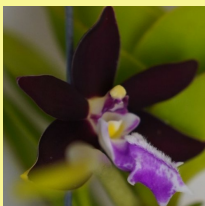




## Welcome

### Message from Your President

#### July Meeting Blue Ribbon Winners



Hello DBOS Members,

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Sip and Paint Party" was a blast last month, we had a good turnout. Thank you to all that participated and to the new friends we had the pleasure to meet. Our members bought fantastic appetizers and we celebrated Dorina Benvin's birthday with a cake and sang her birthday wishes. We already picked next year's painting that will be easier than painting orchids. But our paintings were FANTASTIC!

**PotLuck Dinner and Bingo Social:** Our "Potluck Dinner and Bingo Social" is going to take place at our September 13th meeting, Please bring in a dish or appetizer to share. No need to cook!. See below for more details and how you can win a prize or beautiful orchid at bingo.

**Annual Orchid Show:** Calling All Volunteers! It's that time of year to sign up to volunteer at our 33rd "Orchids on the Square" annual orchid show, which will be happening in two short months. It will be held at The Fieldhouse in Old School Square, October 21 and 22, with set up on Friday, October 20th. Volunteers are the key to making our show a success, so please don't hesitate to ask questions in reference to volunteering. Call or contact Annette Jackson, Show Chair at 561 573-2422.

**Open Board Positions for 2024:** Next year, there will be a couple of open positions in our Board. Positions that will be available are President and Assistant Treasurer. If you have any questions, nominations or wish to serve, please speak to one of our Nominating Committee members, Valerie Smith at 561 573-2360 or Buddy Rappoport at 215 962-3500. They will be happy to hear from you. I will continue on the Board, as Past President, to insure a smooth transition.

**Monthly Meeting:** We are so happy to invite back our favorite, American Orchid Society Photographer, Tom Kuligowski. Learn the easy steps to take fabulous photos of your orchids. Also, please bring in a snack to share and orchid plant for judging to receive extra free raffle tickets. Don't forget to wear your DBOS Name Badge to receive a complimentary raffle ticket at our meeting on Wednesday.

See you on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Happy growing.

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**SIP AND PAINT**



Dorina, Birthday Gal

Delray Beach  
Orchid Society

ORCHIDS  
— on the —  
SQUARE

Photo by  
Tom Kuligowski

**Orchid Show & Sale**  
October 21 and 22, 2023  
Sat 10-5pm and Sun 10-4pm  
Admission \$5.00

**CREATING BETTER IMAGES OF YOUR ORCHIDS**  
**BY TOM KULIGOWSKI**

Ever wish you could take better photos of your orchids to share with friends? Join us August 9, 2023 for a special treat. Professional photographer Tom Kuligowski will show us how to do it. He has been an official photographer for American Orchid Society and takes many of the awarded AOS orchids you'll see in Orchids Magazine. We are using his photo of Phal bellina for this year's Show Poster.

Tom was bitten by the "Orchid Bug" 23 years ago while photographing a neighbor's orchids, documenting the progression of growth through the blooms on the mature plants. He soon started his own orchid collection, incorporating his artistic abilities with various mediums, combining his photographic skills to create beautiful photographs of his orchids.

"You don't necessarily need a wealth of knowledge to capture images of your orchids. Many of today's cameras can do the thinking for you." With this in mind, Tom teaches orchid hobbyists how to take better pictures of their own orchids. Whether you use a smartphone, point-and-shoot camera, or digital single lens reflex camera, everyone can improve their images. Tom will show us a few simple techniques to create images that will make our photos as

## POT LUCK DINNER AND BINGO NIGHT

Get Lucky in September. Win at orchid bingo and take home an orchid plant or prize..

Pot Luck Dinner: Every year, our pot luck dinner brings out the best in our cooks. If you are not a cook, no problem: just go shopping. We will also need beverages, i.e. ice tea, punch, and soda. This is an enjoyable dinner and affords us the time to socialize and chat with fellow members, plus meet new members. We ask that each member/guest, please brings food for 6 people.

*Too many nacho chips.* To avoid having multiples of the same food, Michele Owens will organize the menu, so please contact her with your dish, dessert or beverage. Please contact Michele at 954 695-7889 or [CLICK HERE](#). If you can help with set-up or clean up, please Michele or Carole-Lynn Daley, Co-Chair at 216-258-1208.

After enjoying a Pot Luck dinner, we'll have a fun time playing orchid bingo and winning prizes. Join us September 13th, and try your luck. How does it work? Members buy a \$5 bingo card (s) and if you win, you get a prize and including y beautiful orchid plants. Many orchids will be in bloom.



### AUGUST GROWING FROM DR MOTES

#### PROGRESS OF THE SEASON Rain, Rain and More Rain

July and August are the two most similar months in South Florida. Most of the advice on watering, disease and pest control in last month's calendar still apply but subtle changes are taking place. Although it may not seem so, as temperatures climb into the low nineties most afternoons, summer is in retreat: each day a little shorter, each night a little longer.

With shorter days the importance of watering as early in the morning as possible comes to the fore. With less hours of sunlight to dry the plants, extra care should be taken in choosing when to water. **Back to the basics of the classic saying If a Vanda looks like it needs water, water it; If a Cattleya or Oncidium looks like it needs water, water it tomorrow. If a Paph or a**

**Phal looks like it needs water, you should have watered it yesterday.** If plants retain water even from an early morning watering, allowing them to dry a bit harder before the next watering is always a good idea. An extra day of drying rarely does harm.

August should provide numerous opportunities to dry each orchid to its desired level of dryness. Take the opportunity to dry your orchids "hard" at least once but preferably twice in August. This will give your orchids a leg up on their mortal enemies, the fungus, before the drizzle of September switches the advantage to our adversaries. August is definitely not the month to over indulge in water. September, the soggiest of months, is next up. The corollary to this calculated drying is the concept that when watering in August above all water thoroughly. If watering is necessary be sure that the roots and medium are totally saturated with the application. The drizzling rains of September are so detrimental precisely because they keep the foliage of the plants wet unduly long. We want our plants which are still growing to receive plenty of water but also plenty of drying time.

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

### Help raise funds for DBOS by using Amazon Smile .

Did you know that you can help support DBOS by using [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile). Amazon Smile will donate a portion of the eligible purchases to DBOS, just name Delray Beach Orchid Society as your favorite charity and shop at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile).

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1st VP Programs – [Buddy Rappoport](#)  
2nd VP Membership – [Scott Santoro](#)  
Treasurer – Geoff Tobias

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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. Construction is on going to the park, but the drive way is

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**Past President**  
Michele Owens

**Newsletter Editor:** Valerie Smith  
**Club Photographer:** John Morris

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**Scheduled Meetings and Events:**

August 9, 2023 – Tom Kuligowski, ""Creating Amazing Images of Your Orchids"

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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FROM YOU**

If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the Society, meetings or this newsletter, please feel free to contact our President, Chickie Tobias at 561 445-5605 or email.

If you have special event in your life or know of a member who is ill, please call our Corresponding Secretary, James Mangan at 561 310-1189 or 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 [sansantoro@mac.com](mailto:sansantoro@mac.com)

