
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 Monday at 7:30 P.M in the Satellite Beach Municipal Auditorium at the Civic Center, 565 Cassia Blvd, Satellite Beach, Florida.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our society is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization, with elected officers and a board of directors. It is our responsibility to conduct society business in accordance with the laws of the state. We will endeavor to schedule shows, monthly programs, trips, and social functions in accordance with the wishes of society members. However, make no mistake about it; to schedule these functions is easy, to execute them takes a lot of effort by a lot of people.

I will personally take on the challenge of getting more people to participate. I recently read of some research done on "Volunteer organizations", such as BCOS, which revealed that typically only five percent of the members actually volunteer to do things.

People are reluctant to stick up their hands and agree to take on a task. Most are afraid of accepting responsibility they can't handle. Since I don't expect this to change, don't be surprised when I tap you on the shoulder and ask you to help us with something. I will not ask anyone to do anything they are not capable of doing.

As vice president, Judy Law will schedule monthly programs. She offered attendees at the January meeting an opportunity to provide inputs. An overwhelming request was to have more programs that provide cultural information for members with limited experience growing orchids. This is an excellent request, because that probably means the majority of our members. This will become a high priority.

Another issue raised by some members is that they think having too many outside speakers (who sell plants) is bad, because members can't sell their plants. I believe having good speakers, who share a wealth of knowledge with us, benefits far more people than the few who are inconvenienced. If enough of you speak up, I may find that I am wrong. Nevertheless, to address those who do think this is a problem, we will attempt to have at least half of our programs in a manner that permits plant sales. I will also take on the challenge of trying to bring the annual plant raffle back to life. That will permit members to sell a fair number of their extra plants, hopefully at the April meeting.

Here's wishing you and yours a mild February.

Vern Bloch

BACK TO BASICS

We've had some requests to offer more information on basic orchid culture. I would like to run the following thought up the flagpole: one-half hour beginner classes, starting at 6:45, preceding most regular programs, which start at 7:30. For starters, I'll present a series called "Back to basics". If we generate enough interest, we can expand to other speakers. The question is: How many people are interested in showing up early enough to participate? We won't be able to do this every month, but we can probably fit it in four or five times a year. I plan to present this idea at the February meeting.

Vern Bloch

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

"What's wrong with my orchid?"

A power point presentation by Vern Bloch takes a look at problems caused by improper culture, pests and disease, and addresses ways to avoid or minimize them. **MEMBER PLANT SALES ARE PERMITTED.**

Vern Bloch

NO BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 1, 2007

The meeting was cancelled due to New Years.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

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

Vern Bloch, BCOS President

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We send our sympathy to BCOS Board Member Kathryn Merry at the passing of her sister-in-law, Madeline Schmitt of South Carolina. Kathryn was unable to attend many recent board meetings, as she spent much time with her sister-in-law in South Carolina prior to her passing.

We send our sincere condolences to BCOS Secretary April Graham and her husband Eric on the passing of April's Mother, Darlene Krewson. Darlene passed away on Monday, the 28th of January after a prolonged battle with cancer. Our hearts go out to you.

Our thoughts for a full recovery go out to Betty Los, who suffered an injury from a fall last month. Betty was hospitalized for a week and is now recovering at home with Al's help. Get better soon.

Everyone will be happy to know that Cori Summerset is recovering very nicely from the serious accident and injury she suffered to both ankles last October. Cori has exhibited a positive attitude and shown great courage and dedication to overcoming this ordeal. She is now swimming about a half mile daily and is back to volunteering again. Good going Cori!

More good news! It's official! Tracy Adams and Gary Tyler are engaged to marry. It is to be an extended engagement, so the wedding date has not been set. I'm sure that

all of the members of the BCOS wish Tracy and Gary much happiness in their married life.

The Brevard County Orchid Society would like to express caring and concern to any member or their immediate family who is ill, or in need of care. We are also happy to announce and celebrate joyful events. Please get in touch with the Sunshine Committee if you know of anyone who should be remembered or contacted, and let us know about events worth celebrating.

Chairman, Sunshine Committee.

Elaine Chambers, 321-213-6341

WE'RE MOVING

Starting this month, the BCOS General Membership Monthly Meeting will move to the Satellite Beach Municipal Auditorium at the Civic Center, 565 Cassia Blvd, Satellite Beach, and the meetings will change from the second Tuesday of the month to the second **Monday** of the month.

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, February 5th at 6:45 PM at the Satellite Beach Library.

GENERAL MEETING. The next meeting of the BCOS general membership will be held on **Monday**, February 11th beginning at 7:30PM, at the Satellite Beach Municipal Auditorium.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

February 8-10

Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show, Festival Bay Mall, 5250 International Drive, Orlando, FL. Contact: Joy Prince, 4143 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32804 (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. The list is on the web page. Please feel free to contact me about the library.

Helga Lamb 773-5713

FEBRUARY 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

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