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# Brevard County Orchid Society

## Bulletin – June

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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**

It's Sunday May 21, 2006 and I'm sitting at my computer writing this message letting my feet recover from just a wonderful day at the Redlands Orchid Festival. It was just a perfect trip. The weather was great, the festival had 61 wonderful vendors and everyone who attended had a great time. We all have great new additions to orchid collections. I want to thank the trip committee for they hard work in making the trip such a success. Thanks to Elaine Chambers, Tracy Adams and Pam Ahonen, applause for such an enjoyable and rewarding trip from all the attendees.

Our 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Orchid Fair was a huge success, when all the final numbers are in the society will net over \$3,900.00. The raffle sales set another record at \$1,407. A big

thanks to the fair committee and the many volunteers that gave so freely of their ideas, time and hard work to make the fair such a success. With the money made at the fairs we can continue to get great outside speakers for our monthly meetings. Last year we had 5 outside speakers this year we have 6 planned.

**BCOS Dates to Remember:** Saturday September 23 our picnic at Paradise Beach Park, November 4 and 5, 2006 our 46<sup>th</sup> Fall Orchid Fair and December 12, 2006 our annual Christmas party. So mark these important BCOS dates on your calendars now so you don't miss any of the fun

See you at the next meeting!

Julie Zepf, President, BCOS

## **PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE BCOS BOARD MEETING ON MAY 2, 2006**

### **INTRODUCTION**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brevard County Orchid Society was held at the Satellite Beach Library on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Attendees were: Julie Zepf, Joe Bryson, Dave Siegrist, Lorna Mazza, Fran Weber, Elaine Chambers, Helga Lamb and Tami Salazar.

### **REVIEW OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes for April were reviewed and approved as presented.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

April Treasurer's Report was handed out by Fran Weber, subsequently reviewed, and approved by the board. Total assets are currently \$18,230.62 for a 41% increase over last year.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. May in Your Orchid Collection by Dr. Martin Motes.
2. The Volusia Orchidist newsletter.
3. E-Mail from Marty Krol introducing the WWW.Orchidboard.com
4. E-mail from Marty Krol wanting to advertise in our newsletter. Board approved to allow for free.
5. Baldan Orchids requesting to be added to our Fair lists. Approved by the board.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on BCOS shirts. The shirts are in and will be available for pick up at the next meeting and also at the Spring fair.
2. Badges. The list of current members has been given to Tami.
3. Spring Orchid Fair. Byrds cancelled, and have been replaced with Indian River Orchids, who will bring fee on May 05, 2006.
4. Fair Policies. A document will be prepared to be given to future vendors with formal invitations. Included in this document

will be fees and expectations. Expected date of completion is July 15, 2006.

5. Redlands. The bus is full and all are paid.
6. Refreshments. No one has volunteered, board will only provide drinks.
7. Website. Official website is [www.thebcos.org](http://www.thebcos.org) hosted by Devotion Media at \$35.00 per year for site. Some items to be included are: Bylaws, Standing Rules, Library list, winners of plants from general meetings, newsletter and archives, links.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

1. By-laws. No changes
2. Standing Rules. Minor changes to 1. and 10.b. Joe will finish and present for approval.
3. Audit. The board has decided to gather bids from independent auditors. Julie and Joe will get bids from Accountants.
4. Sunshine/Hospitality. Elaine is working on a rewrite to combine these two.
5. Library. The updated list is in progress and should be ready by June.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Tami Salazar, Secretary

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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

#### **Linda Busshaus**

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#### **Margie Kelly**

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**Chuck & Jeannette Carey**

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**Deb & Sarah Kelley**

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**Sharon & Fred Carroccio**

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**Tina & Terry Overly**

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**New Junior Member:**

Briana Bruneau

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

Julie Zepf, BCOS President

**JUNE PROGRAM**

The speaker for June is Phillip Hamilton. Phillip is the son of Claude Hamilton of Hamlyn Orchids in Jamaica. He graduated from University of Florida with a BSc and MS in Environmental Horticulture and has grown up with orchids. Phillip is an Accredited Judge of the American Orchid Society and is employed by DeLeon's Bromeliads as the Head Grower for their Mount Dora, Florida facility. At DeLeon's, he manages 7.75 acres (soon to be 12.25 acres) of mainly Phalaenopsis production and hybridizing. Phillip will speak about the Jamaican genus Broughtonia and its species and hybrids. Broughtonia is a close relative to Cattleyas

and readily hybridizes with most other genera in the Cattleya alliance. This will be a great presentation and I hope everyone can make it.

Phillip will not be bringing plants for sale, so **Members sales will be allowed.**

Joe Bryson

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

It is with deep sorrow that we report **Lu Donnelly** passed away on May 21<sup>st</sup> after contending with a medical condition that kept her homebound and under extensive medical treatment for over two years. Lu was a long-time BCOS member and was very active in our Society, contributing much time and energy to our many activities. For years Lu and Dave MacDonald were in charge of Raffle Sales at the Society's annual Fun Fairs and Orchid Shows. Each year we looked forward to the February BCOS meetings when Lu, along with life companion, Dave MacDonald and Lu's daughter, Myrtle Cook volunteered to provide refreshments for the Society. It was always a sumptuous display of food and friendship. Funeral services are to be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> in Lu's hometown of Meriden Connecticut. Sympathy cards can be sent to Dave MacDonald at 1308 Polebrook Rd., Melbourne, FL. 32901 and Myrtle Cook, 642 Johnson Ave., Meriden, CT. 06451.

**Ed Dunham** recently spent 9 days in the hospital after extensive surgery in early May. Ed is currently recovering at home with the help of his wife, Bettye and reports that he is much improved and making progress back to good health. We miss his presence and sound advice at Board and Society meetings and look forward to his return.

Life Member, **Marie Williams's** health is steadily improving after her surgery and she is now able to shop and get around on her own. We were glad to see **Janet Brubaker** at our Orchid Fair earlier this month and our best wishes are sent her way.

We also send greetings to **Barbara Tenn**, who has been staying close to home because of her health issues. Barbara was

always a regular at meetings and a willing volunteer at Society functions, and we miss her.

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

## **BUS TRIP TO REDLAND ORCHID FESTIVAL**

Most of the BCOS members attending the Redland Orchid Festival were awake and waiting for the bus when it arrived at 6:15 am on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to transport us to the Show. As Fate would have it, two of our Prominent Members were delayed because their car would not start. The rest of us resignedly waited until cars were changed, since our ice and ice chests were in peril of not arriving until this action was taken.

All kidding aside, the ride down was long, but we were all in good company and good cheer. We ate muffins and drank orange juice, snacked, conversed and watched a movie to pass the time.

The Festival again lived up to its reputation as the Largest Orchid Show in Florida, with a myriad of choice orchids (especially rarely seen species) and orchid-related products. The Show Display Tent, filled with judged orchids, was enough to set the heart racing.

Yes, it was a hot Spring day, but we all enjoyed the hunt, bought more orchids than we planned, ate more ethnic foods and drinks than we planned and happily returned to the bus at 3:00pm. Well, most of us did. After the missing members were located, we started the trip home, ate, drank, conversed, watched a movie and arrived back in Melbourne about 7:30pm as planned.

Many thanks to the committee, who consisted of Tracy Adams, Pam Ahonen, Jo Ann Amos and Elaine Chambers for all of the planning and work involved. And many

thanks to the members who helped; Joe and Boon Bryson provided the ice, ice chest and a movie; Ron Johnson extracted the BCOS ice chest out of storage and cleaned it up for the trip; John and Barbara Fanning brought a movie, as did Tracy and Gary bring many movies for us to select from; most of the strong men in the group helped to load the refreshments on board and stow the many orchid plants in the lower bus compartments. We had a great bus driver and filled the storage areas to overflowing.

It was fun...let's do it again next year!

Elaine Chambers

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BCOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.** The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</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, June 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30PM. At the AHF Hall, Melbourne Village.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA**

### ***Orchid Culture Study Group of Florida***

The Orchid Culture Study Group of Florida (formerly the Slipper Orchid Study Group) will have an open house at the Flasking Lab In Micco on the Sebastian River this June 3rd. There will be plants for sale, culture seminars and potluck refreshments. The Flasking Lab will be open for visitors. Time will be from 11AM to 3PM. The Flasking Lab is located in Jackie & Jamie's Fish camp cottage in Micco just off the Sebastian River at 3900 Canal Drive, Micco. Bring a dish. You might want to carpool, as there is not much parking. We may have valet parking.

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**FROM THE EDITOR****WE HAVE A WEB PAGE NOW!**

[THEBCOS.ORG](http://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](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. The list is on the web page. Please feel free to contact me about the library.

Helga Lamb 773-5713

**WANTED:** Epi. Hokulea 'Super Red'  
Jo Ann Amos, 259-8585



**JUNE 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday | Saturday  |
|--------|--------|---|---|----------|--------|---|
| 28 May | 29     | 30  | 31  | 1 June   | 2      | 3<br>Orchid<br>Culture Study<br>Group of<br>Florida Open<br>House |
| 4      | 5      | 6<br>BCOS Board of<br>Directors<br>Meeting. 6:45pm<br>at Satellite<br>Beach Library.                  | 7<br>Vero Beach<br>Orchid Society<br>Meeting. Vero<br>Bch<br>Community<br>Center - 7:30pm | 8        | 9      | 10  |
| 11     | 12     | 13<br>BCOS Meeting.<br>AHF Hall, Melb<br>Village 7:30pm<br>*Central Florida<br>Orchid Society<br>Show | 14  | 15       | 16     | 17  |
| 18     | 19     | 20  | 21  | 22       | 23     | 24  |
| 25     | 26     | 27  | 28  | 29       | 30     | 1 Julv  |

\* 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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