



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~

### Our Special Holiday Meeting!

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:30PM

Due to the necessary cancellation of the November meeting, BROS missed two things that were supposed to happen at that meeting. The slate of Board Members for 2023 was to be presented and the members would have voted. Now, the vote will be taken at the December Annual Meeting, right before the official Installation of the Board. The proposed slate of officers is on page 4 in the December newsletter, so please be sure to read the newsletter before the meeting.

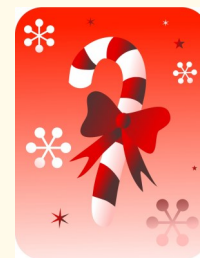
The other item that was missed was the sign up for the December Annual Meeting. We need to have an accurate count of attendees to have the right amount of food.

\*\*\* No guests will be permitted at this meeting. The December meeting is for paid members only, please.

If you plan to attend the December Annual Meeting, please text 'yes' to Kathy Kersey. If you do not do texting, you can send an email to [kathykbros@gmail.com](mailto:kathykbros@gmail.com). You must respond by December 5.

Hope to see you all at the December meeting!

\*\*\*Please see details about our December meeting, its fun activities, and food on page 5



### Future Programs

January 13: AOS Judges Teach Us What Judges Look for When Judging a Plant

February 9: Judy Bailey- "Questions to Ask When Purchasing an Orchid"

February 12 & 13: BROS Valentines Show

### Contact US

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The BROS is the proud recipient  
of the DASSA Award.



## From President Kathy Kersey

Happy Holidays to you and your family. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

I can't believe it's December already; time really flies. I am truly sorry that we had to cancel our November meeting. Unfortunately, when the Palm Beach county schools are closed, so is our building. We have rescheduled Jim Davison for June 2023.

Since our meeting was cancelled for November, we are a month behind on show preparations. If you are interested in ordering a BROS tee shirt, please place your order at our December meeting. I need to contact the printer on December 9th to ensure we will have the shirts back for the January meeting. You do not need to pay for your shirt until you pick it up in January.

We also need to get all volunteer positions filled for our show. The show is a little over 2 months away, February 11-12, with set up Thursday and Friday the 9th and 10th. Without you our show would never be possible. We need all of our members to sign up for Show time slots at our December meeting. (You can also volunteer for the whole day). Our 2022 show was amazing and I know our 2023 show will be even better. PLEASE VOLUNTEER... Just a reminder... when you volunteer during our Show, you get free admission and we provide you with lunch.

Pre-sell tickets are currently on sale. When you purchase 5 tickets for \$3 each, you will receive 1 comp ticket. You are saving \$10 total when you buy them in advance.

**Now for the FUN part. I hope you RSVP'd for our December meeting. We need a head count so we can properly order the food for you. We will be playing BINGO as we have done in the past and wrap up our 2022 year with a fun-filled evening. I hope you'll be joining us.**

Please mark your calendar for January 12th. We will be hosting AOS judges for our meeting. They will be teaching us what judges look for when they are judging plants at shows and at the monthly judging centers. I know this is something we all will be interested in. Please plan on bringing in one of your beautiful blooming orchids. Make sure your plant is prepared like you would bring them in for judging during our Show. Remember to stake your spikes if needed, pretty pots and Spanish moss. This is definitely a meeting you won't want to miss. We would like to have at least 20 plants for the judges to speak about. I look forward to seeing your plants.

We hope you have a wonderful Holiday season and all the best in the coming year.

Happy Holidays,

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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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.

As in all aspects of orchid culture, keen observation is the key to success. In cooler weather your plants need much less water. Moreover, cool air even at the same relative humidity, strips less water from your plants because cool air has less water holding capability. Always be sure that your plants really need water before you roll out the hose in December. Remember to use at least one of the standard tests for dryness: the finger dug slightly into the media test or the newly sharpened pencil coming dry like a knife from a well cooked custard, or test by hefting a pot that you know the weight of, both wet and dry and be sure that it has attained sufficient lightness. When you are sure they are dry, water them until you are sure they are very wet, then let the drying air of December do its magic to ward off leaf spotting diseases.

Himalayan dendrobiums of the nobile and Callista (*D. aggregatum*, *chrysotoxum*, etc.) Sections require no additional water (beyond rain) in December. Remember, those of you who water (or, even worse, fertilize) these dendrobiums in December, will be punished by having your flowers taken away in the Spring. Some growers who have the space, isolate these dendrobiums along with other types that want hard drying such as *Catasetum*, *Cycnoches*, *Mormodes*, and *Calanthe*.

## News from Dr. Motes

The Updated Edition of  
*Florida Orchid Growing*  
*Month by Month*  
is now available!

To purchase, visit [www.RedlandPress.com](http://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"

# **Boca Raton Orchid Society Proposed Slate of Officers 2023**

## **President**

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## **Directors**

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**Steve Miller**

**Teresa O'Neil**

**We will vote on this Slate at the December 8, 2022 meeting**

# ORCHID EVENTS

The December, 2022 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, December 17, 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 <https://www.wpbjc.org/> for more information or email Jackie Wood at [bocaorchidlady@aol.com](mailto:bocaorchidlady@aol.com).

## JANUARY

Boca Raton Orchid Society Outreach Judging. Thursday, January 12, at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL. Contact Kathy Kersey, 954-802-3575. This will be at our regular January meeting.

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.

## MARCH

Martin County Orchid Society's Orchid Express. March 3-5, Martin County Fair Grounds, Bldg G, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart, FL; Contact Nancy Speedy, 772-485-5310; [aspeedy@bellsouth.net](mailto:aspeedy@bellsouth.net)

Jacksonville Orchid Society Show, March 18-19, Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville, FL. Contact Lorraine Conover , 561-302-6010; [lorrainesorchids@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainesorchids@gmail.com)

## APRIL

Port St. Lucie Orchid Society's "Hoot Loves Orchids". April 1-2, Port St. Lucie Polich American Club, 343 NW Prima Vista Blvd., Port ST. Lucie, FL. Contact Andrea Heitfeld, [tazzette55@gmail.com](mailto:tazzette55@gmail.com)

*Boca Raton Orchid Society*

Don't Miss

# The BROS December Meeting

at

**Our Usual Meeting Place and Time:**

**At Safe Schools Institute**

**Thursday, December 8, 2022 - 7:30pm**

This Meeting is for Paid Members Only!

(No Guests Please)

There will be no plant judging or raffle

There **WILL** be enjoyable, fun activities, delicious light bites, and surprises in addition to our regular meeting

**DON'T MISS THIS MEETING!**

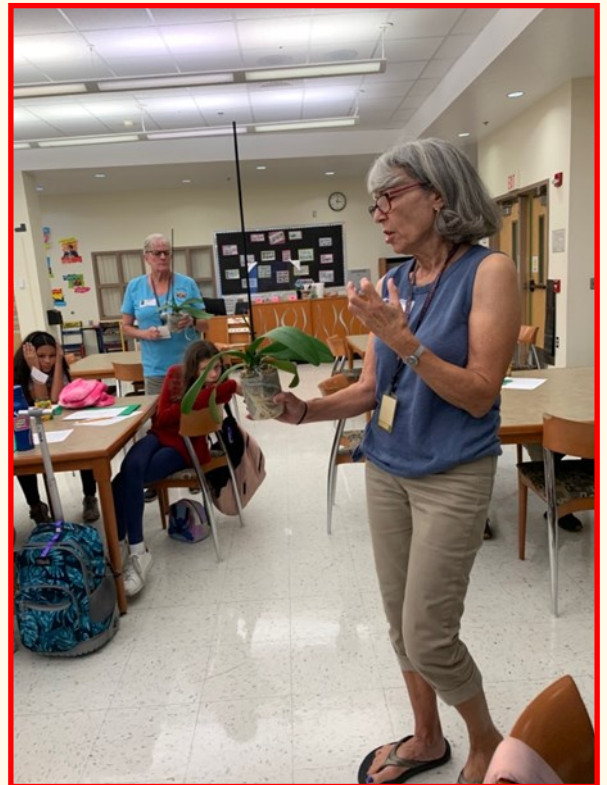


## Boca Raton Orchid Society After School Orchid Program

Submitted by BJ Saul

The After School Orchid Club program is going strong. During the month of November club members learned how to identify a Phalaenopsis orchid by studying their different parts. They then received an orchid and learned how to care for their plant. They were so excited to get them. Each plant had a beautiful spike with a bud. The students are eager to watch them bloom and uncover the color of their flowers. Special thanks to Sheila Bell, Rita Welch, and Andrea Willens for sharing their wisdom and knowledge with the students.

If you would like to volunteer, your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact BJ Saul, [bjfsaul@comcast.net](mailto:bjfsaul@comcast.net), 561-347-0618



## Board Meetings

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

Next meetings:

December 1

January 6



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