



**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 BOCA RATON ORCHID SOCIETY Orchid Scentinel

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## Featuring—

**Speaker: Mac Rivenbark**

**Topic: How to Grow Big, Strong Orchids**

**Date: October 11, 2018**

Mac Rivenbark and his wife Helen are the owners of Mac's Orchids which specializes in orchid species from the Philippines. They have had their business for over 15 years and grow over 200 different species. After many fascinating trips to the Philippines and extensive study, Mac has become an expert on orchids from the Philippines.

Mac has served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is a past president of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and enjoys giving lectures and educating others about orchids. Come see and hear this exciting and interesting lecture.

Mac's presentation will start with a discussion of his favorite orchids and then continue with culture and growing tips and advice for growing healthy orchids.

Mac will have plants for sale and will also be providing our raffle table.

**\*\*\* Members may not sell plants or anything else at this meeting**  
Vice President, Programs

—*Marion Israel*



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## **From Our President**

Autumn has begun, and we welcome the arrival of our snowbirds and cooler weather. Autumn also brings the need for our BROS members to step up and fill volunteer positions.

The election for positions on our Board of Directors will take place at our November member meeting. We would appreciate a person from our membership to volunteer for the Nominating Committee. This is a short-term position that does not require much effort, but is necessary nevertheless. There will be two vacancies on the BROS Board that must be filled in 2019: Recording Secretary, and Director. The Recording Secretary takes Minutes at our monthly Board meetings. The Director position includes various duties as necessary. We hope that someone will step up and train to function as Chair of our annual Valentine's Orchid Show. This could be someone who is on the Board, or someone who is a member willing to learn what goes into our wonderful Orchid Show. This person will work with Carla Lacher and go through all the Show preparations with her. Kathy Kersey will also help the new volunteer.

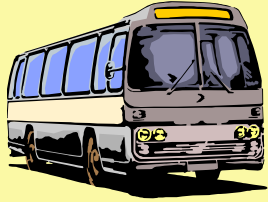
It takes a village to put on a successful Show. Kathy Kersey will once again have the Sign-Up sheets for Volunteers starting at the October meeting. We need all our members to volunteer to do something, even a small task, for our Show. This is a chance for our newer members to meet and work with other BROS members and vendors. Plus, we feed you on show days. Speaking of food, start thinking about your favorite recipe because we are feeding the judges, vendors and all the volunteers for two days straight. Shirlee Rachel will have separate Sign Up sheets for food items for members to bring Saturday and/or Sunday February 9 and 10.

There are still a few places available for our all-day bus trip to three Homestead orchid growers - R.F. Orchids, Soroa, and Banjong. \$30 pp for members; \$35 pp for guests. Don't miss the opportunity to travel in comfort south to Homestead and spend the day ogling orchids at these three fabulous growers! Soroa Orchids will even treat us to a delicious Cuban-style lunch, gratis!

*Jay Collins*  
*President*

The BROS is the proud recipient  
of the DASSA Award.





**Please join us for a Special Trip to THREE  
Homestead Orchid Growers**

**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

**THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT! DON'T MISS OUT!**

**On Saturday, October 20, we will be taking a trip on a lavatory-equipped coach bus to three orchid growers in the Miami area - RF, Soroa, and Banjong.**

**The cost is \$30 pp for members and \$35 pp for non-members, and includes lunch, water, and great company. All monies must be in by the September BROS meeting. Please arrive at 7:30 AM at the K-Mart parking lot on Palmetto Park Road and I95. The bus will depart at 8 AM; return time approximately 4 PM.**

**Soroa Orchids has graciously offered to provide a complimentary lunch for us at their nursery. You may bring your own lunch if you wish.**

**Please bring a large box(es) or plastic tub with your name on it to stow your purchases in the cargo area below the bus.**

**If you wish to join us, please send a check labeled "Homestead Bus Trip" in the memo for the correct amount as soon as possible to:**

**Boca Raton Orchid Society, PO Box 276367, Boca Raton, FL 33427,  
or contact Marion Israel at 561-810-6547 or *marionisrael161@gmail.com* for  
further information.**

# BROS Exhibition Table

Every month members have the opportunity to show their latest achievements. They 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 September were...

### 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.

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Anwar Thompson	Species	Blue	Bulb. Doris Duke's Purple Banana
Carol Ott	Cattleya Bifoliata	Blue	Myrmecatlaelia Carol de Blasé (Lc Millie Perner X Myr (Schom) Memoria Louise Fuchs
Kathy Kersey	Vanda	Blue	Rhyncostylis coelestis
Roderick Lewis	Brassavola	Blue	Brassavola David Sanders
Anwar Thompson	Ascocentrum & Ascocenda	Blue	Ascda Laksi
Bill Thrall	Phalaenopsis	Blue	Phal. Amboinensis Yellow Golden Classic
Carla Lacher	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Dendrobium Ruby Fire
Shirley Schneider	Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Onc. Dancing Lady
Anwar Thompson	Vanda	Blue &	V. Mimi Palmer
Jay Collins	Cattleya Bifoliata	Blue	Blc Sunglow Nakornchalsiri Delight

**BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Jay Collins on his win!**

# September Members' Plants



Bulb. Doris Dukes Purple Banana



Blc Sunflow Nakornchalsiri Delight



Myrmecatlaelia Carol de Blasé (Lc Millie Perner X Myc (Schom) Memoria Louise Fuchs



Rhyncostylis coelestis



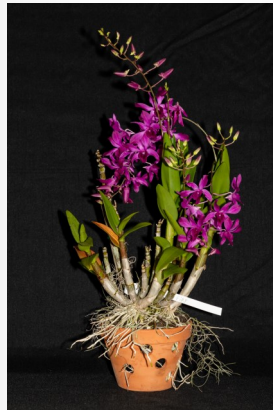
Brassavola David Sanders



Ascocenda Laksi



Phal amboinensis Yellow Golden Classic



Dendrobium Ruby Fire



Oncidium Dancing Lady



Vanda Mimi Palmer



# ORCHID EVENTS





**Monthly Raffle**

Please bring small bills to pay for the raffle tickets at our monthly meetings.

Thank you!

Please sign up to help with our Valentines Show

Our Orchid Show will take place February 9 & 10.

We need members to volunteer to help set up, work at the Show, and break down at the end.

We also need volunteers to man the kitchen and bring food for judges, vendors, and volunteers.

Please sign up to volunteer! Sheets will be at meetings.

Please see Kathy Kersey at a meeting; we need everyone to participate!



## East Everglades Orchid Society

presents its

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Orchid Show & Sale



## October

## 5, 6 & 7, 2018

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

in the gardens of



**!f.**  
*Orchids, Inc.*

28100 SW 182 Ave.  
Homestead, FL 33030

## FREE

### Parking & Admission

Food & Drinks Available  
[www.orchidseos.com](http://www.orchidseos.com)





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- on the -  
**SQUARE**



## Orchid Show & Sale

### October 26-28, 2018

FRI/SAT 10-5 • SUN 10-4  
ADMISSION \$5

Held inside Old School Square Fieldhouse  
51 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444  
[www.DelrayBeachOrchidSociety.com](http://www.DelrayBeachOrchidSociety.com)  
Call 561-573-2422 or 561-573-2360



# ORCHID EVENTS



## OCTOBER and NOVEMBER

DEERFIELD BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY  
*presents*

# ORCHID Obsession

7th Annual Orchid Show & Sale



**November 17 and 18, 2018**  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Admission \$5.00 Cash Only**  
**Children under 12 Free**

**NEW LOCATION**  
**Safe Schools Institute**  
1790 Spanish River Boulevard  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
[www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org](http://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org)  
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Orchid Obsession Orchid Art by Patti Resso, DBOS Member

DEERFIELD BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY

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7th Annual Orchid Show & Sale

**November 17 and 18, 2018**  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Safe Schools Institute • Boca Raton • New Location**

**Orchid Sales • Orchid Supplies**  
**Orchid Displays • Repotting Service**  
**Free Educational Lectures • AOS Judging**




**\$2<sup>00</sup> off**  
with this coupon.  
Good for 2 people.

**DIRECTIONS:**

**1790 Spanish River Boulevard • Boca Raton, FL 33431**  
SB: I-95 Exit Yamato Road, West to Military Trail, turn Left.  
NB: I-95 Exit Palmetto Park Road  
West to Military Trail, turn Right.  
Turnpike: Exit Glades Road, East to Jog Road, turn Right  
on Potomac, turn left on Military Trail to show site.  
Show signs will provide additional directions.  
~ Note ~  
New Exits for I-95 at Spanish River Boulevard may be finished.  
Take Spanish River Boulevard Exit, turn West to Show site.



**Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show.** Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 am—5pm; Sunday, Nov. 11, 10 am—4 pm. At the River Walk Center, 600 N Indian River Drive, Ft. Pierce, FL. There will be raffles, vendors, and orchid displays. More info please contact Rita Zeblin at [rita2zfpos@gmail.com](mailto:rita2zfpos@gmail.com) or phone 772-879-6108





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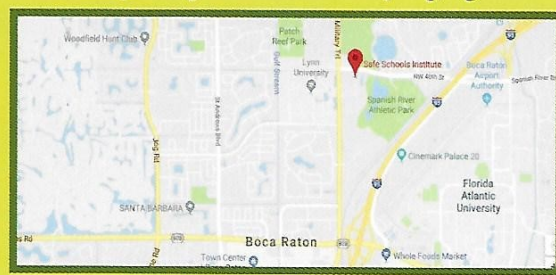
*Orchid*  
 Show & Sale  
 February 9-10, 2019  
 10am-5pm



Boca Raton  
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 Located on Don Estridge High Tech Middle School Campus  
 Visit our website for more information:  
[www.brosonline.org](http://www.brosonline.org)  
 Admission \$5 CASH ONLY

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*Directions*

*I-95 southbound and northbound:*

1. Take exit 48A for Spanish River Blvd /FAU - stay in right lane as you exit
2. Turn **RIGHT** going **WEST** towards Military Trail
3. Go past Spanish River Athletic Facilities at DeHoernle Park, and turn **LEFT** into the campus of Don Estridge High Tech Middle School
4. Institute is on the north side of the campus, first right as you come in through the entrance gates.

*Turnpike:*  
 Take exit 75 for Glades Rd., turn **LEFT** onto Glades, go **EAST** to Butts Rd, turn **LEFT** onto Butts Rd., turn **LEFT** onto Military Trail, then turn **RIGHT** on Spanish River Blvd. Show site is first entrance on the right.

**Advance Ticket Sales \$3.00**  
*Available at:*  
**Green Barn Orchid Supplies**  
 5185 Conklin Dr., Delray Beach, FL  
 (561) 499-2810



# BROS Membership

## FIRST YEAR

SINGLE: \$25.00

COUPLE: \$35.00

Business: \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

## RENEWAL (Before March 1)

SINGLE \$18.00

COUPLE \$25.00

BUSINESS \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

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Business: \$40.00

Newsletter emailed

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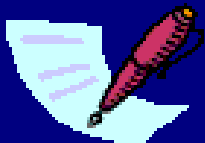
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## MAIL CHECKS TO

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Please sign in at the  
Membership Desk at each  
of our Monthly Meetings.

Thank you!

# Tasks for October

by Dr. Martin Motes

## Treasures from the Storm

(Excerpted from Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month page 126-127 by Martin Motes. All rights reserved.)

It's an ill wind that blows no one any good. Minor hurricanes are still a major nuisance but small blessing can nonetheless flow to South Florida orchidists in the enforced pruning of our trees which will bring cherished light to our orchids. The prunings themselves are a major resource for the clever orchidists. The streets of South Florida are typically lined with a virtually inexhaustible lode of great orchid mounting material in the wake of minor hurricanes. All that is needed is the energy to cut and haul the appropriate branches that will supply years of great orchid mounts. With such an abundant (dare I say windfall?) one can even be quite picky. The savant orchidist should select his material with an eye to the best suited and the most appealing. Three species stand out. First, the golden trumpet ( *Tabebuia argentea* or *caribae*) whose cork like bark is ideal for most orchid genera is always the first to fall and particularly abundant in roadside plantings.

Live oak ( *Quercus virginiana*), a favorite host of our native epiphytes, is also highly favored by epiphytic orchids in general and dendrobiums in particular. It is, of course, of the very same genus as cork itself and the wood is highly durable.

Next among the commonly fallen and desirable is button wood ( *Conocarpus erecta*) both green and silver, again a favored host of native epiphytes. These branches is "driftwood" on the hoof. It is the roots of this species that become the "driftwood" of orchid culture. The branches are great mounts too.

Other species such as bottle brush ( *Callistemon*) are good but the three common storm victims will provide more than enough of the very best mounts. Look for branches that are forked or twisted or that have other distinctive turns that will add character to the finished mounts.

Try to imagine the plant situated on the branch. A small chain saw makes short work of these branches, quickly rendering them into raw works of art. A well sharpened double set hand pruning saw will do fine. Now would be a good time to acquire these tools if needed before they are inevitable truly needed in the aftermath of a major hurricane. When a "minor" storm has passed, we can count our blessings and collect the orchid manna falling from heaven.

Read this month's complete article at:

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

You may also sign up for Dr. Motes' Monthly Orchid  
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# Board Meetings

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

October Board Meeting - home of Cheryl Dodes (October 17)

November Board Meeting - home of Alan LaDuke (November 14)

There Will Be No Board Meeting In December



## How Refreshing!



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



Thank you

Cheryl Dodes, Eileen Magenheim,  
Phyllis Lyons, Shirley Schneider



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.



***Sincere Condolences  
to Carol Holdren in  
the loss of her mother,  
Bea Seim***

## Vanilla May Become A New Cash Crop in Florida

Sandy Haradon, BROS member made us aware of an article that appeared in the Sun Sentinel on September 5, 2018. The article describes how vanilla may become our state's next commercial crop. Products like vanilla extract and beans that flavor ice creams and lace perfumes come from plants in the genus *Vanilla*, part of the orchid family.

The Vanilla orchid, *Vanilla planifolia*, among other species, grows as a sturdy vine on trees. Existing tree orchards, such as avocados, could serve as hosts for Vanilla vines to climb. Avocado trees are very tall and would supply enough shade for the vines to grow well.

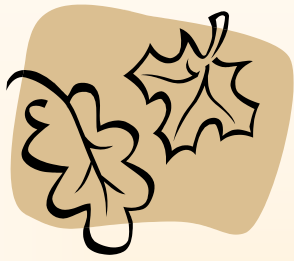
Alternatively, Vanilla could be grown in inexpensive shade houses.

Why Vanilla? Climate change, hurricanes, and other challenges have affected Madagascar and Mexico, which supply much of the world's supply of Vanilla. Vanilla is a valuable crop that could make up for the loss of citrus trees to citrus greening disease.

The four species of Vanilla that are native to Florida are all endangered by loss of habitat. Scientists plan to combine genes from native and non-native varieties to create what they hope will be superior plants.

**Pictured below is a *Vanilla planifolia* vine growing on a palm in the front yard of BROS member Cheryl Dodes. This vine produces more than 200 flowers each year. Each flower is about 6 inches across and lasts about a day, but since the blooms grow sequentially, the plant has flowers for at least a month every spring. Cheryl has not gotten any seed pods, which when processed yield vanilla, because she has not pollinated the flowers.**





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