
Brevard County Orchid Society

Bulletin – December

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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, except for this month which is the Christmas Party!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our 46th Fall Orchid Fair is over and was it great. The final numbers are not all in yet but it looks like BCOS will clear over \$3,800.00. I want to thank each BCOS member volunteer who gave so willingly of his or her time and talents in making this show such a great success. A special thanks to the show committee, my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for all your time, dedication and wonderful support. As a PS from Fred, for those of you who still have road signs, if you could keep them and bring to the January meeting that would be great. With all that will be going on at the Christmas party he won't have time to collect.

Remember our 2006 Christmas party will be on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at the Melbourne Elk's Club. **THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING at Melbourne Village.** We will be having the gift exchange and each BCOS member will receive an orchid from the society. We are again asking you to bring a new toy, which we will be donating to the Salvation Army. So dig deep and bring a few if you can. If you would like to help Tracy Adams with decorating and making it a great party please contact her at 752-9699. If you need directions to the Elk's Club call either Tracy Adams, Fran Weber (255-2271) or me (777-9837). Hope to see you there!

It's that time of year again when your membership needs to be renewed. It's \$15.00 for a single, \$20.00 for a couple

(that's 2 people residing at the same address) and \$1.00 for a junior membership (16 and under). You can either send your check to Fran Weber or pay her at the January meeting. **Please no dues at the Christmas party.** Thanks.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. Enjoy the food, remember those less fortunate and keep safe if you are traveling. If I don't see you at the Christmas party have a great holiday and I will see you in the New Year.

See you at the next meeting!

Julie Zepf, President, BCOS

PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE BCOS BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:50pm on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, at the Satellite Beach Public Library. Dave Siegrist, Elaine Chambers, Helga Lamb, Julie Zepf, Fran Weber, Joe Bryson, Ed Dunham, Simone Spiess, Bill Lambert and Lorna Mazza were present.

The Minutes from the September Board Meeting were distributed by Joe Bryson and approved by the Board. The October minutes were not available for review.

A combined Treasurer's Report for September/October was distributed by Fran Weber and approved by the Board. The report reflected that BCOS has total assets of \$18,731.36 – an increase of 39.7% over last October. The Treasurer noted that some significant bills associated with the Fall Fun Fair are due in November. The preliminary net profit from the Fall Fair was in excess of \$3,800.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. 62nd Miami International Orchid Show – Bus Groups, Web Site, Etc

2. Oregon Orchid Society Offering – Two books at discounted prices

Your First Orchids and How to Grow Them
An Orchidist's Lexicon

3. American Travel Group – Program on Costa Rica group tours

4. World Orchid Conference in Miami – Sponsors info (e-mail)

5. Norman's Orchids – Fall for Miniatures (e-mail)

6. Martin Motes – Free Classes and Clearance Sale (e-mail)

OLD BUSINESS

1. FALL ORCHID FAIR - Total paid attendance was 1,062 (10 more than the Fall Orchid Fair of 2005). Some of the dealers commented that the quality of the plants at our Fair was the best that they had seen this year when compared against various other shows across the state. The Board discussed both Advertising and Publicity and recognized the need to increase our efforts in the Publicity arena.

2. NOVEMBER ELECTIONS - BCOS members will vote on the slate of Officers and Trustees that was presented at the October General Membership Meeting. Additional nominations (if any) will be accepted from the floor.

3. ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS - The Board considered candidates, nominated by members (and by the Board), for the 2006 year-end Annual Service Awards. Those individuals that were selected by the Board will be honored at the BCOS Christmas Party on December 12, 2006, at the Elk's Lodge in Melbourne.

4. LIFE MEMBERS - In accordance with the BCOS By-Laws, Article III, Section 3, the Board discussed nomination of qualified members for elevation to the status of Life Member. As is customary, any approved individual(s) will be recognized at the Christmas Party.

5. CHRISTMAS PARTY - Joe Bryson will get the Awards Plaque updated before the Christmas Party. The Elk's Lodge facility rental fee has increased significantly this year. The Board felt that it was time to seek an alternative location for the 2007 party.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **RIBBONS** - As recommended by the Show Committee, the Board decided to add a new award category for the Orchid Fairs by splitting the Cattleya group into two separate divisions: 1) Cattleya flower over 4 inches in diameter, and 2) Cattleya flower 4 inches or less. At the recently concluded Fall Orchid Fair there were 44 registered plants - 21 of these were in the Cattleya group. After some discussion, the Board decided not to award ribbons for outstanding plants in the Dealer Section of the Display Room, however, we will continue to use the large rosette ribbons (for members) for both the Orchid Fairs and the Display Table Winner at the monthly General Membership meetings.

2. **NOVEMBER MEETING** - Our scheduled speaker had to cancel, so Joe Bryson will fill in as the guest speaker at the November General Membership meeting. **Note that member plant sales will be permitted at the November meeting.**

3. **SPRING ORCHID FAIR** - Orchid vendors for the Spring Orchid Fair were reviewed and the Board prioritized the list of alternate vendors.

ONGOING SUBJECTS

1. **ORCHID FAIRS** - Continued discussions on potential new locations for our Orchid Fairs starting in 2008. By 2008, the projected facility rental fee at the current location is expected to exceed the projected fee at the Melbourne Auditorium. A Location Committee continues to explore other possible candidate locations.

2. **2006 BCOS AUDIT** - The final signed Audit Report of the BCOS Financial Records was distributed to the Board.

3. **MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION** - We have been requested to remove all BCOS materials from the Storage Room at the Melbourne Village facility where we conduct our monthly membership meetings. Our use of the storage area is minimal and we do pay a rather hefty rental fee for use of the facility for a few hours each month. The Board feels that it is now time to seek a new meeting

location and solicits any ideas/suggestions from our members.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Dunham, Recorder

SOCIETY OFFICERS FOR 2007

At the November meeting elections were held for the 2007 Society Officers. I want to take this opportunity to thank Bill Lambert and Tami Salazar for their service on the board. Bill for the last three years as a trustee and Tami for her year as our secretary. The new 2007 board elected at the November 14, 2006 general meeting:

President: Julie Zepf (777-9837)

Vice President: Joe Bryson (777-6282)

Secretary: April Graham (751-1240)

Treasurer: Fran Weber (255-2271)

Newsletter Editor: Dave Siegrist (254-4645)

Trustees:

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THE BEST OF CLASS AWARDS

At our 46th Fall Orchid Fair there was judging of BCOS member plants. I want to congratulate all the winners for their great entries. There were over 35 orchids entered. In the Cattleya category there were over 20 entered making the choice of best hard to award. This dilemma was discussed at our November Board Meeting and the Cattleya category has been split. We will now have two Cattleya awards: Cattleya \leq 4 inches and Cattleya $>$ 4 inches. If you missed the fair the display room was just beautiful. The fair committee made some changes like taking the award winners and moving to a table in the middle as everyone entered. I want to thank Mary and Steve DeSorbo for their hard work in arranging and decorating the room it

was just wonderful. The following are all the award and ribbon winners:

Best Dendrobium: Den. Limchang Min owned by Joan Pappas

Best Cattleya: Soph. Cernua owned by Terry Copija

Best Vanda: Ascda. Jirapra X Suksamran owned by Joan Pappas

Best Phalaenopsis: Phal. Violacea owned by Ginny Oliphant

Best Oncidium: Onc. Kalihi 'Big' owned by Darrell Thimlar

Best Paphiopedilum: Paph. Supersuk 'Eureka' AM/AOS owned by Janet Brubaker

Best Other Genera: Lyc. Macrophylla owned by Remy Vinoya

Best of the Fair: Den Limchang Min owned by Joan Pappas

Ribbons Awarded

Steve DeSorbo – 2 third

Mary Desorbo – 1 second

Joan Pappas – 2 first

Ginny Oliphant – 1 first, 1 second

Darrell Thimlar – 1 first, 1 second, 1 third

Dolores Bello – 2 second, 2 third

Janet Brubaker – 1 first

Remy Vinoya – 1 first

Tracy Adams – 1 second

Terry Copija – 1 first

John Olsson – 1 third

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Victoria C. Ramos, Melbourne, FL

Bill & Liz Biglin, Melbourne, FL

Elaine Wilson & Michelle Shrader, West Melbourne, FL

Clarita Apelado, Melbourne, FL

Jackie Shipp, Melbourne, FL

Laura Talbert, Titusville, FL

Bill & JoAnne Everett, Indialantic, FL

Carolyn Thon, Melbourne, FL

Craig Helpling, Indian Harbour, FL

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

Julie Zepf, BCOS President

Thanks Julie Zepf

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We are sad to report that Joan Draddy, wife of Bill Draddy, Past-President of the Brevard County Orchid Society, passed on early this month. Our sincere condolences are sent to Bill and his family. Our sympathies are sent to Rich and Lisa Hansen, long-time BCOS members, on the passing of Rich's Mother, Cleo and about a week time later of Rich's Father, Richard Hansen. We also send our condolences to Matt Godlove, BCOS member and owner of Palm Bay Secret Gardens, on the recent passing of his older brother.

It was so good to see Audrey Scheibe at our November BCOS meeting. Glad her health has improved and she is in good spirits. We have some other good news too! Elaine Chambers' Grand- daughter, Allea, is expecting triplets in February, two boys and a girl.

We all appreciate the help and caring thoughts given to us by our family and friends in our time of need. Perhaps a phone call or special card by individual BCOS members might also be appropriate. We all send our prayers and sincere best wishes to our fellow members for continued health improvement.

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

BCOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be having our annual BCOS Christmas Party on December 12th at the Elks Lodge #1744 located at 211 South Nieman Avenue, Melbourne Florida.

The party will be a sit down dinner with your choice of Turkey or Ham.

Joe Bryson will provide the music and the lounge will be open. An orchid plant will be given to each BCOS member attending as a gift from the society.

There will be a gift exchange (not to exceed \$10.00) a gift that is orchid related.

Also, we are requesting that persons attending bring a gift for a child, unwrapped. The toys will be given to the Salvation Army and will be distributed to their needy families during the Holiday.

Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. Any questions or if you would like to volunteer to be on the planning committee, please call Tracy Adams at 752-9699 or email at ninjaqueen@bellsouth.net.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR DINNERS RESERVED BY DECEMBER 4TH.

Thank You Tracy Adams

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th at 6:45 PM at the Julie and Fred Zepf's place.

CHRISTMAS PARTY MEETING. The next meeting of the BCOS general membership will be the Christmas Party held on Tuesday, December 12th at the Elks Lodge #1744 located at 211 South Nieman Avenue, Melbourne Florida. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm.

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

DECEMBER 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Nov	27	28	29	30	1 Dec	2
3	4	5 BCOS Board of Directors Meeting. 6:45pm at Julie & Fred's.	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Christmas Party at the Elks Lodge at 6:00pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 Jan 07'	2	3	4	5	6

* 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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