



MEETINGS

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

Location:

Safe Schools Institute  
1790 NW Spanish River  
Bld. Boca Raton, Fl. 33433  
Map: <http://bit.ly/qQhKXu>

Guests are Always Welcome!

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## Featuring~

Speaker: Judy Bailey

Program: Water: the most important ingredient

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 7:30PM



Judy has always been an enthusiastic plant aficionado and stumbled across her first orchid show more than thirty years ago while seeking a warm indoor respite during a particularly cold, snowy winter day in Northeast Ohio.

Retiring to South Florida in 2006, Judy has vigorously embraced the warm weather lifestyle of year round gardening.

As a long time Master Gardener, both in Ohio and Florida, Judy embraces opportunities to learn, share and teach plant knowledge, frequently speaking with many local South Florida orchid societies, garden clubs and botanical gardens as well as teaching orchid classes for Master Gardener programs.

Judy is now a Senior Judge with the American Orchid Society.

You are sure to find her at most local plant events and orchid shows as she continues to explore all things plant related here in beautiful South Florida while encouraging others to do the same.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY ♡**

### Future Programs

February 10 & 11: BROS Valentines Show

March 9: Cielo Ojana—Preventative Growing and Pest Management

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of the DASSA Award.



## From President Kathy Kersey

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I can't believe it is February already...Our show is less than two weeks away. We still need volunteers for Saturday afternoon and all day on Sunday. If you haven't already signed up for volunteering, please contact me at 954-802-3575. If you can extend your time or come in early, please text or call me. Without our volunteers we cannot have a successful show.

We are also looking for food donations for breakfast and lunch. Please reach out to Teresa O'Neil at 765-592-1386, if you're not sure what to bring she can give you some ideas. As I always say... I think our judges and vendors come to our show because we feed them well. They always look forward to the wonderful food that you make.

If you have NOT purchased your pre-sale tickets, Thursday February 8th at our BROS meeting will be your last chance to buy show tickets at the reduced rate. They are \$3 per ticket and if you purchase 5, you will receive 1 comp ticket.

I would like to say Thank you to everyone that joined us for the bus trip to Tamiami Orchid Festival. It was a great day. A little overwhelming for anyone who hasn't been there before. Big Al our bus driver was the BEST. A big THANK YOU to Abby Diab for putting it all together. She was responsible for getting us early access to the show, our discount coupons and our raffle tickets. Also a big THANK YOU to Teresa O'Neil for purchasing all of the refreshments that we enjoyed on our bus trip. There was no lack of yummy snacks. Except NO chocolate muffins...haha

I hope you can join us for our February 8th meeting. Judy Bailey will be our speaker. She is an extraordinary speaker and her topic for our meeting is WATER.. the most important ingredient. If you haven't had the pleasure of listening to Judy before, you will be mesmerized.

Lastly, we are planning on having a SWAP & SHOP for our May 9th meeting. I know a lot of you have been asking when we are planning to do another event, so mark your calendars. Spring is the time of year to start repotting and dividing your plants, so we tried to plan the event to coincide with your Spring tasks.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all of our members, new and seasoned. Again, I would like to invite you to come early to our meetings. If you have questions or just want to socialize. Our meeting starts at 7:30, and I do my best to go over Society business and then have our speaker start at 7:45, to give them time for their presentation.

Thank you for being a part of the Boca Raton Orchid Society. Our goal is to educate you and spread the LOVE of orchids. Let's make 2024 the best year yet.

Kathy

# Tasks for February

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

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Society

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Despite the bloom on the avocados and the burgeoning new leaves on the live oaks, February is not spring in South Florida. Danger of freeze continues past mid month and frost can occur still into March. Even if the weather is balmy it's too early to let down our guard or take down any protection we have mounted against the cold. The trend however is toward the positive as each lengthening day brings extra hours of warming sunshine to begin waking our plants from their long winter's rest.

The lower overall temperatures of February call for less frequent and lighter applications of fertilizer as was the practice in January. If any reddening of the foliage persists another application of Epsom salts (1Tbs per gal), preferably in combination with Potassium nitrate, is called for; Nitrate nitrogen being more available to the plants under cooler conditions. If your resolve holds steady not to water (or above all) fertilize those Himalayan dendrobiums, your reward may shortly become evident in bursting flower spikes.

Like the avocados and the live oaks, many cattleyas and other sympodial orchids have bloomed and are just commencing new growth in February. Right after flowering is usually an excellent time for repotting from the plant's perspective and the cool day time temperatures in the greenhouse are hospitable to the orchid grower as well. It's still a bit early to re-basket vandas But an early start on the cattleyas will allow plenty of time and energy for those Spring chores which are right around the corner. With that thought setting out to secure a good supply of pots in anticipation of the potting season ahead is on February's agenda.

## News from Dr. Motes

The Updated Edition of  
*Florida Orchid Growing*

*Month by Month*

is now available!

To purchase, visit [www.RedlandPress.com](http://www.RedlandPress.com)

Read this month's complete article at:

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

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Excerpted: "Florida Orchid Growing, Month by Month"

# ORCHID EVENTS

The February 2024 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, February 24, 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](mailto:bocaorchidlady@aol.com).

## 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](http://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.

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society's Orchid Auction. March 12, 2024. Preview at 7 PM; Auction begins at 7:30 PM. At the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach, 910 E. Hillsboro Boulevard, Deerfield Beach 33441. The auction is free and open to all. [www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org](http://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org); [deerfieldorchids@gmail.com](mailto:deerfieldorchids@gmail.com).

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](mailto:lorrainesorchids@gmail.com)

## APRIL

American Orchid Society 2024 Spring Members Meeting. April 5-7 2024 in Apopka, FL in conjunction with the Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival and the International Phalaenopsis Alliance. There will be orchid speakers, AOS judging, a hybridizing workshop, vendors, a live auction, and more. At Krull-Smith, 2800 W Ponkan Rd., Apopka, FL 32712. Judging held on April 6, 2024 at 10 AM.

# ORCHID EVENTS

## APRIL

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society's "Orchid Beez's". April 6-7, Port St. Lucie Polish American Club, 343 NW Prima Vista Blvd., Port ST. Lucie, FL. Contact Andrea Heitfeld, [tazette55@gmail.com](mailto: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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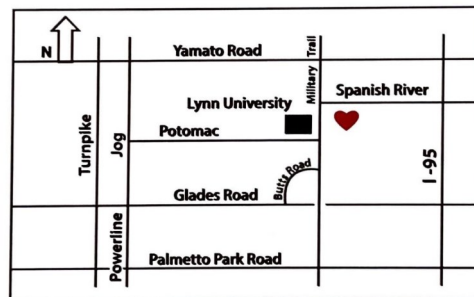
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Corner of Spanish River Blvd. & Military Trail, across from  
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#### **I-95 S and I-95 N:**

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.

## Members' Winning Plants January, 2024

### 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.

2. It must be featured in the correct category.
3. You
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 January:

MEMBER	CATEGORY	RIBBON	ORCHID NAME
Chalene Reiff	Phalaenopsis	Blue	Phal. Everspring Prince "Black Eagle"
Lana Barton	Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Onc. Tsuku Largarite 'NN'
Teresa O'Neil	Brassavola	Blue	Br. Yellow Bird
Denise Guzman	Other Cattleya Alliance	Blue	Epicanthe Volcano tick
Lana Barton	Den. Species	Blue	Den purpureum var. alba
Denise Guzman	Phalaenopsis	Blue	Phcan. Kryptonite "Ursula"
Lana Barton	Vanda	Blue	V. lamellate Noi Blue x V Coelestis Blue
Davide & Beth Bowe	Vanda	Blue	V. Suksamran Sunlight 'Korat'
Robert Finocchi	Cattleya Alliance	Best Blue	C. persivaliana 'Marina' x 'Sofia'

**BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Robert Finocchi**

### REMINDER

**Your Dues are Due for 2024**

**Please make payment at the March meeting or mail it in to :**

**BOCA RATON ORCHID SOCIETY**

**P O BOX 276367**

**BOCA RATON, FL 33427**

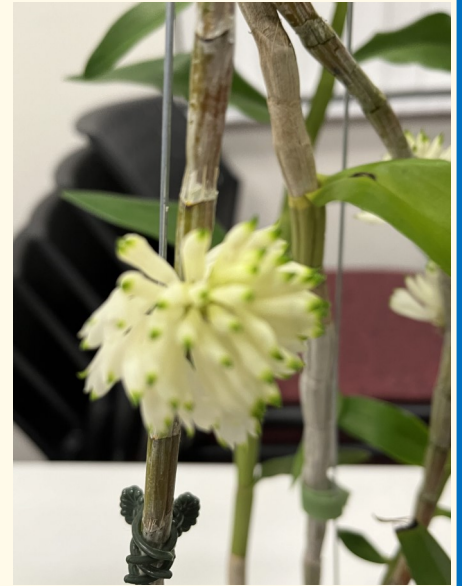
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Epicanthe Volcano Tick—Denise Guzman



Onc. Tsuku Margarite 'NN' - Lana Barton



Den. Purpureum var. album—Lana Barton



Phal. Everspring Prince "Black Eagle" - Charlene



Phcal. Kryptonite "Ursula" -  
Denise Guzman



Br. Yellow Bird—Teresa O'Neil



V. Suksamran Sunlight 'Korat' -  
David & Beth Bowe



V. lamellata Noi Blue x V. coelestis  
Blue—Lana Barton

## Members' Winning Plants January, 2024



*C. percivaliana* 'Marina' x 'Sofia' - Robert Finocchi—BEST BLUE RIBBON

We thank those who participated by providing refreshments at our January member



meeting: Cheryl Dodes, Teresa O'Neil, Veronica Risko, Victoria Carmosino, Bethania Blanco, Shirley Schneider, Cece Blackmore, Beth Bowe

Please consider bringing something to share at our meetings. We all appreciate the variety!



## 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 January. Members finished coloring orchid sheets that will be on display at the February Orchid Show. Next, they shared their success with caring for their orchids. They were very proud that they were blooming and thriving.

During the meeting they learned how to cut a spike after the flower wasn't blooming, how to repot, and what potentially could happen to their orchid (disease, weather related issues etc.) and how to solve the problem.

The members were provided tickets and information to attend the February Orchid Show.

Special thanks to Sheila Bell, and Rita Welch, for sharing their wisdom and knowledge.

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



Students continue learning about orchids in the After School Orchid Program.



# Board Meetings

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



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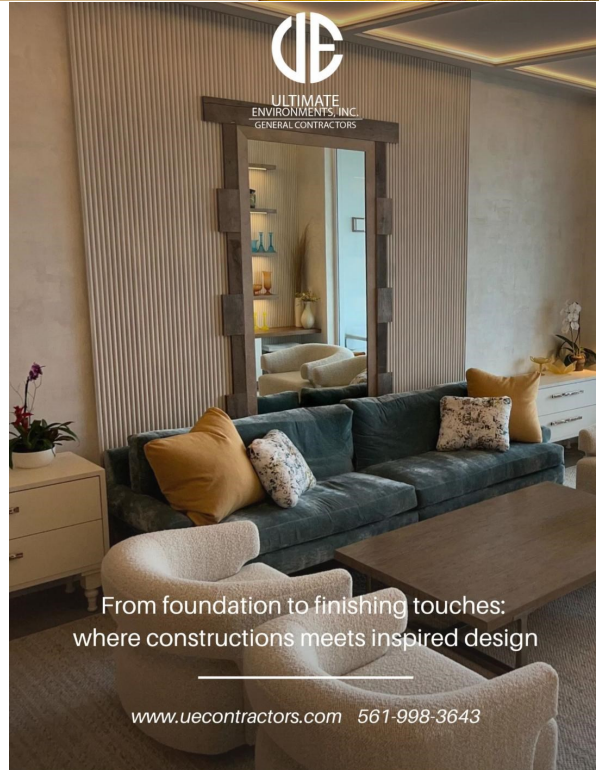
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