



All in-person meetings and BROS activities are currently suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

We hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

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## Featuring~

**Speaker: Tom Kuigowski**

**Topic: Photographing Orchids**

**Date: December 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM via Zoom**

\*\*\*This meeting will be held online via Zoom. There will be no in-person meetings until the COVID-19 pandemic abates and it becomes safe to have regular meetings. Watch your email for a link to the meeting.

Tom Kuligowski has been an orchid hobbyist for over twenty years. Like all hobbyists he is a firm believer that you learn from your mistakes. Therefore, your collection should increase in size as mortality decreases and the quality and number of blooms on your plants should improve. Being a professional photographer, Tom has documented every aspect of his collections. He has created three programs over the last few years using the images that he has captured.

He is the photographer for the West Palm Beach chapter of the American Orchid Society. His photographs appear monthly in the AOS magazine. Tom has presented many programs at BROS meetings and we have enjoyed every one of them.

Please join us on December 10 to learn some of the tricks of the trade from an orchid photography master.

— *Marion Israel*, Vice President, Programs



Tom Kuligowski

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

**January 14: Hadley Cash: Paphiopedilums**

**February 11: Alan Koch: Mini Vandas**

**March 11: Jim Davison: Cattleya Species**



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## **A Message from Our President**

I hope this letter finds you well.

I know 2020 has been a year filled with uncertainty, fear of the unknown and time NOT spent with your family and friends. I know Thanksgiving was a little different for most of you, but I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving however you celebrated this year.

With the end of the year approaching, the Holidays will be here before you know it. Whatever holiday you celebrate, please know that we miss each and every one of you. We hope you enjoy your holidays and please stay safe.

I hope you have been enjoying the cooler evenings and pleasant day temperatures. Now if only the wind would stop blowing at 20 mph.

For those of you who joined us for our November ZOOM meeting with Norman Fang, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. He really gave us some great ideas that we can use here in Florida.

Our December speaker will be Tom Kuligowski. He will be teaching us how to photograph our orchids using our phones. I am so excited to learn what my phone can really do...He will also speak about Angraecums during our meeting.

NOW FOR THE FUN PART... We would like to have a photo contest for our January newsletter. After our December ZOOM meeting, we would like you to apply what you learned and submit photos of your orchids. The contest will not be judging the beauty of your plant, but the beauty of your photo.

Thank you to all who have submitted your photos for our newsletters thus far. I hope you have enjoyed seeing your photos as well as those of your fellow members. We may not be able to be together in person, but we are really trying hard as a Board to get you the best speakers and a great newsletter each month, and keep you up to date on what's going on.

Have a wonderful Holiday, I miss you all and be safe...

Kathy

**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 December

by Dr. Martin Motes

December marks the beginning of the serious dry season in South Florida. While this additional dryness provides relief from the autumnal rains that can bring so many fungal problems, December is also the month of shortest day lengths. This contracted period of light, on the contrary, reduces severely the drying potential for our plants. Nature thus both gives and takes away from us in December. We must make sure, therefore, that we do not aid the dark side of the force by improper watering. In December, above all, one must stick strictly to the two cardinal principles of orchid watering: water early in the day so your plants have as many hours as possible to dry, and water heavily when you water, allowing longer intervals between watering to dry plants thoroughly. This practice maximizes the benefit of the dryer air of December and minimizes the adverse effect of the shorter day lengths.

Read this month's complete article at:

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

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### Welcome New Members!

Vilma Osborne

Andrea Willens

*Glad to have you join us!*



**HAPPY KWANZAA**



## A BROS Orchid Photography Contest

This month our speaker Tom Kuligowski will teach us about how to take great photos of our orchids. Let's put what he teaches us into practice with an orchid photo contest!

After we hear Tom's photo tips, please submit your greatly improved orchid photos to Cheryl Dodes at [rcdodes@aol.com](mailto:rcdodes@aol.com)

Include your name and the orchid's ID

A panel of knowledgeable judges will choose the winner(s).

There will be prizes!

Winning photos will appear in the January 2021 issue of

*The Orchid Sentinel*



## Members' Plants

All of us have orchids that we are proud of. Please share your good growing by emailing photos of your blooming orchids to Cheryl Dodes at [rcdodes@aol.com](mailto:rcdodes@aol.com). Please include the plant's official name, and make sure that your photos are right-side-up. Thank you!



Dendrobium  
BRACTEOSUM  
Jay Collins



Bulbophyllum  
ELIZABETH ANN BUCKLEBERRY  
Jay Collins



Vanda / Ascocenda  
JARAPRAPA X TUBTIM VELVET  
Jay Collins



Dendrobium  
EVERLASTING LOVE  
JAY COLLINS



Ascocenda  
CROWNFOX SUNRAY "KIMMY"  
Jay Collins



Still My Best Bloomer  
No name Dendrobium  
Jay Collins

## Members' Plants



**Cattleya bowringiana - Scott Joffe**



**Ctna 'Why Not' - Scott Joffe**



**Cattleya deckerii - Scott Joffe**



**Wils. Eye Candy 'Penny Candy' - Scott Joffe**

## Members' Plants



BLC George King 'Serendipity' - Cheryl Dodes



Brassavola nodosa - Teresa O'Neil



Brassavola nodosa - Janice Larit



Vanda JVB x Kultana Blue - Kathy Kersey



C triana var. Coerulea - Cheryl Dodes

## Members' Plants



Vanda JVB x Kullawadee Fragrance - Kathy Kersey



LC Exotic Smile 'Sailing' - Belinda Krause



Mtssa. Lavender Kiss 'Lavender Taffy' - Kathy Geis



Den crumenatum - Belinda Krause



Ctsm. Rebecca Northern X Ctsm. Expansum - Mirta Sacon



Oncidium Dancing Lady - Janice Larit



## Members' Plants



**Brassavola Little Stars - Kathy Kersey**



**Vanda Chao Praya Violet - Kathy Kersey**



**Pot. Yaeko Fujiwara 'Paradise' - Cheryl Dodes**



**Onc. Sharry Baby - Janice Larit**



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**BROS Board Meetings**

**\*\*\* Will be held on the Thursday prior to the Member  
Meeting each month via Zoom**

**Next Board Meeting:**

**December 3 at 7 PM**

**January 6, 2021 at 7 PM**

**Happy Holidays**