
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

The preparations for the 2007 Fall Orchid Fair are under way. As always I am looking for volunteers. Please volunteer and help make our Fall Fair a success. Our fair is Saturday November 3, 2007 and Sunday November 4, 2007, with set up on Friday November 2, 2007. 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 Janis Walters, Steve Desorbo and Dave Stewart who have volunteered for this year's nominating committee. I ask that each of you 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. When one of the nominating committee calls please volunteer to run for the board. As Uncle Sam said '**We Need You**'.

Our 2007 picnic is Saturday, September 15 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). BCOS also takes care of all the supplies; all you have to bring is either a side

dish, salad or dessert. Sign up at the August meeting or call Tracy Adams at 752-9699

Remember to sign up for the trip to the 19th World Orchid Conference. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for most of us. The 19th World Orchid Conference is going to be held in Miami next January 23-27, 2008. The last time it was in the U.S. was 1984 as the event is only held every three years. This is our chance to enjoy fabulous exhibits and over 100 vendors from around the world. There are also competitions in over 20 categories from cake decorating with orchids, quilts with orchids, photography of orchids and much, much more. We will be going on Saturday January 26, 2008. The price is \$48.00 for just the sale and exhibits or \$75.00 if you also want to do the lectures. The cost is \$30.00 for the bus and either \$18.00 or \$45.00 for the admission. All monies must be collected by the October meeting as we have to mail the admission to the WOC in the beginning of November. Come sign up as this is a not to be missed event. If you will not be at the next meeting but would like to get on the list please just call Ron Fischer at 626-9883 or e-mail at bigfisch@cfl.rr.com.

AOS has done a complete reorganization and as part of the improvements Dr. Ron McHatton has taken over as Director of education and regional operations. His first area of change was to start the educational program at AOS again. Please log on to www.AOS.org to check out the classes being offered.

BCOS Dates to Remember: Saturday September 15 our picnic at Paradise Beach Park, November 3 and 4, 2007 our 47th Fall Orchid Fair and December 11, 2007 our annual Christmas dinner. 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 BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2007

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at the Satellite Beach Public Library. Julie Zepf, Joe Bryson, April Graham, Dave Siegrist, Lorna Mazza, Fred Zepf, Ed Dunham, Fran Weber, and Kathryn Merry were present.

The minutes from the June Board meeting were distributed by April Graham and corrected and approved by the Board.

The Treasurer's Report for June was distributed by Fran Weber and approved by the Board. The report reflected that BCOS has total assets of \$17,169.94 – an increase of 11.5% over last June.

Correspondence

ACTION ITEMS

1. 06/23/07 Ridge Orchid Society Show September 15 & 16, 2007.
2. 06/28/07 SFOS Annual Speakers Day Sunday October 7, 2007.
3. Redland refund of mileage supplement for \$207.00.
4. Orchid classes being offered by AOS as part of new education plan.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. 06/06/07 Orchid Books newsletter.
2. 06/18/07 Video from Vern Bloch ; The Orchid Protector.
3. 06/26/07 19th WOC extra excursions planned at conference.
4. July in your Orchid collection from Martin Motes.

Old Business

5. New General Meeting Location – Fred Zepf and Ed Dunham have been exploring possibilities for a possible new location for general meetings. They reported some of their findings and will continue to explore further possibilities.
6. Redlands Trip – Final numbers were reviewed with 50 in attendance and a net of \$23.28 after receiving mileage supplement of \$207.00 from Redlands.

7. 19th WOC – Over thirty members have signed up for the trip at this time, will continue to have signup sheets at general meeting for Bus trip to the 19th WOC.
8. 2008 Fairs – Julie and Fred Zepf have discussed prices and contract with the Azan and will further research the possibility of holding the fairs at the FIT Clemente Center or the Melbourne Auditorium.
9. Fall Fair – Julie Zepf reported that there have been a number of publicity meeting with many plans in the works. Some vendor changes have been made.
10. Auction – Topic was discussed at May general meeting with a vote of about 50-50 interest. Topic has been tabled at this time.

New Business

11. Election 2007 – Julie will ask for 3 volunteers for the nominating committee at the July general meeting. Julie will email job descriptions to board members for review. Job descriptions will then be sent to the nominating committee.
12. Correspondence will be moved as per previous board meeting to after new business.

Ongoing subjects

13. Name badges - April is making badges for new members each month, badges for life members who do not attend meetings will be mailed.
14. Fair 2008 Committee - Report from Julie.
15. Events for 2007 –Picnic, September 15, 2007 at Howard E Futch Memorial Park at Paradise Beach, Christmas Dinner, December 11, 2007 at Hilton Melbourne Beach.
16. Reviews 2007 - By laws – Ed Dunham, changes were voted on and passed at May General meeting, Standing Rules – Joe Bryson Done, Audit – Ed Dunham and April Graham, Review job descriptions 2007 – Julie to send to all board members.
17. Library - Buying books for our deceased members, Draft of procedures – how to get more use of the library with a possible new

location for storage discussed, updated list for 2007 to be put on web site.

April Graham

BCOS 47TH FALL ORCHID FAIR

The Brevard County Orchid Society's 47th Fall Orchid Fair will be the weekend of November 3rd and 4th. 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 9 general meeting. If every member could distribute at least 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 an 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 2nd at 3:00 pm, tear-down is Sunday November 4th at 5:00 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

BRING YOUR BLOOMING ORCHIDS AND WIN CASH

At our Fall Orchid Fair November 3 and 4, 2007 there will be judging of all non-commercial orchids and cash prizes will be awarded. There will be ribbons and certificates awards in each category with a \$25.00 prize for the Best in category. The orchid judged the Best in Fair will receive an additional \$25.00. All BCOS members are eligible to enter orchids for judging. Entries should be brought to the Azan Shrine Center, 1591 West Eau Gallie Blvd, in Melbourne on

Friday November 2, 2007 between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. All plants will be inspected by the head of judging. A plant found to have any pest or disease will be rejected and not allowed to be entered. This is to protect all vendor and member plants in the display room, so please inspect your orchids before bringing them for judging. The judging will take place at 9:00am on Saturday November 3, 2007, by a panel of selected BCOS members. So come enter as many orchids as you have in bloom, there is no limit. The following are the categories being judged: Cattleya - small \leq 4 inches, Cattleya - large $>$ 4 inches, Dendrobium, Oncidium, Paphiopedilum, Phalaenopsis, Vanda and Other Genera. Four new categories have been added starting this fair they are Epidendrum, one for Culture, People's Choice and a discretionary award to be used by the head of judging. Come, enter your orchids, join the fun and win some cash.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Eulah Walters

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Phone: 259-0553

Jennifer Isaac

2627 Aston Circle, Melbourne, FL 32940
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Here you should ask questions and learn. Just listen, learn and enjoy.

Julie Zepf, BCOS President

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Phyllis Sumner on July 27, 2007. Phyllis was honored with a Life Membership in the Brevard County Orchid Society for her many years of active participation and service. She was also a Past-President of the Platinum Coast Orchid Society in Cocoa. Whenever her health permitted, Phyllis was present at orchid society meetings and shows. We will surely miss her smiling face

and upbeat personality. We send our condolences to her entire family, specifically to her daughter, Kristine Kay Sumner of Altamonte Springs and to her son and daughter-in-law Eric and Rebecca Sumner of Arizona.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 4, 2007 at 2 p.m. at the Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home in Cocoa Beach.

The Brevard County Orchid Society would like to express caring and concern to any member who is ill or in need of care. Please be in touch with the Sunshine Committee if you know of anyone who should be contacted.

Chairman, Sunshine Committee.

Elaine Chambers

AUGUST PROGRAM

The speaker for August is Marv Ragan. He will speak on the Orchids of the Philippines. Marv and his wife, Jan are the Co-owners of MAJ Orchids. Marv is an Accredited Judge for the American Orchid Society and is currently the Chair of the Orlando Judging location of the Florida North-Central Judging Center. Marv is also a recognized world authority on Orchids and a taxonomist with a degree in Botany. He has traveled the world collecting and studying orchids and he and Jan have many Awards from the AOS and other International Orchid associations. Marv has extensive knowledge of Asian and South American Orchid Species and has spoken to many Orchid Associations and Judges Seminars around the world. You will find his presentation informative and entertaining. Marv has spoken to our society in the past and always does a super job. Don't miss this one!

Marv and Jan will be bringing some great plants for sale, so **MEMBERS SALES ARE NOT PERMITTED** at this meeting.

Joe Bryson

THE BCOS PICNIC

The BCOS Picnic will be held on September 15th from 11am to 7pm, 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, should contact Tracy Adams at 752-9699. There will also be sign up sheets at the August meeting so we know how many will be attending and to indicate those that want to bring a covered dish to the picnic. Come for a great time of sunshine, food and interaction with those who love orchids!

Ron Fischer, Special Events Chairman

ASK THE EXPERTS

When you have a question about your orchids, just write or e-mail Dave Siegrist. Dave will then direct the question to one of our society experts. Your answer will appear in the next issue of the newsletter. There will also be a log of all the questions asked with their answers kept on the web site for future reference. We hope that everyone uses this new reference and finds it informative. So the next time you have a question, a problem to solve, or a pest you can't kill, remember to just 'Ask the Experts'.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th 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 14th beginning at 7:30PM, at the AHF Hall, Melbourne Village.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

August 4

The American Orchid Society Botanical Garden is hosting a \$15 Or Less Orchid Sale on August 4, 2007 beginning at 10am.

Over 300 out of bloom orchids will be on sale for \$5, \$10 or \$15 – be sure to come early because supplies will NOT last! With a \$5 admission, visitors can select from a variety of discounted orchid plants (named and/or no-named, small potted, bare rooted

and some hidden treasures), take a garden tour with one of our resident garden experts or participate in the Orchid Therapy sessions.

The Orchid Therapy area in the atrium will include Orchid Doctors who will diagnose and possibly remedy "sick" plants, and a re-potting station where visitors can bring in an orchid and be guided through the re-potting process step-by-step by one of our experienced re-potters.

For beginner orchid enthusiasts, mini-classes will be available free of charge including Orchids 101, Mounting Orchids and an open Q&A session.

DON'T MISS OUT!!

August 17 to 19

Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show

Cocoa Expo Sports Center, 500 Friday Rd.,
Cocoa, FL. Contact: Glenda Titler, 128
Woodsmill Blvd. #32, Cocoa, FL 32926;
(321) 637-0948; titlerpande@aol.com.

Joann Amos will have discounted tickets for the PCOS show, at our Aug. meeting. The cost will be \$2.00 each, tickets at the door will be \$3.00 each.

FROM THE EDITOR

THEBCOS.ORG is the address for the New Brevard County Orchid Society Web page.

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.

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

AUGUST 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 July	30	31	1 August	2	3	4 AOS \$15 or Less, Orchid Sale
5	6	7 BCOS Board of Directors Meeting, 6:45pm . at the Satellite Beach Library	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 BCOS Meeting. AHF Hall, Melb Village 7:30pm	15	16	17 Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show	18 Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show
19 Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 September

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

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