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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~

Speaker: Jim Davison

Program: The Four Horsemen

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 7:30PM

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. Before 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."

After Jim retired, they opened their own retail nursery, Jim-N-I Orchids.

Come hear what Jim considers "The Four Horsemen" of orchid growing: mainstays for breeding of orchid families.

***** No member plant sales at this meeting. Jim will bring orchids for sale and for the Raffle Table.**



Future Programs

December 8: Our annual Holiday Meeting with Fun Activities

January 13: AOS Judges Teach Us How to Get a Plant Ready for Judging

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of the DASSA Award.



From President Kathy Kersey

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I can't believe it's November already. It's that time of year when our members who spend the summer up North return to South Florida. For those of you that arrive early, I hope you can join us for our November 10th meeting.

Hurricane season is almost over and thank goodness we were spared this year. Hurricane Ian affected several of our vendors and thousands of residents on the west coast of Florida. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all affected.

For those of you who joined us for our October meeting when we made the Kokedamas, I hope you had a great time; I know I did. I would like to thank Jay Collins for the outstanding job he did pulling it all together and preparing the kits for us. The plants were all in bloom and the finished projects looked great. Thank you to Barbara Barrie for ordering the plants and Jay Collins for picking them up.

Our November 10th meeting will be presented by Jim Davison. He will be speaking on The Four Horsemen. He spoke previously during the Pandemic via ZOOM; now we get to hear his presentation in person. He will be providing raffle plants as well as selling plants during our meeting, so bring your checkbook.

We are preparing for our December meeting, which will be held on December 8th. We will have a sign-up sheet at our November meeting because we need to have a head count to order food. If you are unable to make our November meeting, you can always text me after our meeting to get your name on the list.

Last.... Our Valentines Show is a little over 3 months away, February 11 & 12, 2023. We really need all our members to sign up to volunteer for a shift or two. Remember, without our volunteers, we would not be able to have a show. We are also taking orders for our BROS tee shirts. If you would like to order a shirt, we will have the order forms at the November and December meeting and sample shirts you can try on for size. We will turn the orders in after our December meeting. We are also selling pre-sale tickets for our show. They are \$3 per ticket, and for every 5 you purchase you receive 1 comp ticket. If you wait until the show the price is \$5, so get your tickets early.

Reminder: Annual dues for the 2023 year are due by January 1st. Please be prompt. You can mail a check to our P.O. Box or bring a check to our member meeting.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving,

Kathy



Tasks for November

by Dr. Martin Motes

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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In November we can no longer afford to be dominated by the illusion, so easy here at the northern edge of the tropics, that summer will never end. Although Indian Summer persists for the whole winter in South Florida, November is the month to prepare our plants for those short sharp blasts of cold which are inevitably coming as each successive cold front pushes the overall temperature a little lower and a little lower. Each day is shorter too. The loss of daylight savings time should awake us to the fact that there are less hours of sunlight to save our plants from the chill of the night. Many genera are already anticipating this sea change and have completed their growths for the season. Some like *Catasetum*, *Cycnoches*, *Calanthe* and the nobile dendrobiums are even beginning to shed their foliage in preparation for the cool, dry season. While the Himalayan *Dendrobium* species of the nobile and *Callista* types, *calanthes*, *cymbidiums* and a few others, actually relish temperatures down to near freezing, and most *cattleyas* and *Oncidium* alliance species and hybrids are not bothered by temperatures in the mid-thirties, the majority of the genera which we grow, *vandas*, evergreen dendrobiums, *Phalaenopsis* and others, benefit from being protected from the cold. Now, while the first breathes of cool air remind us that more and stronger cold is in the offing, is the time to start thinking about protecting our plants.

Protecting our tender plants from exposure to wind must be our primary concern in preparing them for winter. Buildings, walls and even thick hedges can be very effective windbreaks slowing or stopping chill air. Choose places in your garden that offer this sort of protection to your orchid plants wherever possible. The geography of Florida plays into the equation as well. Because the Florida peninsula juts decidedly to the Southeast (Naples is due south of Jacksonville), protection from the Northwest wind is even more crucial than protection from the North wind on the east coast of Florida. Northwest winds are blowing out of the cold heart of the landmass while true North winds have in most locales usually blown over more warm water and less cold land. Regardless of the degree of north, safeguarding our collections from the wind is critical to their healthy maintenance.

News from Dr. Motes

The Updated Edition of
Florida Orchid Growing

Month by Month

is now available!

To purchase, visit www.RedlandPress.com

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

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Excerpted: "Florida Orchid Growing, Month by Month"

ORCHID EVENTS

The November 2022 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, November 19, 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.

NOVEMBER

Mounts Botanical Gardens Fall Plant-A-Palooza. Saturday, November 5, 10 AM—4 PM and Sunday November 6, 9 AM—3 PM. 70 Vendors and Artisans. Shop for a variety of ornamentals, orchids, succulents, aroids, cactus, bonsai, butterfly/native plants, garden accessories, and more. Admission Free for MBG members; \$15 for non-member adults; \$12 Seniors 65+; \$7 for children 6-17. 531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415.

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Show and Sale, Saturday, November 12 and Sunday, November 13, 2022, at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Boulevard, Boca Raton, FL, 10 AM—5 PM both days. Admission \$5.00 pp; Children under 12 free.

East Everglades Orchid Society Show, November 13 in the Banyon Pavilion at R.F. Orchids, 28100 SW 182 Ave, Homestead, FL 33030. More info, Tere Camacho, 305-401-8807. tere@bellsouth.net

JANUARY

Tamiami International Orchid Festival. Friday-Sunday January 13-15, 2023 from 11 AM to 6 PM daily. Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center - 10901 SW 24th St, Miami, FL 33165. The Tamiami International Orchid Festival is Miami's largest, most diverse orchid show. Over the past twenty years, the Tamiami International Orchid Festival has not only become a great Miami orchid show, but a nationally and internationally recognized orchid event. The January 13-15, 2023 Tamiami International Orchid Festival will be the largest orchid show in the United States.

FEBRUARY

Boca Raton Orchid Society Valentines Show. Saturday February 11 and Sunday, February 12, 10 AM—5 PM. At Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. Boca Raton, Fl. 33433. AOS orchid judging, vendors, lectures. Admission: \$5 pp at the door CASH ONLY. Presale tickets \$3 pp available at BROS meetings or Green Barn Orchid Supply. *** Volunteering at the Show gets you free admission on the day you volunteer.

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 October were...

Name	Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name
Kathy Kersey	Brassavola	Blue, Yellow	Brassocattleya Binosa
Alan LaDuke	Other Vandaceous	Blue, Yellow	Aranda Chao Prayo Classic
Teresa O'Neil	Misc. Genera	Blue	Tolumnia Jairak Rainbow
Barbara Barrie	Species	Blue	Phal. Cornu-cervi
Kathy Kersey	Phalaenopsis	Blue	Phal. Pulcherrima f. coerulea
Robert Finocchi	Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue, Yellow	BLC Grezaffi's Blue x C.
Teresa O'Neil	Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. Rambo

➔ **Best Blue Ribbon. Congratulations, Teresa!**



Dendrobium Rambo
Teresa O'Neil

BROS BLUE RIBBON PLANTS—OCTOBER, 2022



Phal. Pulcherrima f. coerulea
Kathy Kersey



Brassocattleya Binosa—Kathy Kersey



Blc Grezaffi's Blue x C. Caribbean Skies 'Paula'
Robert Finocchi



Aranda Chao Prayo Classic
Alan LaDuke

Fun with Kokadama at Our October Meeting

Many thanks to Jay Collins for leading us in creating Phalaenopsis Kokadamas at our October meeting. Using kits created by Jay and his team, we constructed a "ball" consisting of a center of bark media, surrounded by sphagnum moss, incorporating a blooming Phalaenopsis orchid into the ball. Everyone went home with their beautiful creation that will grow and provide beauty for years to come.

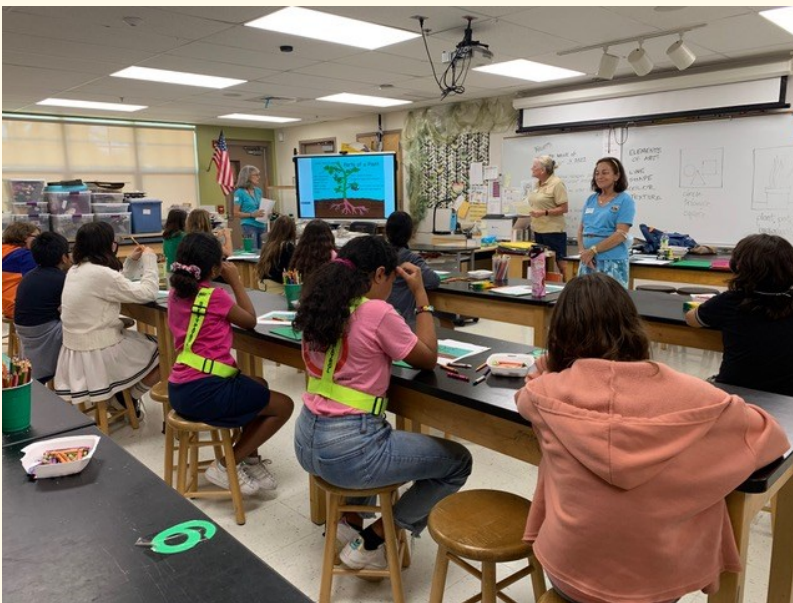


BROS After School Orchid Program Begins for 2022-2023 School Year

The After School Orchid Club program is off to a great start at JC Mitchell. Our current volunteers, Sheila Bell, Andrea Willens, Rita Welch and BJ Saul are doing a fabulous job teaching our future orchid growers.

During the month of September members learned all about plants and an introduction to orchids. They had fun pretending to be a plant. Their feet were roots, body a stem, their arms, and hands the leaves and their heads were flowers. During October they were asked "What do we know about orchids?" They watched videos and discussed what orchids need to grow, saw many different types of orchids, explored different growing media and discovered where in the world orchids grow.

If you would like to volunteer, your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact BJ Saul, bjfsaul@comcast.net, 561-347-0618 – *Submitted by Bj Saul*



BROS Member Plant Sales

BROS paid-up members are welcome to sell their plants at designated monthly meetings.

Four simple rules:

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

***** No member plant sales permitted at the November meeting**

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 October meeting:

Cheryl Dodes

Teresa O'Neil

Meryl Charnow

Dave & Beth Bowe

Janice Larit

Sally Glick



Board Meetings

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

Next meetings:

November 3

December 1

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