



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: Jet Tanner

Program: Tips and Trick for Growing Orchids on Your Lanai

Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:30PM

Like most of us, Jet Tanner is not a Florida native but is a transplant from New York. She has lived in Florida for about 25 years and developed a love for orchids. Her interest in orchids started when she purchased some Phalaenopsis from Home Depot. Her initial success sparked interest in learning more. About 8 years ago Jet found “Newbie Florida Orchid Growers” and FOG Facebook groups, which taught her a lot. It also contributed to the orchid addiction, which most of us are familiar with. Jet has now been an administrator on the Newbies group for several years and of a few orchid societies and has found that there is always something new to learn.

After moving to Fort Pierce in 2018, Jet realized how important it was to learn the new environment and growing area. The orchids grown in the shady lanai in Vero, were not doing as well at the new house. Jet fell in love with more sun-loving orchids and the collection is now mostly Cattleya species, and hybrids, and all orchids in the Cattleya family including myrmecophilas, brassocattleyas, etc. and, especially, fragrant orchids.

Jet prefers mounting orchids, mostly on cork, sometimes using clay pots, but prefers black plastic net pots because they give good drainage and plenty of airflow around the roots.

Jet will share ideas about potting media, and supplies, and what works best in growing her collection of close to 1,000 orchids.

Jet will be selling a variety of mounted and potted orchids of all types and sizes, as well as cork for doing your own mounting.

***** No member orchid sales at this meeting, please.**

Future Programs

February 8: Judy Bailey, Topic TBD

February 10 & 11: BROS Valentines Show

March 9: Cielo Ojana—Preventative Growing and Pest Management

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From President Kathy Kersey

Happy New Year!!! Here's to another great year for our Society. 2023 was a great year and I am looking forward to 2024. Thank you to all of our long-time members and thank you to all of our new members who joined our Society in 2023. We have a lot of great speakers lined up for 2024. Our goal as a Board is to bring speakers in that will educate us on being successful orchid growers; to give us tips and tricks to keep our plants healthy and blooming. Most important, to learn about species that grow well in South Florida. Our meetings start at 7:30. However, you are always welcome to come early to chat and socialize with other members. We are so lucky to have such knowledgeable members and you know we love to talk about orchids. Remember... share the love of orchids!!

There are so many exciting things coming up in the next 6 weeks...

We are doing a bus trip to the Tamiami International Orchid show on January 13. We will be leaving from Safe Schools. The cost is \$45.00 per person. We will provide snacks and drinks on the bus. Please invite your friends to join us. Please email Abby Diab at abbydbros@gmail.com so we can get your name on the list. Please mail your check to our PO Box or bring it to the January 11 meeting. If you have never been to this show, it is huge and there are vendors from all over the world!

Our annual Valentines show is February 10-11, 2024. There are still several volunteer positions that have not been filled. Please, if you have not signed up yet, please do so at the January 11 meeting. We need everyone to participate. If you can pick up an additional shift that would be great. Without our volunteers, our show would not be possible. We also need you to sign up to bring in a breakfast item or lunch item to feed our judges, vendors and volunteers. There is a sign up sheet at the meeting as well. Pre-sale tickets are available for purchase. They are \$3 each and if you purchase 5, you will receive 1 comp ticket.

Reminder... your membership dues for 2024 were due by December 31. If you have not paid, please bring your check to the January meeting or mail your check to our PO Box.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Board members for your support. Thank you to Scott and Belinda who manage our monthly member plant judging. Thank you to the great team that volunteers their time each month to teach Elementary students about orchids.

Thank you for being a part of the Boca Raton Orchid Society. I am looking forward to the upcoming year and I am extremely proud to be part of such a wonderful group of people.

Once again, Happy, Healthy New Year!

Kathy

Tasks for January

by Dr. Martin Motes

Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00

COUPLE \$35.00

BUSINESS: \$40.00

Newsletter Emailed

RENEWAL

SINGLE \$20.00

COUPLE \$25.00

BUSINESS \$40.00

Newsletter Emailed

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Boca Raton, FL 33427

In the drought of January, mites, which affect nearly all genera of orchids, continue to be a serious problem that will only get worse. They will reach a crescendo in March and April but January is a good time to scotch them. Paphiopedilum and other softy leaved genera are particularly susceptible but no genus is free of them. One theory on why deciduous genera such as Catasetum, Calanthe and others lose their leaves hypothesizes that this totally rids them of mites.

Being totally rid of mites is a good thing! Sometimes this is easier said than done because mites reproduce with such voluminous speed. Their life cycle from egg to reproductive adult is as short as twelve days. In order to control mites one must achieve as total a kill of the population as possible. Total control can only be achieved with two successive sprays. After spraying for mites initially, one must spray again in 7 — 10 days. No single spray is totally effective in killing both adults and eggs and a second spraying is necessary to kill any survivors before they can reproduce. Neem Oil as recommended at 1.5 oz per gal followed in 7-10 days by soap at the rate of 2 oz per gallon is very effective. These treatments are also quite effective against scale and mealy bugs which thrive on drought as well. Be sure your plants are well watered the day before applying both oil and soap and be sure that you cover thoroughly all leaf surfaces especially the lower ones which are mites' favorite hide outs.

For those who wish to be more aggressive, the University of Florida IFAS recommended chemicals for mite control are:

Avid 0.15 EC

Kelthane T/O

Mavarik Aquaflow

Talstar Flowable

Always follow label instructions for use. Any of the can be alternated with the soap or the oil in the 7-10 day cycle.

Controlling mites pays huge dividends! You'll be surprised at the extra vigor your plants display.

News from Dr. Motes

The Updated Edition of
Florida Orchid Growing

Month by Month

is now available!

To purchase, visit www.RedlandPress.com

Read this month's complete article at:

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

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Newsletter at:

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Excerpted: "Florida Orchid Growing, Month by Month"

Bus Trip to Tamiami International Orchid Festival



WHEN: Sat. January 13, 2024

Cost: \$45 per person (includes admission to the Orchid Festival!)



Only 50 seats available!!

*****Sign up and pay at the January meeting to reserve your spot on the bus. Make check out to "BROS". On your check please include "Tamiami Orchid Festival" in the memo area. Let us know the names of the people you are paying for.**

***** The trip is open to members and guests. Same price for everyone!**

Mail check to: BROS, PO Box 276367, Boca Raton, FL 33427-6367

Don't miss out on a fun day with fellow orchid enthusiasts!

We will provide snacks and beverages on the bus.

Bring a box or foldable cart to hold your purchases at the Show

We will leave from Safe Schools Institute at 8:30 AM and return

around 4:45 PM, depending on traffic.

The Tamiami Show is located at the Miami Dade Fair and Expo.

It is the largest winter orchid event in the United States, with 90

national and international vendors, free orchid lectures, and

beautiful exhibits.

ORCHID EVENTS

The January 2024 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, January 27, 2024. Judging takes place at Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330 at 2 PM on the fourth Saturday of the month (third Saturday November/December). Plant Registration will begin at 1:30. Exhibitors can go to <https://www.wpbjc.org/> for more information or email Jackie Wood at bocaorchidlady@aol.com.

JANUARY

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show and Sale, "Orchid Jungle", January 5, 6, and 7, 2024, 10 AM-6 PM. At the Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Blvd., Pembroke Pines, FL. Admission: \$15 pp, available at FLOS.org. Parking is free. Breathtaking orchid exhibits, exotic orchids and related items available for purchase. There also will be free orchid educational classes to help your plants thrive.

Tamiami International Orchid Festival. Friday-Sunday January 12-14, 2024 from 11 AM to 6 PM daily. Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center - 10901 SW 24th St, Miami, FL 33165. The Tamiami International Orchid Festival is Miami's largest, most diverse orchid show. Over the past twenty years, the Tamiami International Orchid Festival has not only become a great Miami orchid show, but a nationally and internationally recognized orchid event. The January 12-14, 2024 Tamiami International Orchid Festival will be the largest orchid show in the United States.

FEBRUARY

Boca Raton Orchid Society Valentines Show. Saturday February 10 and Sunday, February 11, 10 AM—5 PM. At Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. Boca Raton, FL. 33433. AOS orchid judging, vendors, lectures. Admission: \$5 pp at the door CASH ONLY. Presale tickets \$3 pp available at BROS meetings or Green Barn Orchid Supply. *** Volunteering at the Show gets you free admission on the day you volunteer.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Orchid Weekend, February 3 and 4, 2024, 10 AM-5 PM. Featuring orchid vendors from across Florida. At Morikami Museum, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach, FL 33446. Admission to Morikami is \$15 pp, free to members. Seniors (65+): \$13; Children (6-17): \$9; Children 5 and under, free. More info at morikami.org

MARCH

Martin County Orchid Society's "Oceans of Orchids". March 1-3, Martin County Fair Grounds, Bldg G, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart, FL.

Jacksonville Orchid Society Show, "Orchids Gone Wild", March 16-17, Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville, FL. Contact Lorraine Conover, 561-302-6010; lorrainesorchids@gmail.com

ORCHID EVENTS

APRIL

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society's "Orchid Beez's". April 6-7, Port St. Lucie Polich American Club, 343 NW Prima Vista Blvd., Port ST. Lucie, FL. Contact Andrea Heitfeld, tazette55@gmail.com or 772-528-1955

We need volunteers to sign up to help set up the Valentine's Show, work at the Show, and break it down afterward. Please sign up at a meeting or contact Kathy Kersey.

Orchid Show & Sale Valentine's Weekend

February 10-11, 2024
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



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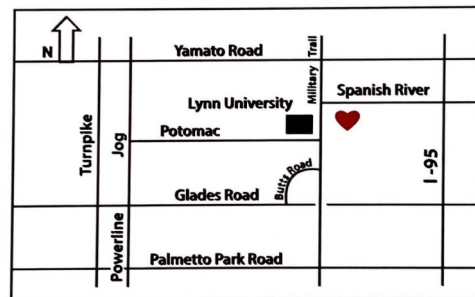
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Advance Ticket Sales \$3.00

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1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton
Corner of Spanish River Blvd. & Military Trail, across from
Lynn University.

I-95 S and I-95 N:

1. Exit 48A - Spanish River Blvd. /FAU – 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.

Fun at Our December Annual Meeting

Our newly elected 2024 Board of Directors was installed at our December 14, 2023 Annual Meeting



We enjoyed our delicious sub sandwiches, sides, and desserts



All members went home with at least one orchid plant



Kathy thanked janitor Carlos for always taking good care of us



Orchid Bingo!

Boca Raton Orchid Society's After School Orchid Program

Submitted by BJ Saul

Students in the After School Orchid Club program were very busy in December. Members colored an orchid sheet that will be on display at the February Orchid Show. Next, they learned how to identify different orchids that included Phalaenopsis, Dendrobium, Cattleya, Oncidium, and Vanda. Finally, they learned how to mount a Phalaenopsis orchid.

Special thanks to Sheila Bell, Rita Welch, and Andrea Willens who brought in their orchids to show the students, and for sharing their wisdom and knowledge.

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



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Board Meetings

The BROS Board meets the Thursday
before the monthly Member Meeting at 7:00 PM on Zoom
Next meetings:
January 4
February 2
March 7



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