



Unusual and Natural Mounts / Root Basics
June Speaker: Tom Kuligowski

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Throughout the last several years, Tom Kuligowski has sat in on numerous Orchid Society meetings where the speaker's subject matter was re-potting and mounting. It is a program that he feels is most important to both the novice and the beginner. His main critique however was the difficulty of seeing everything being done if you were sitting towards the back of the room. Throughout this same time period he himself had been working on mounting numerous plants to unusual pieces of wood and other materials that many of us do not think to use.

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He has spent over three years documenting the step by step processes of mounting orchids to various materials. Give these plants a couple of years and they become very striking displays.

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This new program is entitled: "Unusual and Natural Mounts". He will give you a very close up view in detail of how easy and quick these processes are. All of this being done through the images he has created while mounting his plants. There will be no need to worry as to where you might be sitting during this program. You will see it all. Tom will also have various materials (his "training aides") being passed around throughout the program.

Be sure and come to this fun meeting.

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Calendar of Events

Thur June 10 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Tom Kuligowski

Wed June 16 7:30pm BROS Board Meeting - Jackie Wood's Home

Thur July 8 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Speaker:

Wed July 14 7:30pm BROS Board Meeting

President's Message:

If you're anything like me, I'm sure you are all paying special attention to your orchids this time of year. The weather is nice and warm, but it's not scalding yet, like in the deep summer months. I regularly like to go outside and clean up my orchids, clipping off all the dead blooms while giving the plants a once over. To keep my plants clean, I personally like to use approximately 10 pairs of sheer soaking in a solution of Trisodium Phosphate. I find that this solution cuts down on any chance of spreading disease. Cleanliness becomes even more essential because water is a big culprit for most orchid diseases. Dead leaves and roots harbor disease, and can block air flow. Additionally, if you haven't finished your repotting, this is also a good time to get that done. Also, be careful watering this month! Keep up your spray regimen, and don't forget to use a good fungicide, which is both topical and systemic during the upcoming rainy season. Please, remember the "water early in the day" rule is more relevant; the plants need the extra hours in the day to dry. Furthermore, June is a good time to think about pruning vegetation that is blocking light and air to our orchids. Don't forget to space plants amply. Good air circulation is essential across the upcoming months to reduce fungus and bacteria. Scale and mealy bugs also thrive on overcrowding.

Redland Trip: The annual bus trip to Spice Park for the Redlands show was again a huge success! In total, we had 28 members and friends who had a wonderful time shopping and spending money on a beautiful South Florida day. Several vendors were kind enough to donate plants for an amazing free raffle on the bus ride home. I know that some of you could not make it this year due to a variety of reasons but please remember to plan ahead for next year's event. You really shouldn't miss it!

Lastly, when was the last time you checked out our library? Since these books can be very expensive, a good way to read them is by checking out one per month. Save yourself a trip to the bookstore while saving some money. In addition to the many books we have on orchid care and culture, we are happy to have a new book that was added to the collection in May. As a thank you gift to the Boca Raton Orchid Society for all the time and talent that was volunteered for the 19th World Orchid Conference, we were given a magnificent book - not just any book; but the 19th World Orchid Conference Complete Proceeding's book. I have had a few moments to look over the book and it's as if I'm literally back at the event. The photos alone are amazing! The book also has the lecture and every award that was won. This book is going to be a hot item, so get with Amy Hogaboom at the next meeting to reserve your turn to take it home.

Corinne Juliano



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.

June 2010 Classes

Saturday and Sunday June 12-13,2010 - 1PM to 3PM MOUNTING ORCHIDS & ORCHIDS IN THE LANDSCAPE

Standard class rates apply

Students will learn how to mount orchids on tree fern, cork bark and grapevine and how to naturalize orchids in their landscaping. Common questions like what orchids do best on mounts or in landscaping; what do I use to attach the orchid to the mount and how to water after they are mounted will be addressed.

They will have supplies to sell!

Saturday and Sunday June 19-20, 2010 - 1PM to 3PM DIAGNOSING ORCHID PESTS AND DISEASES

Standard class rates apply

Learn about pests and diseases that harm orchids. From bacterial and fungal rots to insects, such as mealy bugs, thrips and scale, students will learn how to identify the culprits, what products to use to get rid of them, as well as what to do to avoid them in the future. Examples of ailing orchids will be diagnosed. Orchids or leaf samples may be brought in for diagnosis, **but must be placed in plastic bags to prevent contaminating other plants.**

They will have supplies to sell! Don't miss this one - it's the last of the summer season!

Each Student Receives

Free admission to the gardens on the day of the class

10% discount on giftshop purchases made the day of the class

A complimentary copy of *Orchids* Magazine

Cost of class credited to Garden or full AOS membership if student joins the day of the class

Registration

Advance registration suggested. Reserve your seat early! Unless otherwise specified class limited to 20-25 students.

Payment: Cash, check drawn on a US bank in US funds, or Mastercard, Visa or American Express

Refunds will be given up to seven days prior to class

NEW LOWER CLASS COSTS FOR 2010

Cost unless otherwise indicated: \$5 donation AOS/Garden Member, \$10 registration fee non-members

To Register call Susan Wayman at 561-404-2031 or email to swayman@aos.org

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

Coming Soon...Fall Ramble



We are looking for homes to feature during our Annual House Ramble this October. It would be great to show our members a variety of growing set-ups. Orchid lovers make the most of their space and we hope you would consider letting us visit your home. We all love new ideas.

Never been on a Ramble? Call and find out about how much fun we have visiting different homes. Oh.. and did I mention there is food at the end???

For more information:

Contact Lorraine Conover 561-395-2145 or Karen Khan 561-394-



Our monthly "In your Orchid Collection" has now run a full 12 months - More in depth information and many more tips can be found in Martin Motes' book: 'Florida Orchid Growing, Month by Month'. - This is a book that no South Florida Orchid grower should be without.



Can anyone identify this Orchid ?- grown on the trunk of a live oak tree in the garden of a BROS member.

Calling on all BROS members:

- *Do you have any tips or articles you would like to share that could be included in the monthly newsletter?*
- *Is anyone looking for a particular Orchid?*
- *Does anyone want to share a cutting from a favorite Orchid?*
- *Do you have an announcement to share with the members?*

Please contact Marian McElligott at marianmce@comcast.net or 561.367.9731 if you wish to include any announcements or articles in the BROS monthly newsletter.



In Loving Memory:

Lester Berkow, a longtime member, past board member, friend and supporter of the Boca Raton Orchid Society.

B.R.O.S has made a donation in honor of Lester to Hospice by the Sea.



The Bus Trip to *The 2010 Redland International Orchid Festival* was great. Thank you to Sharon Wesolowski and Karen Khan for organizing a fabulous and fun trip.



"Thank You" to the following vendors for the raffle prizes they so generously donated. See you next year!!

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Refreshments are needed for our June 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 Carolyn Huckshorn, Kim Hitt, Colleen Taylor & Belinda Krause for bringing those delicious goodies to share at our May meeting.



Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering at one of the monthly meetings or help organize one of the many events the BROS hosts - we need volunteers. Contact a board member for more information.

Great things are done when men and mountains meet. This is not done by jostling in the street. ~ William Blake

Boca Raton Orchid Society Plant Table

Judge: Ron McHatton - May 2010

Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name	Owner
Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue & Culture	Enc. Reese Grazaffi	Jackie Wood
Paphiopedilum	Blue & Culture	Paph. Phillappense	David & Amy Hogaboom
Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Brassia 'Rex'	Seymour Bartlett

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.

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

www.BocaRatonOrchidSociety.org



We're downsizing – selling our orchids in preparation for a move to smaller quarters. Be among the first to get some great plants!

Specimens, species, unusual orchids, supplies, medium, wire products, benches, new/used pots, great selection of glazed pots from tiny to jumbo, all must go.

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