



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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A Message from the Editor.....

We have all been through so much over the past two years. We hope that we will continue to return to normalcy in the coming months. It's great being part of a Society that also has its traditions. Our traditional annual Holiday Meeting will take place on December 9 at 7:30 PM at Safe Schools Institute.

Another tradition is our annual Valentines Show, February 12 and 13. It takes many people to put on a successful Show each year. I hope it will become a tradition for each BROS member to help make our only fundraiser of the year successful.

Many Thanks to retiring Board member Marion Israel. As Vice President of Programming, she found wonderful speakers for our monthly meetings and contributed greatly to the well-being of our Orchid Society. We wish her well.

A joyous holiday season to all!

— Cheryl Dodes

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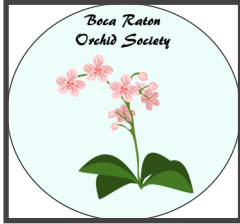
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A Message from Our President

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I hope you were able to spend it with family and friends, if that's what your plans were. We spent Thanksgiving with my husband's best friend's family in Fort Pierce. We had a wonderful time and ate too much.

Thanks to everyone who attended our November meeting with Courtney Hackney. He will be returning in January for part 2 of his presentation. The raffle plants he brought were great, and I know many of you bought great plants that he was selling.

Thank you to those of you who filled out the questionnaire regarding what YOU would like from YOUR Society. I have compiled a list and we will be discussing it on our Board call. Then we will make a plan to implement what you would like to learn about and experience.

February will be here before we know it. We are selling discounted Show tickets at our monthly meetings. Remember...they are \$3 each, and when you buy 5 tickets, you receive 1 complimentary ticket. If you wait until the Show, they are \$5 each.

Calling all VOLUNTEERS!!!!

Our Annual Show is February 12-13, 2022. We start set up on Thursday, and the vendors arrive on Friday. We have the volunteer sign up boards at our meetings. Please sign up for a time that works best for you. Remember, you can sign up for more than one shift. All day would be great too. Remember, if you are volunteering that day, your entry is FREE. Also, we do provide lunch for our volunteers, just a little perk for volunteering. If you have questions, please see me or Janice Larit and we will try to answer any questions you might have. If you are unable to attend a meeting, but would like to sign up for a volunteer position, please email me directly, and I will put you on the sign-up board. We need everyone to participate for our show to be the best it can be.

Our December meeting is on December 9th at 7:30 pm. I hope all of you RSVP'd before the Nov. 29 deadline. Teresa and Marilyn are doing a great job getting everything prepared for you. We will be having a wonderful selection of appetizers and desserts. We will be playing our annual BINGO games and winning prizes. It's always a great time.

I want to wish all of you a wonderful Holiday season, however you celebrate it. May it bring you the joy, happiness and peace that you desire. I still can't believe that it's December, WOW the year has flown by.

Kathy



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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.

When nature has delivered a light overnight or early morning rain as she so often does in December at the leading edge of a cold front, add to her efforts by watering thoroughly that same morning and skip out watering for an extra several days afterward. With this method you can use the general dryness of December to give yourself much of the advantage of a greenhouse in terms of controlling watering. 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.

News from Dr. Motes

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Boca Raton Orchid Society

Don't Miss

The BROS December Meeting

at



Our Usual Meeting Place and Time:



At Safe Schools Institute

Thursday, December 9, 2021 - 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!



Upcoming Orchid Events

The December 2021 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, December 18, 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.

Sawgrass Nature Center Annual Orchid & Plant Festival. Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5, 2021; 9:30 AM - 4 PM both days. Admission: \$7 pp. 3000 Sportsplex Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065. More info: 954-752-9453 or www.SawgrassNatureCenter.org.

Tamiami Orchid Show. Friday - Sunday, January 14-16, 2022, 11 AM - 7 PM daily. At Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center, 10901 SW 24 ST., Miami, FL 33165. Admission: \$15 pp at the door. Kids under 12 free.

<https://www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com/>

Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show Orchids Rock. Friday to Sunday, January 21, 22, 23, 2022, 10 AM - 6 PM. At the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316. One-day passes are \$12 pp; 3-day passes are \$25 pp.

More information: <https://www.flos.org/society-activities/show/>

Boca Raton Orchid Society Valentine's Orchid Show. Saturday and Sunday, February 12-13, 10 AM - 5 PM both days. Admission \$5 pp CASH ONLY. Free parking. Children 12 and under free. At Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33433.

Tampa Bay Orchid Society Orchids By the Bay Show and Sale. Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6, 2022. At Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 5500 Memorial Hwy., Tampa, FL 33634. 561-404-2000 for more info.



Happy
Hanukkah



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 November were...

Name	Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name
Kathy Kersey	Phalaenopsis	Blue	Phal. pulcherrima
Alan LaDuke	Encyclia	Blue	Epc. Lime Sherbert X B. nodosa
Roberto Finocchi	Cattleya	Blue	Blc. Memoria A-Nun Meesangnill 'NN'
Belinda Krause	Dendrobium	Blue	Den. Burana Doll #7
Barbara Barrie	Vanda	Blue	Vanda sanderiana alba
Roberto Finocchi	Encyclia	Best Blue	Enc. Cordigera 'Hinomaru'

BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Roberto Finocchi



Encyclia cordigera 'Hinomaru' - Roberto Finocchi

Members' Winning Plants - November



Phal pulcherrima F. coerulea - Kathy Kersey

Vanda sanderiana alba - Barbara Barrie



Blc Memoria A-Nun Meesangnill 'NN' -
Roberto Finocchi

Members' Winning Plants - November



Epc. Lime Sherbert x B. nodosa - Alan LaDuke

Den. Burana Doll No. 7 - Belinda Krause



Best in Show

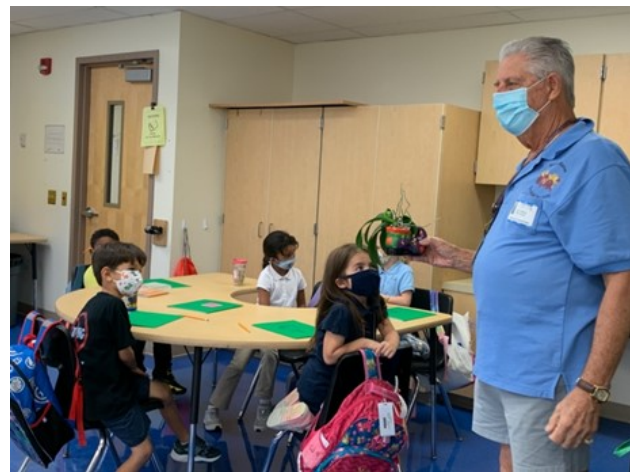
Encyclia cordigera 'Hinomaru'

Roberto Finnochì

BROS After School Orchid Program

Submitted by BJ Saul

The After School Orchid Program is going strong. During the month of November participants learned how to identify a Phalaenopsis orchid by studying its 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 flowering spike. The students are eager to watch them bloom and uncover the color of their flowers. Special thanks to Jay Collins for sharing his wisdom and knowledge with the students. If you would like to volunteer, your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact BJ Saul, bjfsaul@comcast.net, 561-347-0618



Jay Collins instructs the program participants

Orchid Fun at JC Mitchell School



Students proudly displaying their orchids

Orchid Show & Sale Valentine's Weekend

February 12-13, 2022
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Encyclia gracilis
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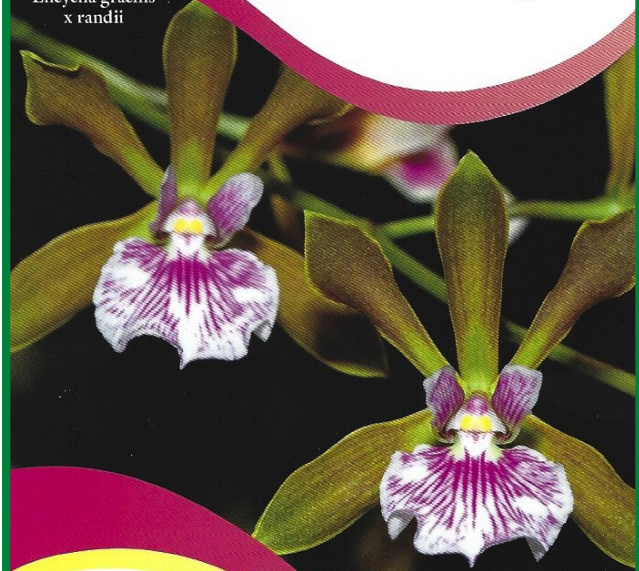


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1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton
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ADMISSION: \$5.00 CASH ONLY
Children 12 & under FREE

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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.



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Next Board Meetings:

January 6, 2022

February 3