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MEETINGS

THE SOCIETY MEETS
ON THE SECOND
THURSDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT 7:30 P.M.

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: Segundo Questa

Topic: Vandas and Mokaras

Date: November 14, 2019

Segundo and Yolanda Questa started hybridizing orchids in 1984 and in 1992 opened Quest Orchids, their retail orchid business. They started with two greenhouses and today have 50,000 square feet of growing space.

Quest Orchids specializes in Art Shaped Cattleyas and in cloning old standards. They also have a new breeding line of standard flowers with compact plants, which have been very successful for them.

Quest Orchids also participates in about fifteen shows across the country each year.

At this meeting, Segunda will inform our members about Vandas and Mokaras. Mokara orchids are inter-generic hybrids of Arachnis X Ascocentrum X Vanda which have large numbers of colors compared to other orchids. Mokara is probably the only flower with such a broad spectrum of color shades including purple, pink, blue, red, orange, yellow and coral.

*****Quest Orchids will be supplying the raffle table this evening, so members may not sell anything at this meeting.**

—*Marion Israel*

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The BROS is the proud recipient
of the DASSA Award.



From Our President



Happy Thanksgiving to all,

Don't forget to circle December 12th on your calendar and start to think about what kind of toy or toys you will be donating this year to our annual drive. The December meeting is a little different than a regular meeting. There will not be a guest speaker, raffle table, or member plant judging. At this meeting I have a chance to say thank you to the people who have volunteered their time and effort to help make this Society a success. Alan LaDuke will introduce the 2020 officers. Our Treasurer Veronica Risko will present the Society's year end Treasurer's Report. Then the fun begins. With the help of Santa and a couple of guests from the Boca Raton Police Department, we will play a few games of orchid bingo. After calling a few numbers and sharing their unique humor, our friends from the BRPD will collect the toys for distribution to local children.

SO PLAN TO BRING AN UNWRAPPED GIFT OR GIFTS FOR A CHILD

Some of the members of our Million Orchid Project group and I met at the JARC Ability Garden, on the Levis JCC of West Boca campus, to help mount about 250 Oncidium "dancing ladies" orchids. In attendance were Carmen Rodriguez and her co-workers from Pine Jog Environmental Center, Kimberli Swann and her staff and clients from JARC, along with Rich Ackerman and members of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society. This was the first of what I hope will be many such plantings. The day started with introductions and a few photos. Then we broke into four groups and the fun began. A little over two hours later we ran out of plants, so we helped pack up and called it a day. I think I speak for Shirley, Jeanne, Abby and Alan when I say "this was a special day".

If you have not purchased pre-sale show tickets yet, remember that if you purchase 5 tickets you get a 6th ticket. If you do it at the November meeting you will also be entered into a special raffle drawing.

The invoices for your annual dues are ready and available at this month's meeting, so don't forget your checkbooks. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Jay Collins

President



Boca Raton Orchid Society



Don't Miss

The BROS December Meeting

at

Our Usual Meeting Place and Time:

Safe Schools Institute

Thursday, December 14, 2019 - 7:30pm

*****Please bring an unwrapped toy*****

for the "Toys for Teens and Tots" Toy Drive

THIS MEETING IS FOR PAID MEMBERS ONLY! (NO GUESTS PLEASE)

There will be enjoyable, fun activities, delicious food, and surprises, in addition to our regular meeting

And the presentation of the Best Blue Ribbon Award

DON'T MISS THIS MEETING!



**The Slate of BROS Board Candidates for 2020 to be voted on at the
November, 2019 Member Meeting :**

President—Jay Collins

VP for Programs—Marion Israel

VP for Membership—Phyllis Lyons

Treasurer—Veronica Risko

Recording Secretary—Position Open

Corresponding Secretary—Kathy Kersey

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Alan LaDuke

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Board Meetings

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

November 20—Home of Barbara Barrie

We will not have a December Board meeting.

AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center...

Their web site is <http://wpbjc.org/>

**Orchid judging takes place at Flamingo Gardens the third Saturday in November and December;
this month it is on November 16th. The Education Session begins at 12:30 PM.**

Orchid judging follows at 2 PM.



BROS HELPS PLACE NATIVE ORCHIDS

At the end of September, BROS members participated in placing native orchids in the trees at the Levis JCC in Boca Raton. The orchids were propagated as part of the Million Orchid Project, which is seeking to repopulate South Florida with orchids native to the area. The orchids were tied to trees high enough so that they will not be disturbed. The Million Orchid Project raises the orchids in flasks, and when the orchids are mature enough, places them back into the environment. Below are photos of BROS members, along with JCC staff and members placing orchids in the trees on the JCC campus.



Cyrtopodium punctatum, the cowhorn or cigar orchid

Encyclia tampensis, the butterfly orchid

The Million Orchid Project at Levis JCC

Orchid Events

NOVEMBER

November 2 & 3, 2019 (9 am-4pm). Plant-A-Palooza - Fall Plant Sale at Mounts Botanical Garden. Find everything you need for your home garden, including rare, exotic, hard-to-find plants, trees, herbs and lots of garden accessories. Plenty of garden-themed items and accessories are also available in the Mounts Botanical Gift Shop, Nursery and the Vintage Shop. Members free; Non-Members \$10.00; \$5 for children 5-12. For more info visit mounts.org or call 561-233-1757

November 9 & 10, 2019. Sat. 10 am - 5 pm: Sun. 10 am - 4 pm. Fort Pierce “Kaleidoscope of Orchids” Orchid Show and Sale. River Walk Center, 600 N Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. For more information email rita2zfpos@gmail.com.

November 16 & 17, 2019. Deerfield Beach Orchid Society presents Orchid Obsession Orchid Show & Sale at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. Boca Raton, FL 33433. 10 am-5 pm both days. General Admission \$5 cash only; Children under 12 free. For more info: www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org

JANUARY

January 17- 19, 2020, 10 am - 6 pm. Tamiami International Orchid Festival. Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, 10901 Coral Way (S.W. 24th St) Miami, FL 33165. Advance Ticket Purchase - \$10 | At the door - \$12 | Kids under 12 - Free. The 2020 Tamiami International Orchid Festival will be the largest winter orchid show in the United States. www.miamiorchidfestival.com

January 10 - 12, 2020. Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show and Sale, 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.

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 or Carla Lacher for our “Donation Letter”.

Boca Raton Orchid Society After School Orchid Program

Submitted by BJ Saul

The After School Orchid Club program is off to a great start. We now have 4 elementary schools participating; JC Mitchell, Addison Mizner, Whispering Pines, and Calusa. Our current volunteers Shirley Wilde, Mirta Sacon, Teresa O'Neil, Karen Zarif, Sheila Bell, and Janice Larit are doing a fabulous job teaching our future orchid growers.

During the month of September the children learned all about plants and had an introduction to orchids. During October they were asked "What do we know about orchids?" They discussed what orchids need to grow, different growing media, and where in the world to find orchids. The students had a fun time watching a video and exploring different types of growing media.

If you would like to volunteer, your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact BJ Saul, bjfsaul@comcast.net 561-347-0618

Below: Scenes from the After School Orchid Program



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!

BROS Member Plant Sales

BROS paid-up Members are welcome to sell their plants at selected 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

The winners in October were...

Name	Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name
Moveta Sanchez	Misc. genera	Blue	Cl. Rebecca Northen 'Grapefruit Pink'
Marion Israel	Misc. Genera	Blue	Cyc. warszewiczii X Cyc. Richard Brandon
Robert Finocchi	Cattleya	Blue	Cattleya lueddemanniana 'Draco' X 'Inferno'
Robert Finocchi	Brassavola	Blue, Yellow	Bc. Binosa 4N
Belinda Krause	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. Burana Doll No. 7
Kathy Kersey	Vanda	Blue	T. lamellate X brunea X Mimi Palmer
Karen Meiselman	Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Oncidium varicosum

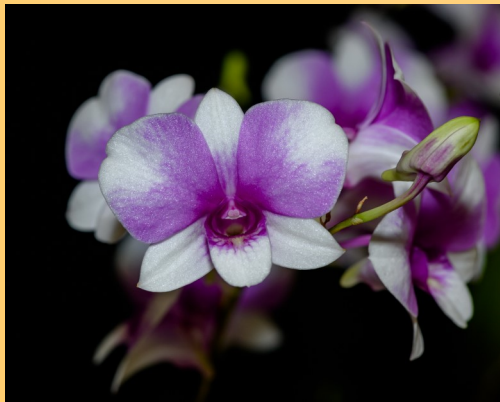
BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Karen Meiselman



Oncidium varicosum



October Members' Plants



Dendrobium Burana Doll No. 7



Cattleya lueddemanniana 'Draco' X 'Inferno'



Cyc. warszewiczii X Cyc. Richard Brandon



T. lamellate X brunea X Mimi Palmer



Cl. Rebecca Northen 'Grapefruit Pink'



Oncidium varicosum



Bc. Binosa 4N

Tasks for November

by Dr. Martin Motes

BROS Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00

COUPLE \$35.00

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RENEWAL

SINGLE \$20.00

Couple \$30.00

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The incredible heat and relative drought of September has been followed by an extraordinarily wet October. The growing season has been extended by two to three weeks for many genera. Callista dendrobiums (lindleyi, farmerii, etc.) which would normally have started their dormant cycle are pushing another set of new growths. These should be fed and encouraged for the next week or two that they need to mature. For the other genera and other sections of Dendrobium which should have been starting to rest two weeks ago, the dry season cannot arrive too soon. Dry all the plants that have completed their growths as quickly and as thoroughly as possible. Even Vandas which have loved the extra heat and moisture should be watered judiciously. Days are shorter now, and temperatures are lower. Both these factors reduce drying potential markedly. Remember, too, that the exceptionally warm and humid tropical air which surrounds us still holds the potential to be tapped once more for torrential rains with the arrival of the next cold front. Until the dry season is definitely established care in watering and vigilance in scouting for disease problems is warranted.

Protecting our tender plants from exposure to wind must be our primary concern in preparing them for winter. Buildings, walls and even thick hedges can be very effective windbreaks slowing or stopping chill air. Choose places in your garden that offer this sort of protection to your orchid plants wherever possible.

Orchids that are grown in shade houses, in patios or pool enclosures can be protected by installing plastic film on the north and west walls of the structure.

Healthy, well-nourished plants withstand cold better as do plants that are harder and not too lushly in growth. Because both light and temperature are lower in November and most orchids have slowed their growth, they need less fertilizer.

Read this month's complete article at:

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

**You may also sign up for Dr. Motes' Monthly Orchid
Blog at the same Web address:**

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

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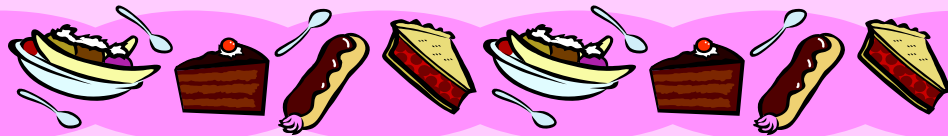
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The wonderful refreshments provided at the October meeting
were delicious and appreciated!

Thanks to:

Shirley Schneider, Jeanne Sozio, Janice Larit,
Carla Lacher, Barbara Barrie, Eileen Magenheim,

Please help make our meetings more enjoyable by providing a tasty treat for all to share.
Suggestions include cookies, cut-up cake, chips, cut-up fruit, nuts, raisins, etc.





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