



## Welcome

### Message from Your President

#### Repotting and Mounting April Meeting



Hello DBOS Members,

April went by so fast and Summer seems to be coming early this year. The hottest and longer days of the season are here so make sure to keep your orchid collection hydrated and keep an eye on the sun's changing angel and move your orchids if you must.

It was a great month for our club, we had our Orchid Repotting and mounting workshop at our April meeting with lots of participation from our members. We also had our 2023 Bus Ramble on April 15<sup>th</sup> and we had a great time. There even members from the Boca Orchid Society participating and they had a great time. I want to take this opportunity to thank the organizer of our Bus Ramble, Jill Row and the volunteers on such a successful event.

Mark your calendars for Painting with a Twist evening get together. Anyone can create a an orchid painting and no talent required. As we discovered last summer, with their step by step method, we all brought home "master pieces" plus had a fun evening together. We will have our DBOS Sip & Paint on July 22, 2023 at Paint with a Twist Boynton, from 6-8pm. The cost will be \$46.00. More information to follow.

**Monthly Meeting:** We are thrilled to have Omar Gonzales come back and speak at our meeting on growing beautiful Cattleya Hybrids AKA the corsage orchid. I love them and I'm sure you do too. There will be orchid judging and please bring in a light refreshment to share for extra raffle tickets.

Happy growing and see you Wednesday May 10, 2023 at 7:00pm

Happy growing  
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### Bus Ramble



***Mays' Speaker: Omar Gonzales***  
***Big Blooming Cattleya Orchids You Can Grow***

We are so happy to welcome back Omar Gonzales, who will share his extensive knowledge of growing orchids with us. A quality control chemist by trade and his interest in orchids started when he moved to Miami. He became friendly with David McLean, the late native plant horticulturist from Broward, who introduced him to orchids – vanilla, stanhopea and other species.



As Omar's interest in orchids grew, he amassed a wealth of knowledge going to shows, attending meetings and learning as much as he could from local growers. He took a trip to visit his sister in California and extended his travels to Hawaii to meet with Sheldon Takasaki from Carmela Orchids. Omar also volunteered at Bonnet House and has developed an interest in flasking. Currently, Omar is focusing on Brazilian Cattleyas and orchids of Central America. He is a valued member of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and is eager to share his orchid expertise with all of us. His topic this month will be on orchid hybrids of the Cattleya Alliance.

**MAY GROWING**  
**FROM DR MOTES**

An incredibly wet April has in effect ushered in the beginning of the rainy



season a few weeks early. This means that disease pressure may well mount more quickly than usual. We need to take advantage of the extremely low humidity that the super fronts brought in their aftermath to be sure to dry our plants out completely and thoroughly before applying additional water.

We also commence the preventive maintenance program set forth in *Florida Orchid Growing* as soon as possible.

For those whose lawn flooded, extra caution is required as several pathogens which affect orchids also affect St. Augustine grass. Most deadly and dangerous of these is Southern Blight, whose characteristic pale pustules are pictured in *Fla. Orchid Growing* and its control described.

While all orchids grown outside are vulnerable to the pathogens which blossom after heavy rain, vandas in bright airy places also have benefited from the extra rain which washed excess fertilizer salts from their roots and plumped them out. They are now primed for additional application of liquid fertilizer. Peters XCell 15-5-15 with Cal/Mg is highly recommended. High temperatures and extremely low humidity behooves us to mist our vandas in the afternoon. Usually around 4:00 PM on days when rain is not in the offing and skies are clear.

*Thrips*, too, are enjoying the warm dry weather which is starting the month. They are ready to attack both new root tips and emergent flower spikes which have been stimulated by the wide swings of day to night temperatures. Best practices for controlling *Thrips* are detailed in *Fla. Vanda Growing*.

As if it were needed, another reason to protect those flower spikes and buds is the upcoming Redland International Orchid Festival judging for which begins registration at noon on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Prizes are given for best in class in multiple categories in addition to Grand and Reserve Champion.

**The 2023 Redland International Orchid Festival is May 19-21, 2023!**

**This is the biggest and best orchid event around and you don't want to miss it. Located in the idyllic Fruit and Spice Park in Redland, FL. Get your tickets for Redland now, [CLICK HERE](https://redlandorchidfestival.com/). <https://redlandorchidfestival.com/>, it promises to be the most spectacular orchid festival in years. Take the bus with the Boca Raton Orchid Society (see below)**

**Dr. Motes**

**[Motes Orchids](#)**

JOIN THE BOCA RATON ORCHID SOCIETY ON THEIR BUS TRIP TO THE REDLANDS INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW

## Redlands International Orchid Festival



**WHEN: Sat. May 20, 2023**

**\$45 Member (includes admission to the Show!)**

**Only 50 seats available!!**

**Sign up and pay at the April meeting or mail your Check by May 1st to reserve your spot. On your check please include "Redlands Orchid Show" and the names of the people you are paying for.**

**Mail to: BROS, PO Box 276367, Boca Raton, FL 33427-6367**

**Don't miss out on a fun day with fellow orchid enthusiasts!**

**We will provide water and snacks on the bus.**

**Bring a box or foldable cart to hold your purchases at the Show**

**We are scheduled to leave at 8:30 am and return at 4:30 pm. If you have never been to the Fruit & Spice park it is beautiful, and we can leave the driving to someone else.**

**Place we will leave from TBD**



Did you know there is a tradition of naming orchid varieties after First Ladies, which dates back to 1929 beginning with the [Mrs. Herbert Hoover orchid](#)—Chadwick & Sons Orchids has been responsible for the creation of the last five, [Barbara Bush](#) to [Melania Trump](#).

In 2009, orchid grower and connoisseur [Arthur E. Chadwick](#), owner of Chadwick & Son Orchids, arrived at the Harrison Opera House in Norfolk, Virginia. He was there to meet the then-First Lady Michelle Obama at a private reception. In his arms, he was juggling an arrangement of five gorgeous orchids with blooms in hues ranging from lavender to fuchsia.

But to Chadwick’s dismay, Secret Service agents would not permit the flowers into the reception without first scanning them for explosives, and worse—no scanning equipment was available. After much negotiation, a compromise was reached. Chadwick was permitted to select two of the blooms for the formal presentation to the First Lady. Though the two blooms were comically spare in contrast with the original bouquet, Obama was delighted. “She thought it was great, she really did,” says Chadwick, who also presented the First Lady with a certificate from [Royal Horticultural Society](#), declaring the flower’s official international registration.

The above orchid C. Michelle Obama takes a full seven years to grow from seed to a mature plant, but the flower lasts for six weeks. “The color is really spectacular—just a beautiful, glistening magenta, and the fact that the flower just lasts forever, that’s unheard of for cattleyas,” says Chadwick, adding that the flower is accessible as well as elegant, much like the first lady herself. “It’s a compact grower, it’s something that anyone could put on their windowsill.”

To see more orchids named after First Ladies, visit Chadwick & Sons Orchids web site, [Click here](#). Or watch “[Tour of First Lady orchid collection, with horticulturist Melanie Pyle](#)” from the Smithsonian. [YouTube](#)

From Chadwick & Sons 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. Construction is on going to the park, but the drive way is open.

**Scheduled Meetings and Events:**

**May 10, 2023** – [Omar Gonzalez](#) – “Big Blooming Cattleyas You Can Grow”.

**June 14, 2023** – [Rich Ackerman](#) – “What’s in a Name”

**July 12, 2023** –[Rafael Romero](#), Plantio la Orquidia

July 22, 2023, Sip & Paint

**August 9, 2023** – TBD

**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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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](#).

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