



Delray Beach Orchid Society

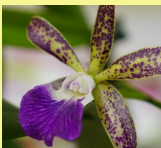
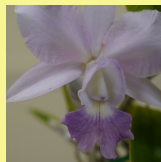
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Welcome

Message from Your President

October Meeting Blue Ribbon Winners



Hello Orchid Lovers:

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It is official, the HOLIDAYS are around the corner and I hope everyone is enjoying this cool weather at last.

HOLIDAY PARTY: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023;

PLEASE JOIN US. I am so looking forward to our holiday party at Aloft Delray. It's going to be a fun evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing and partying with all our orchid society friends. Plus, DBOS members receive a gorgeous orchid. We will have our fabulous

auction again this year and we are looking for gift items such as art work, vases, pottery, orchid pots and orchid books, etc. If you have any to donate, please let me [know or call me at 561 445-5605](#). See below for full details.

Our organization is so much better for the efforts of our many volunteers and on that note, we have open positions for the next year which need to be filled as follows: Hospitality, Raffle table ticket sales and DBOS Shirt Sales.

Monthly Meeting: We are so glad to have Scott Peplin return to our Society. Scott has years of experience growing orchids and he will share his best methods with us. Be sure to bring in snacks to share, wear your name badge and blooming orchids for extra raffle tickets.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Happy growing.

Chickie Tobias
DBOS President
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COME AND JOIN THE DELRAY BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY!

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

6:00pm - 10:00pm

Aloft Delray Beach, 202 SE 5th Ave

Free Parking. Members will receive a beautiful orchid.

Buffet Menu:

Chicken Marsala in mushroom marsala wine sauce, Roasted Pork Loin with mojo marinated, North Atlantic Salmon with a champagne dill sauce.

Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Roasted Vegetable Medley

Traditional Caesar Salad

New York Style Cheese Cake

Cash Bar Available

\$55.00 pp

Due to Health Dept rules, leftover food can NOT be taken from facility.

Make checks payable to: **DBOS**

Mail check and below form to:

Geoff Tobias, 505 Sunset Rd, Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Or pay with ZELLE: **GeoffTobias12@gmail.com** with info below.

Member's Name : _____

*Phone #: _____

*Number Attending: _____

*Guest Name: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

If Paying with Zelle, please include * information

Payment due by November 27th, 2023

MONTHLY MEETING BECOMING A BETTER GROWER

We welcome back Scott Peplin to DBOS and look forward to gaining knowledge on growing stronger plants with better blooms. From Scott:

"Orchids are no longer for the wealthy with large greenhouses. Nearly everyone can find a spot to grow and enjoy orchids, whether they live in apartments, houses, or in the country. South Florida offers one of the best orchid growing environments in the country and is home to many quality growers and hybridizers. Many species are inexpensive to buy and very easy to grow.

Scott has developed his own common-sense style of growing over the last 25 years. The secret to success is understanding them, what conditions they like, and their cycles of growing, resting, and flowering. Scott's common sense approach is to keep things as simple as possible, find what works for you, use common household and garden products wherever possible instead of expensive ones. Live among your orchids and enjoy them. But, most of all, have fun!

Scott's mantra: "If you're not having fun with your orchids, you need to find another hobby."

To learn more about Scott's orchid services at Orchid Environments , please visit his web site . [Click Here.](#)

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.

NOVEMBER GROWING FROM DR MOTES

In November we can no longer afford to be dominated by the illusion, so easy here at the northern edge of the tropics, that summer will never end. Although Indian Summer persists for the whole winter in South Florida, November is the month to prepare our plants for those short sharp blasts of cold which are inevitably coming as each successive cold front pushes



the overall temperature a little lower and a little lower. Each day is shorter too. The loss of daylight savings time should awake us to the fact that there are less hours of sunlight to save our plants from the chill of the night.

Many genera are already anticipating this sea change and have completed their growths for the season. Some like *Catasetum*, *Cycnoches*, *Calanthe* and the nobile dendrobiums are even beginning to shed their foliage in preparation for the cool, dry season. While the Himalayan *Dendrobium* species of the nobile and *Callista* types, *calanthes*, *cymbidiums* and a few others, actually relish temperatures down to near freezing, and most *cattleyas* and *Oncidium* alliance species and hybrids are not bothered by temperatures in the mid-thirties, the majority of the genera which we grow, *vandas*, *evergreen dendrobiums*, *Phalaenopsis* and others, benefit

from being protected from the cold. Now, while the first breathes of cool air remind us that more and stronger cold is in the offing, is the time to start thinking about protecting our plants.

Protecting our tender plants from exposure to wind must be our primary concern in preparing them for winter. Buildings, walls and even thick hedges can be very effective windbreaks slowing or stopping chill air. Choose places in your garden that offer this sort of protection to your orchid plants wherever possible. The geography of Florida plays into the equation as well. Because the Florida peninsular juts decidedly to the Southeast (Naples is due south of Jacksonville), protection from the Northwest wind is even more crucial than protection from the North wind on the east coast of Florida. Northwest winds are blowing out of the cold heart of the landmass while true North winds have in most locales usually blown over more warm water and less cold land. Regardless of the degree of north, safeguarding our collections from the wind is critical to their healthy maintenance. Not until the air circulating clockwise around the cold high pressure system shifts to the Northeast to blow over the warm Gulfstream can we relax our guard.

Dr. Motes

Motes Orchids

Photo of Motes Black Star

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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:

November 8, 2023 – Scott Peplin, "Becoming a Better Orchid Grower".

December 3, 2023 - Annual Holiday Party

January 10, 2024 - Serena Roman, "Interesting and Weird Bulbophyllums".

February 14, 2024 - Repotting and Mounting Workshop.

March 13, 2024 - Orchid Auction

Find out what is happening on our Facebook page. Join Us On [Facebook](#)

Website:
www.DelrayBeachOrchidSociety.com

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WE WANT TO HEAR 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, 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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