



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: Jim Davison

Topic: Cattleya Species

Date: March 11, 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.**

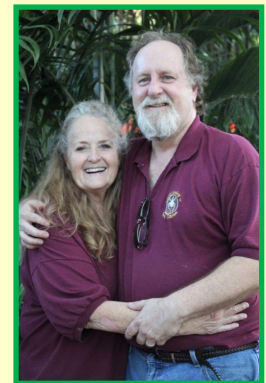
Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim's appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. Until his recent retirement, he worked as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva." Now that Jim is retired, they have opened their own retail nursery, Jim-N-I Orchids that specializes in providing quality orchids for the discerning collector.

The topic for our meeting is "Cattleya Species". Please join us on Zoom for what promises to be an excellent presentation.

—*Marion Israel*, Vice President, Programs

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**  
**April 8: Fred Clarke: Be An 80% Grower**



Jim and Melana Davison

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of the DASSA Award.



## ***A Message from Our President***

I hope this letter finds you healthy and everyone doing well. I hope you had a wonderful Valentine's Day. It was very different this year, due to us not having our Annual Valentine's Day Show. On a positive note... I have already confirmed our show for 2022. It will be held on February 12 and 13, so mark your calendars. If anyone is interested in co-chairing our Show, please contact me through email at (kathykbros@gmail.com).

For those of you who joined us for our February ZOOM meeting with Alan Koch, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. There are so many Vandas I put on my wish list.

The weather is definitely improving. I don't know when we have ever had such a cold winter and so many nights in the 40's. I hope the cold is over, and I'm sure our plants are happier as well. You should have several plants in bloom in your gardens. Please continue to submit your photos of your blooming plants to Cheryl Dodes at (rcdodes@aol.com). Also, don't forget we have a new part of our newsletter called "show em where you grow em". Please submit your photos of what you are doing and how you are growing your plants in your garden. Please see the February newsletter for specifics on what information you should include.

Please join us on March 11 at 7:30 pm via ZOOM for a presentation on Cattleya Species by Jim Davison. Be on the lookout for the invitation to our meeting.

Please take care of yourselves, stay safe and healthy. I miss you all and look forward to seeing you later this summer.

Kathy Kersey

**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 March

by **Dr. Martin Motes**

The ideal growing conditions of March present a great opportunity to get our plants off to a superlative start on the new growing season. The virtuous among us, who have already re-potted their cattleyas and other sympodials as they have finished blooming across the winter, can smile serenely, assured of their place in orchid heaven. For us few reprobate it is still not too late to catch up with virtue. In addition to flowered-out plants, now is also the time to replant those genera which are breaking or ready to break their dormancy; i.e. catasetums, mormodes, calanthes and those Himalayan species that have finished flowering. Now is also an excellent time to re-pot those hard cane dendrobiums that need it, with the reminder that they really don't like to be disturbed and relish their roots being crowded in the pot. For those commercially mass produced plants grown in peat based mixtures, repotting is necessary in any case as the peat mix will not last out the summer and will likely rot all the roots. Hopefully these will have rooted so thoroughly that the roots have formed a solid mass that can be shifted undisturbed to a new only slightly larger pot. Otherwise the roots will need to be washed clean and lightly trimmed. Rock, tree fern, coconut husk, charcoal/wood chip mixes are best replacement media for the long haul. All of these materials have a life expectancy of several years before they break down in South Florida wet humid summers.

Attention to fertilizer in March will pay high dividends later on. As many sympodial orchids are commencing their growth cycle, now is a good time to apply slow release fertilizer to last the season. The 13-13-13, 180 day formula marketed at Home Depot as 'Dynamite' (Nutri-cote in commercial sizes) is the best available. Its plastic coating is superior to others and relatively unaffected by heat, an especially important consideration in S. Florida. Applied now it will be exhausted by September when we want to slow our plants down in anticipation of bloom and dormancy.

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# *A Walk In The Orchids*

**Show & Sale, March 20-21, 2021  
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**10:00-6:00 Saturday; 10:00-4:00 Sunday**

**Mandarin Garden Club  
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Jacksonville, FL 32223**

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

*New  
Address!*

## AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center Is Reopening

The West Palm Beach Judging Center is happy and excited to announce that Judging will resume for our Center at Flamingo Gardens (3750 Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330) on Saturday, March 27, 2021, in the Barbecue House, near the back entrance!

We would like to ask that you share this information with your Society in whatever way possible!

Plant registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. with judging to start at 2:00 p.m. We are asking that those who want to have their plants judged, pre-register them by email to: [bocaorchidlady@aol.com](mailto:bocaorchidlady@aol.com)

Please register your plants by 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 26, 2021, and provide:

1. Name of plant
2. Parents — if a hybrid
3. Your name and contact information (address, phone number, and email)

We will observe Broward County's COVID guidelines which include:

-- Everyone will need to wear a mask covering their nose, mouth, and chin; gloves are optional.

-- Proper social distancing must be observed at all times; judging area chairs will be spaced accordingly.

**\*\* Guests/Exhibitors will not be allowed to sit at the Judging Table.**

-- No food will be provided but you may bring your own food or water, or purchase from the snack bar at Flamingo Gardens.

-- Hand sanitizing required, please bring your own.





# Show 'Em Where You Grow 'Em

Please send in photos of your growing situation. Show us your plant stands, places where you hang your plants, innovative ways that you display your orchids, etc. In this way we will share ideas for new ways to grow and display our orchids.

Please send your photos and a brief description of how and where you grow your orchids to Cheryl Dodes at [rcdodes@aol.com](mailto:rcdodes@aol.com). When sending photos, please send the largest possible file size. This makes the photos more clear in the newsletter.

Below are some examples that we received this month. We are looking forward to seeing yours!



Belinda Krause has constructed an orchid stand made out of wood for some of her hanging orchids. Metal pipes are hung across the top to provide a place to hook on the orchids. The open top of the stand is covered with shade cloth to cut down on the amount of sun. The orchids are happy in this setup, as evidenced by their beautiful blooms.



## Show 'Em Where You Grow 'Em



Alan LaDuke (“Big Al”) has an extensive orchid collection all over his property. This month he is showing us some of his hanging orchids on his back patio. He uses a light weight chain, similar to the old swag chains for fans, drills small holes into the frame and makes a small “s” hook to hang the chain from.

The roots of his Vandas are able to hang free as they prefer. Alan waters them frequently, since there is no medium around the roots to hold water. Some people drape Spanish Moss over Vanda roots to keep them more moist.

Perhaps Big Al will share some of his other creations with us in future newsletters.



# Members' Plants



Blc. Hsinying Greenworth 'NN'

All plants this page - Kathy Kersey



Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'SunCoast'



Perriraara Mu Qi Malisa Wendy



Pot. Love Love "Yellow Bird"



Rlc. Chyong Guu Linnet



Pot. Love Love "Yellow Bird"



# Members' Plants



Kathy Kersey



No ID Dendrobium - Janice Larit



Kathy Kersey



Kathy Kersey

## Members' Plants



No ID Vanda - Janice Larit



No ID Phal - Janice Larit



Pot. Dick Smith 'Paradise - Cheryl Dodes



## Members' Plants



No ID - Janice Larit



Clty. Spring Fragrance 'Paradise' - Belinda Krause



Rlc Orglades Grand x Rlc Mount Hood- Cheryl Dodes

## Members' Plants



Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic', AM/AOS  
x C. Dubiosa 'Scully's', HCC/AOS - Joyce Patterson



Papilionanthe Poepoe var alba 'Diana' AM/AOS - Joyce Patterson





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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:**

**March 4**

**April 1**

