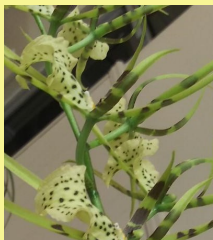




## Welcome

### Message from Your President

#### May Meeting Blue Ribbon Winners



Hello DBOS Members,

Hope you are watching your orchids as the rainy season has started. It is so hot lately and we are having so much rain that we want to make sure our plants have moisture but not drowning. Pay special attention to those nasty pests that follow the rain or fungus. Make sure your potting medium drains and dries quickly to avoid rot.



It's also the beginning of hurricane season, so have a plan for your orchids in the event of a storm.

**New Board members:** I want to take this opportunity to WELCOME two DBOS members to our Board and thank them for stepping up and filling two open positions, Carole-Lynn Daley is our new Corresponding Secretary and Larry Sisselman is a Trustee.

**Sip & Paint:** Join us for our 2nd annual **Sip & Paint**, get together. It will be held at "Paint with a Twist" (2288 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach), on Saturday, July, 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Last year we had a blast and there were quite a few masterpieces. Along with "BYOB" we will be asking this year for participating members to bring a small platter of "Hors D'oeuvre" or finger food to share. The cost is \$46.00 per person, supplies provided. Please see the flyer for more details.

**Meeting:** With the construction continuing at Atlantic Crossing, parking will be tight so remember there are parking spaces on the street just north of the Recreation Center (shuffleboard courts). We are excited to welcome Rich Ackerman to our June meeting. His topic is "What's in a Name?". Ever wonder what all the letters mean on those white plastic plant tags? Well, come to the meeting and find out.

Remember to bring in your blooming orchids for judging and also a snack to share with our members. You will receive extra raffle tickets to win some beautiful orchids.

Happy growing and see you on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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SAVE THE DATE  
Sip & Paint  
July, 22, 2023

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*No prior painting experience needed*

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*(BYOB and Finger food to share)*

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## June Meeting

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Ctna.Tzippy X C. skinneri alba 'Yolanda Cuesta' FCC/AOS

We are happy to invite Rich Ackerman to DBOS as he unravels the mystery of the names of orchids. Did you ever look at those white plastic stick tags in an orchid plant and wonder how to decipher it? Well, come to our meeting and find out what it all means. Rich caught the orchid bug attending the World Orchid Conference in Miami in 2008. Rich is a Florida Master Gardener Volunteer, Professor Emeritus at Broward College, past President of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and Urban Horticulture Advisory Board for UF/IFAS Broward County Extension. His current interest is Florida native orchids



### Too Many Letters

There is never enough room on a plant tag to put everything. Many names and terms are shortened. Here is a list of the basic ones.

- AOS American Orchid Society
- AM Award of Merit ; award from the American Orchid Society
- Ascda. Ascocenda
- B. Brassavola
- Bc. Brasso-cattleya
- Blc. Brasso-laelio-cattleya
- Bllra. Beallara
- Brs. Brassia
- Brsdm. Brassidium
- (BS) Blooming Size
- Bulb. Bulbophyllum
- C. Cattleya
- Cirr. Cirrhopetalum
- Ctna. Cattleytonia; cross of Cattleya & Broughtonia
- Cym. Cymbidium
- Den. Dendrobium
- Dtps. Doritaenopsis
- Epi. Epidendrum
- Epc. Epidendrum-cattleya
- Epic. Epidendrum-laelio-cattleya
- Gram. Grammatophyllum
- HCC Highly Commended Certificate; award from the American Orchid Society
- L. Laelia
- Lc. Laelio-cattleya
- Mtdm. Miltonidium
- (NBS) Non-Blooming Size
- Odbrs. Odontobrassia
- Odcdm. Odontocidium

Onc. Oncidium  
 P. Phalaenopsis  
 Paph. Paphiopedilum  
 Pot. Potinara  
 R. Rodriguezia  
 Sc. Sophrocattleya  
 Slc. Sophrolaeliocattleya  
 V. Vanda

It gets more complicated with intergenerics, the man-made genera that are the results of crosses of plants from different genus, sometime more than two genera are involved. For example, breeding Miltonia with other genus:

Mtad. = Miltada = [Ada x Miltonia]  
 Mtadm. = Miltadium = [Ada x Miltonia x Oncidium]  
 Mtta. = Miltaretia = [Comparettia x Miltonia]  
 Mtssa. = Miltassia = [Brassia x Miltonia]  
 Mtst. = Miltistonia = [Baptistonia x Miltonia]  
 Mtd. = Miltodontrum = [Miltonia x Odontoglossum x Trichocentrum]  
 Mnt. = Miltoncentrum x = [Miltonia x Oncidium x Trichocentrum]

### Basics of Orchid Names

From the American Orchid Society



Understanding orchid names enhances the pleasure of this hobby. Initially, it is easy to talk with friends using common names like moth orchids and lady's-slipper orchids. But eventually one needs to come to grips with botanical names. Though perhaps intimidating at first, mastering the simple Latin of scientific names will eliminate the twist from the tongue and enable everyone to talk about orchids with confidence.

For example:

**Paphiopedilum Jim Kie 'Springwater' HCC/AOS**, tells four things about this plant: •

1. It is a member of the genus Paphiopedilum
2. It is a hybrid (or grex) named Jim Kie
3. 'Springwater' is its clonal name
4. And it has received a Highly Commended Certificate (HCC) from the American Orchid Society for its flowers, which scored from 75 to 79 points on a 100-point scale.

Parts of a Name

To elucidate an orchid's name, pick up a catalog or plant label from one of your plants. Most likely, the name will consist of at least two words. The first word is the name of the genus (plural: genera). It is usually printed in italics because, as Latin, it is a foreign language, and begins with a capital letter (Cattleya, Epidendrum, Zygopetalum). Botanists abbreviate generic names with the first letter (such as C. for Cattleya and E. for Epidendrum), while horticulturists often use short abbreviations, such as Epi. for Epidendrum and Phal. for Phalaenopsis.

To read the entire article, [click here](#).

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### JUNE GROWING FROM DR MOTES



The early and dramatic start to the rainy season behooves us to stringently apply the basics of orchid culture and use every avenue at our disposal to dry our plants out as quickly and as thoroughly as conditions permit.

First and always most important is light. Every type of orchid is best grown in Florida in the brightest light that it will tolerate. Plants grown in bright light are harder and inherently more disease resistant. Bright light also adds heat which hastens drying. It is never too early to consider trimming trees that might be vulnerable in a storm and which are adding unwanted shade to our orchids.

Air movement is also critical to drying. Velocity of air movement increases markedly with height. The higher off the ground that our plants are, the more quickly they dry. Now is a good time to consider whether larger plants might be better off hanging. Though growing large specimen plants is one of the great joys of S. Florida, consider reducing an abundantly large plant by taking a division or two to allow it, with less volume, to dry more quickly. Those divisions are also insurance that those favorite plants will always be with you. Added insurance lies in giving a division to a friend. Often in this uncertain world, the only plants we keep are those we give away.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, seedlings and miniature plants require extra attention to ensure they are not overshadowed by larger plants. In S. Florida, an orchid grower does well to have a cat, who should be able to move among the plants without knocking them over.

At least for the foreseeable future, most of our orchids will need no extra water beyond that which falls from the heavens. We should relish every opportunity to allow them to dry as thoroughly as possible. This is also a year in which the disease preventive spray program set forth in Florida Orchid Growing is particularly valuable.

Happily, the fierce rain has driven away both mites and thrips but alas, snails have found a wet highway which has

allowed them to travel great distances to our orchid collections. Remember, very light but fairly frequent applications of snail bait give the best control.

While presenting some hazards to our orchids, rain cools the atmosphere remarkably, making South Florida one of the coolest places in the US for much of the time in summer. Savor the coolness! As a very young, but very perceptive Bartholomew Motes noted "Rain sweet as honey".

**Dr. Motes**  
**Motes Orchids**

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**Upcoming Events**  
 Veteran’s Park Recreation building is located on the west side of the intracostal waterway on the north side of Atlantic Avenue. Construction is on going to the park, but the drive way is open.

**Scheduled Meetings and Events:**

**June 14, 2023** – Rich Ackerman – “What’s in a Name”

**July 12, 2023** –Rafael Romero, Plantio la Orquidia

July 22, 2023, Sip & Paint

**August 9, 2023** – Tom Kuligowski, "Photographing Orchids, Made Easy"

**September 13, 2023** – Pot Luck & Bingo

**October 10, 2023-** Carol Holdren, AOS Judge

October 21 & 22, 2023, Annual Orchid Show

**November 8, 2023** – Scott Peplin

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