



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~

Topic: Bring your questions about growing orchids

Date: October 14, 2021 at 7:30 PM IN PERSON at Safe Schools Institute

Please bring your questions about anything orchid related to this meeting. If you have a plant that has a problem, you may bring the entire plant of an affected leaf. For the sake of safety please keep your troubled plant away from any other plants at the meeting.

Members may bring orchids for judging at this and other in-person meetings. Please see the rules on page 6 for bringing orchids for judging and for sales of plants by members at the meeting

Safe Schools Institute requires the wearing of masks as of this writing.

***** Please wear your BROS badge at every in-person meeting.**

—*Marion Israel*, Vice President, Programs

Please note: Members may bring plants for judging to this meeting. Please see the rules on page 6.

Members may bring plants to sell at this meeting. Rules page 6.

Please Note: It is time to renew your membership in BROS. Our membership year runs from January 1 - December 31. Please see page 3 for renewal rates. You may pay at a meeting or mail to the address on page 3.



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A Message from Our President

Happy Fall Everyone....

I hope this letter finds you well. The morning temps are starting to get cooler; 75 degrees is a little better than 85 degrees.

I just wanted to personally thank everyone who attended our September meeting with Thanh from Springwater Orchids. It was really nice of him to show us an inside view of his greenhouses and give us some valuable information.

Also thank you for the warm welcome you gave me. As you know this was my first in person meeting with all of you, and I really appreciated your support.

October should be a fun time. We have rescheduled the meeting that was planned for August that we had to cancel. It will be an open mic format, and hopefully each of us will get our questions answered from fellow members and we will get wonderful ideas from everyone as well. I am really looking forward to this meeting.

As Cheryl stated, our annual dues for 2022 are coming due. We do have all of the invoices printed, and you can pick yours up at the meeting. If you would like to pay at the meeting, cash and checks are accepted. See Phyllis Lyons at the front table.

Just a reminder: you can bring in plants to sell. For this meeting you can bring a maximum of 10 plants. Remember, 10% of your sales goes back to the Society that night. Refreshments will be provided, and for this meeting, please do not bring in any desserts to share. Masks are required inside the building. Please bring in your blooming orchids for judging.

Reminder: Tamiami Orchid Festival is October 1-3, at the Fruit and Spice Park in the Redlands. I hope you can make it.

I hope to see all of your smiling faces at our October 14th meeting.

Take care and be well,

Kathy



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Tasks for October

by Dr. Martin Motes

October is a month of change in South Florida. Usually around the middle of the month, and certainly by the end of the month, the first strong cold front pushes into South Florida bringing to a close the monolithic heat and damp of summer and ushering in weather as most of the continent knows it, alternating periods of warmer and cooler. Each successive cold front foreshadowed by ever lessening rain storms will progressively cool our temperatures and dry our air. But days are shortening too, providing less hours of sunlight to heat the air and slowing the drying process. Nights are longer and cooler which produces the same effect, slower drying. Now we must start to move into the consciousness of winter and take greater care to insure that our plants are thoroughly dry before we water them again.

The shorter days of October dictate that we rise even earlier to water if necessary. Each extra hour of daylight is to be cherished by us as well as our plants.

The shortening days of late summer have told many genera to finish their growth and prepare to rest. We need to listen too. And look! The last smallest leaves of these highly seasonal plants will have unfolded at the tips of their new growths telling us that their growth cycle is finished for this year.

Himalayan dendrobiums of the nobile type and of the section Callista (*D. aggregatum* et al.) now begin their five months of carefree existence in South Florida. They should be put in a bright spot and given no more water and above all, no more fertilizer until after they have bloomed in Spring. *Catasetums*, *Mormodes*, *Cycnoches*, *Calanthes* and other deciduous types should be treated the same way.

Whatever moisture nature provides in the increasingly heavy dew and the passing rains that usher in most cold fronts will be adequate for these plants whose native environment is a seasonally monsoon one like ours. Benign neglect suits these genera just fine and what a relief to the conscience of the ever busy orchidist! The truly devoted will group these genera together, preferably at the edge of the growing area and high up where they will receive the maximum of light and air circulation. Many *Cattleyas*, *Laelias*, *Oncidiums* and *Phalaenopsis*-type dendrobiums will be finishing their growths and should be hardened off with reduced water and fertilizer. Monopodial orchids like *Vanda* and *Phalaenopsis* want to grow continuously.

News from Dr. Motes

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Upcoming Orchid Events

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

Plantation Historical Society "Broward County Plant Affair" Saturday, October 23, 2021 9 AM - 5 PM; Sunday October 24, 2021 9 AM - 4 PM. At Plantation Heritage Park, 1100 South FigTree Lane, Plantation, FL 33317. Park admission \$1.50 pp.

Delray Beach Orchid Society "Orchids in the Square" Show and Sale. Saturday October 23 and Sunday October 24, from 10 AM - 5 PM at the Fieldhouse at Old School Square in Delray Beach, 51 N. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach 33444. Admission \$5.00 pp CASH ONLY.

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society 9th Annual "Orchid Obsession " Show and Sale. Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM both days. At Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33431

Equality Garden Club "A Tropical Plant Affair". Saturday (9 Am - 5 PM) and Sunday (9 AM - 3 PM) November 13 and 14, 2021 at Richardson Park, Wilton Manors, 1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305. 2-day admission \$5.00 pp. Free parking and shuttle. info@tropicalplantfair.com.

The Sawgrass Nature Center "Orchid and Plant Festival". Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5, 2021, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. 3000 Sportsplex Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065. Admission \$7.00 pp. More information: 954-752-0453. www.SawgrassNatureCenter.org.

Please Note: Most venues are practicing COVID-19 safety protocols. Please bring a mask and be prepared to wear it if so instructed.



Dear Orchid Friends,

Due to concerns over the ongoing Covid-19 and its delta variant coupled with Miami-Dade county's continued high positivity rates for the virus, and in consideration for the health and wellbeing of our members, volunteers, and guests, the Centennial Celebration Committee and the AOS Board of Trustees have opted to postpone the Centennial Celebration event and activities which were to take place October 27th - 30th, 2021 until April 6th - 9th, 2022.

Please note:

If you are already registered for the event, your current registration will be rolled over to the new dates.

If you have hotel reservations at the Biltmore Hotel, they will be automatically moved to the equivalent dates in the new timeframe.

Taking this initiative allows us the opportunity to reschedule with enough time to allow everyone who wishes to participate in this momentous event to do so. Your safety is of utmost importance to us. Any questions can be addressed to the AOS Headquarters office at TheAOS@aos.org.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and kindly ask for your understanding. We hope that you are able to join us in Coral Gables in the Spring.

*****The following 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 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!

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.



Our September 2021 In-Person Meeting at Safe Schools Institute

Our first in-person meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020 was successful and enjoyable. Thanh Nguyen showed and described how he grows orchids successfully and gave us ideas we can use for our own orchid growing situations. He brought beautiful plants for sale. A few members brought plants for judging. Robert Finocchi won the Best Blue Ribbon.



Thanh Nguyen lecturing



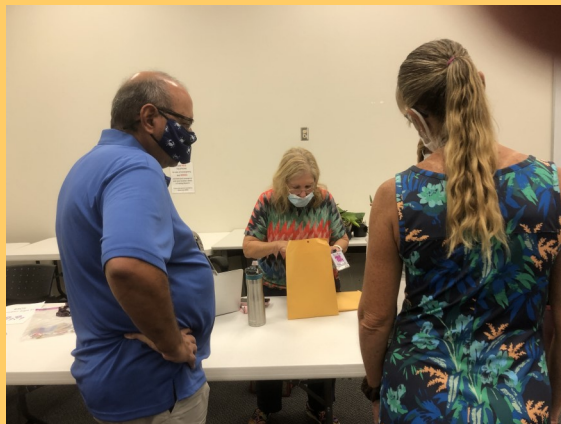
Thanh and his plants for sale



BROS President Kathy Kersey conducting the meeting



Members buying plants and demonstrating COVID safety protocols



Phyllis Lyons handling Membership duties at the meeting

Members' September Winning Plants



Vanda Calypso - Teresa O'Neil



Potinara Dick Smith 'Dark Beauty' -
Roberto Finocchi

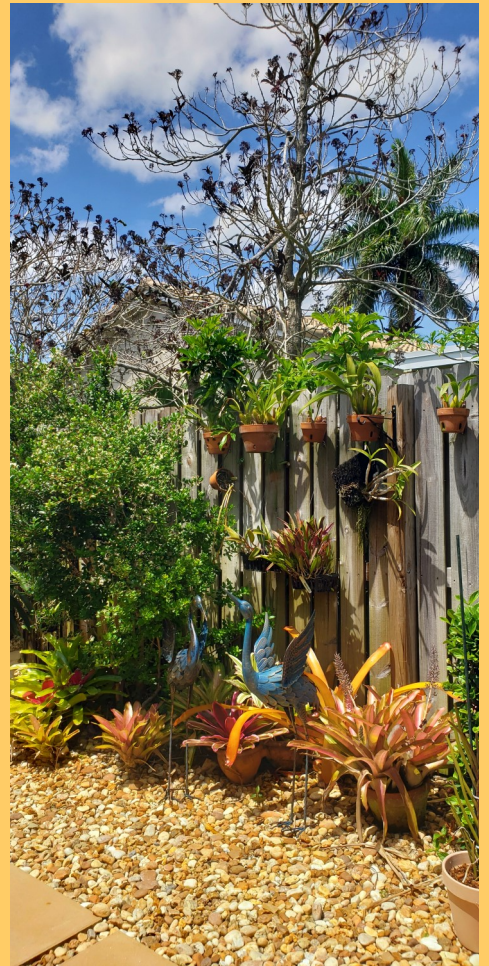


Cattleya bowringiana - Roberto Finocchi



Show 'Em Where You Grow 'EM

Long-time BROS member Marilyn Collins has shared her orchid growing situation with us. Her plants are neatly organized and she keeps her growing area very clean. Photos below.



Show 'Em Where You Grow 'EM

Marilyn Collins continued





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Member Meeting each month at 7 PM via Zoom**

Next Board Meetings:

October 7

November 4