
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

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 2007 dues please do so as soon as possible. Either pay Fran Weber at the February 13

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. If you stop receiving your newsletter this is another way to know that your membership has elapsed. If you have not paid your 2007 membership by February 20 (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 2007 calendar: May 5 and 6, 2007 our Spring Orchid Fair, September 15, 2007 our Picnic, November 3 and 4, 2007 our Fall Orchid Fair.

See you at the next meeting!

Julie Zepf, President, BCOS

PRELIMINARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2007

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at the Satellite Beach Public Library. Julie Zepf, Fred Zepf, Fran Weber, Dave Siegrist, April Graham, Simone Spiess, Elaine Chambers, Ed Dunham, Joe Bryson, and Lorna Mazza were present.

The minutes from the October Board meeting were distributed by Julie Zepf and approved by the Board. The minutes from November meeting were distributed by Ed Dunham and approved by the Board.

A combined Treasurer's Report for November/December was distributed by Fran Weber and approved by the Board. The report reflected that BCOS has total assets of \$14,371.32 – an increase of 4.0% over last December.

Correspondence

1. American Homesteading requesting that we remove all supplies from the storage room.
2. 62ND Miami International Show Forms for Bus Trips, Pre-sales and Premiere Party tickets.
3. AOS Forum now has a place to post society monthly newsletters
4. Norman's Orchids – Nov Specials (e-mail)
5. Orchid News from repotme.com (e-mail)
6. Orchid books newsletter – December 2006 (e-mail)
7. 19th World Orchid Conference more info (e-mail)

8. Norman's Orchids – Dec Specials (e-mail)

9. VCOS December Newsletter (e-mail) – they have ads at end to help defer cost of printing. Should we try this by asking fair vendors to take one?

10. Fort Lauderdale Show January 19-21, 2007

11. Letter from the City of Melbourne - next sign permit must be accompanied by a copy of our nonprofit status.

12. AOS letter asking for a donation.

13. www.orchidboard.com new site called www.orchidtopsites.com (e-mail)

14. Request from Nature by DeZign to get on our fair lists (e-mail)

15. www.repotme.com – orchid supplies holiday shipping special (e-mail)

Old Business

1. Fall Orchid Fair

The final numbers for the Fall Fair show were, paid attendance of 1062 and total net of \$3,841.02. The 2007 Fall Orchid Fair preliminary budget has been submitted.

2. November 2006 election

Signed ballot with election results turned in by Janis Walters

3. 2007 Christmas Party

New Committee appointed by President for planning the 2007 Christmas party and picnic, Fran Weber as Chairperson and April Graham.

New Business

1. Trips

Discussed possible bus trips to organize with a decision to go to Redlands again this year and investigate other options for a second trip.

2. Meeting location

New Committee appointed by President for investigating possible new meeting location, Fred Zepf as Chairperson.

3. Meeting Dates

2007 meeting board and general meeting dates were reviewed and approved.

4. Committees

2007 committee list was reviewed, changes were noted as needed and approved.

5. Raffle Plants

Discussed sources for raffle plants with left over from Christmas party and purchase from Joe Grezaffi. of blooming plants and decided to continue with current method until further notice.

6. Contact review

Reviewed contact list for board members and no changes were needed.

7. 2007 Programs

January program was canceled and rescheduled for later date. A program on staking will be new program for January with February and March programs scheduled as well.

Ongoing subjects

1. Fair 2008 Committee

Report from Julie, Joe, Elaine and Ed of no activity.

2. New name badges for board

April will make new badges for Fred and herself with titles included.

3. Staples rewards

Dave Siegrist will take charge of this for newsletter printing.

4. Reviews 2007

By laws – Ed Dunham

Standing Rules – Joe Bryson

Audit – Ed Dunham and April Graham

Review job descriptions 2007 – Julie to send to all members

5. 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Emily Cole

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Phone: 254-7005

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

Julie Zepf, BCOS President

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 express our caring and concern. If you have some news to celebrate, we would like to share in that also. Please contact Elaine Chambers 213-6341, Chairman, Sunshine Committee.

Elaine Chambers

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Paul & Mary Storm and the Wonderful World of Schomburgkias and Myrmecophila.

Paul was born and raised in Buffalo, NY, and Mary was born in Yonkers, NY, where neither of them ever saw an orchid. Later they lived and taught in Miami, Florida where they met and wed, but again they never saw an orchid even though they lived near some of Miami's most famous orchid nurseries. However, when they moved to Sarasota, Paul attended an orchid sale for no known reason and purchased a division of Schomburgkia tibicinis and their world changed forever. Against the derision and advice of friends and family, Schoms and their hybrids became an obsession to the Storms, and they realized that they were born to convert the world to "Schombo-love"!

Together Paul and Mary (as Meke Aloha Orchids) have traveled extensively seeking the finest examples of Schom species and

hybrids and eventually they started to make their own hybrids. Their love of people and orchids (and their mission of 'Schombo-conversion') have brought them invitations to many societies around the country and introductions to many new life-long friends.

Paul's 'Schom-hero', Dr. Carl Withner, donated his personal Schom collection to the Storms, and some outstanding nurseries and hybridizers have named Schom hybrids after Paul in honor of their Schom mission.

Although their mission has taken them to societies throughout Florida, Arizona, Southern California, North Carolina, Texas, Hawaii and Washington, DC, the recent changes in Schomburgkia / Myrmecophila taxonomy have necessitated a major revision of their program which has been aided by the Sr. Registrar at RHS as well as Dr. German Carnevali in Mexico City. Future programs after their NC tour are planned for more Florida cities, New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Nassau, Aruba, and a tour of Nrn. California societies.

Paul and Mary are excited to be presenting their program to the Brevard County Orchid Society and they invite members to bring and trade (or sell) any of their Schom hybrids or species with them.

Please write them in advance at: mekealoha@comcast.com to arrange this, and/or visit their web-site at mekealohaorchids.com. Any opportunity to share their passion is welcome.

Since Paul and Mary will be bringing commercial plants for sale, there will be no member's sales, except as stated above in Paul's Bio.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

GENERAL MEETING. The next meeting of the BCOS general membership will be held on Tuesday, Jan 13th beginning at 7:30PM, at the AHF Hall, Melbourne Village.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

February 9-11

Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show, Festival Bay Mall, 5401 Oakridge Rd. & International Dr., Orlando, FL. Contact: Joy Prince, 4143 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32804; (407) 2998003; dp691955@aol.com.

February 10-11

Boca Raton Orchid Society Show, Safe Schools Institute, Campus of Don Estridge Middle School, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL. Contact: Jacqueline Wood, 1360 SW 18th St., Boca Raton, FL 33486; (561) 3680278; bocaorchidlady@aol.com.

March 16-18

Our friends at Miller's Tropicals are moving to Austin, Texas. They are planning a big moving sale March 16-18. Go to their web site for complete information, directions, final dates and times. www.millerstropicals.com

FROM THE EDITOR

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

FEBRUARY 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Jan	29	30	31	1 Feb	2	3
4	5	6 BCOS Board of Directors Meeting. 6:45pm . at the Satellite Beach Library	7	8	9 Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show	10 Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show and the Boca Raton Orchid Society Show
11 Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show and the Boca Raton Orchid Society Show	12	13 BCOS Meeting. AHF Hall, Melb Village 7:30pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	1 March	2	3

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

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