

The Orchid Scentinel



P.O. Box 276367, Boca Raton, FL 33427

Thursday, February 11, 2010 Program

7:30 p.m.



February Speaker: George Hausermann, Jr "Orchids for the Shade"

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E. F. G. Orchids, located 20 minutes outside of Chicago, is celebrating its 65th year in business. Founded in 1939 by Great Grandfather Carl D. Hausermann and Grandpa Erwin Hausermann, Sr., E.F.G evolved primarily to furnish the wholesale market with cut orchid blooms and gardenias.

In the 1960's third generation Ronald, George, Sr., Erwin, Jr. and Kenneth Hausermann joined their father. Their goal was to produce new orchid varieties to enhance the sale of cut flowers. This led to E.F.G. becoming the largest wholesale producer of cut cattleya orchid flowers in the world. Their hybridizing program has produced crosses that are known worldwide.

With the decline of use for corsages and ever increasing expenses, this once lucrative business was on its way to one of many changes to come.

In 1990, the change prompted the 4th generation Ingrid, George, Jr., and Carl Hausermann to join their father, George, Sr. and mother, Ursula. George, Jr. quickly became well known in the industry and is renowned for his hybridizing of many new phaius and paphiopedilum orchids. In one of many articles, George was quoted as "doing pioneer work breeding Phaius" in the February, 2004 edition of the American Orchid Society issue.

In 1999 with ever increasing expenses in the Chicago area, E. F. G. Orchids sold 4 of their 7 acres to put down new roots literally in DeLand, Florida. The Florida location managed by George, Jr. and his wife, Paula is named Power Plant and is the main growing area for their operation.

E. F. G. will once again be participating in our show this weekend and George, Jr. has come a day early to talk to us about "Growing Orchids in the Shade." They will be providing our raffle table and will also have plants for sale, so you can all get a jump start on your weekend orchid shopping.

See you at the meeting,

Jackie Wood, Program Chair



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BROS Calendar of Events

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Thur. Feb 11 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: George Hausermann

Sat. & Sun. Feb 13 & 14 BROS Show - Safe Schools Institute

Thur. March 11 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Tom Kuligowski

Wed. March 17 7:30pm BROS Board Meeting - Denise Libby's home

President's Message:

BROS members, you're fantastic! Orchid Mania needed some help due to a loss of funding. You responded with an \$1100.00 spontaneous contribution, matched by the Board for a **total of \$2200.00!!** You are to be commended for your caring and generosity. BROS's contribution helps allow Orchid Mania continue helping children infected with HIV. You can further support this cause by bringing an orchid for repotting to our show in February. Not only will your plant feel better, you will too. **All** profits of Orchid Mania go to their cause.

It is show time everyone. We can all help to make this our best annual show ever by volunteering during the show, selling all of your tickets, or by providing a food dish for the judges and vendors. Be a super hero, do all three! We need YOU to make the 2010 show a success. Please do your part.

Part of an orchid show is showing off. How about that nice plant you have blooming? Bring it in for judging. A show ribbon is a great conversation piece and a great morale booster. After all the TLC you have lavished on the plant you're entitled to bask in your success. Plants to be judged should be brought in on Friday around 4pm for registration. We'll take it from there.

Lastly, let's hope the recent cold weather did not do too much damage to your collection. If it did, the show is a great place to replenish your plants, and add a few you just can't live without! You will also be able to purchase supplies. It will all be there.

See you at the show!

Dave

A Sample of what the B.R.O.S is all about.....

University of Florida Short Course.

BROS funds the UF Orchid Short Course every two years, which this year will be held on March 19th and 20th. So far, 92 students have registered to attend lectures featuring a wide range of topics, from general orchid biology, flower and pollination physiology, pests and diseases, commercial production, conservation, photography and designing with orchids. Students from all types of majors, including nursing school, business, marketing, psychology, criminology, botany, horticulture, architecture, etc. The course will be basic, with the idea of instilling an increased interest for orchids and careers in horticulture. All BROS members are welcome to attend the 2-day course at no charge.

Together with the elementary after school program, the BROS is actively educating the next generation of orchid hobbyists and educators alike.

If anyone is interested in further information, please contact Jackie Wood or any BROS board member.



February in your Orchid Collection

February Climate Data

Average high: 77.7

Average low: 60.7

Average mean: 69.1

Average rainfall: 2.07

Tasks for February:

- Spread snail bait lightly. Spread again lightly in two weeks.
- Spray for Botrytis using Florida recommended fungicides or Bicarbonate of soda.
- Begin Spring potting.
- Watch for mites.

February is not spring in South Florida. Danger of freeze continues past mid month and frost can still occur into March. Even if the weather is balmy it's too early to let down our guard or take down any protection we have mounted against the cold. The trend however is toward the positive as each lengthening day brings extra hours of warming sunshine to begin waking our plants from their long winter's rest.

February characteristically brings a wide swing of day to night temperatures, ideal for spiking ascocendas and vandas but also wringing from the air heavy dews and dense fog. The silvery carpet of dew provides a silky path to our orchids for snails and slugs which can range far, under these favorable conditions. They are eager to make a nice meal of your *Phalaenopsis* leaves or the soft crowns of your vandas before they retire during the dry months of March and April only to dream of the fresh shoots of the sympodial orchids brought forth by the first rains of May. Now is the time to give them a rude awakening. Remember that snail bait is most effectively applied lightly (scatter the pellets every few feet) and frequently (every 7 to 10 days). Two or three applications should do the job.

The heavy fog which can cause condensation on leaves even under cover can also bring trouble. *Botrytis* is a fungus disease that can disfigure flowers with small black spots. Particularly apparent and annoying on white *Phalaenopsis*, *Botrytis* can ruin other flowers as well. Control is typically achieved in commercial greenhouses with fungicide in aerosol forms and by running fans to prevent condensation on the flowers. The latter option is also available to collectors. A small fan turned on the spiking and opened flowers at night will greatly alleviate the pressure of *Botrytis*. So will, to a degree, the application of soap which we suggested in January to control mites. Bicarbonate of soda, ordinary baking soda, at 1Tbs. per gal will help as well. Quaternary ammonium compounds (Physan, RD40, Consan, pool algicide) also give some control. Maintaining long lasting flowers like *Phalaenopsis*, dendrobiums and bi-foliolate cattleyas in more perfect condition is well worth the effort. Having waited so long for the flowers we want to enjoy them as long as possible and they do all last longer in cool weather.

The lower overall temperatures of February call for less frequent and lighter applications of fertilizer as was the practice in January. If any reddening of the foliage persists, another application of Epsom salts (1Tbs per gal), preferably in combination with potassium nitrate, is called for. Nitrate nitrogen is more available to the plants under cooler conditions than ammoniacal nitrogen. If your resolve holds steady not to water (or above all) fertilize those Himalayan dendrobiums, your reward may shortly become evident in bursting flower spikes.

Many cattleyas and other sympodial orchids have bloomed and are just commencing new growth in February. Right after flowering is usually an excellent time for repotting from the plant's perspective and the cool day time temperatures in the greenhouse are hospitable to the orchid grower as well. It's still a bit early to re-basket vandas But an early start on the cattleyas will allow plenty of time and energy for those spring chores which are right around the corner. With that thought setting out to secure a good supply of pots in anticipation of the potting season ahead is on February's agenda.

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

American Orchid Society News:



American Orchid Society



Orchid Society Hosts Auction for Pediatric AIDS

Wine & Jazz at the American Orchid Society 2010

Live and Silent Auction to Benefit Orchid Mania South Florida

What do orchids and Pediatric AIDS have in common? Dedicated orchidists volunteering their time to raise money supporting financially disadvantaged HIV positive children in the South Florida Community! Orchid Mania South Florida volunteers provide both financial and moral support to families in their struggles to deal with this deadly disease. Orchid Mania volunteers are devoted to their goal of encouraging interest and enthusiasm for orchid cultivation in public areas, conservation, and appreciation while providing a positive vehicle for anyone to donate their time and talents raising money for local pediatric AIDS relief.

The American Orchid Society is honored to help Orchid Mania South Florida by holding an auction during their Thursday, February 18, 2010 Wine & Jazz event.

AOS is proud to support the work of Orchid Mania South Florida and look forward to seeing you in February! Admission to the event is \$20/person for AOS members, \$25/person for non-members.

For reservations or for more information on the event, contact Susan Wayman at (561) 404-2031 or email her at swayman@aos.org. To donate items for the February auction, please contact Carol Holdren at cjholdren@gmail.com.

Bus Tours - All Aboard the AOS Orchid Express

Saturday February 27, 2010 - Miami International Orchid Show at the Doubletree Hotel & Convention Center, Miami, Florida.



Orchid Express participants will receive a \$5.00 discount off admission to the show as well as vendor coupons! The bus departs from the AOS Headquarters at 8:30AM and returns at 4:30PM. Please arrive by 8:15AM for check-in! Snacks are provided on the bus, lunch is on your own. Bring a box for your plants. We'll 'pass the hat' for driver gratuity. Tickets for each ramble are \$30 for AOS members, \$35 for non-members. Participants will receive a coupon for free admission to the AOS Garden. Prepaid ticket reservations can be made with Susan Wayman at 561-404-2031.

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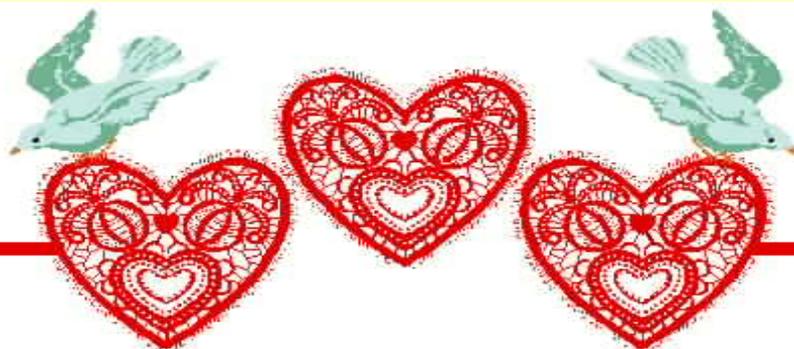
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expenses, please contact Denise at 954-796-7559 or Corinne at 561-483-2411. If your employer or dentist or doctor would like to make a donation, they will be acknowledged at our show with their name on the Sponsor Board and on the award certificate in addition to getting the tax deduction.



Boea Raton Orchid Society Show

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 10:00 am -- 5:00 pm
Sunday Feb. 14, 2010 10:00 am -- 5:00 pm

SAFE SCHOOLS INSTITUTE
1790 NW Spanish River Blvd.

Volunteers Needed

Set-up Thursday, Feb. 11th & Friday, Feb. 12th
Raffle Table
Membership Table
Security & Clerking for Judging
Hospitality

Get your best plants groomed and ready to bring in for ribbon & AOS judging. Plan on putting in an educational or hobbyist exhibit or Display of 5 plants of the same genera and win a trophy. Plants & Exhibits will be registered on Friday, Feb. 12th from 3-6 pm. To volunteer contact Alice Dobrin @561-483-3611. To be a Show Sponsor or to get more information on exhibiting your plants, contact Jackie Wood @ 561-703-0289 or bocacorchildlady@aol.com



Mark your Calendars:

FEBRUARY 2010

26-28—Miami International Orchid Show. Doubletree Hotel & Convention Center. 777 NW 72 Ave., Miami, FL. Contact: Robert Fuchs: 305.245.4570 / info@rforchids.com

MARCH 2010

5-7 Martin County Orchid Society Show. Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy., Stuart, FL. Contact: Ben Nees: 772.287.9447 / twobnees@aol.com

11-14 Orchid Society of Coral Gables Show. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd., Coral Gables, FL. Contact: Claire Sidran: 305.238.8762 / cbsidran@bllsouth.net

12-14 Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show. Port St Lucie Community Center, 2195 SE Airso Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL. Contact: Hellen Wagner: 772.879.0401 / hellerwagner@aol.com

19-21 Naples Orchid Society Show. United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Rd., Naples, FL. Contact: Frank Ginocchio: 239.403.7155 / f.ginocchio@comcast.net

20-21 Jacksonville Orchid Society Show. Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville, FL. Contact: Harriet Wright: 904.696.7729 / wrig0567@comcast.net

27-28 Central Florida Orchid Society Show. Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL. Contact: Jerry Steele: 407.880.5150 / jsteele1234@cfl.rr.com

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.

Thank You to Jackie Wood for arranging the purchase of the January Raffle Table Plants from Carmela Orchids.

Refreshments are needed for our February 2010 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 Amy & Dave Hogaboom, Tony Biviano, Marina Kruse, Belinda Krause, Donna Edwards, Carolyn Huckshorn, Kim Hitt, Robin & Walter May, Jane Walters and Karen Khan for bringing those wonderful goodies to share at our January meeting.



**Boca Raton Orchid Society Plant Table
January 2010**

Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name	Owner
Species	Blue	Epi Ciliare	Jane Fishkoff
Paphiopedilum	Blue	Paph. Supersuk 'Eureka' AM/AOS	Tony Biviano
Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue	Prostechia Cochleata	Dave & Amy Hogaboom
Misc. Genera	Blue	Phcal Kryponite 'Ursala' AM/AOS	Tony Biviano

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

2010 BROS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

If you haven't already done so, please mail in your 2010 BROS Annual Membership Renewal Dues.

We all enjoy the monthly meetings and the informative and entertaining speakers and presentations; which we would like to thank Jackie Wood for her timeless efforts in arranging for the Society.

Please support your Society and mail in your 2010 membership dues.

Boca Raton Orchid Society Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE	\$20.00	COUPLE	\$30.00 - Newsletter e-mailed
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SINGLE	\$18.00	COUPLE	\$25.00 - Newsletter e-mailed
SINGLE	\$23.00	COUPLE	\$30.00 - Newsletter U.S. mailed
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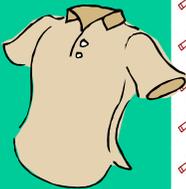
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For more details please contact the BROS treasurer; Denise Libby or any BROS Board Member.

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BROS Meetings are Held the
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