

# The Orchid Scentinel



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*7:30 p.m.*



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## **ORCHID SPECIES YOU CAN GROW HERE**

### **Guest Speaker: Lou Lodyga**

Lou began growing orchids in Michigan in the late 50's, mostly under lights and on the windowsill. He managed the retail orchid department of Black River Orchids in South Haven, Michigan from 1968-1979, which specialized in species.

In 1979 he moved to Miami to manage the orchid department at the legendary Jones & Scully, Miami, Florida.

Lou has been an accredited AOS judge since 1975, and is the Awards & Recording Secretary, and a member of the education committee for the Florida-Caribbean Judging Center in Miami.

One of the original members of the Coalition for Orchid Species, he is the VP, and Educational coordinator. Currently he is the regional administrator for the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry.

Lou has traveled, judged, and collected orchids through most of the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Lou's presentation at our September meeting will be "Orchid Species YOU Can Grow Here". The Raffle Table will be provided by Oak Hill Gardens and will consist of "orchid species you can grow here". So come and learn and enjoy.

See you at the meeting,  
Jackie Wood, Program Chair





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## *BROS Calendar of Events*

Thur. Sept. 10 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Lou Lodyga

Wed. Sept. 16 7:30pm BROS Board Meeting - Denis Libby's Home

Thur. Oct. 8 7:30pm BROS Monthly Meeting - Movie Night with Popcorn

## *President's Message*

Wow! September is here already! The year goes by at warp speed. In September the South Florida orchid world begins to heat up with the beginning of the show season.

Mounts Botanical Gardens will host EVERYTHING ORCHIDS on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm each day. Lectures, demos, raffles, etc. will be featured for a \$5 admission. It's a great way to kick off the show year.

Next up is Delray Beach with their show at Halloween time. The BROS ramble follows, on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Hyla Levine will once again arrange an interesting and varied selection of hobbyists' collections for our tour. Be sure to sign up at the meeting or call Hyla to reserve.

The AOS will have its annual show featuring orchid vendors, craft vendors, displays, and judging. Mark down November 20, 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> for the AOS show.

Back to orchid names, we very often see a little mark before and after an orchid name. And, I bet you wonder what it is! Well, a name such as Den. Lorrie Mortimer'Mystique' tells you that you have an orchid that could be a merriclone, merristem, or a division of an existing plant. It will be virtually the same as its parent. Be aware, because the plant is a clone, it cannot be entered for a first bloom seedling. Why, because it had previously bloomed through its parent! Confusing, eh?

See you at the meeting.

Dave



## September in your Orchid Collection

## September Climate Data

Average high: 89.0

Average low: 75.7

Average mean: 82.4

Average rainfall: 8.38"

### Tasks for September:

- Space plants to permit more air circulation
- Trim trees to permit more light and lessen the wind load
- Clean up growing area removing any dead leaf or organic matter
- Apply snail bait; lightly, frequently

Rainfall this month has been very near the typical average but has not fallen in the typical August pattern; interspersed with dry spells. The concentration of rain for multiple days at a time has allowed plants greater susceptibility to disease than in a typical year.

Be careful to monitor your plants this September and isolate any showing disease symptoms as soon as possible. September presents the maximum opportunity for fungal and bacterial diseases to take hold of our orchids.

Be sure to maximize plant spacing, air circulation and light. Apply recommended chemicals if need be.

Remember the old saying: *"Leave enough space between plants on a shade house bench for a cat to walk around without knocking them down."* Remember that your plants will have grown considerably over the summer and that the space they occupied comfortably in the Spring has now been filled by their own growth as well as their neighbors. Space them out.

Snails continue to be a problem. Snail bait lightly but frequently.

Remember to fertilize, as often as the weather permits, your Vandas and Phalaenopsis for they will bloom all the stronger from this extra attention in the coming months.

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

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.

**South Florida Orchid Society SPEAKER'S DAY 2009**

**SFOS** will host its annual Speaker's Day on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at Signature Gardens, 12725 S.W. 122 Avenue, Miami, FL. This will include a wonderful panel of highly respected speakers presenting an enjoyable and educational program. Speaker's Day also includes AOS Judging and SFOS Medal Judging. Plants for judging must be registered by 10:00 A.M. and can be picked up at 12:00 P.M. Speakers' Day has AOS approval for judging seminar credits as well. Several of the speakers will have plants to sell and sales will be open only to registered seminar participants.

Tickets for Speakers Day are \$45.00 per person. The price includes a continental breakfast and cold buffet lunch. This is one of the major orchid events held annually in South Florida! Be sure to register early since tickets are limited and sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are not available at the door. For more information call (305) 255-3656.

**Speaker's Day Schedule:**

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast, plant registration (for judging), plant sales open	1:00 - 2:00	Marguerite Webb
9:00 - 10:00	Jason Fischer	2:00 - 3:00	Norito Hasegawa
10:00 - 11:00	Bob Burkey	3:00 - 4:00	Tom Mirenda
11:00 - 12:00	AOS Judging and panel discussion, plant sales open	4:00 - 5:00	Plant sales open
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch		

\* Plant sales area will also be open during breaks and between speakers

**Mark Your Calendar!**

Reserve the weekend of October 23-25 for the East Everglades Orchid Society's annual show! EEOS stages the show outdoors in the gardens at **R.F. Orchids**, with domestic and international vendors, an exhibition of orchid-related art by the Homestead Art Club, food vendors and lots more. The weather's gorgeous in late October, so plan to come on down for a beautiful weekend. Show hours are 9am to 5pm, Friday through Sunday. Free parking and admission, too.

**Check out the Creature Featured at RF Orchids....**

One of our little green anole (ah-NO-lay) lizards inspected a plant of V. Mem. Lyle Swanson in the showroom last month. These cute little guys are common in South Florida, and they earn their keep by eating lots and lots of bugs.





***Refreshments are needed for our upcoming September 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 Angela diLiscia, Louise Herlehy, Rosette Jessurun, Carolyn Huckshorn, Kim Hitt, Don & Pat Salas, Karen Khan, Barbara Benefield, Louis Hendricks, Sylvia Zeitlin & Jane Walthan for bringing all the wonderful treats to share at our August meeting.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN SO WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE YOU IN THE**



**ORCHID TRIVIA....**

The smallest orchid:

*Platystele jungermannioides*, is found in South America and has a flower only one half millimeter in diameter.



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**BROS By-Laws .**

The proposed By-Law amendments as well as the By-Laws showing edited revisions, will be sent to all BROS members to review before the By-Laws changes are voted on at the September Members meeting.



***Membership - 2009 Annual Membership Begins January 1, 2009***

**Boca Raton Orchid Society Membership**

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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 the Jarvis Family, Judy Chisholm & Kaler Westphalia for the August Raffle Table Plants

**Boca Raton Orchid Society Plant Table August 2009**



<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>ORCHID NAME</i>	<i>OWNER</i>
MISC. GENERA	Grammatiphyllum scriptum var. citrinum	KALER WESTPHALIA
EPIDENDRUM/ENCYCLIA	Enc. Phonicia	KALER WESTPHALIA
ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE	Miltassia Olmec Kanno	KALER WESTPHALIA
SPECIES	Dyakia Hendersoniana Minature Borneo	KALER WESTPHALIA
PHALAENOPSIS	Phal. Lerkmaniani v.pulchra 'A-doribil'	JACKIE WOOD
MISC. GENERA	Trichoglottis Philliponensis	LOIS HENDRICKS

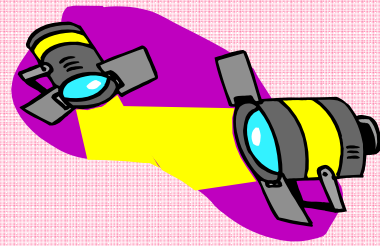
If you would like to view the pictures of these winning Orchids, Please visit our web site at:

[www.BocaRatonOrchidSociety.org](http://www.BocaRatonOrchidSociety.org)

Coming in October.....

MOVIE NIGHT

Wild Orchid Man



Starring: Stig Daström

Co-starring: Mike Owen

Date: October 8, 2009

Time: 8:00 p.m.

The movie will replace our speaker for the evening

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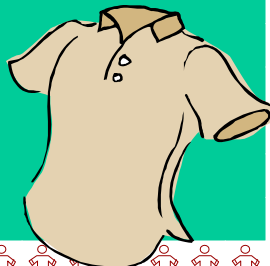
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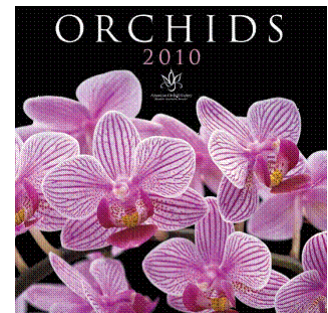
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BROS members are welcome to sell their plants at the BROS monthly meetings with the understanding that 15% of the proceeds from the sale is to be paid, by the member, to the Society on the night of the meeting.

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  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
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