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- Program -

Please join us **February 1** for

"Sensational Slippers"

presented by Myles Burack

The Paphiopedilum or Lady's Slipper is by far one of the most unique and intriguing of all orchids with one of the most unusual flowers in the world. Myles Burack will take the mystery out of caring for your elegant and sophisticated Slipper. Learn quick and useful tips on lighting, repotting, feeding and temperature preferences, just to name a few of the topics Myles will be covering. Join us for an evening of discovery and delights!

In addition, Myles will be supplying an outstanding raffle table for your chance to WIN one of the beautiful Orchids!

.See you there!

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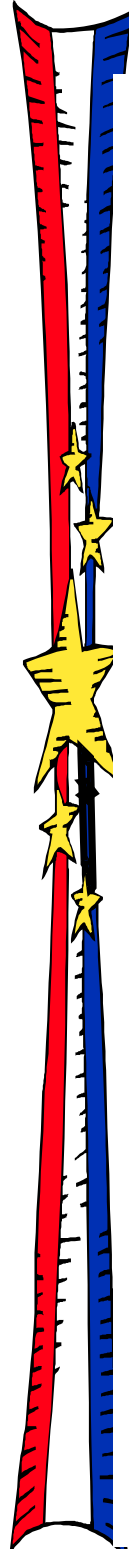
Previously I said spring is coming. Guess what, it's here! Seasonal determination is calculated by the scientifically timed arrival of gardening catalogues titled Early Spring, and by the BROS Annual Show scheduled for February 10th and 11th. This year our show promises to be bigger and better than ever! I invite you to enhance your show experience beyond the browsing, admiring and buying. Become involved in the set up on Thursday, February 8th and/or Friday the 9th. Vendors would also welcome your assistance on those days. Learn what it takes to assemble a quality show.

One of the most fascinating roles for which you can volunteer is clerking for the AOS judges. No experience is needed! You will gain a tremendous amount of knowledge as you accompany the judges through their tasks. Clerking continues to be one of the most interesting and stimulating tasks and it's only Saturday morning. Also, don't forget, save your friends and neighbors some money - sell advance sale tickets for \$3. They will thank you for the chance to save and to see a great show. Don't forget your own entries for ribbon judging. Keep grooming those plants. The more plants on display, the better the competition. However, remember plants may not be picked up until 5PM on Sunday, no exceptions! And I have saved the best for last!

Our February meeting features another of our own members, Myles Burack. Myles will help take the mystery out of raising Paphiopedilums - light, fertilizer, mediums - all explained and made easy!

See you there!

Dave



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From Cultural Art..



Happy Valentine's Day

CATTLEYA (cat-LAY-a) –

Cattleyas have earned the reputation as the "Queen of Orchids" and are known to the public as the ultimate in floral corsages. While some naturally occurring species are offered by growers, the most popular plants are man-made hybrids derived from combining Cattleyas with some of their close relatives to produce a wide range of colors, sizes and forms.

Temperature: The ideal day temperature is 75-85 degrees F., while the ideal night temperature is 60-65 degrees F. Occasional temperature extremes are tolerated if exposure is not prolonged.

Light: Cattleyas and their relatives require a good amount of light. They enjoy full sun in the morning, but will require shading from about 11am-3pm; less shading will be necessary in the late afternoon. Their leaves should be a light green color, and a darker green color indicates too little sun.

Water: Basically, cattleyas grow best when their potting medium becomes dry in between waterings. These plants are epiphytes in nature, (i.e. growing on top of trees) and are used to drying out between the rains of their natural habitat.

Repot: Cattleyas should not be repotted unless the plant have outgrown the pot (every 2 or 3 years) or when the potting medium begins to deteriorate. Or when the mixture become sour, does not drain rapidly and is invaded by snow mold or shows green mold on the surface. A coarse medium such as medium-grade Fir-bark, or coarse-grade Fir-bark will work well.

Feeding: High-nitrogen fertilizers (25-9-9) can be used year-round at one teaspoon per gallon of water. Feed once a month.

Cutting Dead Flower Spike: When the last flower drops, cut your flower spike all the way down the stem. Apply a pinch of cinnamon powder or melted candle to seal the wound. Continue caring for it and wait for a possible rebloom.

Recommended Book: *You can Grow Cattleya Orchids*, Revised Second Edition, by Mary Noble

Boca Raton Orchid Society Upcoming Speakers

March 1 – Hyla Levine from Green Barn

April 5 – Wendy Griffin from Indian River Orchids

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Upcoming Meetings:

February 1, 2007 - BROS Meeting/Safe Schools
March 7, 2007 - Boca Raton Orchid
Society Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. at Jackie Wood's Home
February 24, 2007 - AOS Judging 2:00 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments are needed for our upcoming February Meeting.

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

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 Carol O'Grady, Tom Haarsgaard, Sue Laufer, Susan Barbuty, Barbara Benefield and Marion Bell for bringing those wonderful goodies to share at our January meeting.

Susan and George Barbuty,
Refreshment Chairs



Membership Renewal Form Single \$ 18.00 Couple - \$25.00

Membership Year - January 2007 through December 2007.

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Boca Raton Orchid Society Show

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007 10:00 am—6:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007 10:00 am—5:00 pm

Safe Schools Institute
1790 NW Spanish River Blvd.

Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

Set-up Thursday, Feb. 8th & Friday, Feb. 9th

Raffle Tables

Membership Tables

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 exhibit or Display of 5 plants of the same genera and win a trophy. Plants & exhibits will be registered on Friday, Feb. 9th from 3-6 pm. To volunteer, be a Show Sponsor or to get more information about exhibiting your plants, contact

Jackie Wood @ 368-0278



**What's Happening at the AOS Visitor Center
and Botanical Garden**

The Orchids and Flora of Pandora Sellars

(January 30-February 26, 2006)

An accomplished and renowned botanical artist with past exhibitions held throughout the world, the AOS is honored to have the works of Mrs. Sellars on display during this period. Mrs. Sellars paints a wide variety of plants, but plants from tropical regions are an enduring inspiration ... and our visitors will see!!



Boca Raton Orchid Society Show Tickets

Dear Members,

Thank You for supporting your Orchid Society by either selling or purchasing as a gift, tickets for our February Show.

If you would like additional tickets, please contact Laurie at 561-251-0903 or editor@brosonline.org. You can also get additional tickets at our next meeting.

Please bring your check for purchased tickets to the meeting or mail it to the P.O. Box located on the first page of this newsletter.

Remember you will receive **1** complimentary ticket to the show for every **5** tickets you sell or purchase.

You can either pickup your complimentary ticket at our next meeting or at the door on either day of the show.

**Boca Raton Orchid Society Plant Table
Blue Ribbon and Horticultural Winners
January 2007
Judged by: Joel Roth**

Broughtonia

Broughtonia Nigrilensis Blue/Yellow Ed and Sue Kaplan

Other Cattleya Alliance

BLC Mahina Yahiro
'Mishima" AM/AOS Blue Tom Haarsgaard

Paphiopedilum

Paph.Spicerianum Blue Shari Weiderbaum

Vanda

V Gordan Dillon 'Leah' AM/AOS
X v Arjuna v Erica Cizek Dann Blue Shirley Wilde

Other Vandaceous

Rhy Gigantean "Great White" Blue Shari Weidenbaum

TO SEE PHOTOS OF OUR WINNING PLANTS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.BOCARATONORCHIDSOCIETY.ORG

CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome **Ed Secaul** who is Volunteering his time to support the Plant Table at our meetings.
Thank you **Lori Rowan** for giving us your time and support in 2006.

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Special Thank You To
Lester Berkow for always being there to help with picking the monthly winners of the Orchid Raffle Table.
(thanks for picking my number!)

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