019 from 10 AM - 5 PM. At Watsco Center, University of Miami, 1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Admission \$12.00 (10 and under FREE). More information at www.sforchid.com

East Everglades Orchid Society 23rd Annual Orchid Show & Sale "Fall in Love with Orchids; October 17-20, 2019, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. At r.f.Orchids, Inc, 28100 SW 182 Ave., Homestead, FL 33030. FREE parking and admission. More information at www.orchidseeos.com.

Delray Beach Orchid Society Show "Orchids on the Square"; October 25-27, 2019, Friday/Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. At Old School Square's Vintage Gymnasium Building, 51 North Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444. Admission is \$5.00. More information at www.delraybeachorchidsociety.org/dbos-show.html

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Show and Sale "Orchid Obsession"; November 16 and 17, 2019, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. At Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Boulevard, Boca Raton, FL 33431. Admission \$5.00 CASH ONLY. Children under 12 FREE. More information at www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.com

Board Meetings

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

June 19 —home of Phyllis Lyons

July 17 — home of Marion Israel

August 14 — home of Alan LaDuke

Refreshments are needed for our June, 2019 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:

Shirley Schneider, Mary Ann Johnston, Sally Glick,

Cheryl Dodes, Phyllis Lyons, Teresa O'Neil, Veronica Risko



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

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:

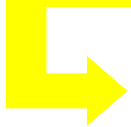
BROS Member Plant Sales-

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
Roberto Finocchi	Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue, Yellow	Epc. Charlie Brown
Kathy Kersey	Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue, Yellow	Enc. Jungle Nights
Marion Israel	Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue, Yellow	C. digbyana
Anwar Thompson	Other Vandaceous	Blue, Yellow	Vanchoanthe Memoria Holland tan
Maritza Graff	Other vandaceous	Blue	Renanstylis Azimah X Renanthera Bangkok Flame
Roberto Finocchi	Misc Genera	Blue	Brassia rex 'Lea'
Sheila Bell	Species	Blue	Gram. Scriptum Leopard
Kathy Kersey	Species	Yellow	Gram. scriptum
Roberto Finocchi	Cattleya Alliance	Blue	C. mossiae "Llamarada"
Anwar Thompson	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. Isabel Seander
Anwar Thompson	Species	Blue	Phal cornu-cervi Flava
Alan LaDuke	Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue	Epc. Lime Sherbet X B. nodosa
Roderick Lewis	Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue	Encyclia cordigera
Roberto Finocchi	Cattleya Alliance	Blue	C. mossiae 'Rochelle'



BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Roberto Finocchi on his win!

MAY MEMBERS' PLANTS



Vanchoanthe Memoria Holland Tan



Brassia rex 'Lea'



Gram. Scriptum Leopard



C. mossiae "Llamarada"



Renanstylis Azimah X Renanthera



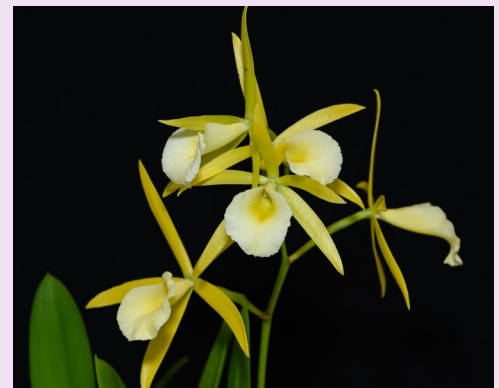
Gram. scriptum



Phal. cornu-cervi Flava



Den. Isabel Seander



Epc. Lime Sherbet X B. nodosa



Encyclia cordigera

MAY MEMBERS' PLANTS



C. digbyana



Enc. Jungle Nights



Epc. Charlie Brown



C. Mossiae 'Rochelle'



BROS and Friends at the Redlands Orchid Festival, May 18, 2019

Once again we journeyed to the Redlands Orchid Festival at Fruit and Spice Park in a clean, air-conditioned bus. Our driver, Lawrence, a retired career Marine was attentive to all our needs. We enjoyed snacks and water and good conversation along the way.

Unlike last year, the weather cooperated and it was nice and sunny all day. At the Festival, there were orchid vendors from around the world and the United States enticing us with beautiful, blooming orchids, crafts, and every type of orchid supply.

The food vendors at the Festival provided a variety of tasty fare. It was great seeing people from FOG, the Florida Orchid Growing Facebook group. If you're not already a FOG member, search for the group on Facebook and ask to join. The only requirement is you have to be a Florida resident. FOG members post photos of their orchids, tips on growing orchids, and other interesting insights.

After stowing our newly purchased orchids under the bus, we relaxed as we rode home.

Boca Raton Orchid Society members and friends enjoyed a lovely day out.

Let's do it again next year!

Welcome New Member!
Ileana Ionita



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