
Brevard County Orchid Society

Bulletin – August

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The BCOS is a non-profit organization established to develop, improve, and preserve cultivation and hybridization of orchids; collect information relating to growing and developing orchids; disseminate information concerning the culture, hybridization or development of orchids through meetings, exhibitions, lectures, or publications; to provide awards for excellence in the development or culture of orchids; increase public interest in the growing of orchids; and generally to extend the knowledge, production, use and appreciation of orchids.

The BCOS meets monthly each 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M in the American Homestead Foundation Building, 535 Hammock Rd., Melbourne Village Florida.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There was no July board meeting since the meeting fell on July 4th this year. Our board members were barbequing and the library was closed. I hope with this hot weather that everyone is keeping a close eye on their orchids, making sure that they have plenty of water and good ventilation. This is a prime time for pest and diseases so inspect those orchids and at the first sign of a problem take action. You can always call either Joe Bryson or me for help and advice. Please don't miss the August meeting as we have another great speaker, see the program description in this newsletter. We still have Greg Allikas planned for September to talk on Digital Photography of Orchids, October Joe Bryson on Cymbidiums and November Fred Sellers on Bulbophyllums.

The preparations for the 2006 Fall Orchid Fair are under way. As always I am looking for volunteers. I want to thank Tracy Adams for volunteering to be my co-chairman. I am still looking for two people for the door prize committee. Please volunteer and help make our Fall Fair a success. Our fair is Saturday November 4, 2006 and Sunday November 5, 2006, with set up on Friday November 3, 2006. If you would like to volunteer please call me at 777-9837. The sign up book will start being passed around at the August meeting.

As you all know BCOS is a volunteer organization and cannot exist without our members volunteering. I would like to thank the group, who have volunteered to do the audit and ask that you all think about what

you can do for the organization to make it successful. As you know November is our election month start thinking about running for an office. I need three members to volunteer to be on the nominating committee. Please call me and help.

Our 2006 picnic is Saturday, September 23 if you have not sign up please do so at the August meeting so we can get a head count of those attending. For our new members the picnic is held at the Paradise Beach Park on A1A. The society rents the large pavilion, supplies the hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, buns, condiments and drinks, (soda and water, you may bring beer or wine just no glass). Also takes care of all the supplies, all you have to bring is a side dish, salad or dessert. Sign up at the August meeting or call Tracy Adams at 752-9699

BCOS Dates to Remember: Saturday September 23 our picnic at Paradise Beach Park, November 4 and 5, 2006 our 46th Fall Orchid Fair and December 12, 2006 our annual Christmas party. So mark these important BCOS dates on your calendars now so you don't miss any of the fun.

See you at the next meeting!

Julie Zepf, President, BCOS

PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE BCOS BOARD MEETING IN JULY

No meeting of the Board of Directors was held in July.

Dave Siegrist

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

As the BCOS President I want to welcome our new members and hope that you enjoy your membership in our organization.

Juliet Kijerulff

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Here you should ask questions and learn. Just listen, learn and enjoy.

Julie Zepf, BCOS President

AUGUST PROGRAM

The Program for August is going to be great! We have Michael Senn speaking about Venezuelan Cattleyas. Michael is the founder and owner of Canaima Orchids. He has been growing Orchids, primarily Cattleya Alliance Species for about 30 years as well studying the Cattleya habitats in Brazil, Colombia, and Venezuela. Michael was born in Venezuela and trained as a Civil Engineer until orchids became his main interest. He is chairman of judging of the Venezuelan Orchid Association and a Student Judge in the American Orchid Society. Canaima Orchids has won many AOS awards and Michael should be bringing some great plants for sale. If you like the Queen of the Orchid World, Cattleyas, be sure to come to this one.

Since Michael will be bringing orchids for sale, ***there will be NO member sales at this meeting.***

Joe Bryson

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a BCOS member who is ill or has suffered a loss, the Brevard County Orchid Society would like to send a card expressing our caring and concern. Please contact Elaine Chambers 213-6341, Chairman, Sunshine Committee.

Elaine Chambers

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug 1st at 6:45 PM at the Satellite Beach Library.

GENERAL MEETING. The next meeting of the BCOS general membership will be held on Tuesday, August 8th beginning at 7:30PM. At the AHF Hall, Melbourne Village.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

Masquerade of Orchids

The Platinum Coast Orchid Society hosts their show August 18-20, 2006 at the Cocoa Expo Sports Center. They have extended an invitation if any one in our society would like to do an exhibits they have Table tops and Niche exhibits available please contact Jim Adamson at 632-2847 for more info.

Ridge Orchid Society

Presents their 44th Annual show "Orchids For All Seasons", Saturday, September 16 from 10:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday September 17 from 12 noon to 5:00pm at the Lake Mirror Center 121 South Lake Ave, Lakeland. Admission is free for additional info contact Kay at 863-965-1736 or Glen Gary at 863 686-3590 or by e-mail at GlenGary@verizon.net

BCOS 46TH FALL ORCHID FAIR

The Brevard County Orchid Society's 46th Fall Orchid Fair will be the weekend of November 4th and 5th. As usual, we are looking for volunteers for help make the Orchid Fair a success. The following describes some of the help that will be needed for our fair to be a success:

Publicity: We will be advertising in the newspapers, with road signs, on the radio and television, but a way you all can help with this is to get the word out through our flyers. We will be making them available to you at the October 10 general meeting. If every member could distribute 10 it would greatly support the cause. Ask your doctor, dentist, grocery store, health club, beauty shop, library, workplace, etc, if they would permit you to put one up either in their window, on a bulletin board or on a counter. Keep a few in you car and where ever you go just ask if you can put one up. Just tell them we are a non-profit organization and you will be surprised at how many will say yes. For those more energetic folks, you may wish to take a bunch and go around to some different places of business to help get a wider distribution.

The following tasks will run 1 or 2 hour shifts:

Admission: We need volunteers to sit at the door and collect admission, this does entail handling money.

Hospitality: We will need folks to sit at the society table to hand out culture sheets and encourage people to join our society.

Plant Raffle: We will be raffling off blooming orchids, supplies donated by our 16 vendors and orchid related items donated by members. We need volunteers to act as greeters, explain the fair to people and sell as many raffle tickets as possible. Again this entails handling money.

Workshop Room Monitor: This entails being in the room during the workshop and assisting the speaker if needed, closing doors, getting anything the speaker may need and just being a extra pair of hands to ensure the workshop goes smoothly.

Display Room Monitor: This entails being in the room to watch that no one touches the orchids, to answer any questions and to be an ambassador for the society.

The following are not difficult tasks, and won't take a lot of your time:

Set-up/Tear-down: This entails putting skirts on tables (which are already in place), hanging the vendors name signs, assisting vendors to get their plants and supplies unloaded and setup. At the end the process is reversed. Set-up is Friday November 3th at 3:00 pm, tear-down is Sunday November 5th at 4:00 pm.

Raffle Prize Delivery: This entails coming Sunday after the fair is over and taking one or two of the raffle prizes and delivering them to the winners. We will try to match the winner's address with the volunteers. The raffle committee will have gotten directions for the volunteers.

Please think about volunteering for at least one of these activities. It takes all of you to make a fair a success. I will be passing the signup book around at the August,

September and October general meetings.
Please volunteer!!

Thanks, Julie Zepf

FROM THE EDITOR

WE HAVE A WEB PAGE NOW!

THEBCOS.ORG is the address for the New Brevard County Orchid Society Web page. I will try and keep the latest copy and some of the archive copies of the News Letter there for perusing. It is going to be going through growing pains until we stabilize the look and function so please be patient.

This newsletter is available in both paper hardcopy (Snail-Mail), and electronic Distribution (E-Mailed) using Adobe Acrobat PDF format. If you send an e-mail request to dave@siegrist.net, I will add you to the electronic distribution list. I can also take you off the Postal Mailing list and save the society a little money on postage and reproduction costs. The e-mail version will be sent as soon as it is available so you will have it at least a couple of days before the mail would have delivered it. Move into the 21st century with E-Newsletter.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN

We have many new books in our library available to check out. The list is on the web page. Please feel free to contact me about the library.

Helga Lamb 773-5713

WANTED

Volunteers to CLERK at the PCOS /AOS Show. You are needed Friday, Aug. 18th from 8am to 12pm , at the Cocoa Expo Center, Hwy 520 and I-95. Please contact Bob Libby, happyscrub2000@yahoo.com or call Jo Ann Amos 259-8585.

For tickets to the show at the Advanced Price of \$2.00 (\$3.00 at the door) see Jo Ann Amos .

BCOS PICNIC

The BCOS Picnic will be held on September 23rd from 11 am to 7 pm, at the Paradise Beach Park. There will be all kinds of food and fun. Don't forget to bring a friend. Anyone interested in going to the picnic, or being on the Picnic Committee, (*the group putting this event together*) should contact Tracy Adams at 752-9699. There will also be sign up sheets at the meeting, so we know how many will be attending and to indicate those that want to bring a covered dish to the picnic.

Tracy Adams

BCOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The BCOS Christmas Party it is going to be December 12th at the Elks Lodge on S. Neiman Avenue in Melbourne. There will be a choice of ham or turkey. There will also be a free orchid given to all members who attend the Christmas party. If anyone is interested in being on the committee planning this event or attending please contact Tracy Adams at 752-9699). There will be tickets for sale at the September meeting for those who wish to come.

Tracy Adams

AUGUST 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Aug BCOS Board of Directors Meeting. 6:45pm at Satellite Beach Library.	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 BCOS Meeting. AHF Hall, Melb Village 7:30pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 PCOS Show "Masquerade of Orchids"	19 PCOS Show "Masquerade of Orchids"
20 PCOS Show "Masquerade of Orchids"	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

* See the "Upcoming Orchid Events Around Florida" information enclosed in the newsletter for further details on the Calendar of Events activities

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