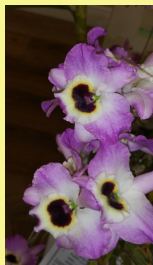




## Welcome

### Message from Your Board

#### March Meeting Orchid Auction



Hello Members,

Our bus trip to the Bonnet House Orchid and Flower Festival was a very enjoyable day and 28 DBOS members attended. There were many beautiful orchids to buy, gardens to stroll and a unique historic house to tour. Thank you to the team who make it happen.

**Changes to the Board:** We have good news to announce regarding our Board. As you know, the position of President has been open since January. Three members have offered to join the Board and at the meeting on Wednesday, we will be voting for three Board positions. Scott Santoro has offered to be President. Doris Perlman has volunteered to join the Board as 2nd VP Membership. Susan Santoro will return to the Board as Recording Secretary. Lottie Gatewood has unfortunately resigned from the Board for personal reasons, We extend to her our sincere thank you for all her work as Recording Secretary. We will miss Lottie's charming personality but she is not leaving the Society.

Scott and Susan have been members of DBOS since 2018 and both served on the Board at different times. They have solid experience on the Board. Scott and Susan have a collection of about 300 orchids and while Susan is the main orchid grower, Scott is learning to love growing them also. Scott comes from Port Chester, NY and they have lived in Florida since 1989. He owns and manages successful wholesale grocery and paper product companies. With experience in the business world, he will bring skills and knowledge helpful to run our Board.

Doris Perlman, recently moved up from Miami, where she had an extensive orchid collection. She belonged to the Miami Orchid Society for many years. Her knowledge of an orchid society gives Doris experience and know how to get things done. Let's all welcome them to the Board.

**Monthly Meeting:** We are so happy to welcome back Mac Rivenbark, owner of Mac's Orchids. His topic will be: Orchid Growing Outside of a Pot. He is a fun and interesting speaker, so don't miss this meeting.

There will be plant judging at the meeting so please bring in your blooming orchids. Don't forget to bring in a snack to share. If you do, you'll receive a free raffle ticket. Wear your name badge and you will receive an additional free raffle ticket. To new members, the parking lot entrance off of Atlantic Ave is still closed. Please see below for directions.

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

Happy growing.  
The DBOS Board







## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street is one block north of Atlantic Avenue on the east side off Federal Highway. Go east on NE 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



### April Speaker, Mac Rivenbark

#### GROWING ORCHIDS OUTSIDE A POT

Mac and his wife Helen started an orchid business 26 years ago after many fascinating trips to the Philippines where Helen is from. With extensive study Mac has become an expert in Philippine and other Asian orchid species and has grown and successfully bloomed hundreds of different species.

From Mac: "For this lecture I will bring and show A variety of easy to grow orchid plants that can bloom great here in Florida. I will try to explain which ones that can be mounted and show how to do that successfully. I will also try to explain where and how I have seen them grow there best and the type of care needed. This lecture has a lot of information for both beginners and even the more experienced growers. I have traveled to the countries where these plants grow naturally in nature and have gathered advice and information from many large commercial orchid growers and from hundreds of amazing private orchid collections. I will try to answer questions during this culture lecture as we all learn from one another. I will also bring an assortment of great orchid species and hybrid plants for sale on the day of the lecture. So please don't miss this one."

### AOS PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Holcovanstylis Ping Pong 'Mark's  
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(86 points)  
(Vandachostylis Pinky x Holcoglossum  
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### American Orchid Society

#### When Should I Repot?

When an orchid plant starts to grow over the edge of the pot, it is time to repot it!

Orchid plants need repotting for one or a combination of two main factors: Potting mix breaks down, often evidenced by dead roots, or the plant outgrowing the container. In the first case, a larger pot may not be required, simply replace the growing medium. In the second case, the plant may need

dividing or may be shifted into a larger pot. Fresh media should always be used. A good general rule of thumb is to pot for the bottom of the plant, the root system, and not for the top, the foliage.

Aliflor, an expanded clay product, is popular on its own as a potting media, or used as an additive to mixes. A fresh, fast-draining, but water-retentive medium is essential to the healthy root system necessary for good growth. Whether a bark-based mix (which drains well, is forgiving of watering errors but breaks down rather quickly), a peat-based mix (which retains moisture well but requires more careful watering and frequent re-potting) or some inorganic, basically hydroponic method, orchids have been grown successfully in a variety of media.



APRIL GROWING  
FROM DR. MARTIN MOTES

This March has been much cooler than usual. The vast winter storms which have ravaged the continent with snow have arrived in S. Florida tempered by the benign warmth of both the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico. These vast weather systems have also brought us well above average rainfall which has been beneficial to our orchids as it largely fell in large quantities in relatively short periods of time.

The benefits of this extra moisture, which in addition to plumping out our orchid's roots and bulbs, washed away any excess fertilizer salts which may have accumulated across the dry winter. Also washed away were mites and *Thrips*. With the persistent cooler than average temperatures *Thrips* have not been as prevalent as usual but as temperatures rise into the upper eighties their return is inevitable. A good rule of thumb is that five days without rain with temperatures in the upper eighties or higher are the prognostications for *Thrips*. Use the methods set forth in *Florida Orchid Growing* and *Florida Vanda Growing* to control them.

With large high pressure systems dominating our weather and with rising temperatures, relative humidity is exceptionally low. Both plants and growing media are drying very rapidly. Be sure to water especially thoroughly to the point of saturation. Be careful to water vandas until their roots turn overall green. Letting them get too dry will result in the roots acting like a cork in a wine bottle and repel rather than absorb water.

The wide swings of day to night temperatures in spring greatly encourage new roots and the initiation of flower spikes. Now is one of the few times in the year that some benefit is derived from "Bloom Booster" fertilizers. The extra phosphorus adds to the propensity to throw roots. A single application will suffice.

April's delightful temperatures and low humidity should inspire us as well as our plants. Now is the time to get all of the outside chores done before the heat and humidity turn up in May.

**Redland is coming! This week only use code MOTES at checkout for 35% off tickets at checkout on both early admission and general admission.**

**May 17-19, 2024!**

**[Check out the completely updated vendor list and get your tickets today! Click here.](#)**

**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:**

April 10, 2024: Mac Rivenbark: [Growing Orchids Outside a Pot](#)

May 8, 2024: Ben Oliveros, Topic, TBD

June 12, 2024, Omar Gonzales, Topic, TBD

July 10, 2024: Ice Cream Social and Plant Swap

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FROM YOU**

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