



Welcome

Message from Your President

August Meeting Pot Luck /Bingo Night



Hello Orchid Lovers:

It's been quiet here on the east coast from major storms or hurricanes so far this year, but you never know. Keep track of the weather reports and keep an eye on your orchids.

Our Potluck Dinner and Bingo Social was a great event and we had so much fun. A huge shout out to our Chair Michele Owens (photo on right) and Co-Chair Carole-Lynn Daley for putting in the many hours to plan this event. Great job!



Plus, thank you to all the volunteers that participated in setting up and cleaning up afterwards. A special "Thank you" goes out to our members who bought all those delicious dishes to share.

Some had asked if we could have this event twice a year. Our Board and I have been working on bringing other fun activities throughout the year and if you have ideas of other fun activities, please don't hesitate to let me or one of our Board members know.

Annual Orchid Show: October 21 and 22. Set up on Friday, October 20.

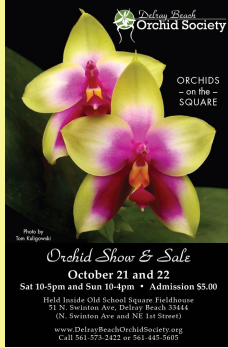
Our 33rd annual Orchid Show and Sale is first approaching. Have you signed up to volunteer yet? It is an beautiful orchid show and you will enjoy being part of a fun team to make the Show a success. The hundreds of blooming orchids are a delight to see and smell. If you have not signed up to volunteer , please do so as soon as possible so we know what positions and shifts need to be filled. To volunteer and read descriptions of jobs, please [click here](#). If you have any questions or issues using the web site, please contact our Show Chairperson, Annette Jackson at 561-573-2422..

Monthly Meeting: We are thrilled to have Carol Holdren, AOS Judge, return to share with us her Tips & Tricks on growing better plants with more blooming orchids. Carol has been an AOS Accredited Orchid Judge for over 20 years and during that time has judged hundreds of shows around the world. That is a lot of orchids! Along the way Carol has also been picking up advice from the best growers in the world and will be happy to share some of those Tips & Tricks with you. Please bring in your blooming orchids for judging. If you wear your DBOS name tag and bring a snack to share , you will receive extra raffle tickets.

Holiday Party: December 3, 2023. Save the Date: We will have our exciting auction again this year. and we are looking for orchid related gift items. If you have any to donate, please let me know; art work, vases, pottery, etc. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Happy growing.

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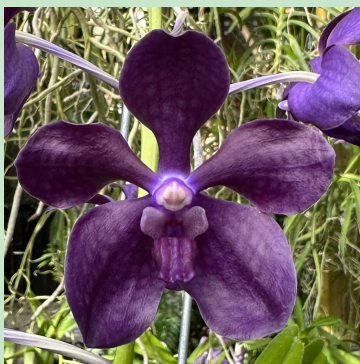
More Pot Luck & Bingo Night Photos



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.



OCTOBER GROWING FROM DR MOTES

PROGRESS OF THE SEASON

October is a month of change in South Florida. If the Romans had lived here where we do, they would have named this month for their two faced god Janus. Usually around the middle of the month, and certainly by the end of the month, the first strong cold front pushes into South Florida bringing to a close the molnithic heat and damp of summer and ushering in weather as most of the continent knows it, alternating periods of warmer and cooler.

Although warm temperatures will persist for another month or so until the technical end of the hurricane season, the tropics are in retreat and the temperate zone in the ascendancy. Each successive cold front foreshadowed by ever lessening rain storms will progressively cool our temperatures and dry our air. But days are shortening too, providing less hours of sunlight to heat the air and slowing the drying process. Nights are longer and cooler which produces the same effect, slower drying. Now we must start to move into the consciousness of winter and take greater care to insure that our plants are thoroughly dry before we water them again. The shorter days of October dictate that we rise even earlier to water if necessary. Each extra hour of daylight is to be cherished by us as well as our plants.

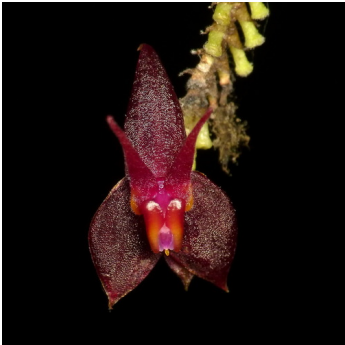
Most of our orchids are well aware of this sea change. The shortening days of late summer have told many genera to finish their growth and prepare to rest. We need to listen too. And look! The last smallest leaves of these highly seasonal plants will have unfolded at the tips of their new growths telling us that their growth cycle is finished for this year. Himalayan dendrobiums of the nobile type and of the section Callista (*D. aggregatum* et al.) now begin their five months of carefree existence in South Florida. They should be put in a bright spot and given no more water and above all, no more

fertilizer until after they have bloomed in Spring. Catasetums, mormodes, Cycnoches, calanthes and other deciduous types should be treated the same way. Whatever moisture nature provides in the increasingly heavy dew and the passing rains that usher in most cold fronts will be adequate for these plants whose native environment is a seasonally monsoon one like ours.

Dr. Motes

Motes Orchids

Photo of **Motes Black Star**



Newly Discovered Colombian Orchids Might Be On The Edge Of Extinction

Perched high in the Colombian Andes, researchers have found orchid species new to science and are working to save them from changing climate and land use, *Lepanthes boyacensis*.

Colombia's combination of lowland dry forests, wet forests, cloud forests and paramo (high-altitude meadows) have created a biodiversity hotspot: the South American country is home to more than 4200 species of orchid.

Edicson Parra-Sanchez, the lead author of the paper and a Colombian researcher based at the University of Sheffield says during the project, the researchers found "astonishing" orchid diversity.

"Natural Andean habitats have a unique set of orchid species that cannot be found elsewhere and under climate warming or habitat loss, species might not be able to migrate ("disperse") to new, more suitable areas, therefore, some species might face extinction," he says, adding that plants (unlike animals) must confront changes in temperatures, extreme events, or deforestation right where they have landed as seeds.

Long Journey To Research

Parra-Sanchez says his path into research was not straightforward: between school and university he worked as a fireman, served in the Colombian Air Force, and held various other jobs including at a gas station and a family minimarket.

In the course of finishing his undergraduate degree Parra-Sanchez met Oscar Perez who he describes as "an incredibly passionate friend and lifelong brother." Perez and Parra-Sanchez traveled extensively and before graduation, they discovered a few new orchid species, the first of which was *Lepanthes foreroi* in 2008.

"I remember telling my friend in the midst of the forest that this tiny species was new to science, and he angrily retorted, 'Don't be ridiculous,' but as it turned out, it was indeed a new species, and we later published it with the eminent Colombian orchidologist, Father Pedro Ortiz," Parra-Sanchez says.

Today, Parra-Sanchez is excited to share his science with locals in the area. "The biggest opportunity was to interact directly to local stakeholders and governmental institution to discuss in a round-table the scientific evidence and the real context within each rural community," he says, "This allowed me to establish direct connections between science and reality."

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FROM THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

Lepanthes

Swartz 1799

Pronunciation:

le-PAN-theez (click on the name to hear it spoken)

Tribe: Epidendreae

Subtribe: Pleurothallidinae

Found in moist tropical forests over a large area stretching from Mexico to Brazil, the type species *Lepanthes concinna* was first described in 1799. Many of the species of this genus are obscure and little known, poorly defined or not yet described. It is a genus in flux. *Lepanthes* is allied to *Pleurothallis* and derives its generic name from the Greek *lepis* (scale) and *anthos* (flower) referring to the very small flowers of many of the species in this genus. Yet, if one took the time to study the diminutive flowers at close range, it would be found they are most unusual and daintily attractive. The complex tiny flowers are often brightly hued but short lived.

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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:

October 10, 2023- Carol Holdren, AOS Judge

October 21 & 22, 2023, Annual Orchid Show

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

December 3, 2023 - Annual Holiday Party

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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](#).

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](#).

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