
Brevard County Orchid Society

Bulletin – February

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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 Program Committee is hard at work planning another great year of speakers. February will be our own Vern Bloch speaking on Cattleya Species. Phillip Hamilton on Broughtonias, Fred Sellers Bulbophyllums, Greg Allikas on Digital Photography of Orchids, Michael Senn on Venezuelan Cattleyas. Those are just a few who have already said yes, with more in the planning stage. So stay tuned for a dynamite year of programs.

I hope everyone is keeping warm and remembering to keep their orchids warm. If it's cold for you then it's cold for your orchids. I can still bring all of mine in the house or garage since I only have about 150. If this is not practical for you due to orchid madness (meaning you have tons of orchids) I hope

you have taken precautions to keep your babies warm. My standing rule is if the night temperatures are going into the 40's, in they come then once the night temperatures are back in the 50's it should be safe to put your orchids back outside.

Please note that membership dues are now past due. If you have not paid your 2006 dues please do so as soon as possible. Either pay Fran Weber at the February 14 meeting or send your check to her at 4909 Rosewood Lane, Melbourne FL 32940. Dues are \$15.00 for an individual membership, \$20 for a joint membership, defined as 2 adults with the same permanent address, \$1.00 for a junior membership, 16 and under. If you are not sure if you have paid please give Fran a call at 255-2271. Always make sure you have a paid membership card this proves

you have paid your dues and gets you into our fairs free. If you stop receiving your newsletter this is another way to know that your membership has elapsed. If you have not paid your 2006 membership by February 21 (By laws, Article III Sec 2 - the third Tuesday in February) you will be considered delinquent and dropped from the membership rolls. So please pay your dues as we don't want to lose any of our great members.

Dates to put on your 2006 calendar: May 6 and 7 our Spring Orchid Fair, November 4 and 5 our Fall Orchid Fair.

See you at the next meeting!

Julie Zepf, President, BCOS

PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE BCOS BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 3, 2006

INTRODUCTION

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brevard County Orchid Society was held at the Satellite Beach Library on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 6:45 p.m. Attendees were: Julie Zepf, Joe Bryson, Dave Siegrist, Lorna Mazza, Elaine Chambers, Bill Lambert, Ed Dunham, Simone Spiess and Tami Salazar.

REVIEW OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for December were handed out by Julie Zepf, subsequently reviewed, and approved by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

December Treasurer's Report was handed out by Julie Zepf, subsequently reviewed, and approved by the board. Total assets are currently \$14,071.87, for a 40.9% increase over last year.

CORRESPONDENCE

January in Your Orchid Collection by Dr. Martin Motes

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of the BCOS Christmas party. Total attendance was 139 and 18 tables were used.
2. Update on the upcoming bus trip to the Miami show. This trip is sold out and all tickets are paid for.
3. Update on BCOS shirts. Sew Special Embroidery will come to monthly meeting early for orders once a decision has been made on shirt color, etc.
4. A discussion was held on the plants that were used for gifts at the Christmas party. The selection process was better this year, and a decision was made to use the same vendor and continue the same selection process next year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BCOS Committees List for 2006 was handed out and discussed.
 - a) Julie Zepf will Chair the Fair committee. Co-Chair is still needed.
 - b) Helga Lamb will Chair Library Committee.
 - c) Ed Dunham and Lorna Mazza will be in charge of the Audit.
 - d) The Job Description Committee will be eliminated.
 - e) Monthly Raffle Committee will be chaired by Joe Bryson.
 - f) Plant Inspections will be chaired by Joe Bryson.
 - g) Julie and Fred Zepf will be in charge of Historian duties.
 - h) Terry Copija and Tami Salazar will be in charge of the BCOS shirt committee.
 - i) Joe Bryson will be in charge of the Plant Evaluation Committee.
 - j) Julie Zepf will find a new volunteer for the Special Events Committee.
 - k) Dave Siegrist will continue to be the Editor of the Publications Committee.
 - l) A discussion was held to combine Hospitality and Sunshine committees.

Elaine Chambers will coordinate. A suggestion was made to offer mentoring for new members.

- m) Lorna Mazza will be in charge of the Meeting Refreshment Committee. A decision was made to offer cookies, crackers, soda and coffee at each meeting.
- n) By-Laws and Standing Rules Committee - Annual review of By-Laws (Ed Dunham) and Standing Rules (Joe Bryson).

2. The Board discussed and approved a change in the meeting time schedule. The new schedule will be as follows: 7:30-8:00 – BCOS business, 8:00-9:00 – speaker, 9:00-9:15 – plant table review and break, 9:15-9:35 – plant table, 9:35 - raffle

3. The Board discussed the possibility of a Society Plant Sale if there is an interest.

4. Board discussion on events for the upcoming year. Items include the potential of Redlands trip, yearly picnic, Christmas party, and a Vendor bus trip. All items will be discussed at a later date.

5. The Board requested an announcement made at the next meeting reminding members that any member may include a free personal ad in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Tami Salazar.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

The speaker for February is Vern Bloch. For the new members of the society, Vern was President of BCOS over many years in the past and is still a very active member of the society, along with his wife, Helen. Helen was also Secretary of the society for many, many years. Together they owned and operated the Palm Bay Orchid Range until they sold the business a couple of years back. Vern and Helen have successfully grown and sold many Genera of Orchids, but concentrated primarily on the large, unifoliate Cattleyas. In February, Vern will speak on Cattleya Species and has developed a great

presentation with many colorful slides on this "Queen" of the orchid family.

I'm sure Vern will bring some very good orchids for sale at the meeting, but he said he does not mind if other members wish to sell plants, ***so members plant sales are not restricted.***

Joe Bryson

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time again...time to pay your 2006 Dues to Brevard County Orchid Society. A reminder that the dues for an individual are \$15.00 and dues for two people residing at the same resident is \$20.00. Junior memberships are \$1.00. Our year goes from January 1 through December 31...

Please pay your dues at the February 14th meeting or mail your check to:

Fran Weber
4909 Rosewood Lane
Melbourne, FL 32940

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

M. Kathryn Merry

685 Greenwood Manor Circle, Melbourne, FL 32904
Email: MERRY@MPINET.NET

D. X. Ross

315 4th. Avenue, Melbourne Beach, FL 32950
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Johanna and Robert Bauman

278 Brandy Creek Circle SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909
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Elsa D. Torres

4162 San Ysidro Way, Rockledge, FL 32955
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Here you should ask questions and learn. Just listen, learn and enjoy.

Julie Zepf, BCOS President

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We send our thoughts and prayers to all of our members who are experiencing trying circumstances and hope for speedy resolutions.

If you know of any members who are ill or have suffered a loss, your Brevard County Orchid Society would like to send a card expressing our caring and concern. Please contact Elaine Chambers at 321-213-6341, Chairman, Sunshine Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

February 10-12

Martin County Orchid Society Show

Indian Riverside Park, 1707 NE Indian River Dr., Jensen Beach, FL.

Contact: Thomas R. Havins, PO Box 1146, Hobe Sound, FL 33455; (772) 708-5157; grifa@worldnet.att.net.

February 10-12

Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show

Festival Bay Mall, International Dr. and, 5401 W. Oakridge Rd.,

Orlando, FL. Contact: Joy Prince, (407) 299-8003; dp691955@aol.com.

FROM THE EDITOR

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FROM THE LIBRARIAN

We have many new books in our library available to check out. Please feel free to contact me about the library.

Helga Lamb 773-5713

FEBRUARY 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Jan	30	31	1 Feb	2	3	4
5	6	7 BCOS Board of Directors Meeting. 6:45pm at Satellite Beach Library.	8 Vero Beach Orchid Society Meeting. Vero Bch Community Center - 7:30pm	9	10 Martin County Orchid Society Show & GOOS Show	11 Martin County Orchid Society Show & GOOS Show
12 Martin County Orchid Society Show & GOOS Show	13	14 BCOS Meeting. AHF Hall, Melb Village 7:30pm *Central Florida Orchid Society Show	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1 March	2	3	4

* 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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