



**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 *Orchid Scentinel*

BOCA RATON ORCHID SOCIETY



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## Featuring—

**Speaker: Bruce Mickelson**

**Topic: Orchid Pests**

**Date: October 10, 2019**

Bruce Mickelson is the former owner and operator of B&L Landscape Services and Nurseries in New Jersey, where he was a licensed pesticide applicator for many years. He has been growing orchids for over 40 years and has traveled to many countries in Central and South America and Southeast Asia, photographing and salvaging orchids from forests being cut. The program will discuss pesticide safety tailored to the needs of orchid growers of all levels of experience, with a special consideration of orchid fungicides. Even if you don't use any pesticides you will become a better orchid grower because of Bruce's hands-on understanding of orchids within the larger context of good cultural practices and basic botany.

**\*\*\* Members may sell plants at this meeting. Please see page 4 for the rules.**

Vice President, Programs

—*Marion Israel*



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## **From Our President**

I sincerely hope that you, your family, and your orchids were safe during Dorian. I brought my plants inside and closed most of my shutters. It took quite a bit of time and effort; however, better safe than sorry.

Some of our Snowbirds will be arriving soon. We welcome you back and look forward to seeing you at the meetings and special events.

Our Ramble will be sometime in March or April. Barbara Barrie will let you know when it is scheduled. She is on the lookout for member gardens to visit. Please consider showing off "Where You Grow Them!"

Our trip to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens will take place on Monday, October 28th, 2019. Due to low participation we will NOT be taking a bus; the Board is looking at other means of transportation i.e. car pool or maybe a 15 passenger van. Whatever the Board decides, the members who have signed up will be notified about any changes.

In the August newsletter I asked whether the Society should get a credit card terminal. To follow up the answer is NO. We will not be getting a credit card terminal at this time.

**Along with cooler nights, fall also is the unofficial start of the South Florida orchid show season. Our show is our "ONLY" fundraiser. Revenues are used to bring you interesting speakers at our monthly meetings, pay our rent for the show and meetings, fund the After School Orchid Program at local elementary schools, the biannual Orchid Short Course at Florida University in Gainesville, etc. Your yearly dues do not come close to meeting even a monthly meeting expense, so we count on revenue from the show. We sell \$5.00 tickets at the door on Saturday and Sunday at the show, but the Society also counts on each member buying (5) Pre Sale tickets @ \$3.00 each. Purchase (5) presale tickets and you will receive (1) complimentary ticket. Members can resell or use them as a gift. Additional tickets will be available if you need more.**

See you at the meeting!

*Jay Collins*

*President*

The BROS is the proud recipient  
of the DASSA Award.





## **Pre-Sale BROS Orchid Show Tickets**

**Only \$3.00 Each! (\$5.00 at the Show)**

**Buy 5 Pre-Sale Show tickets at a Meeting for \$15.00,  
Get an Additional Free Ticket and (at a Meeting,) A  
Free Raffle Ticket for a Plant!**

The February Orchid Show is our Orchid Society's ONLY fundraiser for the year. The funds raised pay for our meetings, speakers, the After School Orchid Program, the BROS FAU Scholarship, and all our other charitable donations and member benefits. Please support your Orchid Society and purchase Show Pre-Sale Tickets.



### **Dues Invoices Are Coming!**

**Be on the lookout for your BROS Dues Invoice, soon to arrive in the mail**

**Dues for New Members - SINGLE: \$25.00; COUPLE: \$35.00; Business: \$40.00**

**Dues for Renewing Members - SINGLE \$20.00; COUPLE \$30.00;**

**BUSINESS \$40.00**

**PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES PROMPTLY AT A MEETING OR BY MAIL**

**PLEASE PAY BY CHECK MADE OUT TO "BROS"**

# 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!

## 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.

The winners in September were...

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Roberto Finocchi	Cattleya	Blue	Cattleya bowringina
Shirley Wilde	Vanda	Blue	V. Jiraropa X V. Suksamran
Kathy Kersey	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. Convolutum (New Guinea species)
Belinda Krause	Other Vandaceous	Blue	Ascocenda Crown Fox X Butter Ball 'Sunshine' AM/AOS - RHS
Roderick Lewis	Brassavola	Blue	Brassavola David Sanders

**BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Roderick Lewis on his win!**



**Brassavola David Sanders**

# September Members' Plants



**Cattleya bowringiana**



**V. Jiraropa X V. Suksamran**



**Dendrobium convolutum**



**Ascocenda Crown Fox X Butter Ball  
'Sunshine' AM/AOS - RHS**



**Brassavola David Sanders**



# 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 8 & 9.**

**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!**

*Boca Raton*  
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## Valentine's Orchid Show & Sale

February 8-9, 2020  
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.




Photo:  
Scott Joffe

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Held inside Don Estridge Middle School campus  
SHOW SITE: SAFE SCHOOLS INSTITUTE  
1798 Spanish River Boulevard  
*Free Parking*

**ADMISSION: \$5.00 Cash**  
(Credit cards accepted by vendors inside)  
Children 12 & under FREE admission

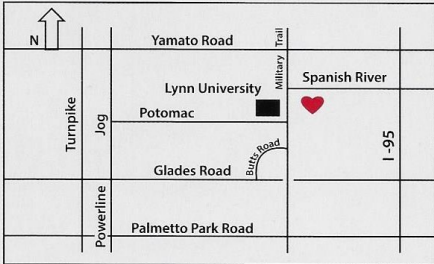
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10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

*Featuring:*  
Florida & Hawaii Orchid Growers, Orchid Displays & Sales,  
Judging by the American Orchid Society  
Free orchid classes, with special lecture by orchid biologist  
Dr. Jason Downing about The Million Orchid Project  
Bring overgrown orchids for repotting, dividing  
& mounting services from OrchidMania (proceeds to benefit  
children of pediatric unit at Miami Children's Hospital)



**2020 Orchid Vendors:**  
B&L Orchids ♥ Carmela Orchids ♥ EFG Orchids  
Florida Suncoast Orchids ♥ Krull-Smith Orchids  
Mac's Orchids ♥ Odom's Orchids ♥ Plantio La Orquidea  
Quest Orchids ♥ Red Hawk Nursery ♥ Soraa Orchids  
Springwater Orchids

**Directions**  
Corner of Spanish River Blvd. & Military Trail, across from Lynn University.

**I-95 S and I-95 N:**

1. Exit 48A - Spanish River Blvd. /EAU – bear right at exit
2. Turn RIGHT going WEST
3. Turn LEFT into the campus of Don Estridge Middle School.

**Turnpike:**  
Exit 75 for Glades Rd., turn LEFT onto Glades, turn LEFT at Butts Rd., turn LEFT onto Military Trail, then turn RIGHT on Spanish River Blvd.



# ORCHID EVENTS



## OCTOBER and NOVEMBER

**Miami International Orchid Show, "Orchid Treasures";** October 5 and 6, 2019, 10 AM - 5 PM at Watsco Center, University of Miami, 1245 Dauer Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Admission: \$10; under 10 free. Features international orchid growers from around the world. More information: [www.orchidsees.com](http://www.orchidsees.com)

**East Everglades Orchid Society 23rd Annual Orchid Show & Sale "Fall in Love with Orchids;** October 17-20, 2019, 9 AM - 5 PM. At rfOrchids, Inc, 28100 SW 182 Ave., Homestead, FL 33030. FREE parking and admission. More information at [www.orchidsees.com](http://www.orchidsees.com).

**Delray Beach Orchid Society Show;** Friday, October 25—Sunday, October 27, 2019. The show takes place at the Old School Square Vintage Gymnasium at 51 North Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444. Hours are 10 AM to 5 PM (4 PM Sunday). Tickets are \$5.00. Children under 6 are free. Sorry—no pets allowed.

**Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show.** Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 AM—5PM; Sunday, Nov. 10, 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 [rita2zfp@gmail.com](mailto:rita2zfp@gmail.com) or phone 772-879-6108

**Deerfield Beach Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Show and Sale "Orchid Obsession";** November 16 and 17, 2019, 10 AM - 5 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](http://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.com)

**January 11, 12, 13, 2019 (10 AM—6 PM); Tamiami International Orchid Show.** At Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24th St.), Miami, FL 33165 \$10 pp in advance, \$12 at the door, or \$20 for a weekend pass (weekend passes only in advance, online). More info: <http://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/>

**AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center—Saturday, October 26, 2019. Education Session at 12:30 PM; judging at 2 PM.** At Flamingo Gardens, 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330. For further information, please see <http://www.wpbjc.org>



# 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/>**

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# Board Meetings

The BROS Board meets the Wednesday following the monthly Member Meeting

at 7:30 PM

October 16 – Jay Collins

November 20 – Barbara Barrie

There Will Be No Board Meeting In December



## How Refreshing!



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

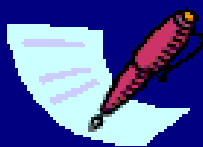


## Thank you

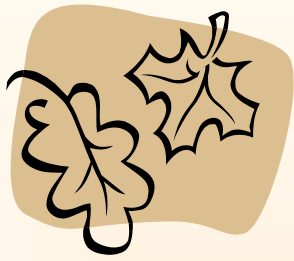
Cheryl Dodes, Eileen Magenheim,  
Phyllis Lyons, Shirley Schneider' Sandy Haradon,  
Marilyn Collins, Janice Larit



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.



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



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