



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.

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Guests are always welcome!

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Featuring~



Speaker: Jose Exposito  
Topic: General Orchid Culture

Date: February 10, 2022 at 7:30 PM IN PERSON at Safe Schools Institute

Jose Exposito has been growing orchids for over 35 years. He is the owner of Soroa Orchids, a founding member of the International Phalaenopsis alliance, past president of Coalition for Orchid Species and the East Everglades Orchid Society, past chairman of the Florida Caribbean Judging Center and Vice President of the Redlands Professional Orchid Growers, organizers of the largest international orchid event in the country, The Redlands Show.

Jose also travels around the world lecturing on orchid growing and hybridizing. He has presented lectures at the World Orchid Conferences in Brazil and Malaysia.

—Phyllis Lyons, Vice President, Programs

Please note: Members may bring plants for judging to this meeting. Please see the rules on page 4.

Members may not bring plants to sell at this meeting.



Jose Exposito

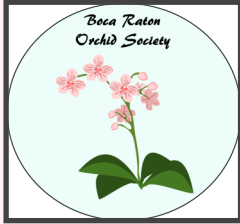
Coming Attractions

March 10 - In Person at Safe Schools Institute

BROS Swap & Shop - See Details on Page 4

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

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**President's Message**



Happy Valentines Day !!!!

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and the FREE rain. Our orchids really like the cooler temperatures, and the cold promotes spikes in some of our plants. YAY!! for that cool weather.

With that being said... Please take a look at your orchid collection and start thinking of what plants you would like to bring to our annual Show for judging. Something to keep in mind... Is your plant ready to be judged? Is it award worthy? Is it properly staked? Is it in a decorative pot? Is it the best that it can be? Remember you want your plants to shine and stand out as the best of the BEST. If you are thinking about bringing in one of your plants for judging, we will have Jackie Wood registering your plants between 3-6pm on Friday, February 11, so plan accordingly.

I hope those of you that get the Palm Beach Post delivered to your house saw the amazing article we had in this past Sunday's paper. I was hoping it would be closer to our Show, but we will take any free advertising we can get. Thank you, Jay Collins for letting me know, I really appreciated it.

Our Show is less than 3 weeks away. We still need volunteers for Saturday and Sunday for Security and Raffle. If you can extend your shift or come in early, please give me a call. As you know, if you don't call me, I will call you. Our show depends on you to be a success!!!

This is our first Show since 2020, and our friends, neighbors and the public are looking forward to it. I have received several emails this week since the article in the newspaper ran, and they wanted to know about the lectures that we will be having. I have responded to all of them.

Just a reminder - buy your pre-sell tickets at our February meeting. They are only \$3.00 per ticket. If you buy 5 for \$15 you receive a comp ticket as well. This will be your last chance to purchase pre-sell tickets.

Last but certainly not least... We still need food donations for the show. We need breakfast items as well as lunch items. Remember we are feeding the Judges on Saturday morning; they will be there at 8 am, so your breakfast items need to be there by 7:45 am. We will be feeding the Judges, Vendors and Volunteers on Saturday for lunch as well. Sunday, we feed breakfast and lunch to the Vendors and Volunteers. Now for the FUNNY part... When I went to the Ft. Laud show this past Friday to bring rack cards, every vendor that I spoke to said they can't wait for our show because of the buffet that they get every day. So, your donations are soooo important. They LOVE your homemade items, and they look forward to them every year. Please contact Teresa O'Neil at 765-592-1386 with the food items you would like to donate.

Thank you to the BEST SOCIETY MEMBERS EVER, Kathy

**\*\*\*If you haven't paid your membership for 2022, it is due ASAP. Please see Abby or Veronica at a meeting and pay by check, or mail to the BROS mailbox.**

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Newsletter Emailed

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Boca Raton Orchid  
Society

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## Tasks for February

by Dr. Martin Motes

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.

February characteristically brings a wide swing of day to night temperatures, ideal for spiking ascocendas and vandas but also wringing from the air heavy dews and dense fog. Whilst these add a romantic atmosphere to the South Florida landscape, Wuthering Heights is singularly devoid of snails and slugs (much less Botrytis). The silvery carpet of dew provides a silky path to our orchids for snails and slugs which can range far, under these favorable conditions. They are eager to make a nice meal of your Phalaenopsis leaves or the soft crowns of your vandas before they retire during the dry months of March and April only to dream of the fresh shoots of the sympodial orchids brought forth by the first rains of May. Now is the time to give them a rude awakening. Remember that snail bait is most effectively applied lightly (scatter the pellets every few feet) and frequently (every 7 to 10 days). Two or three applications should do the job.

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.

**News from Dr. Motes**

**The Updated Edition of  
*Florida Orchid Growing  
Month by Month*  
is now available!**

**To purchase, visit  
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Excerpted: "Florida Orchid Growing, Month by Month"

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## BROS MARCH 2022 MEETING

"Anything Orchids for Trade or Sale"

March 10, 2022 at 7:15 PM for members

NOT Bringing anything to swap or sell.

\*\*\*Bonus: people bringing in plants will have extra 1/2 hour for preview sale and swap.

Those bringing items to sell or trade should arrive just before 6:30 PM and will be able to sell/trade with others who brought items to sell/trade from  
**6:30-7:15 PM**

All members are eligible to enjoy this Meeting.

Sell or trade anything orchid related, from plants to pots, mounts or medium.

We need a head count of those members who wish to sell; Will you need a 1/2 table or a whole table? Please let Barbara Barrie 561-998-3335

know ahead of time. Cash or Checks only

A Seller must provide appropriate change, if needed, to Buyer

At 7:15 PM the sell/trade opens up to regular members.

Participants must come early from 6:30 to 7:15. At 7:30 business meeting will take place. No transactions till business meeting concludes.

\*\*\*Sellers will NOT have to give any of their proceeds to BROS that night

No plant judging at this meeting.

Contact Barbara Barrie 561-998-3335 for more info.





# Upcoming Orchid Events

The February 2022 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, February 26, 2022. 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.

Masks and social distancing required. Exhibitors can go to [www.wpbjudging.org](http://www.wpbjudging.org) for more information or email Jackie Wood at [bocaorchidlady@aol.com](mailto:bocaorchidlady@aol.com).

**Boca Raton Orchid Society *Valentine's Orchid Show*. Saturday and Sunday, February 12-13, 10 AM - 5 PM both days.** Admission \$5 pp CASH ONLY. Free parking. Children 12 and under free. At Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33433.

**Mounts Botanical Gardens Winter Plant Sale. Saturday, February 19, 9 AM - 4 PM; Sunday, February 20, 9 AM - 3 PM.** The MBG Winter Plant Sale returns with an estimated 35 vendors in select Garden areas. This smaller plant sale will offer a great selection of plants, shrubs, trees, and garden accessories. Visitors can stroll and shop in a relaxed environment and also enjoy Sean Kenney's Nature POP!

The Mounts Botanical Nursery and Garden Thrift Shop will be open with a variety of colorful plants and unique treasures for the home and garden. \$10 pp adults, \$5 pp for children ages 3-12. Free for Mounts members. 531 N Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415. <https://www.mounts.org>

**Tampa Bay Orchid Society *Orchids By the Bay Show and Sale*. Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6, 2022.** At Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 5500 Memorial Hwy., Tampa, FL 33634. 561-404-2000 for more info.

**\*\*\*BROS Spring Ramble, Sunday, April 3.** We will visit the homes of four local people who are excellent orchid growers. Cost: \$5 pp to hold your spot. Limited to 25 people. Sign up at the February or March member meetings.

## Rules for Orchid Judging at Monthly BROS Meetings

Members have the opportunity at our meetings to show their latest orchid growing achievements. They can be admired, then judged, and perhaps win a ribbon! Fill out an Exhibition Slip and place it with your entry. Please follow these rules to avoid disqualification:

1. Clearly print the orchid name and your full name.
2. Check off the correct category for your orchid (see entry slip for choices)
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!

# Orchid Show & Sale Valentine's Weekend

February 12-13, 2022  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Encyclia gracilis*  
x *randii*

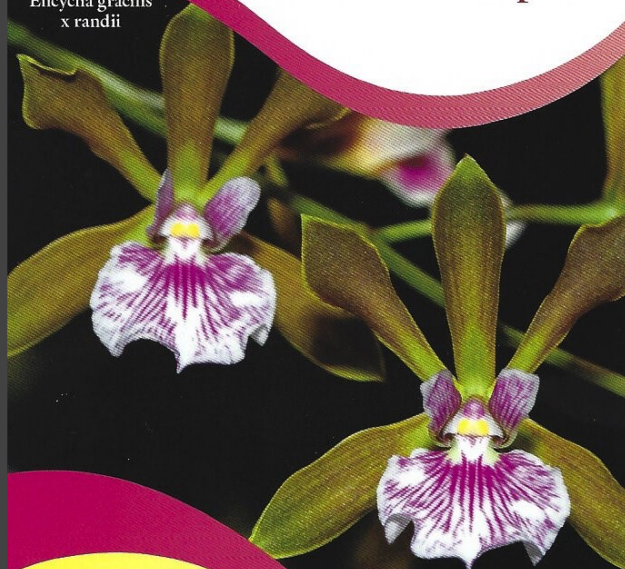


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Scott Joffe

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## Boca Raton Orchid Society

Held inside Don Estridge Middle School campus  
SHOW SITE: SAFE SCHOOLS INSTITUTE  
1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton  
*Free Parking*

**ADMISSION: \$5.00 CASH ONLY**  
Children 12 & under FREE

Visit us at: [www.brosonline.org](http://www.brosonline.org)

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Please remember to sign up to set up Thursday or Friday preceding the Show, work at, and/or help after the Orchid Show and Sale, February 12 and 13.

This Show is our only fundraiser. Please tell your friends to come and see the beautiful orchid displays.

The Show's success depends on all of us!





The Jacksonville Orchid Society Presents

# Orchid Fantasy

**Show & Sale, March 19-20, 2022**  
**Free Admission**

**10:00-6:00 Saturday; 10:00-4:00 Sunday**

**Mandarin Garden Club**

**2892 Loretto Road**

**Jacksonville, FL 32223**

**[www.jaxorchidsociety.org](http://www.jaxorchidsociety.org)**



# Boca Raton Orchid Society After School Orchid Program

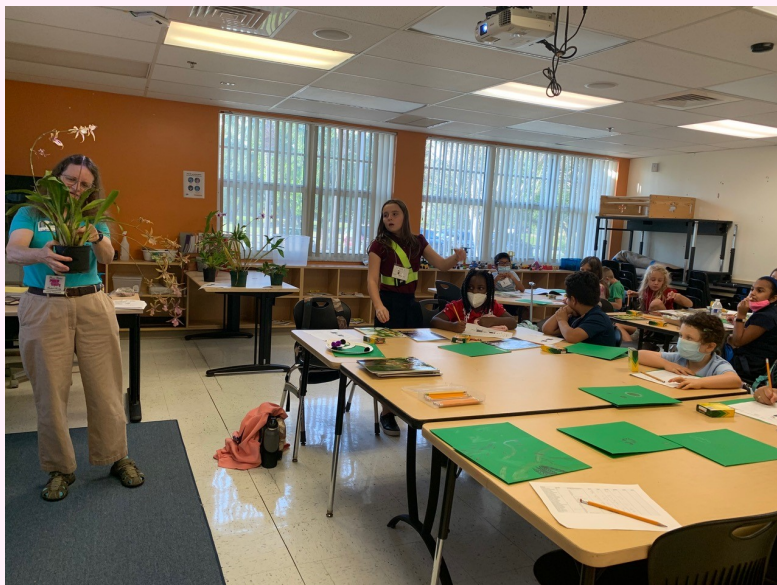
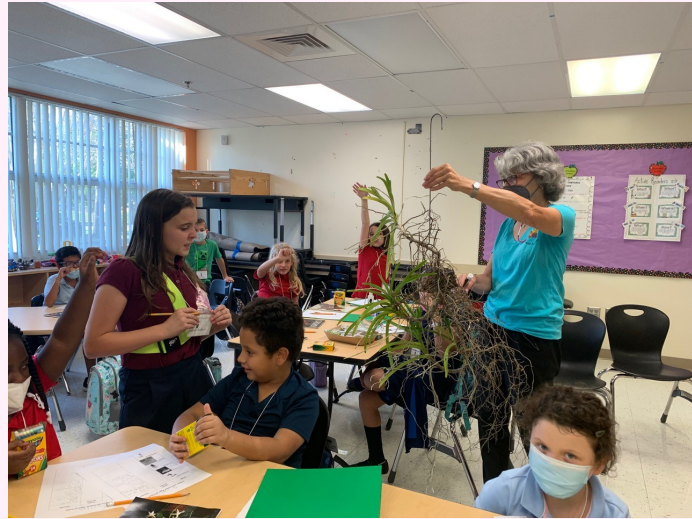
Submitted by BJ Saul

The After School Orchid Club program continued teaching students about the numerous varieties of orchids and how to care for them. In December, club members learned how to identify orchid plants by comparing leaves, stems, flower spike, size, and flowers. They looked at real orchids as well as pictures. Members then began coloring their orchid pictures to be put on display at the BROS Valentine Orchid Show.

In January, club members learned how to repot their orchids and to identify various insects and diseases that might occur.

Special thanks to Sheila Bell, Joyce Patterson, and Andrea Willens for sharing their plants and knowledge with the students.

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



## BROS After School Orchid Program



Students creating their orchid art work for display at the BROS Valentines Orchid Show.





# BROS Exhibition Table

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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 January were...

Name	Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name
Robert Finocchi	Species	Blue	Angraecum leonis
Kathy Kersey	Misc. Genera	Blue, Yellow	Angraecum Crestwood
Robert Finocchi	Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue	C. percivaliana 'Marina x C. percivaliana 'Sonia
Kathy Kersey	Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue	Epi. Wedding Valley 'Yubanai'
Teresa O'Neil	Other Vandaceous	Blue, Yellow	Rhyc. Spots
Kathy Kersey	Misc. Genera	Blue	Ctsm. Donna Wise 'Amber' AM/AOS
Kathy Kersey	Vanda	Blue	V. Princess Mikasa 'Indigo' AM/AOS
Robert Finocchi	Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue, Yellow	C. percivaliana

**Best in Show - Congratulations, Robert!**



C. percivaliana - Robert Finocchi



## January Blue Ribbon Winners



V. Princess Mikasa 'Indigo' AM/AOS - Kathy Kersey



Angraecum Crestwood - Kathy Kersey



Ctsm. Donna Wise 'Amber' AM/AOS - Kathy Kersey



C. percivaliana 'Marina x C. percivaliana' 'Sonia'  
Robert Finocchi

## January Blue Ribbon Winners



**Angraecum leonis - Robert Finocchi**



**Epi. Wedding Valley 'Yubanaï' - Kathy Kersey**



**Rhyc. Spots - Teresa O'Neil**



**C. percivaliana - Robert Finocchi**



## From an Orchid Article in the Sun-Sentinel about the Ghost Orchid:

The ghost orchid (*Dendrophylax lindenii*) is rare and elusive as most of you probably know. Maybe you don't know that they are only found in South Florida and Cuba. Three environmental groups, The Institute for Regional Conservation, Center for Biological Diversity and National Parks Conservation Association, submitted a petition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting protection of the ghost orchid under the Endangered Species Act. The petition states that only about 1,500 remain in South Florida which is a decrease of up to 50%. The petition also asks that the Service should designate critical habitat essential to the survival and recovery of the orchid. Let's hope their efforts are successful and we have ghost orchids for many generations to come.

In southwest Florida, 10 out of 125 ghost orchids being monitored have been illegally snatched by poachers. Many other factors endanger the ghost orchids as well. More information can be found at this website: <https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/petition-aims-to-protect-famed-ghost-orchids-under-endangered-species-act-2022-01-24/>

*Submitted by Veronica Risko*



Ghost Orchid (*Dendrophylax lindenii*)



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**\*\*\* Will be held on the Thursday prior to the  
Member Meeting each month at 7 PM via Zoom  
Next Board Meetings:**

**February 3**

**March 3**