



June 11, 2009 Program

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Ctna Jamaica Red 'Debbie Ann'
AM/AOS 83 points

The ABC's of Orchid Nutrition
Speaker: Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids in California where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas. He started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt and later expanded his interests to other orchids that he could grow outdoors in Southern California. As his obsession grew, so did his need for more space, so he is now located on 10 acres in Lincoln, California where he has 300,000 orchids. Alan is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan is an internationally known speaker and has published articles in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine and the proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee and the Research Committee and is an Accredited Judge and Vice-Chair and Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan has also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and Board of Directors and is currently a director and Trustee for the AOS.

Alan will be giving us some tips on good growing techniques that can be used by beginners as well as the more experienced orchid grower. He will also be providing our raffle table.

If you wish to pre-order plants from Gold Country Orchids and have Alan bring them, he will give a 20% discount and free freight. Go to www.goldcountryorchids.com to view his catalog and pre-order. You must use the promo code "Florida" in order to get your discount when you order on line.

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



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BROS Calendar of Events

Thur. June 11 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Patrick O'Day

Wed. June 17 7:30pm BROS Board Meeting - Corrine Juliano's Home

Thur. July 9 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Mirta Heineman

President's Message

Dear Members,

The bus trip to Spice Park for the Redlands show was a huge success! Our vehicle was equipped with the usual amenities, snacks, and drinks. The return trip featured a no cost raffle. There were over sixty vendors selling so many different orchid species, making a choice was difficult. But choose we did. The space below the bus was totally filled with purchases! Everyone had a great time. Thank You to Sharon Wesolowski for arranging a fantastic trip. Reminder, plan ahead for next year's Redlands event. You really shouldn't miss it!

The summer rains have arrived meaning we should be just about finished repotting. (Yeah, sure!). Repotting, rain, and warmer weather equal explosive plant growth. Don't forget, for strong healthy plants your orchids need a steady diet of fertilizer through the summer. As usual, we have to take the good with the bad. Summer rain also brings unwanted fungus, brown rot, snow mold, etc. Make sure you protect your orchids with a good systemic fungicide to ward off unwanted guests.

See you at the meeting,

Dave



ORCHID TIDBITS

June in your Orchid Collection

June Climate Data

Average high: 89.5

Average low: 75.2

Average mean: 82.4

Average rainfall: 8.54"

Those Pesty..... MEALYBUGS



Mealybugs appear to be little tufts of cotton on the leaves and stems. They are most common on the undersides of leaves and at the point where a leaf attaches to a stem. White and fuzzy, mealybugs can multiply far faster than rabbits! A complete life cycle takes only a couple of months. Mealybugs use their piercing mouth parts to feed on plant juices. They are messy eaters and their

sugary leftovers often encourage secondary problems such as sooty mold. Fortunately this soft bodied pest responds to household remedies if treated early.

Tasks for June:

1. Careful watering this month often means no watering at all. Arise early to enjoy the cool and water only when truly necessary.
2. Space plants amply. Good air circulation is essential across the coming months.
3. Re-pot Phals and re-set Vandas. Make sure that plants are firmly set in their new abodes.
4. Begin or continue a disease prevention program with the prophylactic application of Thiophanate Methyl (Cleary's 3336) and Alliette or Banrot.
5. Clean up growing area and plants . Remove dead leaves from plants and the ground. Pull weeds.
6. Prune trees and shrubs to increase light and air circulation.
7. Apply snail bait lightly early in the month and again lightly mid-month

* Excerpt courtesy of Martin Motes' Newsletter

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Orchid Inspiration

"The orchid is the Chinese national flower"

It has been said that the petals represent a woman, with her multiple talents and the multiple tasks that she must do every day.



Calopogon tuberosus

American Orchid Society News:



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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

June 13 FREE CLASS — *Orchid ABCs*

Instructor: **Arlene Maguire**, AOS accredited judge and project manager, AQ Plus (hardcopy), Palm Springs, Florida
This class is for gardeners and homeowners who have just bought or received their first orchid. Come learn about temperatures, light, fertilizer, watering and more so your plant will flower again. Bring your questions, and enjoy a morning of orchid wit and knowledge with Arlene, who makes it fun and exciting to learn about growing orchids.

June 20 *The Catasetum Alliance — Forgotten Orchids* (limit: 20 people)

Instructor: **Marc Burchette**, orchid grower since 1992, board member, Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society, Oakland Park, Florida.

A quartet of genera — *Catasetum*, *Cycnoches*, *Mormodes* and *Clowesia* — are in the *Catasetum* alliance, tough plants that thrive and flower well in South Florida. Marc will introduce students to the diversity found within these orchids native to the New World Tropics, as well as reveal new breeding trends and discuss purchasing plants. Showing how to repot will be part of the cultural advice he will share with students about these orchids that deserve to be known better.

June 27 *Hurricanes, Black Rot and Other Calamities of Summer* (limit: 20 people)

Instructor: **Martin Motes**, owner, Motes Orchids, Homestead, Florida (vandas@mindspring.com), author of two books, including *Florida Orchid Growing: Month by Month*

Before disaster strikes this summer, take precautions to keep danger away from your orchids. With 50 years of experience raising orchids, Martin will share his tips and advice for keeping your orchids safe from hurricanes, diseases and other disasters that could plague your favorite plants as well as answer questions about summer orchid care.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday, June 17th, 2009, the South Florida Orchid Society will host Dr. Harold Koopowitz as their speaker.

Dr. Harold Koopowitz will present a lecture on “The New Mini Paphiopedilums” at the South Florida Orchid Society Meeting. Meetings are held at the Fire Fighters Memorial Building, 8000 N.W. 21 Street, Miami, FL 33122. The meeting will begin at 8:00 PM and guests are always welcome. Please have plants for judging on site by 7:30 PM. For more information call:

Ellen W. Hanson, Corresponding Secretary

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S.F.O.S. meetings are open to the public and members from other societies are welcome to attend.



Library Commentary

B.R.O.S membership provides Orchid enthusiasts many benefits, one of which is our very own library. Not only do we verbally share hints, tips and encouragement regarding our plants, we have professional resources available to us via our library. The library is supported by the membership and is for the use of all B.R.O.S members.

Come by the Library at the next meeting, and check out all the wonderful resources available to the members of the Boca Raton Society.

Amy Hogaboom

Librarian



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Refreshment are needed for our upcoming June 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, Amy & Dave Hogaboom, Pat & Don Salas, Jane Walters, Esther & Sol Resnik, Fe Scott, Kim Hitt and Mary Krich for bringing all the wonderful treats to share at our April 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 Patrick O'Day, from Hawaiian Orchid Source, for providing the May Raffle Table Plants

Boca Raton Orchid Society Plant Table May 2009

Category	Ribbon	Orchid Name	Owner
Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue	Lc.Exotic Smile 'Sailing'	Sharon Wesolowski
Cattleya Unifoliata	Blue	Lc. Canhamiana Var. Coerula 'Azure Sky'	Corrine & Tony Juliano
Other Vandaceous	Blue	Ren. Singaporeans 'Scarlet'	Denise Libby
Species	Blue	Cyrtopodium Punctatum	Scott Joffe
Misc. Genera	Blue	Maxillaria Tenuifolia	Belinda Krause
Dendrobium Alliance	Blue	Den. Gatton Sunray	Patsy West
Paphiopedilum	Blue	Paph. St. Swithin 'Gabriel Mauricio'	Juan Bofill
Epidendrum/Encyclia	Blue	Enciglia Cordegera	Kaler Westphalia
Oncidium Alliance	Blue	Psychopsis Papillio 'Krameriana'	Lorraine Conover
Phalaenopsis	Hon. Mention	Phal. Cygnus	Kaler Westphalia

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