



All in-person meetings and BROS activities are currently suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

We hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

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Featuring~

Speaker: Hadley Cash

Topic: Paphiopedilums

Date: January 14, 2021 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

*****This meeting will be held online via Zoom. There will be no in-person meetings until the COVID-19 pandemic abates and it becomes safe to have regular meetings. Watch your email for a link to the meeting.**

Hadley Cash is a breeder of cutting-edge, complex Paphiopedilums. He and his company, Marriott Orchids have won more than 500 AOS awards, with 20 FCC's.

Hadley started collecting orchids more than 30 years ago. As he gained experience, he became intrigued by Paphiopedilums. In the 1990's he built his own greenhouse and began a breeding program focused his favorite orchids.

His "Holy Grail" in orchids was realized at the end of 2005 when he received a letter of congratulations from Lee Cooke, Executive Director of the American Orchid Society. In it he explained that a plant of Hadley's hybridizing, Winwine 'Dark Spell' FCC/AOS, had just been voted as the winner of two AOS "Special Awards". The AOS Trustees had voted for it as the winner of both the W.W. Wilson Award and the Merritt W. Huntington Award, for 2004. The former award is for the most outstanding Cypripedioideae (slipper) awarded in that year. The latter award is for the most outstanding FCC awarded plant of any genus in the previous year.

Please join us for this very special presentation.

—*Marion Israel*, Vice President, Programs



Hadley Cash

COMING ATTRACTIONS

February 11: Alan Koch: Mini Vandas

March 11: Jim Davison: Cattleya Species

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A Message from Our President

I hope this letter finds you well.

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday season. I know 2020 was a year like no other, and you may not have been able to spend time with your family and friends like in past years. However you celebrated the Holiday I hope you and your family remained healthy and safe.

Welcome to 2021! Happy New Year to you and your family. May all your hopes and wishes be fulfilled.

I hope you have been enjoying the cooler weather and spending more time outside in your garden. The rain finally subsided and hopefully your plants had a chance to dry out.

For those of you who joined us for our December ZOOM meeting with Tom, I hope you enjoyed his presentation. The meeting was recorded, so if you would like to access the video to either review what he taught us, or if you were not able to attend. Please email Veronica Risko and she will email you the information.

Now, on to the fun part..... We held a photo contest after our presentation from Tom. The contest was based on what you learned from Tom, and how you utilized the tools that he shared with us. It was not based on the beauty of the flower; it was the beauty of your photo. Thank you to everyone that participated. We received some amazing photos, and I have to say I am glad I was not a judge.

Please continue to send in photos of your blooming plants to Cheryl Dodes. We love to share your photos with the members, since we can't see them in person.

Please join us for our January ZOOM meeting on the 14th, featuring Hadley Cash. He will educate us on how to grow paphs in South Florida.

Again, Happy New Year and hoping to see each and every one of you in the New Year.

Kathy

NOTICE: All BROS members who paid for their membership for 2020 will get membership for 2021 FREE! Please pay your 2020 dues if you have not already done so.

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Tasks for January

by Dr. Martin Motes

January is somewhat like December but in reverse, with each succeeding day bringing longer hours of sunlight until days are long enough that afternoons return at the end of the month bringing extra sunshine to warm us after the extra sharp cold snaps.

January, like December, is cold and dry, in fact even colder and drier. Dry is good, cold can be very bad. We need to accentuate the positive by especially careful watering in January. By keeping our plants as dry as possible and spacing our waterings as far apart as possible, we conserve our potential to use water to protect our plants from the cold, keeping our powder dry, as it were.

In January water early, water thoroughly when you do and do so sparingly. The cooler overall temperatures of January are much less dehydrating even to plants which have received less water. remember, many of our orchids come from seasonally dry and cool climates not so different from South Florida. Many orchids are equipped to handle the drier cooler conditions of our January.

A good strategy is to “top-up” the light watering that our plants receive with the passing showers that each successive cold front brings. This slight additional irrigation may prove to be all the watering that many genera need. Such parsimony preserves the possibility of using water on truly cold nights to warm our plants.

Water is the only feasible source of heat available to plants grown in the open, under trees, in shade houses or on patios in South Florida. Ground water here (and in most of the rest of the world is about 63 F. (16C). Water out of municipal systems is not far different. On truly cold nights turning on the water can be of great benefit to our plants, provided that they have not been over-watered in the days and weeks preceding, thus inviting the ever present fungi to do more damage than the cold. For this reason as well, in general, orchids are better off dry until temperatures approach frost or freezing.

Read this month's complete article at:

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

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Tom Kuligowski's Talk on Taking Better Photographs with Your Cell Phone

At the December BROS meeting we were treated to a talk by Tom Kuligowski on taking better photographs of orchids and photographs in general with our cell phones.

Some of his tips included:

- Take photos in an area of bright shade, preferably on the north side of your home, in early morning or late afternoon to avoid shadows. Direct sunlight can cause very harsh, unattractive shadows.
- Adjust your depth of field; make sure the camera is focused on the object you want to highlight; let the background be out of focus.
- The background should be a non-reflective, solid color. Materials such as black poster board, foam core, and black felt work well.
- When photographing your plants, concentrate on the color of the subject, the texture and substance of the flowers, and how harmonious the background is with the subject.

Tom's talk was recorded. Email Veronica Risko for the link to his talk: risko@bellsouth.net .

Tom also recommended getting the "Pro Camera" app for iPhone or Android phones. There is a charge for the app, available in your app store. In your phone's field of view, the app gives you a circle where you adjust exposure and a square for focus. It also provides anti-shake stabilization, rapid fire ability to take photos in rapid succession, grids for aspect ratio, a self-timer, and automatic settings.

After the talk, some of our members applied what they learned, and submitted their improved photos for our photo contest. The winning photos and all the other entrants are on the following pages. Announced winners may pick up their beautiful, special plant prizes from Barbara Barrie's house. Her phone number is 561-998-3335.

The photos were provided to the judges identified only by "A." "B," "C," etc.

We thank everyone who participated and offer our congratulations to the winners! We especially thank our two wonderful, skilled judges for taking on the difficult task of judging among all the great entries!

**Sincere thanks to our two photo contest judges,
Jay Collins and Scott Joffe, who both did a great job!**

The Winners of the 2020 BROS Photo Contest

First Place Winners



**V. Gabriel Piedrahita Apricot Jubilee -
Barbara Barrie**

**From Jay Collins: Love the color balance,
especially the softer background, also it's well
framed. Focus is good.**

**Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds'
HCC/AOS - Lorraine Conover**

**From Scott Joffe: It has one of the
blackest backgrounds and a good
presentation of flowers.**



The Winners of the 2020 BROS Photo Contest

Second Place Winners



**C. Motte Spot x. Ert. Kevin Mark Ragbir
Pink – Joyce Patterson**

**From Jay Collins: Well framed, colors
really pop and no clutter .**

**V. Gabriel Piedrahita Apricot Jubilee –
Barbara Barrie**

**From Scott Joffe: I liked the composition of this
one.**



The Winners of the 2020 BROS Photo Contest

Third Place Winners



Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds'
HCC/AOS - Lorraine Conover

From Jay Collins: Soft lighting and framing is what makes this picture.

Den. Roy Tokunaga Semi Alba x Roy Tokunaga 'Spots' - Joyce Patterson

From Scott Joffe: I liked this one because they applied what Tom spoke about, i.e. is a dark background, even lighting and good composition with the flowers .



We thank all entrants for their beautiful photos!



Angraecum leonis - Robert Finocchi

**BLC Goldenzelle Lemon Chiffon x BLC Delta King
'Tangerglow' - Belinda Krause**



**Cyc warszewiczii 'SVO' AM/AOS x Cyc. Dark
Swan 'Bold Spots' - Robert Finocchi**



We thank all entrants for their beautiful photos!



No ID Phal on tree - Sheila Bell

**Pda. Nellie Morley x V. Suksamran Red -
Lorraine Conover**



No ID Phal on tree - Sheila Bell

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Ctna Why Not - Barbara Barrie

**Pot. Carolina Splendor Krulls Ruby -
Belinda Krause**





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***** Will be held on the Thursday prior to the Member
Meeting each month via Zoom**

Next Board Meeting:

January 6, 2021 at 7 PM