



MANATEE ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2024

Regular Meeting—November 12th—6:30 PM

We'll have a meeting Tuesday evening - November 12th at the Manatee River Garden Club.

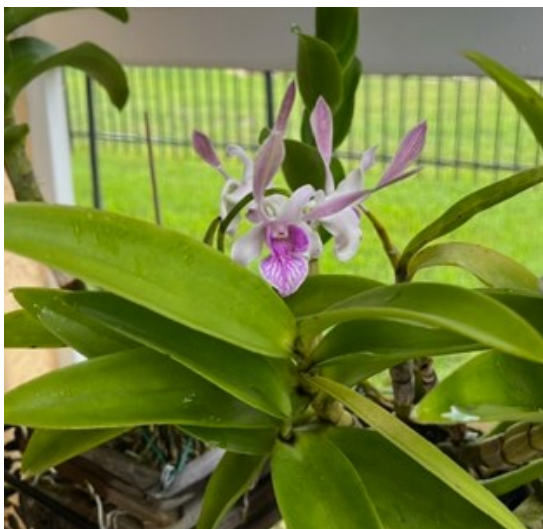
We'll have a very brief business meeting then our program followed by our show table. Our speaker for the evening will be Micah Dault. He'll give a presentation on "How to Water your Orchids during the Growing Season". We're hoping that Micah may bring in some orchids to sell. If you've seen any of his orchids, that will be a treat.

We'll have some snacks, and a show table (so bring in any blooming orchids that survived our dual storms). We'll follow with a raffle, so bring some cash.

Officers: According to our by-laws, we would normally select a nominating committee in the Spring and then vote on officers in May. As you can see, we do not have a current slate of officers. Most of you are reluctant to take on any of the necessary jobs to run an organization, so we're at a crossroads as to how to continue with our orchid society. This will be a topic of discussion at our November meeting. If you are willing to become an officer, please let us know. Otherwise...

Julie and Maryanne have an idea that we'll present to you Tuesday evening.

Paula Hescok sent these pictures to Julie - said she got the den a year ago at a meeting (a raffle prize?) and she was to send in a picture when it bloomed. No tag. Can anyone identify it? Nice growing, Paula.





Treasurer's Report

November 2024

		Expenses	
Check Book balance as of	\$5475.80	Rent	100.00
September 1 2024		Website Domain	70.32
Income			
Dues	50.00	Total Expenses	170.32
Raffle	120.00	Checkbook Balance Oct 1,	\$5495.48
Total receipts:	190.00	2024	

From Selby Gardens:

Tickets for the annual [Lights in Bloom®](#) are now on sale!

Step into a tropical winter wonderland at our Downtown Sarasota campus featuring more than two million lights, festive photo opps, activities & entertainment for the whole family to enjoy! Lights in Bloom® has proudly been ranked in USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice contest for Best Botanical Garden Holiday Lights in the country!

At Spanish Point: Selby Gardens is excited to collaborate with [Artist-in-Residence Patti Smith](#) on this exhibition at our Historic Spanish Point campus! [Patti Smith: A Book of Days](#) features a selection of photographs taken by the famed poet and musician that offers an intimate view of her life on and off the road. The photographs are taken from Smith's recently published, *New York Times* bestselling publication, *A Book of Days*.

The Orchid Show "Purple"

On view October 5 –
December 1

Downtown Sarasota campus
Tropical Conservatory and
The Museum of Botany &
the Arts

Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
| The Museum of Botany & the
Arts closes at 4:30 p.m.





Fall Open House Weekend

22700 Taylor Dr | Bradenton, FL 34211

941.322.1644

November 22nd from 9 AM to 4 PM

With Guest Vendors: Art Stone, Breden Orchids, Just One More Orchid, Orchids 365, Pat's Orchid Baskets and Mounts, Pato Casero & Paul's Plantscapes

And Food & Drinks from:

[Southern Smoked by JP](#)

[85 Drips](#)

[The Taco Lady](#)

Plus a \$10 tent & other special pricing

Palmer's is closed November 21st for set up

January 17-19, 2025: The Tamiami International Orchid Festival--the big one is coming!

[Click here for tickets and more information.](#)

From Dr. Motes:

This October has been both warmer and wetter than usual. In some areas much wetter. This extension of the rainy season may be a new norm that we will see with increasing frequency as we adjust to South Florida now being a half climate zone warmer in the Dept of Agriculture's reckoning. With that knowledge, the importance of continuing to spot for fungus and take immediate action is required. An extended rainy season on a regular basis also behooves us to be sure the preventive spray program outlined in *Fla. Orchid Growing* is implemented next year. Many of our sympodial plants will be responding to shortened days to begin their dormancy but will also respond by growing in warm, wet conditions. Extra care should be taken to avoid over watering them or fertilizing them.

Some of our *Phalaenopsis* are still waiting for those few cold nights which will push them into spike. Expect them to bloom a little later this year. Our vandas, of course, are relishing the heat and water. Urge them on with regular weekly fertilizer. Remember each additional leaf produced has a leaf axil which can produce a flower spike. The longer that our vandas stay in vigorous growth, the more bloom we will see.

The extra rain and higher relative humidity have kept *Thrips* and mites pretty much at bay but they can return when we experience a patch of warm dry weather. Temperatures are now low enough to apply the highly recommended, user friendly, applications of oil followed by soap set forth in *Fla. Orchid Growing* to eliminate both these pests for the foreseeable future.

Snails and slugs are still cavorting in the warm wet Indian Summer we are experiencing. Another light application of snail bait will put them to sleep for good before they only sleep till spring.

Enjoy the great weather and remember, November is a great time to plant tomatoes. Man does not live by bread alone; he must also have vine ripe tomatoes.

Martin



The beginning of Fall is when many orchids bloom. Orchids "sense" the change of seasons (the change in temperature and the shortened day) and produce flowers.

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In the orchid world, a species is a plant that can be found in nature. The closest thing to a species is a primary hybrid. A primary hybrid is a cross between two species.

All other hybrids are complex hybrids -- either hybrid X hybrid or a species x hybrid.

The term botanical orchid is ambiguous. Almost every type of orchid can be "labelled" botanical. So in a rare bit of relativism in an otherwise highly structured field of orchid classification, a botanical orchid is a "catch - all" phrase.

Was cleaning up my email & found these pictures from Merc Kratz - we may have seen them before but they are very pretty and worth seeing again. On the left is Blc Golf-Green Hair Pig and on the right is Bulb. Rothschildianum.

