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MEETINGS

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

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~

Topic: Mounting and Repotting of Orchids

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022

Join us for an informal meeting where you will learn about the above topics from our own experts. Kathy Kersey, Barbara Barrie, and Teresa O'Neil will share their large amount of orchid knowledge with us. Barbara Barrie has a great growing environment and many spectacular plants. Kathy and Barbara will demonstrate how to mount an orchid on different types of mounts. Teresa will teach us when and how to repot an orchid. We will also learn what tools we should have readily available in our toolbox

Other knowledgeable BROS members will also be available for your questions about growing orchids successfully.

This is a great chance to learn, so bring your questions.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN PLANTS TO REPOT

Phyllis Lyons

Vice President, Programs

May 12, 2022 Meeting: Possibly a movie night with a few surprises!

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of the DASSA Award.



From President Kathy Kersey

I hope this month's letter finds you and your family well.

Happy April and I hope you are enjoying the extra hours from daylight savings time. I know I am. April is the time of year to start your repotting and dividing of those overgrown plants.

With that being said... Please join us at our April 14th meeting. We will be doing demonstrations on repotting and mounting and the tools you should have. It will be an interactive presentation and I hope you will see some great examples of what you can do in your garden. As I told you all in previous letters, I did a lot of mounting during the pandemic, due to the fact I ran out of room for potted plants. Mounting has given me the chance to think outside of the box. Hopefully it will inspire you to do the same.

Thank you to all who participated in the Swap and Shop last month. I hope you had a great time. Thank you to all who purchased from our sellers. There was a great assortment of items for sale. We would like to do this again during the year and will be discussing a date at our next Board meeting. When you are doing your Spring dividing, think about the next Swap and Shop and what you can bring in to sell. We would love to have more people participating next time. Remember, this is the only time you can bring in plants to sell and don't have to give any of your proceeds back to the Society.

We will be working on a new Membership Directory for 2022-2023. Please see Abby Diab at the next meeting to make sure we have all your information correct. Just a reminder... If you haven't paid your membership for 2022, it is past due.

We hope to see you all at the next meeting on April 14th.

Kathy



Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00

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Newsletter Emailed

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Tasks for April

by Dr. Martin Motes

The weather in April is definitely settled into warm, even deliciously hot, with passing cold fronts only adding the delight of a pleasant change in temperature. The clean, bright days brimming with abundant sunlight and the low relative humidity create the high drying potential that orchids love. Now we can get our orchids off to a great start on the growing season by practicing our very best watering skills under ideal conditions. Water heavily when you water and allow the plants to dry thoroughly before watering heavily again. Drying 'hard' in the Spring will produce benefits all season. We want to get our plants well launched while leaving all the fungi high and dry.

The new shoots of Oncidinae, grammatophyllums and dendrobiums are quite cup-like; care must be taken that water does not stand too long in these immature growths. Water these types very thoroughly with two or three applications of water spaced 10-15 minutes apart. Water should run freely through the pot on each application. Saturated thoroughly in this fashion the plants will need only weekly watering. Even more care should be taken with the soft plicate leafed genera like Catasetum, Mormodes, Cycnoches, Gongora, Calanthe and Thunia. The new growths of this type are rolled together (the fancy word is convolute) like a collapsible drinking cup. These should be grown in water retentive media that should be saturated at each watering to permit the developing roots to have abundant water but allow the vulnerable new growth extra time to dry. Feel the weight of a pot when you have finished watering. Be sure it is heavy with water. If it's not water one more time. With plants properly spaced, good drying should not be difficult in the hot dry air of April. But do be careful to water early enough in the day to allow the tender new growth to thoroughly dry by twilight.

With increased heat and light and the onset of growth, fertilizer becomes more crucially important to the plants. Balanced time release pellets (13-13-13) can still be applied to potted plants provided the duration is 180 days or less. The brand marketed at retail as "Dynamite" is generally considered by professionals as superior in reliability to other types.

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/>

Sign up for Dr. Motes'

Newsletter at:

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

Excerpted: "Florida Orchid Growing, Month by Month"

ORCHID EVENTS

The April 2022 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, April 23, 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 for more information or email Jackie Wood at bocaorchidlady@aol.com.

March 19 - May 8, 2022. Beauty of Orchids at Flamingo Gardens. 3750 S. Flamingo Road Davie, FL 33330
Explore the beauty and diversity of orchids in this breathtaking exhibit of orchid floral displays set among the lush tropical setting of Flamingo Gardens, and featuring the photographic images of award-winning orchid photographer, Tom Kugliowski. Inside the Gallery you will enjoy an exhibit of beautiful orchid photographs selected from participants in Flamingo Gardens' 11th Annual Photo Contest. Each of the weekends will include orchid classes, tours, and demonstrations, as well as orchids, supplies and art for sale from select vendors. Check back for schedule of classes and special programming. Timed Online Tickets are Recommended. Admission to the Beauty of Orchids Show is included in your Flamingo Gardens' ticket and is \$21.95 for ages 12+, \$15.95 for ages 3-11, Flamingo Gardens' members and children 2 or younger are free. Narrated tram tour included in your ticket. Flamingo Gardens is located at 3750 South Flamingo Road in Davie, Florida 33330. For more information, visit www.FlamingoGardens.org or call 954-473-2955.

APRIL

April 16 - 17, 2022 (9:30 AM-4:30 PM). Flamingo Gardens International Orchid & Bromeliad Show. At 3750 South Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330. Enjoy the Beauty of Orchids photography exhibit, various live orchid displays, orchid/bromeliad and supply vendors, live music and food available for purchase. Children can learn in the Kids' Gardening Zone. Flowering plant enthusiasts may also register for Orchid Classes and Presentations, for an additional fee. Limited seating will be available for classes. Timed Online Tickets are Recommended. Admission to the Orchid Show is \$21.95 for ages 12+, \$15.95 for ages 3-11, Flamingo Gardens members and children 2 or younger are free. Narrated tram tour included. For more info: <http://www.flamingogardens.org/>

April 23-24, 2022 (10 AM—5 PM both days). Vero Beach Orchid Society Show, "Orchid Rainbow". 3001 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach, FL.

April 23 (9 AM- 4 PM) and 24, (9 AM-3 PM) Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale "Plant-a-Palooza". At Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL.. Admission: Free for members; \$15 for non-members. \$12 seniors 65+; \$7 children ages 6-17. Find everything you need for your home garden, including rare, exotic, hard-to-find plants, trees, herbs and lots of garden accessories. More info: 561-233-1757 or visit their web site, <http://mounts.org>

MAY

WHAT: Tamiami International Orchid Festival

WHEN: Friday-Sunday May 13-15, 2022 from 11 AM to 7 PM daily

WHERE: Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center - 10901 SW 24th St, Miami, FL 33165 Get Directions

TICKETS: \$15 at the door (Buy in advance to save) | Kids under 12 - Free Get Tickets

The 2022 Redland International Orchid Festival is postponed until October 7-9, 2022.

Janice Larit's Orchid Novice Corner

I am constantly searching for growing tips -especially those that cater to Florida. So when I happened on this blog I knew I had to share.

Flower Boosters: Florida 2018 by Roy Tokunaga Email: greenthumb808@aol.com

Definition: Anything that will empower my Orchid to spike more reliably with maximum flowers. It can be cultural adjustments like more light, water quality, and air movement. Also, nutritional like fish emulsion, bone meal, and specialty fertilizers. Most of us would like to spray a magic potion and the Orchid will flower like magic.

For Florida: The best growers have several things in common.

1))Maximize light for the genera they are growing. "Principles of light" by Dr. Erik Runkle, Orchids Magazine, May 2008.

2) Have good air movement. Roots are well aerated.

3) Low salts in the root zone. Flush plants regularly. If well water, flush 45 minutes. If city water, 10-15 minutes. Weekly. If you grow in the rain, a 1 inch rain fall will do the same.

4) Have fantastic roots. Pest and disease absent.

5) Understands water quality. Best article. "What's in Your Water?" by Jack and Cari Peters, Orchids Magazine, May 2012.

Florida city water is usually moderately alkaline. Well water is very alkaline. Rain and Reverse Osmosis (RO) water has no alkalinity. What does it mean? Best article is by Dr. Bill Argo, Blackmore Company. Search on line and AOS has it on their web site.

What needs to be done is for one person in your area to do a water test by J. R. Peters and the alkalinity value is the most important. High alkalinity requires the most flushing. Best fertilizer will be 20-20-20 or 18-18-18. You can confirm this with J.R. Peters after doing the water quality test.

Florida water has ample calcium but lacks magnesium. I normally apply magnesium sulfate (Epsom Salts) at 1 teaspoon per gallon.

High phosphorus is not necessary for anything. 2-3% of NPK sufficient. Best article is in Orchids Magazine, "Without High Phosphorus" by Jan Szyren, June 2003. Recommends less nitrogen on mature plants to increase flowers. Roy's secret potion: On mature plants. Just before spikes appear. Apply more calcium based fertilizer 1 teaspoon per gallon with micronutrient package like STEM by Peters or Microplex by Millers Chemical. 1/4 teaspoon per gallon of the micros. Weekly until spikes and flowers appear. Maximum 3 months.

Happy Growing.

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

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Happy Easter

HAPPY PASSOVER

March 10 Meeting Swap and Sell

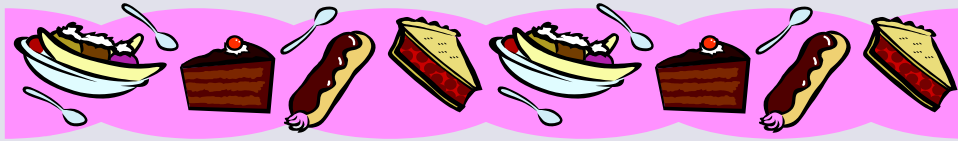
At our March meeting we had a very successful Swap and Sell. Many members brought plants and other merchandise of high quality. Everyone had a good time!



BROS Swap and Sell (continued)



Please help make our meetings more enjoyable by providing a tasty treat for all to share. Suggestions include cookies, cut-up cake, chips, cut-up fruit, nuts, raisins, etc.



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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:

April 7

May 5