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The Realm of Wonder

Speaker: Dr. Alec Pridgeon

Dr. Alec Pridgeon was born in 1950 in Dallas, Texas and received his Ph.D. in biology from Florida State University specializing in anatomy and systematics of orchids. He is presently a Sainsbury Orchid Fellow at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, where he specializes in molecular phylogenetics and co-edits and contributes to Genera Orchidacearum, a comprehensive multi-volume monograph of the orchid family. Volumes 1-4 of General Orchidacearum have already been published by Oxford University Press, and Volume 5 is in press.

In orchid circles he is perhaps best known as past Editor of the American Orchid Society Bulletin (now titled Orchids) and Founding Editor of the scientific orchid journal, Lindleyana. However, he has also written or co-written more than 50 scientific articles or book chapters and more than 100 popular articles, co-written and co-directed five videotapes, edited 14 books including the Proceedings of the 14th World Orchid Conference and The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Orchids, and compiled the Orchid Action Plan for the Species Survival Commission of the IUCN in Geneva.

Alec's research interests have taken him throughout Costa Rica as well as to Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, South Africa, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Tonga, Fiji, and New Caledonia. He has been an invited speaker to seven World Orchid Conferences and the 14th International Botanical Congress in Berlin.

Dr. Pridgeon is a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London, Fellow of the American Orchid Society, and Courtesy Curator of the Florida Museum of Natural History. When not studying or photographing plants, he heads for the world's oceans to enjoy scuba diving and underwater photography, particularly of whales and sharks.

See you at the meeting.

Jackie Wood, V.P. Programs

For those of you who are proud owners of Alec Pridgeon's **Encyclopedia of Orchids**, bring it to the meeting to have Dr. Pridgeon sign it.





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BROS Calendar of Events

Thur. Aug. 13 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Alec Pridgeon

Wed. Aug 19 7:30pm BROS Board Meeting - Shari Weidenbaum's Home

Thur. Sept.10 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Lou Lodyga

President's Message

Just in time, starting this month a board member will be at a table in the rear of the room for the sole purpose of helping newer members gain more from their membership.

Your host will answer your questions and acquaint you with all the "inside" information concerning the Boca Raton Orchid Society, e.g. what is the plant table, how do I enter a plant for judging, how does the raffle table work. Our goal is to assist members in reaping the full benefit of being part of BROS.

One of the more perplexing things about orchids is how they are named. In the next few months, I shall try to acquaint you with some rules of naming. Most names are in Latin, a few are in ancient Greek, and a few keep original names, such as Vanda from India. Latin was chosen because in the era of vast numbers of orchids being registered most collectors were well educated and regardless of nationality spoke Latin.

Rule:

- #1: The first letter of the genus is always capitalized, e.g. *Cattleya*.
- #2: The species name is not capitalized, e.g. *skinnerii*.
- #3: Both names are either italicized or underlined, e.g. *Cattleya skinnerii* or Cattleya skinnerii.

See you at the meeting.

Dave



ORCHID TIDBITS

August in your Orchid Collection

August Climate Data

Average high: 90.6

Average low: 76.5

Average mean: 83.6

Average rainfall: 8.63"

Tasks for August:

- Finish cutting teretes and reed stem epidendrums early in month
- Reset strap leaf vandas early or not at all
- Dry hard once or twice
- Continue anti fungal spray program
- Apply snail bait lightly twice ten days apart

July and August are the two most similar months in South Florida. Most of the advice on watering, disease and pest control in last month's calendar still apply but subtle changes are taking place. Although it may not seem so, as temperatures climb into the low nineties most afternoons, summer is in retreat: each day a little shorter, each night a little longer. With shorter days the importance of watering as early in the morning as possible comes to the fore. With less hours of sunlight to dry the plants, extra care should be taken in choosing when to water. Back to the basics of the classic saying : If a Vanda looks like it needs water, water it; If a Cattleya or Oncidium looks like it needs water, water it tomorrow. If a Paph or a Phal looks like it needs water, you should have watered it yesterday. Good air circulation and proper watering are the keys to disease prevention.

Excerpted from Florida Orchid Growing: 'Month by Month' by Martin Motes

Those Pesky..... **SNAILS**



Snails and slugs are a constant problem for outdoor and greenhouse growers of orchids. They love the open medium of bark used for orchids and can cause great damage to new growths of both roots and plant tops. Most of the time the first sign that there is trouble will be an almost ruined plant, they will invade that fast.

Snail and slug poisons vary by state, so you should consult with your local nursery to determine what is available in your area. **Never put slug or snail bait in your orchid pots, always put it around them on the ground** as many of the products can be toxic to orchids.

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.

Upcoming Classes at the AOS

FREE CLASS

August 15 -- "Growing Orchids"

Instructors: Sandi Jones and Tom Wells, co-owners of Broward Orchid Supply, Hollywood Florida (www.browardorchidsupply.com) Methods of growing orchids are like spaghetti recipes -- everyone has a different set of ingredients for success. In this class, Sandi and Tom will explain to students the differences among the popular types of orchids and what they need, two steps toward growing orchids well. Come experience the fun of orchid growing with these enthusiastic teachers -- bring your questions.

All classes are held at the AOS Botanical Garden located in Delray Beach on Saturday's from 10 am – 12:30 pm, unless otherwise noted.

To register, please call 561-404-2031 or email swayman@aos.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

OCTOBER:

East Everglades Show at RF Orchids - October 23 - 25th.

South Florida Speakers Day - October 4th.

AOS Members Meeting at Huntington Gardens, California - October 14th.

Delray Beach Orchid Society Show - Weekend of October 30 - Nov. 01st.

NOVEMBER:

AOS Fall Orchid Show "Falling for Orchids" - November 20 - 22nd at AOS

Refreshments are needed for our upcoming August 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. Thank You to Louis Hendricks, Sylvia Zeitlin & Amy and Dave Hogaboom for bringing all the wonderful treats to share at our July meeting.

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



Library Commentary

B.R.O.S membership provides Orchid enthusiasts many benefits, one of which is our very own library.

Please remember to return books on loan from the Library so that other members may also enjoy them.

Your cooperation is appreciated by your fellow members.

Amy Hogaboom
Librarian

New Members for July 2009:

WELCOME

**Sharon Horn
&
Sylvia Zeitlin**

Membership - 2009 Annual Membership Begins January 1, 2009

Boca Raton Orchid Society Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$20.00 COUPLE \$30.00 - Newsletter e-mailed

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RENEWAL

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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.

Thank You to Myles Burack, for providing the July Raffle Table Plants

Boca Raton Orchid Society Plant Table July 2009

Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name	Owner
Encyclia	Blue	Encyclia alata	Scott Joffe
	Blue	Brassavola Nodosa	Tony Biviano
Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Onc. Maui Gold 'waldar'	Tony Biviano
Cattleya	Blue	Lc Summer Christmas 'maria'	Jackie Wood
Paphiopedilum	Blue	Pinocchio	Briana Hagquist
Paphiopedilum	Blue	Paph. Toni Semple v. Paph Liemianum	Lois Hendricks
Epidendrum	Blue	Pros. Cochliata	Shari Weidenbaum
Vanda	Blue	V - (Bernice Miller - Dr. Arek)	Marian McElligott

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

www.BocaRatonOrchidSociety.org

Boca Raton Orchid Society Advertisers

How would you like to have an article published??

No experience necessary!!!

Life Publication has asked **BROS** to send them articles on orchids growing in our zone for publication in their magazines (**BocaDelray Life, Parkland Life & Coconut Creek Life**) . It needs to be specific to the season we're in, so if it's a summertime article it would need to be about orchids that grow well in the heat, or even growing orchids indoors. Please note that the articles need to be informative, instructional and fun. HONESTLY offering the gardener a how-to on growing an orchid, the upside, downside and the orchid's specific needs and/or quirks. The word count should be 900-1000 for each article, pictures of the plant/flower would be helpful and welcome . A 900 word article could accommodate as many as four pictures. A brief Bio of the author is welcome.



Your article can be on related orchid growing, e.g. winter care, spring repotting, dealing with pests, etc. Our first article has been submitted on "How to Mount an Orchid."

Boca Raton Orchid Society will benefit with increased visibility, our goal is to submit three articles a year. With all the beautiful orchids we are able to grow here, this is a great way to share our passion. If you have never done anything like this before help is available.

I would like to have another article ready for November or December so put on your thinking caps and put it on paper. Please contact me if you have an idea for a topic and would like to participate or for further information.

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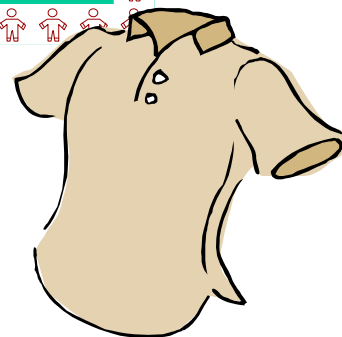
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