



Delray Beach Orchid Society

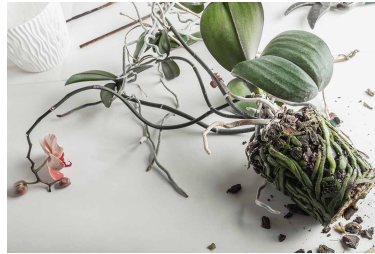
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Welcome

Message from Your Board

January Meeting Blue Ribbon Winners



Hello Members,

Many of us ask ourselves this question: to repot or not repot? That is the question. Is it the right time of the year? What size pot to use? Maybe mount instead? What medium to use? All good questions, so come to our monthly meeting and find out more about caring for your orchids.

The DBOS Board has been busy planning special events for the year; Wine in the Garden on March 9th, our fabulous Orchid Auction on March 13th, a Bus Ramble to the Bonnet House's lush gardens on April 9th, Sip & Paint and a few surprises. Plus, we have some exciting speaker's lined up.

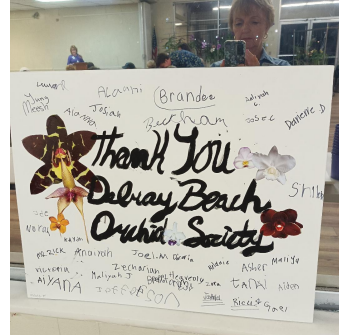
ANNUAL DUES: It's that time of the year to pay your annual membership dues of \$20. If you attended the Annual Holiday Party, your dues are already paid. Please bring in your payment to the meeting or mail your check to: DBOS, PO Box 6571, Delray Beach, FL. 33482 . We value your continuing membership.

Milagro Center: Our sincere thank you to our members who donated to our annual holiday gift drive for the children of the Milagro Center. Below is a poster from the grateful students. The Milagro Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure the social and academic success of underserved children and youth, through cultural arts, living values, academic support, and mentoring. Don't forget to bring in your blooming orchids for judging and a snack to share. If you do, you'll receive free raffle tickets! Wear your name badge and you will receive an additional free raffle ticket.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 and bring along a friend. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Happy growing.
[The DBOS Board](#)





Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do I want them to do (call-to-action)?

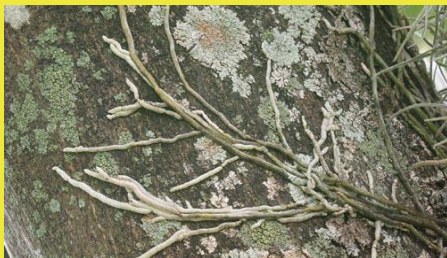
Create a great offer by adding words like "free," "personalized," "complimentary," or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take action, so consider inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

JOIN US *Wine in The Garden*

Saturday, March 9, 2024
2pm to 4pm
at the Delray Garden Center,
3827 Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach

Plant Swap
Tour of Greenhouses and Garden
Snacks, beverages and wine

PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 24TH by calling
Bernadette 561-398-6315 or Kathy 561-901-6251



WHY CAN'T I USE DIRT TO REPOT MY ORCHIDS?

From the American Orchid Society

What makes orchid roots different from common house or garden plants?

In nature, orchid roots hold plants firmly to trees or rocks. Their spongy velamen soaks up moisture and nutrients.

They can extend for meters away from the plant itself.

Basically the structure of an orchid plant is the same as any plant for it has roots, stems, leaves and flowers. But these parts are adapted to its way of life and differ somewhat from familiar plants which you grow in your garden. Most garden or house plants have a central root system that grows down into the soil and anchors it to the ground. From this central root, smaller, finer roots covered in fine hairs will develop forming the root system of the plant. This underground root system absorbs moisture and nutrients from the soil.

On the other hand, most of the orchids grown by hobbyists are epiphytes. In nature, rather than grow into the ground, epiphytes use their roots to attach themselves to trees or rocks where light and air movement are more plentiful.

Orchid roots can be very fine such as those of the Oncidium family or very thick like Phalaenopsis or Vanda roots. The thickness of the roots is usually a good measure to determine the type of orchid potting media to use: In general, the thicker the root, the more open and less dense the potting material.

Monopodial orchids often have arial roots that are produced at intervals along the main stem and grow out and down. Some attach to the support, if it is a slab or a totem, some go down into the potting mix in a basket or pot, but many monopodial plant roots hang in the air. Many originate above the lower leaves. Active roots are white with green or brownish tips when in growth. Dry dead roots look like brown strings

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.

FEBRUARY GROWING FROM DR. MARTIN MOTES

Despite the bloom on the avocados and the burgeoning new leaves on the live oaks, February is not spring in South Florida. Danger of freeze continues past mid month and frost can occur still into March. Even if the weather is balmy it's too early to let down our guard or take down any protection we have mounted against the cold. The trend however is toward the positive as each lengthening day brings extra hours of warming sunshine to begin waking our plants from their long winter's rest.



February characteristically brings a wide swing of day to night temperatures, ideal for spiking ascocendas and vandas but also wringing from the air heavy dews and dense fog. Whilst these add a romantic atmosphere to the South Florida landscape, Wuthering Heights is singularly devoid of snails and slugs (much less Botrytis). The silvery carpet of dew provides a silky path to our orchids for snails and slugs which can range far, under these favorable conditions. They are eager to make a nice meal of your Phalaenopsis leaves or the soft crowns of your vandas before they retire during the dry months of March and April only to dream of the fresh shoots of the sympodial orchids brought forth by the first rains of May. Now is the time to give them a rude awakening. Remember that snail bait is most effectively applied lightly (scatter the pellets every few feet) and frequently (every 7 to 10 days). Two or three applications should do the job.

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.

Scheduled Meetings and Events:

February 14, 2024 - Repotting and Mounting Workshop.

March 9, 2024 - Wine in the Garden

March 13, 2024 - Orchid Auction

April 9, 2024: Bus trip to the Bonnet House.

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FROM YOU**

If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the Society, meetings or this newsletter, please feel free to contact our Program Chair, Larry Sisselman. [Click here](#)

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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