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7:30 p.m.

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"WILD ORCHID MAN"

Starring: Stig Dalström

Filmmaker Darryl Saffer has given this pleasant little nature series the snappy title of "Wild Orchid Man". While the series features an awful lot about orchids in the wild, there's much to suggest that the man talking about those gorgeous flowers is anything but wild. For those of you who were fortunate to go on our overnight ramble to Selby Gardens last fall, you will remember meeting Stig Dalström at the Orchid Identification Center at Selby. And for those of you who went on our swamp walks in the Fakahatchee Strand, you will remember our friendly and cheerful park ranger, Mike Owen, who with Stig will take us on a tour of the Fakahatchee in search of the "elusive Ghost Orchid". You won't have to get your feet wet, or fight off man-eating alligators, or wrestle with venomous snakes or boas, you can sit back and relax, munch on some popcorn and enjoy the swamp and its natural beauty which sometimes appears like a color version of a Clyde Butcher photograph. But for those of us who have made the trek, we can sit back and remember the first-hand experience we shared.



We will have our raffle table as usual with a very special "surprise" up for grabs ! ! ! Hint: Bring your dollar bills for the "dollar raffle".



See you at the meeting,
Jackie Wood, Program Chair



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BROS Calendar of Events

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| <i>Thur. Oct. 8</i> | <i>7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Movie & Popcorn Event</i> |
| <i>Wed. Oct. 7</i> | <i>7:30pm BROS Board Meeting - Lorraine Connover's Home</i> |
| <i>Thur. Nov. 5</i> | <i>7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - TBA</i> |
| <i>Thur. Dec. 3</i> | <i>BROS Holiday Party—Brookes Restaurant</i> |

President's Message

Welcome October, the transition month. Days get shorter, nights get cooler and the cattleyas begin to show their sheaths in preparation for a glorious display! If you don't have enough cattleyas in your collection, and who is to decide when enough is enough, you can obtain more at the East Everglades Show. Held every year at R.F. Orchids, the East Everglades Show is not to be missed. At the end of the month the Delray Beach Orchid Society holds its annual show and sale, another opportunity to view and purchase cattleyas.

My apologies for the fiasco surrounding our September meeting, a lack of communication with the Don Estridge School liaison led to our meeting and Back to School Night's being scheduled at the same date and time. Gail, our liaison person, has been ill for a number of weeks and thus the "disaster". The meeting did go on with our scheduled speaker and approximately fifty stalwart members! Having faced mites, thrips, fungus, scale, black rot and mealy bugs, BROS members are a serious group not to be put off by parking difficulties.

The nominating committee, chaired by Corrine Juliano, is in the process of putting together the slate of officers for the coming year. If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors call Corrine. It is NOT necessary to be an "orchid expert". An interest in BROS is the only requirement.

Welcome back snowbirds. We missed you!

See you at the meeting.

Dave



October in your Orchid Collection

Tasks for October:

- Space plants to permit more air circulation
- Water as early as possible in the day
- Reduce general fertilizer
- Apply extra magnesium and potassium

October Climate Data

Average high: 85.4

Average low: 72.2

Average mean: 78.8

Average rainfall: 6.19"

October is a month of change in South Florida. Usually around the middle of the month, and certainly by the end of the month, the first strong cold front pushes into South Florida. Each successive cold front foreshadowed by ever lessening rain storms will progressively cool our temperatures and dry our air. Days are shortening too, providing less hours of sunlight to heat the air and slowing the drying process. Nights are longer and cooler which produces the same effect; slower drying. We must take greater care to insure that our plants are thoroughly dry before we water them again. Each extra hour of daylight is to be cherished by us as well as our plants.

Cooler weather calls our attention to our plants' needs for trace elements. Chief among these is magnesium, often described as the "major" minor element. Magnesium deficiency shows up in orchids as a reddening of the foliage particularly when the plant is stressed. This color change is frequently attributed to cold as it occurs following spells of cooler weather. Never apply magnesium and the other trace elements in combination with fertilizers containing phosphorus.

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

November BROS monthly meeting change:

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Safe Schools facility, the November BROS meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 5th. At 7:30PM. The Featured Speaker will be announced in the November News Letter.

American Orchid Society News:

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.

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.

Mark your Calendar....



Coalition for Orchid Species — Orchid Auction

Monday, Oct. 19th, 2009 - Plant Preview at 6:15 pm Auction starts at 6:45pm

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Garden Room (South Entrance) 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami, FL

For more information, call Mirta at 305.469.9472 or at mrsussis@bellsouth.net



American Orchid Society

Falling for Orchids

Orchid Show and Sale

November 20–22, 2009
10 am–4 pm

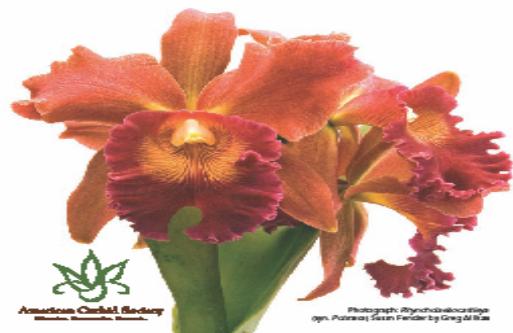
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General — \$10, AOS and Garden Members — \$5
Children Under 12 — Free

American Orchid Society Visitors Center
and Botanical Garden

16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach
Adjacent to the Morikami Museum

For More Information
Tel 561-404-2000
Web site www-aos.org



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Orchids On The Square



Delray Beach Orchid Society

Annual Show And Sale
October 30 - November 1, 2009
10 AM - 5 PM

Old School Square Gymnasium
N. Swinton Avenue and N.E. 1st Street
Historic Downtown Delray Beach

Admission - \$5.00

For Further Information Contact: Annette 561 - 573 - 2422
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.....Mirta Rosen

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

All Aboard the AOS Orchid Express!

Come join the fun as the AOS hosts a series of orchid rambles to premier orchid destinations of the show season! Bus raffles! Snacks! Orchid fun!

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Destination: **East Everglades Orchid Society Show**

R.F. Orchids, Homestead, Florida

Orchid Express participants will receive free admission to the show, special behind the scene tour of R.F. Orchids, and a \$5.00 coupon for R.F. Orchids!

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Destination: **Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show**

War Memorial Auditorium, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

On board raffles and games! Lots of fun coming and going!

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Destination: **Miami International Orchid Show**

Doubletree Hotel & Convention Center, Miami, Florida

Orchid Express participants will receive a \$5.00 discount off admission to the show as well as vendor coupons!

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Destination: **Redlands Orchid Festival**

Fruit and Spice Park, Homestead, Florida

Orchid Express participants will receive free admission to the show and a \$5.00 coupon to use inside the show.

All buses depart from the AOS Headquarters at 8:30 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. for check-in! Snacks are provided on the bus, lunch is on your own. Bring a box for your plants. We'll 'pass the hat' for driver gratuity.

Tickets for each ramble are \$30 for AOS members, \$35 for non-members. Participants will receive a coupon for free admission to the AOS Garden. Prepaid ticket reservations can be made with Susan Wayman at (561) 404-2031.

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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.

Thank You to Jackie Wood for arranging the purchase of the September Raffle Table Plants



Boca Raton Orchid Society Plant Table September

CATEGORY	ORCHID NAME	OWNER
DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE	Den. Salaya Two Tone	Lorraine Conover
MISC. GENERA	Catasetum Mem. Ned Erman	Jackie Wood
ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE	Mtssa. Polisticta	Fred Gilbert
SPECIES	Angem. Longiscott	Tom Kuligowski

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

www.BocaRatonOrchidSociety.org

Boca Raton Orchid Society Membership

FIRST YEAR

SINGLE \$20.00 COUPLE \$30.00 - Newsletter e-mailed

SINGLE \$25.00 COUPLE \$35.00 - Newsletter U.S. mailed

RENEWAL

SINGLE \$18.00 COUPLE \$25.00 - Newsletter e-mailed

SINGLE \$23.00 COUPLE \$30.00 - Newsletter U.S. mailed

Business: \$40.00 - Newsletter e-mailed

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Refreshments are needed for our upcoming October 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 Dave and Amy Hogaboom, Elba Hussey, Zylvia Zeitlin, Carolyn Huckshorn & Kim Hitt, for bringing all the wonderful treats to share at our September meeting.

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



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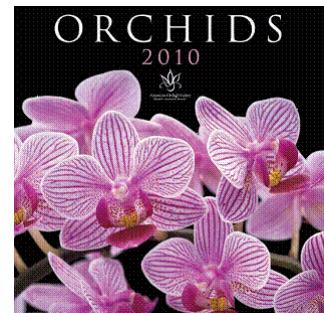
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BROS members are welcome to sell their plants at the BROS monthly meetings with the understanding that 15% of the proceeds from the sale is to be paid, by the member, to the Society on the night of the meeting.

For more details please contact the BROS treasurer; Denise Libby or any BROS Board Member.

Share the magic and joy of growing orchids with a gift of the AOS 2010 Calendar. The 12 superbly grown orchids pictured show the diversity in color, size, shape and fragrance found in the orchid family. Join author Ken Slump as he shares secrets for growing the best orchids and then offers advice for successfully cultivating and flowering a dozen choices suitable for the greenhouse, home and under lights. **\$2** from each calendar sold benefits orchid conservation.



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BROS Meetings are Held the
2nd Thursday of each Month at
7:30 p.m. at:

Safe Schools Institute
Southeast Corner of
Military Trail and Spanish River Blvd.

1790 N.W. Spanish River Boulevard
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