



Delray Beach Orchid Society

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Welcome

Message from Your Board

February Meeting



Hello Members,

The Wine in the Garden party was lots of fun and we enjoyed an afternoon of good conversations, food and refreshments. The Delray Garden Centers' employee, Drew led us on a very interesting and informative tour of their gardens. We now know more about planting a butterfly garden, plus how tall a little plant in a pot can grow.

Many thanks to Kathy Moore and Bernadette Garfinkel, plus their many volunteers, in organizing this party. It was a great day chatting with fellow members and sharing our stories on growing orchids.

Annual Orchid Auction: Get excited. Bid at our live auction and win some marvelous orchids at our meeting this week. There will be over 50 beautiful orchids and many will be in bloom. You can pay by cash, check or Zelle. Friends are welcome. Get there early so you can check out which orchids you wish to bid on.

ANNUAL DUES: Oh no! Did you forget to pay your annual dues of \$20? Unfortunately, if you do not pay your dues this month, this will be your last newsletter. 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.

Leave the Driving to Us. Bonnet House Orchid and Garden Festival, April 6, 2024. Sign up at the meeting. Details below.

There will not be plant judging at the meeting. Don't forget to bring in a snack to share. If you do, you'll receive free raffle ticket. Wear your name badge and you will receive an additional free raffle ticket.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 and bring along a friend. Doors open at 6:30pm and the auction starts at 7:00 pm.

Happy growing.
[The DBOS Board](#)

Wine In the Garden





2024 DBOS Bus Ramble
Travel made easy, just sit back and enjoy the ride!

April 6, 2024 (from 8:30 - 3:30pm)
Members \$30 & Non-Members \$40
Leaving from Delray Tri-Rail Station: 345 S. Congress Ave., Delray Beach



INTERNATIONAL
ORCHID & GARDEN FESTIVAL

Payment due by March 28, 2024
Payment method: Check, Zelle or Cash.
Check Payable: DBOS
Mailed to our P.O. Box 6571, Delray Beach, FL 33483
Zelle payment: geofftobias12@gmail.com

Please Bring:
A box/crate with your name printed clearly for all your purchases.

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If you have any questions, please contact Geoff Tobias (Bus Ramble-Chair) at: text/call 561-445-4743 or via email: geofftobias12@gmail.com

The Orchid Festival is a major fundraiser for the preservation of Bonnet House. 100% of the proceeds go to Bonnet House.

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

BLACK ROT

By Susan Jones

A danger to orchids any time the weather is rainy or damp for extended periods, black rot can quickly destroy an entire plant if left unchecked. Caused by one or both of the fungi *Pythium ultimum* and *Phytophthora cactorum*, black rot affects a wide variety of orchids. Cattleyas seem to be particularly susceptible.

Symptoms:

When the fungus attacks seedlings, it is usually at the soil line. This can cause the little plants to topple and die, and is referred to as damping off.

In mature plants, the disease can strike at any point on the plant (leaves, pseudobulbs or roots), but often starts in new leaves or growing leads, and progresses downward through the plant until reaching the roots. As its name implies, black rot shows up as dark blackish spots or lesions on the affected plant part. The black spot or spots enlarge rapidly and can spread throughout the plant. If allowed to reach the crown of a monopodial (single-stemmed) orchid, the rot will kill the plant. Affected leaves may turn yellow around the infected area, and **the lesions themselves will be soft and exude water when pressure is applied.**



Prevention

Unsterilized pots, media or water sources, as well as water splashed from affected plants nearby, are all excellent means of spreading the fungus. In addition, plants that spend time outdoors should be elevated 3 to 4 feet (90 to 120 cm) above the ground to avoid splash contamination. Do not allow your orchids' leaves to remain wet for any extended periods. Good air circulation in the growing area is key, and can help plants dry quickly after watering or rains. The addition of a fan or fans to the growing area can improve the airflow and help prevent rots. At first signs of infection, segregate all affected plants to avoid contaminating healthy plants. Finally, some growers recommend the use of a high-calcium fertilizer in the spring to help avoid black rot in new growth. TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE, [CLICK HERE](#)



MARCH GROWING
FROM DR. MARTIN MOTES

A dry fortnight has brought a wet February to a close. This is blessed relief for our orchids at the end of an exceptionally wet winter. Although little rain fell during the last two weeks of February, the unusually overcast skies provided high humidity which has been beneficial to our orchids. Careful watering early in the day should get our plants off to an excellent start of the growing season.

As temperatures rise into the mid 80's, the likelihood of *Thrips* becoming a problem also increases. Control them with the methods set forth in *Florida Orchid Growing*. While temperatures are still moderate, soap at the rate of 2 oz. per gal is highly effective in controlling *Thrips*. A second application at 7-10 days will also give additional protection against mites which thrive in the dry air of early Spring.

Our vandas will be breaking fresh roots in abundance this month. Be sure that they are well fed. If temperatures climb into the 90's, a second light watering in the afternoon may be required to keep our vandas plump and happy.

Now is the time to repot those sympodial orchids which are just breaking or just about to break new growth. Application of tie release fertilizer is recommended at this time. Lowe's sells a low phosphorus six-month formula of Dynamite which is particularly well suited to orchids.

If heavy rains arrive, the higher temperature of March will be breaking snails from dormancy. Be ready, if need be, to apply snail bait, the smallest pellets very lightly wide spread. Spring is the most perfect time of year for orchid growing in Florida. The sparse rainfall allows us near total control of how much water our plants receive. Water with care to get the plants off to a great start on the growing season.

Dr. Motes
Motes Orchids

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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.

Scheduled Meetings and Events:

March 13, 2024 - Orchid Auction

April 9, 2024: Bus trip to the Bonnet House, Orchid and Garden Festival

April 10, 2024: John Romano, Topic, TBD

May 8, 2024: Ben Oliveros, Topic, TBD

June 12, 2024, Omar Gonzales, Topic, TBD

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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, 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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