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BOCA RATON ORCHID SOCIETY

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Meetings

The society meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Location

Safe Schools Institute
1790 NW Spanish River Blvd.
Boca Raton, FL 33433
Map: <http://bit.ly/qQhKXu>

Guests Are Always Welcome!

Mission Statement:

The Boca Raton Orchid Society's goal is to educate and inform about the culture and conservation of orchids. We accomplish this through monthly meetings, our newsletter and website, the BROS Annual Orchid Show and Sale, and trips to regional orchid attractions.



The Boca Raton Orchid Society was founded in 1989 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. We are affiliated with the American Orchid Society.

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Featuring-

Speakers: Phillip Iloo, Stelmar Gardens
Topic: Tropical Orchids in the Garden & Landscaping
Date: Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7:30 pm

When I asked Phil for a Bio of himself his description was two words " Plant Nut". Phil has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of The West Indies Trinidad. He has been an "Orchid Nut" from the age of seven. With 30 plus years working experience in Horticulture and starting Stelmar Gardens Inc. in 2003, I think he has described himself perfectly. Phil Specializes in large flowered Cattleyas and specimen sized Cattleyas but grows a little bit of everything else orchid wise, if it will grow in South Florida it's at Stelmar Gardens. You will also find over a 100 varieties of Hoyas about the same in Begonias, Ferns and a little bit of everything else. Stelmar Gardens is located at 19350 SW 232Nd St. Miami, FL 33170

Phil will be supplying our raffle table and will have plants for sale.

-----Lorraine Conover

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The BROS is the proud recipient of the DASSA Award.



From Our President

Dear Members,

They say April Showers brings May Flowers...I don't know about you but the showers missed my house most of the time. Your re-potting should be underway by now and applying fertilizer, insecticides and fungicides will pay you back with healthy flowers to come. Watch out for those nasty thrips...they are out there already.

I'm happy to announce the recipient of our Scholarship at FAU Dept. of Biology this year is Joahua Lee Filina. I was able to personally present him the award at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science Annual Presentation of Scholarship Awards on April 19th and he was most appreciative. Congratulations Joshua.

Come join us at the May Meeting and welcome Phillip Iloo of Stelmar Gardens. He will be talking about Tropical Orchids in your Garden and Landscaping.

Many of you know that Dave Hogaboom had injured his leg and is still in Rehab. Due to his prolonged rehab he has resigned as President of BROS. Get Well Soon Dave. With the support of your wonderful, HARD working, orchid loving Board of Directors I have stepped up to take his place as President for the rest of the year. We have 6 members serving on the Board who are carrying double responsibilities. We must fill 3 more Board positions. No experience necessary - just a willingness to give a few hours a month to Your Orchid Society. You can call me or anyone on the Board to answer any questions you may have.

We still need Show/Co-Chair people for next years' show. Jackie has all the timelines and jobs to be done organized. 3 friends can share the different assignments which are managed throughout the year. Our Show is talked about by attendees and vendors alike in the orchid community!

We did not get enough participation for the annual bus trip to the Redlands so unfortunately this trip had to be cancelled.

In November we are planning a day trip to the Fakahatchee Strand to experience the Swamp Walk that Park Ranger Mike Owen talked about last November at our meeting. We will have more info later.

Lastly, we have reconsidered members selling plants at all of our meetings. We decided it is not in the best interest of attracting Guest Speakers who are also growers. You may make an announcement at the meeting (you will have 30 seconds) or you can post the info on our Facebook page. You are welcome to sell your plants at the designated meetings following the guidelines printed in the newsletter.

Lorraine Conover

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are sorry to announce the cancelation of our Redlands Bus Trip. We did not get enough members to sign up to offset the cost of the bus. We will try again next year.

Our regular monthly meeting for **SEPTEMBER 13th** has been rescheduled to **SEPTEMBER 6th**. Same time of 7:30 and same location. Please make note of this.

ORCHID EVENTS

May 19—American Orchid Society Monthly Judging
Fairchild Tropical Garden 10900 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

May 18 - 20 —Redlands International Orchid Festival,
Redland Fruit and Spice Park, 14801 SW 187 Ave. Contact Robert Randall 305-245-5565 caribplants@att.net

May 26 —Free Class Landscaping with Orchids 11:00 at
Motes Orchids 25000 SW 162 Ave, Redland, 305-247-4398 matinmotes@gmail.com

May 26 and 27th — Orchids in the Park 2012.
10:00 am to 5 pm - 14th annual Orchid sale by Orchid-Mania South Florida. Dante Fascell Park, South Miami



Ascda Burning Sand
Member: Shirley Wilde



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Member: Simon Calle

BOARD MEETINGS

**The BROS board meets the 3rd Wednesday
of the month at 7:30 PM.**

Our May board meeting will be held at the home of
Karen Kahn (May 16th)

Our June board meeting will be held at the home of
Sharon Wesolowski (June 20th)

Our July board meeting will be held at the home of
Alan LaDuke (July 18th)

Our August board meeting will be held at the home
of **Lorraine Conover (August 15)**



Dendrobium Golden Aya
Member: Carol Ott

BROS Exhibition Table

Every month members have the opportunity to show their latest achievements. They can be admired then judged and you may even win an award ribbon! Fill out a exhibition slip and place it with your entry. Please follow the rules below to avoid disqualification.

1. Clearly print the orchid name and your full name.
2. It must be featured in the correct category.
3. You must have owned the orchid for at least six months.
4. The plant must not have insects or disease.
5. Display your orchid in an attractive container.
6. Each plant registered earns you a FREE raffle ticket!

The winners in March were...

| MEMBER | CATEGORY | RIBBON | ORCHID NAME |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Rev. Clay | Dendrobium Alliance | Blue | D. Chrysotoxum |
| Rev. Clay | Paphiopedilum | Blue | Paph. St. Swithin |
| Lorraine Conover | Brassavola | Blue | Stlma Kelly "Lea" |
| Garfield Gilchrist | Oncidium Alliance | Blue | ODCDM. Catalante "Pacific Sun Sports" |
| Alan LaDuke | Brassavola | Blue | "Waiomao Spotless" |
| Shirley Wilde | Ascocenda | Blue | Ascda. Burning Sand |
| Alice Dobrin | Misc Genera | Blue & Culture | Maxillaria tenuifolia |



BEST IN SHOW: Congratulations to Alice Dobrin on her win!

BROS Member Plant Sales-

BROS Members are welcome to sell their plants at designated monthly meetings.

Five simple rules:

1. Maximum of 5 plants.
2. No insects or diseases.
3. Must have a name tag.
4. No commercial sales.
5. 10% of your total sales must go to the BROS treasurer that night.

How Refreshing!

The wonderful refreshments provided at last month's meeting were delicious & appreciated!

Special Thanks to-

Barbara Benefield, Kim Hitt and Shirley Wilde

You too can help out by providing refreshments for our meeting's break. Ideas are cookies, cakes, drinks, fruit, nuts, chips or some other tasty treat!

Welcome New Members!

Larry Dambra

Dr. Ruth Frischer

Dale Roland

Thank you for joining.

We look forward to
getting to know you!



Waiomao Spotless
Member Alan LaDuke



Get Well Soon!

Dave Hogaboom

Jackie Wood



BROS Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$25.00
COUPLE \$35.00
Newsletter emailed.
Business: \$40.00
Newsletter emailed.

RENEWAL

SINGLE \$18.00
COUPLE \$25.00
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SINGLE \$23.00
COUPLE \$28.00
Newsletter printed & mailed.

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Tasks for May

by Dr. Martin Motes

1. Space plants for good air circulation
2. Trim excess foliage
3. Repot Phals out of sphagnum
4. Finish repotting of various genera
5. Reset vandaceous plants, Remove keikies

6. Water heavily early in Month, more guardedly later
7. Initiate preventive spray Maintenance program

Read this month's complete article at:

<http://bit.ly/Hsj3aL>

Sign up for Dr. Motes's newsletter at:

<http://bit.ly/motes>

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Hear Yea, Hear Yea, Hear Yea

The BROS is looking for a **Newsletter Editor** .

Placing information into the formatted newsletter.

Please Contact Sharon Wesolowski (954) 605-9932



The BROS needs a Corresponding Secretary!



Attend one Board meeting a month, send Get Well, Sympathy cards, and Thank You notes. Easy updates of monthly meeting info with 2 newspapers and a magazine via email.

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