



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
Map: <http://bit.ly/qQhKXu>

Guests are Always Welcome!

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Featuring~

Topic: Mounting Orchids

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022

Our meeting about repotting orchids was so successful that no time was left to go into depth about mounting orchids.

This month Barbara Barrie and Kathy Kersey will teach us the ins and outs of mounting orchids. You will get to see some of the many alternatives of things to mount upon, as well as care for mounted orchids.

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 MOUNT

Phyllis Lyons

Vice President, Programs

Future Programs

June 9—Omar Gonzalez: "Encyclias"

July 14: Movie: Stig Dalstrom—Wild Orchid Man in the Ghost Orchid Swamp.
Dalström and Saffer trek deep into the heart of the Everglades to Florida's wildest swamp, the Fakahatchee, home to the rare Ghost Orchid, *Dendrophylax lindenii*. Swarms of mosquitos, alligators and snakes, poison ivy and fierce storms seem to guard the orchids hiding there.



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From President Kathy Kersey

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I hope you had a wonderful Easter or Passover, however you chose to celebrate.

You know the saying... April showers bring May flowers... Well let's just hope that we have beautiful flowers this month, even though we didn't get the rain. I have been watering so much, due to the lack of rain and the tremendous wind. Everything is drying out so quickly.

A big THANK YOU to Barbara Barrie and Teresa O'Neil for doing an amazing job on the Ramble. The selection of houses was great and the food Teresa purchased was outstanding. The four houses we toured were amazing: Susan Kolinski from Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, and Dennis Pearl and Joe Ortlieb, thank you for the amazing breakfast, Thanks to Barbara and Mark Barrie for their hospitality, and Roberto and Gabby Finocchi who hosted our delicious lunch. We had a wonderful time and the weather held out. And NO, I didn't bring my clippers to take cuttings of anyone's plants, but I sure wish I had.

We will be planning another Ramble in the Fall. We will let you know when the date is set, so stay tuned. The purpose of a Ramble is to show how other people grow their orchids. Sometimes it gives you great ideas of what you can do in your yard, and you get the pleasure of seeing beautiful orchids at the same time. If any of you are interested in having your house featured for our Fall Ramble, please speak to Barbara Barrie. We will let you know once we have secured a date.

For those that joined us for our April meeting on repotting, I hope it was helpful. I want to thank Teresa O'Neil for the great presentation, and Cheryl for providing the examples of potting media to use when repotting. Also Cheryl and Barbara for assisting Teresa during her demonstration. I hope the hand out that we provided will be a useful tool for you going forward.

Please join us on May 12th at 7:30 pm for a Mounting presentation. Barbara and I will be demonstrating different ways to mount your orchids. We will be bringing in a variety of mounts as well as various types of plants to place on the mounts. We will also be bringing in examples of plants that have been mounted. I'm looking forward to a fun evening. I hope you can join us.

Tamiami Orchid Festival is May 13-15 at the Expo Center; it should be a great show. Hopefully some of you will make it down there over the weekend.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 8th. That's when we will be hosting our next Swap and Shop. Keep that in mind as you are doing your repotting and dividing. You have almost 5 months to get ready. Let's have double the participants we had in March.

Please remember to see Abby Diab regarding your membership information. We will be printing a new member booklet this year and we want to make sure your information is correct before it goes to the printer.

Welcome and thanks to our new BROS Librarian, Debbie Siegel!

I hope to see you all at our May meeting.

Kathy

Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00

COUPLE \$35.00

BUSINESS: \$40.00

Newsletter Emailed

RENEWAL

SINGLE \$20.00

COUPLE \$25.00

BUSINESS \$40.00

Newsletter Emailed

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Tasks for May

by Dr. Martin Motes

May is a month of transition in South Florida. Early in the month we can expect the driest weather of the year. Because of the clarity of the air and lack of cloud cover, temperatures rise rapidly in the late morning and can reach the upper eighties or nineties by mid afternoon before cooling substantially in late afternoon. Fortunately, over night radiant cooling rapidly dissipates the previous day's heat. May mornings are a delight, the wise orchidist rises early to enjoy them and to finish his chores before the heat sets in. Chief of these should be extensive dragging of hoses.

May's wide temperature swings and dry air suit our orchids to a tee. New growths on sympodial orchids are developing apace and by continuing the careful watering practices of April (i.e drenching them thoroughly with repeated applications of water to saturate their roots and potting media, then allowing them to dry to nearly 'hard' dry) we can launch them into the summer in vigorous, disease-free growth. Remember, this saturation can only be achieved with two or more soakings to the point of runoff spaced a few minutes apart. Merely holding the water on the plant extra long will not suffice. The water needs to slowly soak into the roots and media. Test the weight of a "benchmark" plant to be satisfied that it is sufficiently heavy to be totally soaked. The arid air of early May will quickly dry the foliage but the roots can draw on the deep reservoir of water that you have provided with this careful, complete watering.

May is still prime time for re-potting. With cattleyas, dendrobiums and other sympodials, the majority of us are faced with the moral dilemma of doing the potting now or waiting until next year with the pseudo bulbs of our plants overhanging their pots and proclaiming to the world our sloth. The one instance in which this dilemma must be resolved absolutely in favor of the plant, is when the media has broken down in the pot. This condition will encourage root rot to become stem rot which will pursue the rhizome even into those over arching bulbs. If in doubt, give the media the "nose test". A pinch of media taken from below the surface of the pot should smell "sweet". A sour smell or the odor of a pond bottom indicates media that is broken down and must be replaced as soon as possible.

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/>

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Excerpted: "Florida Orchid Growing, Month by Month"

ORCHID EVENTS

The May 2022 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, May 28, 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.

MAY

Ecuagenera USA Open House.; Thursday May 5—Sunday, May 8, 2022, from 9 AM—6 PM. At their Apopka nursery, 3600 Plymouth Sorrento Road, Apopka, FL 32712. You can also pre-order at their nursery in Ecuador and pick up at their Open House in Florida. Pre-order at www.ecuagenera.com

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.

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

Rochelle Fenster

Denise M. Guzman

Marguerite Tschada-Horras

Ellen Victorica

(If anyone has been left out, please let Cheryl know)

Boca Raton Orchid Society Ornament

Beginning in 1994, the Boca Raton Garden Club started issuing a series of commemorative ornaments.

This year's, the 28th one honors the Boca Raton Orchid Society. Each ornament honors an historic site in Boca Raton or a site of important significance to the city. A brochure is included in each gift box detailing the ornament's history. Ornaments are made of solid brass and finished in 24 carat gold plate. The cost per ornament is \$18, payable to BRGC. After June 9, the price goes to \$20.

The deadline for BROS members to place their orders is June 9, 2022. The easiest way to order is to bring a check for \$18 for each ornament desired made out to "BRGC" to the May 12, 2022 BROS meeting.

Here's a link to the BRGC ornament collection:

http://bocaratongardenclub.org/brgc_all_ornaments.html

Ornament is pictured below:



BROS Ramble April 3, 2022

On April 3, BROS held its first Ramble in over two years. Participants visited the homes of Susan Kolinski, Dennis Pearl and Joe Ortlieb, Barbara Barrie, and Roberto Finocchi, to see their various orchid growing situations and get ideas for the participants' own gardens.

A big thank you to Barbara Barrie for organizing such a great event, and special thanks to each of the hosts! Also kudos to Theresa O'Neil for the amazing lunch.



April 3 Ramble (continued)



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.

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 April were...

Name	Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name
Kathy Kersey	Phalaenopsis	Blue	Phal. Tzu Chuing Chrisma x Phal George Vasquez Crystelle
Barbara Barrie	Misc. Genera	Blue	Ctna. Henry Wan
Teresa O'Neil	Brassavola	Blue	Br. North Miami
Roberto Finocchi	Species	Blue	C. granulosa
Teresa O'Neil	Vanda	Blue	V. Gararil
Kathy Kersey	Catt Bifoliate	Blue	C. aclandiae 'Nethino' x (C. Isguassu x Valley Isle)
Kathy Kersey	Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue	Enc. cordigera x Enc pyriformis
Barbara Barrie	Misc. Genera	Blue	Ctna. Why Not
Josephine Patterson	Dendrobium	Best Blue	Den. Grand Elegance

→ **Congratulations to Josephine Patterson!**



Den. Grande Elegance
Josephine Patterson

March Blue Ribbon Plants



Brassavola North Miami—Teresa O'Neil



Ctna Henry Wan—Barbara Barrie



**Phal. Tzu Chuung Chrisma x Phal. George Vasquez Crystelle
FCC/AOS—Kathy Kersey**



Cattleya granulosa—Roberto Finocchi



Vanda Gararil—Teresa O'Neil

March Blue Ribbon Plants



C. aclandiae 'Nethino' x ('Isguassu x Valley Isle')
Kathy Kersey



Enc. Cordigera x Enc. Pyriformis—Kathy Kersey



Ctna Why Not—Barbara Barrie



Den. Grande Elegance— Josephine Patterson
Best Blue Ribbon Winner

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.

Thanks to the following people for providing snacks at our April meeting:

Kathy Kersey

Cheryl Dodes

Jann Miller

Teresa O'Neil



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The BROS Board meets the Thursday
before the monthly Member Meeting at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Next meetings:

May 5

June 2