

The Orchid Sentinel



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July 9, 2009 Program

Encyclias

Speaker: Mirta Heineman-Russis

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Mirta Heineman-Russis is a well-known and involved figure in numerous South Florida orchid societies. She came to the United States from Cuba in 1961 and after learning English, she obtained a Masters Degree in Education and taught in the Miami-Dade school system for 17 years. In 1998, Mirta earned a Specialist Degree in Computers Applied to Education from Barry University. Since her retirement 9 years ago, she spends all of her time with her orchids as a hobbyist.

Mirta started collecting orchids more than 18 years ago and her collection has grown to more than 1200 orchids. But her favorites are the Encyclias and she is proud to have 125 of them. Mirta is a charter Member of Encyclias Enthusiast, a nationwide organization that studies the growth, cultivation and conservation of the genus.

With her background in education, during the last few years Mirta has been giving lectures at various orchid shows, orchid society meetings and just recently at the American Orchid Society.

Mirta loves to travel and has been on orchid rescue trips and to visit orchid shows in Puerto Rico, Panama, Belize, Peru and Costa Rica in addition to her visits to 40 other countries.

Besides being married to her architect husband, Tom, for 24 years, Mirta is a "professional" abuela with six grandchildren.

A Raffle Table of Encyclia species and hybrids is being provided by Myles Burack.

See you at the meeting,
Jackie Wood, V.P Programs





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BROS Calendar of Events

Thur. July 09 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Mirta Heineman

Wed. July 15 7:30pm BROS Board Meeting - Dave Hogaboom's Home

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

President's Message

Dear Members,

South Florida has settled into summer weather with a blast of high temperatures. As you drift lazily in the pool, sipping cool lemonade or enjoy the comforts of air conditioning while reading the newspaper, take time to remember your orchids. You can move to a more pleasant location when it's hot, your orchids can't. Consider positioning a fan or two to provide plants a breeze. Additional watering also brings down plant temperature and will do wonders for growth!

BROS meetings will feature another opportunity for members – a chance to show off that plant you have blooming. You know it looks great! Well, let all of us see it. Bring it in for ribbon judging. And surprise, for each plant you bring in to be judged, you will get one raffle ticket FREE!! See Tony or Corrine to claim your ticket(s) for a chance to win!

Beginning in August, there will be a table at the back of the room especially for newer members. You can get all of your questions answered, meet members of long standing, and learn more about the many benefits of the society. Just go to the table, and a board member will be happy to show you around and explain all the aspects of your BROS membership.

See you at the meeting,

DAVE



July in your Orchid Collection

Tasks for July:

In July typically think of fertilizing rather than watering. Weekly applications of a commonly available balanced fertilizer (20-20-20 or 18-18-18) at 2 tsp per gallon will supply the nutrients that our plants require in this period of lush growth.

- Dry Plants hard once or twice.
- Apply liquid fertilizer instead of water during dry patches.
- Watch for *Thrips* when rain has been sparse for several days.
- Finish top cutting & planting of vandaceous genera.

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

July Climate Data

Average high: 90.9

Average low: 76.5

Average mean: 83.7

Average rainfall: 5.79"

Those Pesty..... **THRIPS**



Orchid Buds and New Growths are Especially Susceptible to These Sucking Insects

Thrips are a common problem on vandaceous plants, dendrobiums and to a lesser extent, cattleyas and phalaenopsis. Because they are quite small (about 1/16 to 3/8 inch [1 to 5 mm] long), they are difficult to see with the naked eye. Much more easily detected is the damage to plants, deformed foliage and injured floral tissues caused by their feeding. They most often attack buds and new growths with their rasping mouthparts, sucking the plant sap. (i)

There are many species of pest thrips throughout North America. Unless you have a magnifying glass, you probably won't see them on your plants. Thrips are tiny, but you may notice signs of their presence, such as black, shiny speckles (droppings), silvery stippling (masses of tiny discolored scars on plant parts), or, in severe cases, deformed growth. Magnification shows thrips to be shiny, elongated blackish or yellowish insects. Adults have feathery, fringed wings, and nymphs lack wings. There are many generations per year. Thrips prefer to feed on new, rapidly growing plant tissue where it is easy to hide. Most feeding by thrips causes only slight damage, but high populations can be quite destructive. Thrips feeding can prevent rose buds from opening, and results in deformed petals. Certain species spread viruses to tomatoes and impatiens. Thrips also attack asparagus, cabbage, lettuce, onions, peas, flowers, and fruit and shade trees.(ii)

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American Orchid Society News:



American Orchid Society

AOS Botanical Gardens to Remain Open

Delray Beach, Florida- The American Orchid Society (AOS) Botanical Gardens, which were slated to close at the end of June, were given a new lease on life by the AOS Board of Trustees who voted unanimously on Tuesday (June 2,2009) to keep the gardens open to members and to the public.

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

July 18 -- "Everything You Want to Know About Growing Orchids" Instructors: Sandi Jones and Tom Wells co-owners of Broward Orchid Supply, Hollywood Florida (www.browardorchidsupply.com) This class is for anyone interested in growing nature's most beautiful plants: Orchids. For those who have just bought or received their first orchid or want to learn about the important fundamentals for growing and reblooming them year after year such as temperatures, light, fertilizer, watering schedules and more, this class is for you. Bring your questions, and enjoy a morning of orchid knowledge with Sandi and Tom who make it fun and exciting to learn about orchids.

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.** Orchid care and gardening classes cost \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members. (Prices are subject to change.) Each student will receive a free non-blooming orchid and free entrance to tour the garden.*

To register, please call 561-404-2031 or email swayman@aos.org. Payment in advance is required to reserve a seat in the class.

Walk-in charges do apply.

No experience necessary!!!

How would you like to have an article published??

Life Publication has asked **BROS** to send them articles on orchid growing for publication in their magazines; (**BocaDelray Life, Parkland Life & Coconut Creek Life**). The article should be to related orchid growing in our zone, eg. winter care, spring repotting, dealing with pests, etc.

Articles need to be informative, instructional, and fun. They should offer the gardener the how-to on growing that plant, the upside, downside and the plant's specific needs and/or quirks. The word count is 900-1000 for each article. Pictures of the plant/flower can be incredibly helpful. A 900-word article could use up to 4-images. Our first article was "How to Mount an Orchid".

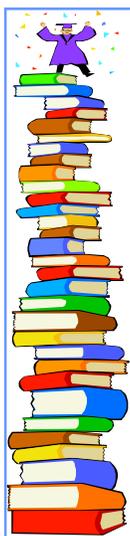
Our goal is to submit three articles a year. The articles should be specific to the season. A summer article could be about orchids that grow well in the heat or, perhaps, growing orchids indoors. Boca Raton Orchid Society will benefit from increased visibility. With all the beautiful orchids we are able to grow here, this is a great way to share your passion. Even if you have never done anything like this before but have an idea for an article, help is available.

I would like to have another piece ready for November or December so put on your thinking caps and put it on paper.

Please contact me for further information or if you have any ideas.

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Library Commentary

B.R.O.S membership provides Orchid enthusiasts many benefits, one of which is our very own library. A new addition to our Library: The Orchid Curator at the Shelby Gardens and Mike Owen of the Fakahatchee have produced movies on orchids that are available for use at future meetings.

Amy Hogaboom
Librarian

New Members for June 2009:

WELCOME

Marla Gale Susan Hilowitz
Stephen Lunsford
Theresa Plas

Membership - 2009 Annual Membership Begins January 1, 2009

Boca Raton Orchid Society Membership

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Refreshments are needed for our upcoming July 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 Rosemary Chenery, Jane Walters, Veronica Risko, Carolyn Huckshorn & Louis Hendricks for bringing all the wonderful treats to share at our June meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN SO WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE YOU IN THE NEWS-LETTER.



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 Alan Koch, from Gold County Orchids, for providing the June Raffle Table Plants

Boca Raton Orchid Society Plant Table June 2009

Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name	Owner
Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue	Blc Tochie Aola	Kaler Westphalia
Vanda	Blue	V.Suzane Rutzke 'Classy Lady' AM/AOS	Bob & Barbara Blais
Other Vandaceous	Blue	Ascada Miami Mandarin	Shirley Wilde
Other Vandaceous	Blue	Rynchocentrum 'Ladda Gold'	Mark Edlund
Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Onc. Hot Spot Profusion	Kaler Westphalia
Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. Griffithianum	Lester Berkow
Paphiopedilum	Blue	Paph. Pinnocchio	Kaler Westphalia
Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue	Encyclia Mariee	Dave & Amy Hogaboom
Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue	Encyclia Cochleafa 'Green Hornet'	Jeanie Simon
Misc. Genera	Blue	'Mttg. Kamro'	Kaler Westphalia
Misc. Genera	Blue	L. Purpurtavox	Kaler Westphalia

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

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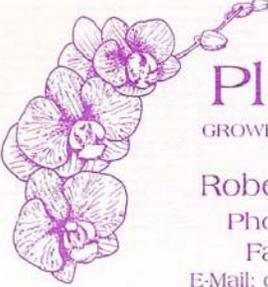


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