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Welcome

Message from Your Board

2023 Review, Blue Ribbon Winners











Hello Members,

Welcome to a new year of educational lectures, special events, the Annual Orchid Auction and much more. We welcome a new Board and thank them for volunteering to lead our Society. We currently do not have a President because Chickie's two year term is up but our Board will ensure our meetings go smoothly. Our sincere thanks goes to Buddy, who will leaving the Board after his many

years of service. Buddy and his wife Irene have been long time members and will continue to be part of DBOS.

Annual Dues: If you did not attend the Holiday Party, please pay your \$20 membership renewal at the meeting or by mailing your check to: Delray Beach Orchid Society, PO Box 6571, Delray Beach, FL. 33482. If you joined DBOS during the last three months of the year, you do not have to pay in 2024.

<u>Cold Weather:</u> The temperature certainly dipped during the last several weeks. Please read the following article on cold damage. Keep in mind, if your Dendrobiums lost all their leaves, they are NOT dead. Continue to water and fertilize and new growth will appear in a few months.

<u>Meeting:</u> We welcome Serena Roman and look forward to learning about, *Interesting and Weird Bulbophyllums*. Remember to bring in your blooming orchids for judging, plus an appetizer or snack to share with our group. You will receive an extra raffle ticket (s). Stay tuned for the <u>Repotting and Mounting Workshop</u> at the February 14, 2024 meeting. Loved ones are always welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Happy growing. The DBOS Board

WELCOME TO OUR 2024 BOARD:

Lt to Rt: Kathy Moore, Larry Sisselman, Buddy Rappoport (going off), Jill Row, Geoff Tobias, Priscilla Roper, Bernadette Garfinkel Chickie Tobias. Missing Scott Santoro, Nils Horning, Lottie Gatewood, Carole Lynn Daley









January Meeting

Interesting and Weird Bulbophyllums

We welcome back Serena Roman, Lady Vanda, who will talk about the unique species of orchids bulbophyllums. Some are tiny, some are smelly, most are weird, but you will learn how to grow them in South Florida.

Serena who runs the family-owned orchid nursery with her husband, says the infatuation with the flower is prevalent in Florida, a mecca for orchidologists and goes on to explain that South Florida is home to some of the largest orchid festivals in the U.S. as well as the headquarters for the American Orchid Society.



Lady Vanda Orchids is a premier online retailer, specializing in Vanda orchids.

Additionally, we cultivate several other genera such as Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium, Dendrobium and Cattleya. Visit her web site, click here.

From the AOS: Bulbophyllum

Thouars. 1822

Pronunciation:

bulb-oh-FILL-um (click on the name to hear it spoken)

Tribe: Dendrobieae Subtribe: Bulbophyllinae

The genus Bulbophyllum was described by Louis-Marie Aubert Du Petit-Thouars in 1822, with the name coming from the Greek bulbos (bulb) and phyllon (leaf). Bulbophyllum and closely allied genera (especially Cirrhopetalum) are considered to be the largest group of orchids. Taxonomists have described at least two dozen allied genera, which have been combined with, and separated from, Bulbophyllum, over the years. Photo of Bulb. lasiochilum

To read more, click here.

ALERT: PARKING LOT DETOUR

The parking lot entrance from Atlantic Avenue is closed due to construction. The only entrance to parking at Veteran's Park is via NE 1st Street.

NE 1st Street is one block north of Atlantic Avenue on the east side off Federal Highway. Go east on NE 1st Street and drive toward the Community Center. There is parking on the street and also in front of the building. For those of you who use a GPS system, type in this address for directions: 809 NE 1st Street. Note: This is an address of an apartment complex and not the address of the Community Center, which I am using as an example.



AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY COLD TEMPERATURE DAMAGE

Cold Injury Symptoms

Cold injury symptoms usually become visible, not during the cold snap, but some days after exposure to critically low temperatures. The rate at which symptoms develop depends on the severity of the exposure and the conditions in the growing environment afterward. Continued cool temperatures and high humidity after exposure to cold may slow the development of symptoms, while high light intensity and warm temperatures may accelerate symptom development.

Chilling

Many chilling-injury symptoms are common to other stresses such as lack of water, root-rot diseases, chemical phytotoxicity and heat and light stress; as such they may be difficult to diagnose. General symptoms of chilling injury are as follows:

- ~ Surface lesions, pitting, large, sunken areas and discoloration. Water-soaking in tissues, usually followed by wilting and browning.
- ~ Internal discoloration (browning).
- ~ Accelerated rate of natural death.
- ~ Increased susceptibility to attack by fungi and bacteria.
- ~ Slowed growth, or limited growth flush. This may be difficult to detect without non-chilled plants for comparison or a thorough knowledge of the orchid's normal growth rate.

Protecting Your Orchids from Cold

Orchids, even as landscape plants, can be pulled through a tough winter. The more trouble you take, the better your results are likely to be.

Moving Plants Indoors: Container-grown outdoor plants can be moved to a warm garage or other indoor location for cold protection. If this is not an option, determine in advance which plants are most valuable to you. It is not a bad idea to mark those with a colored label, or keep them all in a particular spot. That way, if you do need to gather them quickly, you will not be searching through perhaps hundreds of plants and labels to find them.

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JANUARY GROWING FROM DR MOTES

An exceptionally wet December has brought to a close an exceptionally wet year. So much rain brings us back to the most basic principle of orchid growing, orchids need to dry out. All epiphytic orchids are locked in an evolutionary struggle with their mortal enemies, fungi. The most important knowledge an orchid grower can possess is to know the degree to which various genera need to dry out. In general, if a Vanda looks like it should be watered, water it, if a Cattleya looks like it needs water, water it tomorrow, and if a Phalaenopsis looks like it needs water, you probably should have watered it yesterday. The drying needs of other genera are elucidated in Florida Orchid Growing.

Tamiami International Orchid Festival

January 12-14, 2024 from 11am - 6pm daily Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center 10901 SW 24th St, Miami, FL 33165

Admission: \$15 at the door (Order tickets in advance to save)

Kids under 12 free!

VIP early admission at 9am Friday and Saturday.

Not to be missed: Click here:

Dr. Motes

<u>Motes Orchids</u>

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Corresponding Secretary – Carole Lynn Daley

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Bernadette Garfinkel Nils Horning Priscilla Roper Jill Row _____

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:

January 10, 2024 - Serena Roman, "Interesting and Weird Bulbophyllums ".

February 14, 2024 - Repotting and Mounting Workshop.

Chickie Tobias

Past President

Newsletter Editor: Valerie Smith Club Photographer: John Morris

March 13, 2024 - Orchid Auction

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If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the Society, meetings or this newsletter, please feel free to contact our Program Chair, Larry Sisselman at elsiss@gmail.com

If you have special event in your life or know of a member who is ill, please call our Corresponding Secretary, Carol-Lynn Daley 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

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