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# Brevard County Orchid Society

## Bulletin – January

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 P.M in the American Homestead Foundation Building, 535 Hammock Rd., Melbourne Village Florida.

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our members a Happy New Year; I hope your holidays were merry and fill with joy and good fun.

May 2006 be a great year and a hurricane free year.

The Christmas party was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. I want to thank all the volunteers who gave so freely of their time, ideas, plants and flowers to help to make the party so great. A thank you to Linell Anderson for her plants and ideas for the decorations. A special thanks to Fran Weber for all her time and dedication in making our party such a success. Thanks to Joe Bryson who provided the entertainment, also to Simone Spiess and Fred Zepf for the

slide show. For those who could not attend the 2005 Service award winners were: Jamie Lawson, Fran Weber, Fred Zepf and Joan and Art Pappas. A plaque was present with the names of all service award winners from 2003, 2004 and 2005. The plaque will be displayed at all BCOS functions and meetings. The board of directors also awarded Life Membership to Joe Grezaffi, Joe and Boon Bryson, Phyllis Sumner, Vern and Helen Bloch, Marie Williams, and Dave MacDonald for their dedication and years of commitment to our society.

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.

See you at the next meeting!

Julie Zepf, President, BCOS

## **PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE BCOS BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 6, 2005**

### ***Introduction:***

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brevard County Orchid Society was held at the Brevard County Public Library in Melbourne Beach on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 6:45 PM. Attendees were Julie Zepf, Fran Weber, Ron Johnson, Bill Lambert, Dave Siegrist, Ed Dunham, Joe Bryson, Simone Spiess and Terry Copija

### ***Minutes:***

Minutes for November were handed out by Terry Copija and subsequently reviewed and approved by the board.

### ***Treasurer's Report:***

November Treasurer's Report was handed out by Fran Weber and was subsequently reviewed and approved by the board. Total Assets are currently \$16,188.56 for a 4.0% increase over last year.

### ***Correspondence:***

'December in Your Orchid Collection' received from Martin notes.

### ***Old Business:***

1. Update on Fall Fair by Julie. Fall Fair showed a net of 4,097.58. Total attendance was 1052 plus 61 members free.
2. Discussion of budget for 2006 Fall Fair. Vendor 'Hicks Orchid Supplies' made a request for a different location for their booth next year.
3. Discussion of the use of the Azan Shrine as past, present, and future facility for the BCOS shows.
4. Motion for one time donation of \$500.00 to be made to the Azan Shrine for their goodwill toward BCOS by Ed Dunham and

seconded by Bill Lambert. Approved by the Board.

5. Motion made by Joe Bryson to approve the 2006 Fall Fair budget, seconded by Fran Weber. Approved by the Board.

6. Christmas party update and discussion. Motion made by Joe Bryson for the board to approve additional \$85.00 for pie and ice cream for the BCOS Christmas party dinner, seconded by Ron Johnson. Approved by the Board.

7. Request from Fran Weber for blooms and blooming plants for use to decorate the BCOS Christmas party, and volunteers to help starting at 10:00am the morning of the party.

8. Joe Bryson to pick up plants to be used as gifts for the Christmas party. Plants to cost \$8.00 each including tax.

9. Joe Bryson to prepay for 4 plants to be use as award plants and be reimbursed. Plants not to exceed \$50.00 each.

10. Annual Service Award plaque to be cherry wood with dark lettering on brass plates for names. Plaque will be 16 x 20 and will hold 60 name plates. Plaque chosen by the committee of Joe Bryson, Ed Dunham, and Ron Johnson and to be made by Carlson's Trophy Shop. Should be ready for the Christmas party.

11. Review and revision of the 2005 certificates for service awards.

12. Sample sew-out of embroidery design to be used on new BCOS shirts presented to the board by Terry Copija. Discussion followed. Sample sew-out to be presented to Joe Grezaffi at the BCOS Christmas party.

13. Life Members membership cards reviewed.

14. Motion made by Terry Copija and seconded by Simone Spiess to award Life Membership in BCOS to Marie Williams. Award to be presented at the Christmas party. Approved by the Board.

15. Discussion of Life Members being listed on the front of the newsletter.

16. Discussion and revision of the Life Members certificate.

**New Business:**

1. Ed Dunham and Julie Zepf to proof read newsletters for Dave Siegrist prior to them going out.
2. Request from Dave Siegrist that attachments by email for the newsletter to be sent separately, not as multiplies in one email.
3. 2006 BCOS board meetings to be held at Satellite Beach Library.

**On Going Subjects:**

1. New members name badges previewed by board members. Suggestion to enlarge names in future printings.
2. Audit on going.
3. Job Description of Hospitality position being researched by Ed Dunham. Recommendation for paragraph to be written defining position and possibly added to the By Laws.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Terry Copija.

**JANUARY PROGRAM**

The January Program will be the Annual "Expert Panel" covering a wide range of topics such as Winter care of Orchids, Pests and Diseases, specific genera, and any special questions from the membership on Orchids in general. Panel members include Ron Johnson on Cattleyas, Jamie Lawson on Catesetums, Mormodes, and Paphiopedilums, and Joe Bryson on Dendrobiums, Vandas, and Phalaenopsis. Any other genera will be covered as requested. Should be a great learning opportunity and good fun. See you all there and please come prepared to share your experiences and bring questions.

Joe Bryson

**BUS TRIP TO MIAMI SHOW**

The bus has been completely sold out so now all we have to do is sit back and wait till the 28<sup>th</sup> of January when we will start on our

exciting trip. To make sure that everyone will be at the right place at the right time please read carefully.

We will meet between 6:30 – 6:45 am at Perimeter Center, located at the northeast corner of John Rhodes Blvd. and Eau Gallie Blvd. The bus will leave promptly at 6:45...there will be no exceptions!

Refreshments will be served on the bus going down and coming back. There will be a restroom on board but the bus always has a brief stop mid-way so you can get out and stretch your legs or get that cup of coffee. We will be showing a movie for your enjoyment...all the comforts of home.

Our return arrival time ranges from 7:30 – 8:30 pm typically.

Should you have any questions please call Fran Weber @255-2271.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2006**

The new 2006 board elected at the November 8, 2005 general meeting

*President:* Julie Zepf (777-9837)

*Vice President:* Joe Bryson (777-6282)

*Secretary:* Tami Salazar (724-0303)

*Treasurer:* Fran Weber (255-2271)

*Editor of the BCOS Newsletter:* Dave Siegrist (254-4645)

*Trustees:*

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**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 January meeting or mail your check to:

Fran Weber  
4909 Rosewood Lane  
Melbourne, FL 32940

## **FALL SHOW AWARDS**

### ***The Best of Class Awards***

At our 45<sup>th</sup> Fall Orchid Fair we had judging of BCOS member plants. The following are all the award and ribbon winners:

*Best Dendrobium:* Den. Youppadewan owned by Steve DeSorbo

*Best Cattleya:* BC Donna Kimora 'ParadiseTami' AM/AOS owned by William Oquendo

*Best Vanda:* Vasco. Pine River 'Blue' owned by Joan Pappas

*Best Phalaenopsis:* Phal. Little Emperor 'M' owned by John Olsson

*Best Oncidium:* Colmanara Cherry Pop owned by John Olsson

*Best Other Genera:* Cycnoches Gene E. Monnier owned by Julie Zepf

*Best of the Fair:* BC Donna Kimora 'ParadiseTami' AM/AOS owned by William Oquendo

### ***Ribbons Awarded***

Steve DeSorbo – 1 first

William Oquendo – 1 first

Joan Pappas – 1 first, 2 second, 1 third

George Parish – 1 second

Darrell Thimlar – 1 second, 1 third

Julie Zepf – 1 first

John Olsson – 2 first, 2 second

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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

**Rose R. Roe**

749 Floyd Bennett Drive, Melbourne, FL 32901

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, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45 PM at the Satellite Beach Library.

**GENERAL MEETING.** The next meeting of the BCOS general membership will be held on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30PM. At the AHF Hall, Melbourne Village.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA**

**January 28-29**

**Miami International Orchid Festival**

Contact: Martin Motes, 25000 SW 162 Ave., Homestead, FL 33031;

(305) 243-2534; [vandas@mindspring.com](mailto:vandas@mindspring.com)

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> century with E-Newsletter.

## 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

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## JANUARY IN YOUR ORCHID COLLECTION

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January is somewhat like December but in reverse, with each succeeding day bringing longer hours of sunlight until days are long enough that afternoons return at the end of the month bringing extra sunshine to warm us after the extra sharp cold snaps. January, like December, is cold and dry, in fact even colder and drier. Dry is good, cold can be very bad. We need to accentuate the positive by especially careful watering in January. By keeping our plants as dry as possible and spacing our waterings as far apart as possible, we conserve our potential to use water to protect our plants from the cold, keeping our powder dry, as it were. In January water early, water thoroughly when you do and do so sparingly. The cooler overall temperatures of January are much less dehydrating even to plants that have received less water. Remember, many of our orchids come from seasonally dry and cool climates not so different from South Florida. They are equipped to handle the drier cooler conditions. Good strategy is to "top-up" the light watering that our plants receive with the passing showers that each successive cold front brings. This may prove to be all the watering that many genera need. Such parsimony preserves the possibility of using water on truly cold nights to warm our plants.

Water is the only feasible source of heat available to plants grown in the open, under trees, in shade houses or on patios in South Florida. Ground water here (and in most of the rest of the world is about 63 F. (16C). Water out of municipal systems is not far different. On truly cold nights turning on the water can be of great benefit to our plants, provided that they have not been over-watered in the days and weeks preceding thus inviting the ever-present fungi to do more damage than the cold. For this reason as well, in general, orchids are better off dry until temperatures approach frost or freezing. The logic for maintaining plants dry is not only to minimize fungal problems but also because cold air is typically very dry air. If plants are wet in very dry and rapidly moving air say 10 or more MPH, evaporative cooling can take place, chilling our orchids further and faster than they would if dry. When the water goes on it needs to be in heavy volume and it needs to stay on to keep the plants thoroughly bathed in its warmth. Very still air on the other hand, presents a different danger as frost is possible at temperatures higher than is commonly realized. In calm air frost can form at higher elevations and settle in on plants while the surface temperature is only in the upper 30's. The best forecast for nights when the temperature will hover near 40 is a light wind of 2-5 miles per hour. This mixes the warm air near the surface and draws warm from the earth. Clear, cloudless, still nights with bright shining stars elevate the spirit but harbingers frost.

Forecasts of temperatures below 40 F should stimulate us to action.

If it is not practical to bring all the *Phalaenopsis*, *Vandas* and hard cane *Dendrobiums* into the house or garage, think of using water to help protect them. Shade cloth or even patio screen hold in a surprising amount of heat like an lacy Mantilla. Under screen, a fine mist head attached to a hose and left running beneath the bench or plant rack will provide several degrees of additional warmth that will often sufficiently temper the chill and ward off any light frost settling in.

Growers with swimming pools frequently turn on the recirculating pump to keep a supply of warm water near the pool's surface where it can add heat to the ambient environment. A few degrees of warmth frequently makes all the difference to our sensitive orchids. In more open areas not protected by a permanent irrigation system, an oscillating sprinkler at the end of a garden hose is very effective. These are readily available at Home Depot and garden shops for a few dollars. On frosty nights, start the water at bedtime and let it run until the sun is up. The extra water once or twice in a month will do no harm to orchids that have been properly and judiciously watered the remainder of the month. In fact, these occasions present the opportunity to be sure that excess fertilizer salts have been leached from the pots and medium. A good work can be born of necessity!

Remember that Himalayan dendrobiums and "warm growing" *Cymbidium* hybrids will positively relish temperatures down to 32F and a light frost is just the ticket for great bloom. Keep the water off these!

In the drought of January, mites, which affect nearly all genera of orchids, continue to be a serious problem that will only get worse. They will reach a crescendo in March and April but January is a good time to scotch them. Paphiopedilum and other softy leaved genera are particularly susceptible but no genus is free of them. One theory on why deciduous genera such as *Catasetum*, *Calanthe* and others lose their leaves hypothesizes that this totally rids them of mites.

Being totally rid of mites is a good thing! Sometimes easier said than done because mites reproduce with such voluminous speed. Their life cycle from egg to reproductive adult being is as short as twelve days. In order to control mites one must achieve as total a kill of the population as possible. This can only be done with two successive sprays. After spraying for mites initially, one *must* spray again in 7 -10 days.

No single spray is totally effective in killing both adults and eggs and a second spraying is necessary to kill any survivors before they can reproduce. Oil as recommended in the December Newsletter at 1.5 oz per gal followed in 7-10 days by soap at the rate of 2 oz per gallon is very effective. These treatments are also quite effective against scale and mealy bugs, which thrive on drought as well. Be sure your plants are well watered the day before applying both oil and soap and be sure that you cover thoroughly all leaf surfaces especially the lower ones. For those who wish to be more aggressive, the University of Florida IFAS recommended chemicals for mite control are:

Avid 0.15 EC

Kelthane T/O

Mavarik Aquaflow

Talstar Flowable

Always follow label instructions for use. Any of the can be alternated with the soap or the oil.

Controlling mites pays huge dividends! You'll be surprised at the extra vigor your plants display.

## JANUARY 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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