



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

LOCATION:

SAFE SCHOOLS INSTITUTE

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Guests are always welcome!

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Featuring~

Speaker: Gary Yong Gee

Topic: Australian Orchids

Date: July 8, 2021 at 7:30 PM **via Zoom**

Gary Yong Gee [surname Yong Gee] is an Australian born Chinese, and lives in Brisbane, Australia. He began growing orchids around 40 years ago. These days, he maintains a large hobby greenhouse, cultivating Australian native, and exotic species. He has over 100,000 orchid photographs taken on travels to parts of Australia, New Guinea, Asia, Europe, Central and South America, South Africa, and Madagascar, at shows, and in situ. Gary is a judge with the Australian Orchid Council. He is also a member of several Australian orchid societies, the American Orchid Society, and the Orchid Conservation Alliance.

Gary's main interest is species orchids. He has contributed an extensive monthly article to the Orchid Species Bulletin, published by the Orchid Species Society, for over 30 years. Gary has also written occasional articles for Orchids Australia, and the Australian Orchid Review; and given numerous talks to various orchid societies. He has a website, which shows some of his photographs at www.yonggee.name

Gary Yong Gee



—*Marion Israel*, Vice President, Programs

NOTE: Please join us on August 12 at 7:30 PM for our first in-person meeting at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL 33431 .

COMING ATTRACTIONS

August 12: Open mic. Member question and answer session. *****First in-person meeting**

September 9: Thanh Nguyen from Springwater Orchids, topic TBD



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A Message from Our President

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are all staying cool on these extremely hot and muggy days. Well, we are finally getting some well needed rain (God's water) is what I call it. The rain makes such a difference in our plants and yards versus city water.

I can't believe it is July already!!! Wow this year is flying by and I am so excited to finally see all of you next month. **Mark your calendars for August 12th at 7:30, our first in person meeting since February 2020.** We will be discussing anything you want to discuss regarding your orchids. Please bring in your plants for judging. We will also have raffle plants and refreshments will be provided. For this meeting we are asking that you NOT bring in any refreshments to share. If there is a particular beverage and snack you would like to bring for yourself, feel free. We will have bottled water and soda. We are not going to make coffee for this meeting, sorry.

We sent out a Constant Contact to everyone a couple of weeks ago, asking if you would be interested in a bus trip to the Fruit and Spice Park on October 1st. This is the Tamiami show which is being held this year at the park instead of the normal Miami Expo center. We need to have at least 35 people to commit in order to make it feasible for us to rent a bus. If you are interested, please email Marion Israel to get your name on the list. (marionisrael61@gmail.com)

We are also planning a fun event for our October meeting. We are going to be having an auction. Marion is working extremely hard on getting amazing plants for this event and she has a committee putting it all together. I've never participated in an auction, but I'm sure it will be a fun event. Stay tuned for updates in our newsletter.

I would also like to thank Alan LaDuke for the amazing job he did at the JARC center in Boca Raton. He mounted orchids on their trees this past week. You will see the photos in this newsletter. Again, as I have said before, "It's all about sharing the love of orchids".

For those of you who joined us for our June meeting with Carol Klonowski on South African orchids, I hope you enjoyed her presentation. There were some amazing orchids.

Please join us for our meeting on July 8th at 7:30pm on Australian orchids, with Gary Yong Gee. He will be joining us from Australia. Marion outdid herself on getting Gary to speak to our Society, I can't wait. It should be a great presentation.

One of my favorite orchids is from Australia (Eastern Queen of Sheba). Unfortunately, we will never be able to get it in the U.S.

Again, thank you to Cheryl for these amazing newsletters each month, Marion for the amazing speakers we have had this past year, and to Veronica for setting up all of our ZOOM calls. At a very difficult time in our nation, our TEAM has done an outstanding job keeping you all together and informed, and hopefully you learned a few tips along the way. Also providing amazing speakers that we probably wouldn't have been able to have in person, due to the costs involved.

Have a SAFE and HAPPY 4th, and see you all on the 8th.

Miss you,

Kathy

Happy July 4th

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 July

by **Dr. Martin Motes**

July in South Florida is quite different from June. While the pattern of afternoon showers built from the moisture of the morning's sea breeze persists in July, the thunder-storms are sharper and shorter. The clouds linger less and the foliage dries more quickly. Less quantity of rain falls in July than in June and periods of several days typically pass without a drop. This is good news for orchid growers. July (and August) allow orchidists to focus on the first essential of orchid growing, drying the plant out.

Careful watering and judicious drying will do more than any other practice to ensure healthy plants. Drought is the orchid plants armor against disease. Be sure that your plants dry as completely as the weather of July permits. Nonetheless, as our plants are in full growth they need adequate water in July therefor after a hard drying, orchid plants need a thorough re-hydration. If the next rain fall is insufficient to saturate pot, roots and media, the grower should add to the natural moisture until he is sure both roots and media are saturated, using two or three applications of water spaced a few minutes apart. When the plants stop dripping is the time to apply the next dose of water. Don't stop watering until the "heft" of the pot tells you that it is holding as much water as it can. More typically in July, orchidists should use these opportunities when more moisture is required to substitute fertilizer for water and saturate the roots and the media in the same thorough manner. In July typically think of fertilizing rather than watering. Weekly application of a commonly available balanced fertilizer (20-20-20 or 18-18-18) at two teaspoons per gal. will supply the nutrients that our plants require in this period of lush growth. This balanced formula should be alternated every other week with potassium nitrate and Epsom salts (one tablespoon each) to supply the extra magnesium and potassium we now know are plants need on a regular basis.

News from Dr. Motes

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BROS Life Member Myles Burack is liquidating the rest of his collection.

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Upcoming Orchid Events

The July 2021 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, July 23, 2021. 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.

Tamiami International Orchid Festival. Friday - Sunday, October 1-3, 2021 from 10 AM - 6 PM daily. At Fruit and Spice Park. Tickets: \$12. Kids under 12 - free. More information at <http://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/tiof/public/about>

Delray Beach Orchid Society Show and Sale. Saturday October 23 and Sunday October 24 at the Fieldhouse at Old School Square in Delray Beach. Details to be announced.

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society 9th Annual Orchid Obsession Show and Sale. Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14 at Safe Schools Institute on Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton. Details to be announced.





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Jacksonville Orchid Society
Fall
Orchid & Plant Sale

Sat Sept 11, 9 - 5
Sun Sept 12, 9 - 4

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www.jaxorchidsociety.org

BROS IN THE NEWS

In last month's BROS Newsletter we told you about how Jay Collins and volunteers from BROS helped Fred Gilbert, a resident of the Stratford Court senior community in Boca Raton realize his dream of adding colorful orchids in the live oak trees and palms at Stratford Court.

On Wednesday, June 9, 2021 an article written by Mort Mazor about this project appeared in the West Boca Times, accompanied by a photo of our BROS volunteers.

The BROS volunteers included Jay Collins, Kathy Kersey, Alan LaDuke, Bj Saul, Sheila Bell, Teresa O'Neil, Sally and Dennis Glick, Joyce Patterson, Maritza Graff, Donna Holt, Adrienne Levy, and Patty and Dennis Hogan,.

*****In preparation for our first in-person meeting in August, here is information about how to submit an orchid for judging and what to do if you wish to bring an orchid or orchids for sale at a meeting.**

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 an 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!

Winning plants will be featured in the BROS newsletter the following month.

BROS Member Plant Sales

BROS Members are welcome to sell their plants at designated monthly meetings.

Five Simple Rules:

1. Maximum of 5 plants
2. No insects or diseases.
3. Must have a name tag.
4. No commercial sales.
5. 10% of your total sales must go to the BROS Treasurer that night.

BROS Member Alan LaDuke Places Orchids at JARC

BROS has been placing orchids in the trees at the JARC Living and Learning Facility in Boca Raton for the past few years. On June 22, BROS member Alan LaDuke placed 17 more orchids in the trees at the Facility. JARC is grateful for the efforts of BROS to beautify their property.



Members' Orchid Photos



Laelia purpurata - Cheryl Dodes



Potinara Hsin Ying 'Pink Doll' - Cheryl Dodes



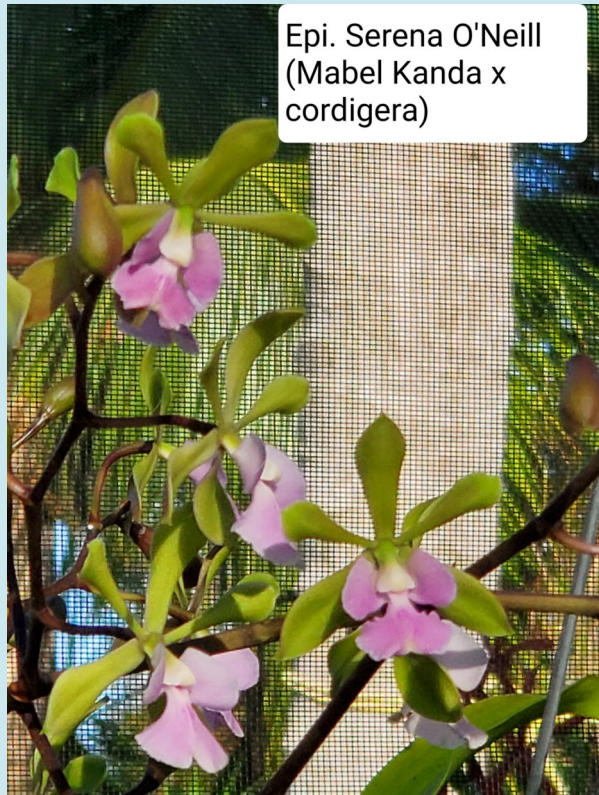
Dendrobium samurai - Cheryl Dodes

**Dendrobium crumenatum -
The "Thunderstorm Orchid" -
Belinda Krause**



Members' Orchid Photos

Photos below by Kathy Kersey



Epi. Serena O'Neill
(Mabel Kanda x
cordigera)



Epicattleya Leaf
Hopper



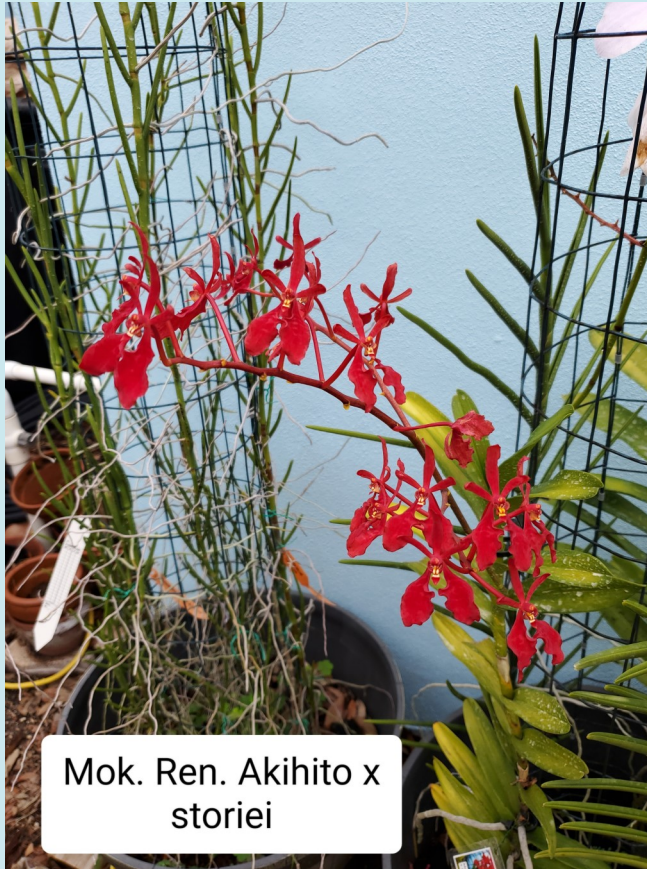
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Next Board Meetings:**

July 1

August 5

September 2