



# Delray Beach Orchid Society

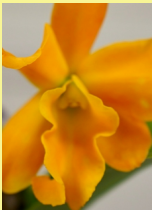
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## Welcome

### Message from Your President

#### January Meeting



Happy Valentine's Day!!

It's great to know our plants survived the cold spells and now we can look forward to having great weather and enjoying our blooming orchids.



Our DBOS Board has been busy making plans for our special events this year so **SAVE the DATES**. We are happy to announce, we will be having our 2023 Wine in the Garden on March 11<sup>th</sup> at Delray Garden Center. Our 2023 Bus Ramble to RF Orchids and Soroa Orchids, Homestead is schedule for April 15<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow.

Plus, we are working hard planning our Annual Orchid Auction on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be auctioning beautiful orchids from the orchid vendors who participated in our annual show held last October. So "Save the Dates" in your calendars and hope to see you then.

We have new board members this year, so be sure to read the "Meet Our Board Members" article featured in our newsletters.

It's that time of the year to pay your annual membership dues of \$20, so please bring in your payment to the meeting or please mail your check to: DBOS, PO Box 6571, Delray Beach, FL. 33482 . Don't forget to bring in your blooming orchids for judging and a refreshment to share. If you do, you'll receive a free raffle ticket!

See you at our next meeting on Wednesday February 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Happy growing  
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#### GUEST SPEAKER: JOHN ROMANO

John Romano will be our February speaker, with a program on genus Dendrobium. The dens' native range spans from India all the way to New Zealand. Many are popular and grow well in South Florida.

John started growing orchids in 1979 at the age of 13. He worked at Waterloo Gardens, Inc in Exton, PA and Gilberties Garden Center in Deleware County, PA. In 2002, got hired at JEM Orchids in Delray as their grower and worked there until 2005. John is a member of Coalition for Orchid Species, FOG, and Newbie FOG groups on Facebook. He runs the Sobralia group and the Dendrobium species group on Facebook as well as the Let's Talk Orchids group on You tube.

#### MEET OUR BOARD

#### FEATURING NEW BOARD MEMBER LOTTIE GATEWOOD

From Lottie:



I have always had a passion for orchids but it was not until I moved to Florida in 2007 that I could actually grow them. I began growing orchids as soon as I moved here 15 years ago. I live in a small house so there were few spaces to place these beauties. After much trial and error, I finally found the perfect spots.

My front tree was the best place for my hanging Vandas and my lanai for phalaenopsis.

My favorite orchids are my Vandas and my favorite color is purple. I love to see them blooming in the tree.

While my collection of a dozen orchids is small, my passion is mighty! It brings me such joy to see the annual

rebirth of these majestic flowers.

Other than finding that ideal spot, I don't have a "best tip" for growing orchids. As with most things in life, I believe the "secret sauce" is love.

## The Grass River Garden Club

Invites you to a presentation on  
THE EVERGLADES: PAST AND FUTURE

Featuring

Jim Kushlan, Everglades biologist, Kirsten Hynes, wildlife photographer, Jodi Farrell, Everglades Foundation

Wednesday March 1, 2023

Delray Beach Public Library, Doors open 9:45 for 10:00 presentation. Open to the public. Limited Seating  
RSVP to [kwdietz@gmail.com](mailto:kwdietz@gmail.com) by February 24.



### FROM DR MOTES

This January has been one of the warmest ever, to the delight of our vandas and ourselves. The huge weather systems which have devastated the north as they swept south have been ameliorated by the warmth of the Gulf and the Atlantic have arrived in enfeebled states. These weak and dissipating fronts have also produced much less than typical rain.

A succession of these fronts has left us with much drier than usual air. Dry air radiates heat in the night and the swing of day to night temperatures has been extreme with low temperatures frequently exceeding forecasts. All this has been good for our orchids. Wide swings of day to night temperatures mimic the conditions in tropical mountains where most of our orchids originated, and

stimulate roots and blooms.

Dry air is always good, tamping down fungal activity and putting us in control of the water our plants receive. As our plants' roots, potting medium and containers are extra dry, we must be sure to water them thoroughly. Three or sometimes four applications of water should be applied to the point of runoff and spaced a few minutes apart. Testing the weight of a plant to see that it is quite heavy is the best measure of thorough watering. If dry conditions continue to prevail most potted orchid should be watered at 7-10-day intervals to ensure their bulbs stay plump.

Vandas are flourishing in this warm winter. Keep them well watered and fertilized. With the temperatures we are having, *Vanda* roots should remain in active growth and crowns should be pushing forth new leaves. Each new leaf has an axial with a potential flower spike bud. With some extra care given to them, vandas will reward us with extra blooms.

*Thrips* are usually not problematic in February but with the temperature ranges and dryness we are experiencing, they could emerge at any time. Scout for them on the new root tips of vandas where the tissue is maturing. If a ring of pitted tissue is present, control them with the methods recommended in *Fla. Orchid Growing*.

**Dr. Motes**

**Motes Orchids**

### AOS JUDGES - SPECIAL ORCHID AUCTION

The West Palm Beach Judging Center is planning an auction for Sunday, February 26, 2023 @ 1:00 pm to be held at the Learning Center at Flamingo Gardens, Davie Florida. This is a fund-raising event for our center to raise money to cover on going expenses for our Judging Center which includes rent, photographer's fees, speaker fees and travel expenses as needed, etc.

As an Affiliated Society Member we are inviting your members to attend this auction and bid on some exciting orchids from some of our judges' private collections, grower donations, orchid books, orchid supplies, memorabilia, etc. to support our Center. We are not subsidized by the American Orchid Society and any funds raised will be restricted to the use by the WPBJC for expenses mentioned above.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on February 26 at 1:00 pm. Additional information will be sent out closer to the date.

Jacqueline A. Wood, Chair  
West Palm Beach Judging Center

For more information, please e-mail Jackie, [click here](#)



*Orchid Show & Sale  
Valentine's Weekend*

February 11-12, 2023  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Refers: Bangkok  
Sunset x Vasco  
Pine River

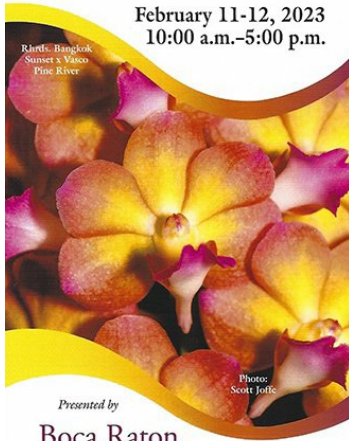


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**Upcoming Events**

Veteran's Park Recreation building is located on the west side of the intracoastal waterway on the north side of Atlantic Avenue. It is in the the same entrance as Chico's .

**Scheduled Meetings and Events:**

February 8, 2023: John Romano, Dendrobiums.

March 8, 2023: Annual Orchid Auction.

April 12: Repotting and Mounting Hands-on Workshop.

May 10, 2023: Omar Gonzalez: "Amazing Cattleya Hybrids You Can Grow"


June 14, 2023: Rick Ackerman: "What's in a Name, You Ask"?

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Website: [www.DelrayBeachOrchidSociety.com](http://www.DelrayBeachOrchidSociety.com)

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FROM YOU**



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If you have special event in your life or know of a member who is ill, please call our Corresponding Secretary, James Mangan at 561 310-1189 or via [e-mail](#).

Moving? Changed your e-mail or phone number? We don't want to lose contact with you. Please contact our Membership Chair, Scott Santoro at [sansansutoro@mac.com](mailto:sansansutoro@mac.com)

