



Delray Beach Orchid Society

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Welcome

Message from Your President

August Meeting Blue Ribbon Winners



Hello Orchid Lovers:

It's hurricane season and we have to be vigilant following the weather forecast for storms that might impact us on the East Coast. Make sure you have set up a plan if bad weather comes our way on what to do with your orchid collection.

I would like to send out a 'BIG' Thank You, to our Newsletter Editor Valerie Smith who puts together our "Orchidata Newsletter", plus notices throughout the year and who keeps me in check. She is always greatly appreciated for her dedication.

JOIN US: Our Potluck Dinner and Bingo Social

will be held at our September 13th meeting. Friends and family are WELCOME! It is a fun evening and a great way to meet other DBOS members, share a meal and win at Bingo! You might be lucky and take home an orchid or other prize.

Many of our members are fantastic cooks and we love their tasty food. If you are not a cook, no problem, just go shopping. There are plenty of delicious treats to buy. Please join in the fun and if you have not done so yet, please contact our Chair, Michele Owens, at 954 695-7889 to let her know what you are bringing or to find out, what we still need for the dinner. We ask that each member and guest, please bring food for 6 people. Additionally, if you can help with set-up and/or clean up, please let Michelle know. She'll need lots of hands to help serve the food and clean up.

Be a Bingo winner and win a prize:. This year we simplified our Bingo by selling Bingo Cards for \$5.00 each. Cash, check or Zelle accepted. There will be no plant judging at our meeting.

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

We Need YOU!!!

We are on high speed now organizing our "Orchids on the Square Sale". 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 yet, 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 Valerie Smith at 561-573-2360.

At the meeting, there will be several committee chairs who can answer any of your questions about volunteering and what it involves. Chickie, Michele Owens, Barbara Shaw, Susan Santoro, Bernadette Garfinkle, Judith Cohen, Donna Holt and Nils Horning are some of the Committee Chairs. Feel free to call Valerie Smith at 561-573-2360 with any questions. Annette Jackson, Show Chair, is out of town for several days but will be back soon.

Your help is greatly appreciated with our biggest fundraiser that keeps our society moving forward, in order to allocate funds to the rental of our meeting room, our speakers, socializing activities and subsidizing our Bus Trips and Holiday Parties. Please don't hesitate to reach out and ask questions in reference to volunteering.

See you on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.





Happy growing.

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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 and not the address of the Community Center, which I am using as an example.



SEPTEMBER GROWING FROM DR MOTES

PROGRESS OF THE SEASON

September looms as the only truly dismal month in South Florida. Even without the prospect of the **unspeakable 'H' word**, September disheartens since it is easily the dampest, dullest month in the year. Although more inches of rain fall in June, more hours of rain occur in the often slow, seemingly endless drizzles of September. Frequently a day or two can pass without so much as a solid hour of truly bright sunshine to lift our spirits and dry out our plants.

Days are growing much shorter also, with long nights when our plants are wet from the frequent rains. Coming at the end of the rainy season when disease pressure has been building, September presents the maximum opportunity for fungal and bacterial diseases to take hold of our orchids. Hopefully careful watering practices and the judicial use of fungicides (as recommended last month) will have diminished the potential for disease in our collections. But even in the best managed collection, September calls for extra vigilance. Keep a close eye out for problems and remove immediately any plant that shows the first sign of fungus to a dry location to prevent the disease being spread by splashing rain drops. Good hygiene is particularly important this month.

Clean up growing areas and remove any dead leaves, twigs or other organic debris from the plants and the ground. In September numerous diseases that linger in decaying plant material find the ideal conditions that allow them to jump to the living tissue of our prize orchids. Such problems can develop more quickly in September than in any other month. September is a month to stay home and be there for your orchids. Look at every plant, every day.

September, above all, is the month that the old Florida growers' adage that "One needs a cat to grow good orchids," holds true. By leaving enough space between plants on a shade house bench for a cat to walk around without knocking them down, one provides the good air circulation which is absolutely essential in periods of protracted wet weather.

Well spaced plants are much less likely to encounter disease problems this month. Remember that your plants will have grown considerably over the summer and that the space they occupied comfortably in the Spring has now been filled by their own growth as well as their neighbors. Space them out. Now is perhaps the time to decide to hang some of the larger ones where they will dry much more quickly. The small cute ones left behind on the bench will be very appreciative of the extra air and light.

Dr. Motes
[Motes Orchids](#)



AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY Why don't my orchids rebloom?

Why won't my orchid rebloom? Insufficient light is the most common cause of failure to re-bloom your orchid. Leaf color indicates if the amount of light is adequate. The lush, rich, dark green of most houseplants is not desirable in orchid leaves. A grassy green color (light or medium green with yellowish tones) means the plant is receiving sufficient light to bloom. The orchid on the left shows the

correct leaf color and is producing abundant blooms, the plant on the right has dark green leaves and no flowers. Orchid plants need sunlight. Light is used to turn moisture and nutrients into plant growth. A good rule is to give your plants as much light as possible without scorching. While too much light may damage the plants, too little light will prevent flowering or cause weak growth.

Too much sunlight is indicated by scorched spots on the foliage or pseudobulbs where the sun hits directly. Rarely does sunburn discolor an entire plant, only the portion of the green parts that is hit by direct sun for too long a period. Increased light should be given gradually. Burn damage is caused when the plant tissue gets too hot. If a leaf feels hot to your fingers, it may be burning. If you can cool down the leaf temperature with moving air and water, then the light can be brighter without doing any harm.

Morning sun is more beneficial to plants than afternoon sun. Therefore your growing area should be located to get maximum sun and light early in the day. A windowsill chosen for orchids should face east or south.

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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 open.

Scheduled Meetings and Events:

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
December 3, 2023 - Annual Holiday Party

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Website:
www.DelrayBeachOrchidSociety.com

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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