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Thursday, April 14, 2011 Program

7:30 p.m.

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Topic: "Orchids 101"

Speaker: Richard Brandon

Richard Brandon is a transplanted New Yorker who retired to the Florida Keys to dive and fish. Along the way, he was bitten by the "Orchid bug", caught the fever and has been coping with his addiction ever since. Richard has served as an officer and board member of the Key Largo Orchid Society as well as East Everglades and South Florida Orchid Societies. Richard has also served as show chair for the Miami Orchid Show and is an accredited AOS judge. His specialty is using orchids in the landscape.

Richard's talk is an introductory course for orchidists and is titled "Orchids 101" and is a very basic talk that should give the beginner many valuable insights into growing orchids and also remind the more advanced grower of some long-forgotten growing tips.

Carmela Orchids will be supplying plants for our Raffle Table.

See you at the Meeting



Maritza Graff

Marilyn Kostris

Tom Rowe



Calendar of Events

- Thur. Apr 14 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting —Richard Brandon—
Orchids 101
- Wed. Apr 20 7:30pm BROS Board Meeting - Lorraine Conover's Home
- Thur. May 12 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting — TBA

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President's Message:

Happy April!

I hope you have all been able to spring ahead. Of course, Spring also means the Redlands International Orchid Festival coming up in mid-May. This is one of the largest and most unique orchid events in our area, attracting many international orchid vendors. We are in the process of organizing another bus trip for Saturday May 14, 2011. We would depart the K-Mart Garden Center on Palmetto & I-95 @ 8:00 a.m. Please be there at 7:45a.m. sharp as we will depart on time. Cost of trip: \$30.00 per person which includes admission of \$10.00, a \$5.00 coupon to be used with any of the orchid vendors, snacks, water and great company. For more information and to reserve your seat, please call Lorraine Conover at (561) 395-2145 or Sharon Wesolowski at (954) 605-9932.

Please remember we will need 40 people to be signed up and paid in full by April 14th. You can pay at the meeting on April 14th or mail your check to the BROS PO Box. Checks must be received no later than April 20th. Cancellations will not be accepted after April 20, 2011. If we do not secure 40 people, payment will be returned and the bus trip will be cancelled. Seats are limited, so reserve yours soon to avoid disappointment.

Newsletter Editor:

As many of you are aware, we have been looking for someone to take over the newsletter editor position for months. As of this date, we still do not have a volunteer willing and able to write the monthly newsletter.

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President's Message Continued:

For those of you who have not been coming to the meeting, I have spoken about how this is OUR society not the board member's society. We encourage everyone to help wherever possible. Whether you are working as a board member, in the kitchen, at the library, newsletter editor, running the raffle table, bringing in snacks, helping with a special event, participating in the orchid education program, or whatever it is, the Society doesn't exist without everyone's contribution. If you are currently not involved in something, please join in! If everyone works together, the society will be much more enriching and fulfilling. Please consider working on the newsletter.

For those of you that were at the March meeting, I would like to thank you for completing the questionnaire regarding the Annual Meeting and Holiday Event. We received 31 completed questionnaires.

12 people attended the event and 19 of the responders did not.

12 people (majority) would like to continue the event at Brooks or similar venue.

10 people prefer a December meeting only

8 people preferred potluck

1 no response

A few people mentioned getting another venue for variety or asking a member to host it at their clubhouse. These are great suggestions and we, as a board, would welcome anyone that would like to arrange some of these alternative ideas. This can be addressed in the summer as we prepare for the Annual Meeting and Holiday event. I think it is important to realize how much work has gone into securing the current venue and what happens at the event. We have priced several venues and we would not get the same value. For the past three years, different people have been in charge of the Holiday Event and looked at alternatives, all coming back to our original plan.

Each year Brooks has offered us the best venue, best food, and best price for our needs.

As an example, at last year's event, the cost to the member was \$45.00. This included three different 3 course gourmet meals to choose from, live entertainment, a dance floor, a private room for the event, an orchid for each guest to take home, the centerpiece raffle and here is the most important part; we get a chance to help others in the community. Last year we collected toys for the Boys and Girls Club. We have two officers from the Boca Raton Police Department that come down to pick up the gifts and give us recognition for our continued support to that organization.

Corrine Juliano
President

*Mark your Calendars:
Our annual Redlands Bus Trip Is Coming SOON!*

The Redlands International Orchid Festival is one of the largest and most unique orchid events in our area, attracting many international orchid vendors.

**We are planning on another great bus trip
to the Redlands Festival, come join us on
Saturday May 14, 2011**

Sign up by the **April** meeting to reserve your seat.

\$30.00

Your money will get you the following:

- ⇒ Bus Ride (Tolls and gas included)
 - ⇒ Snacks
 - ⇒ Water
- ⇒ Entry into the event (\$10.00 value)
 - ⇒ \$5.00 coupon
 - ⇒ Raffle

Your MONEY needs to be in by April 20th so a bus can be guaranteed. Please mail it to

BROS

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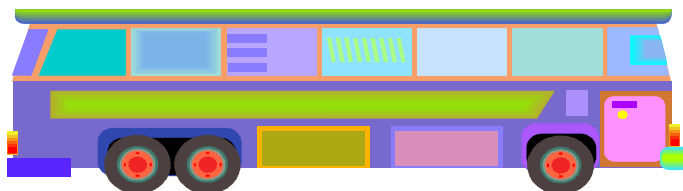
For more information please call

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Lorraine Conover at (561) 395-2145

Seats are limited, so reserve yours soon to avoid disappointment.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

for all of the hard work that you did during the
Boca Raton Orchid Society Show.

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| Judy Bailey | Heddy Hoy | Carol O'Grady |
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American Orchid Society

American Orchid Society News:

Judging at the AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden

The West Palm Beach judging center holds its monthly meetings at the AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden. On the fourth Saturday of each month at 2 pm, the judges get together to evaluate the flowers brought in for their consideration. This is a wonderful opportunity for orchid lovers to observe the judging process.

The Orchid Doctor is In, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sundays

Having problems growing your orchids? Blooms fall off? Are your plants sick? You can find the answers to your questions by bringing the invalid plant to the AOS Visitor's Center and talking with the "Orchid Doctor". Experts are on hand Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Saturdays, 1 – 4 pm and Sundays 1 – 4 pm.

Check out more AOS events & news online at <http://www.aos.org>

ORCHID TIDBITS

Tips for New Orchid Growers

1. Start accumulating different books about how to grow Orchids. Remember we have a library at your disposal every meeting to check out.
2. Check on your plants frequently
3. Keep an eye out for signs of pests and disease (Don't forget to look UNDER the foliage).
4. Do not over water your plants
5. Do not over crowd your collection
6. Keep some type of record keeping on your orchids. Name of plant and when you acquired it, when it flowered etc.

ARE YOUR LEAVES TURNING YELLOW AND FALLING OFF?????

- * First lets make sure that these leaves are not the oldest leaves on your plant. Due to the normal growth cycle the oldest leaves will yellow and fall off.
- * BUT—if your young leaves are YELLOWING and DROPPING off you may actually have an issue. Your leaves may turn yellow due to a lack of light, and or fertilizer.

Ryan "The Orchid Guy"

DO YOU HAVE GARDEN, HORTICULTURAL AND PESTS QUESTIONS?

Call Mounts Master Gardener at 561-233-1750.

You can also go online at Mgarden@pbc.com



LOCAL EVENTS 2011



APRIL

8-10 St. Germain Orchids— Spring Orchid Festival

18290 SW 254 Street Homestead, FL 33031

9 –10 Tropical Plant & Orchid Sale at the AOS

10:00am-4:00pm - Admission: \$10 for everyone (children under 12 Free)

16-17 Mounts Botanical Spring Plant Sale

16-17 Plant Show and Sale Presented by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida—Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden 9:30a to 4:30 both days.

Admission : Free to Fairchild Members and children under 5. Non-members \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors 65 and up and \$12 for children 6-17.

21 Wine and Jazz in the gardens is Back ONE NIGHT ONLY

RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED!! Admission for the evening is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members with reservations, tickets sold at the door will be \$30 for non-members and \$25 for members. Make your reservations today. Call or e-mail Enid Torgersen at 561-404-2063 or etorgersen@aos.org or Susan Wayman at 561-404-2031 or swayman@aos.org

10th, 17th and 21st Sunday Sounds at Fairchild

Every Sunday in April at 1:30pm at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
Free with price of admission

22-23 Vero Beach Orchid Society Show. This show is only Friday and Saturday as a result of the Easter Holiday. It is great timing to have something beautiful flowering for Easter.

30 of April and the 1st of May—The Food and Garden Festival Featuring the 32nd Annual Spring Plant Sale At Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden 9:30—4:30p



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LOCAL EVENTS 2011 CONTINUED



MAY

13, 14 and 15 15th Annual REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL

9:00AM - 5:00PM Fruit Spice Park 24801 SW 187th Ave. Homestead, Florida
www.redlandorchidfestival.org

13 Sushi & Stroll - Summer Walks at the Morikami

May 13, June 10, July 8, August 19 and September 9th at 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Admissions \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 kids, Free for members and kids under 3

Boca Raton Orchid Society Membership

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March 2011 Boca Raton Orchid Society Plant Table

B.R.O.S Plant Table Registration Instructions.



1. You must have owned your plant for at least 6 months.
2. Absolutely NO INSECTS.
3. Your orchid must have a name.
4. It must be in the correct category. (Ask if you don't know.)
5. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY the name of the Orchid and your name on the Registration Form.
6. Try to place your plant in an attractive container to enhance the orchids beauty.

IF THESE CRITERIA ARE NOT MET, YOUR PLANT MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.
Help all members enjoy your beautiful orchids by displaying them correctly.

BONUS: Each plant registered will receive a FREE raffle ticket for the plant draw.

| Category | Ribbon | Orchid Name | Owner |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|------------------------|
| Cattleya Unifoliolate | Blue | Blc Golden 'Lemon Chiffon x Wayendora x Hina Sunset' | Corrine & Tony Juliano |
| Cattleya Unifoliolate | Culture | LC Gold digger Mandarin Fuchs | Biz Kamener |
| Epidendrum | Blue | Ionopsis Utriculariodes | Susan Barbuty |
| Oncidium | Blue | Colm. Wildcat | Garfield Gilchrist |
| Cattleya Bifoliolate | Blue & Culture | Lc Golddigger x Fuchs Mandarin | Bob & Barb Blais |
| Cattleya Bifoliolate | Blue & Culture | Catt. Skinneri Red Clay Clark | Clay Clark |
| Paphiopedilum | Blue | Paph. Berenice 'Redstart' AM/RAS | Alan LaDuke |
| Dendrobium Alliance | Blue & Culture | Den. Aussie Chip | Denise Libby |
| Dendrobium Alliance | Blue & Culture | Den. Golden Aya | Denise Libby |

If you would like to view the pictures of these winning Orchids, Please visit our web site at: www.BocaRatonOrchidSociety.org

"An orchid lover and their money are soon parted"

Refreshments are needed for our May 2011 Meeting

These refreshments can be: Cookies, cakes, punch, soft drinks, vegetables & dip, cut up fruit, fruit salad , nuts, chips or anything tasty to share with the other members during the break.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN SO WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE YOU IN THE NEWSLETTER.

Thank You to Susan Barbuty, Lorraine Conover, Kim Hitt, Shirley Schneider, Lewis Stone and Hella Weiss



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BROS Meetings are Held the
2nd Thursday of each Month at
7:30 p.m. at:

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