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

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### **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Helen & I were out of the country for 17 days and had a shock coming back. We live in Malabar and were totally unaware of the fires that raged all around us while we were gone. Fortunately, we had some friends looking after our interests. We had no damage.

Back to orchids. The heat of summer is coming on fast. Make sure you’re not getting direct sunlight on your plants, other than early morning or late afternoon. Take the time to go out in the heat of day and grab hold of a couple of leaves. If they feel hot to your touch, you are about to damage your plant. Move them to a shadier location. If you grow under very bright conditions, you need good air flow to help dissipate the heat.

As it gets hotter, water evaporates more rapidly, especially if you do have good air flow, such as windy conditions. That may necessitate watering a little more frequently. This is especially so for mounted plants and plants in small containers. When the rains come, humidity will stay up, which will slow the rate of evaporation.

Don’t forget the fertilizer. As it gets hotter your plants consume more food. Follow your regular fertilizer regimen; don’t overdo it. More is not better. Too much can be worse than too little.

See you on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Vern Bloch

## JUNE PROGRAM

The June speaker will be Jamie Lawson. He will talk about growing Paphiopedilums in Florida. There will be **NO MEMBER PLANT SALES**.

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at the Satellite Beach Public Library. Vern Bloch, Fred Zepf, Julie Zepf, Dave Siegrist, April Graham, Kathryn Merry, Carol Hartgen, Lorna Mazza and Barbara Brackett were present.

The minutes from the April Board meeting were distributed by April Graham and reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Treasurer's Report for March was distributed by Lorna Mazza, reviewed corrections, and approved. The Treasure's Report for April was distributed by Lorna Mazza, reviewed, corrected, and approved. The report reflected that BCOS has total assets of \$18,323.14 – a decrease of -7.8% from last April.

### Old Business

1. Bus trips – Vern Bloch addressed with discussion of cost, time, ticket prices, etc. Possible bus trip ideas will be presented at May general meeting to see if enough members are interested.
2. Report on BCOS Bucks –April Graham and Terry Copija have met. April reports back with possible ideas as well as feedback from members. BCOS Bucks has been tabled.
3. Raffle Plants – April Graham stated that Palm Bay's Secret Garden will supply more raffle plants at the same price. April will acquire enough to supply raffle plants for the rest of the year.

### New Business

1. BCOS Fairs 2008 &2009 – Julie Zepf reported – The 2008 Spring fair vendors report good sales, the attendance was higher than previous shows and income also looks like it has increased. No final report available

yet. The 2008 Fall Fair will be held November 1-2 at the Melbourne Auditorium. There will be more room and vendors are signing up for more tables. Additional non grower vendors will be invited to join the fall fair.

2. Christmas Party 2008 – April Graham presents proposed budget for Christmas Party to be held at the Hilton Melbourne Beach on December 1, 2008. Board approved making deposit to hold facility, details will be decided at a later date.

3. Philosophical discussion on individual roles of President and Board – Vern Bloch presented views, ideas, possible changes to roles of the Board for discussion, thought and future discussion.

### Correspondence

South Florida Orchid Society – Speakers Day is October 5, 2008. The 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Miami International Orchid Show is February 27 – March 1, 2009. Selling "An Introduction to Orchids" for \$18.00, discounts for orders of 25 books.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

April Graham

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Cindy Dickenson  
Jeri Glynn-Ronaldson  
Yasmeen Griffin  
Harold Scurlock  
Kathleen Sebastiani  
Jon & Sandra Smith

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

Vern Bloch, BCOS President

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We send our condolences to Myrtle Cook, who lost two family members this past month. Myrtle's Uncle in Connecticut passed on first, and shortly thereafter her only brother, Jimmy passed away after an extended illness.

The Brevard County Orchid Society received a Thank You Note from Mrs. Alice Graham, Mother of D.X. Ross, who passed away in February 2008. Mrs. Graham thanked the Society for the sending the donation to Vistas Hospice in D. X's name, and she wrote "She loved her orchids and she loved her friends."

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.

Elaine Chambers  
Sunshine Committee  
321-213-6341

## BCOS GOING TO ORCHTOBERFEST!

I am pleased to announce that the BCOS is planning a trip to EFG Orchids for their Orchtobefest show! Join us for a great outing to Deland, Florida to visit one of our regular vendors at our shows. George Hausermann is planning on inviting nationally and regionally renowned commercial growers to this great show. In addition to the varied, unique quality of EFG, he has already invited Cal Orchids and has asked the BCOS for other suggestions on orchid vendors. We will take a bus to the show, see the show link at <http://www.efgorchids.com/octoberfest.htm>

and enjoy a quick trip leaving at 8am and returning well before dinner. The cost is \$31 per person and covers the bus and a tip for the driver. We might be able to squeeze in a short movie and maybe have some soft drinks on the way home. We need 32 people to sign up and pay to make this trip affordable and enjoyable. What a great day

to spend time with your orchid friends. 16 persons have already signed up, so don't delay.

Plans are to invite the Platinum Coast Orchid Society after the July general meeting if enough BCOS folks don't sign up. Give me a call if you have any questions, 626-9883.

Ron Fischer

BCOS Bus Trip Coordinator

## THE BEST OF CLASS AWARDS

At our 15<sup>th</sup> Spring Orchid Fair there was judging of BCOS member plants. I want to congratulate all the winners for their great entries. There were 73 orchids entered this year for judging, the most ever. We had plants registered by 18 members with 50% of the registrants receiving a cash award. I want to thank Mary and Steve DeSorbo for their hard work and creative talent in arranging and decorating the room. It was just wonderful.

The following are all the award and ribbon winners:

**Best Paphiopedilum:** Phrag. Noirmant owned by Dave Riches

**Best Dendrobium:** Den. Dawn Maree owned by John & Deanna Peltier

**Best Vanda:** Ascda. Guo Chia Long owned by William Oquendo

**Best Phalaenopsis:** Phal. Long Pride Elegance owned by Mary & Steve DeSorbo

**Best Oncidium:** Onc. sphacelatum owned by JoAnn Amos

**Best Other Genera:** Eulophia spectabilis owned by Dave Siegrist

**Best Cattleya Large (> 4"):** Blc. Guanmiau City 'Black Ruby' owned by Ron Johnson

**Best Cattleya Small (≤ 4"):** Blc. Solar Flare 'Paradise' owned by Eric & April Graham

**Best Epidendrum:** Eplc. Charlie Brown owned by Ginny Oliphant

**Best Encyclia:** Enc. alata owned by John & Deanna Peltier

**Culture Award:** Paph. Green Envy owned by Dave Riches

**Best of the Fair:** Blc. Solar Flare 'Paradise' owned by Eric & April Graham

## RIBBONS AWARDED

Steve & Mary DeSorbo – 1 first, 2 third  
 Ron Johnson – 1 first  
 Dave Siegrist - 1 first  
 Ed Hamel – 1 second  
 William Oquendo – 1 first, 1 second  
 Jo Ann Amos – 1 first, 2 second  
 Carol Hartgen – 1 third  
 John & Deanna Peltier – 2 first, 2 second, 2 third  
 Dave Riches – 2 first, 3 second  
 Ginny Oliphant – 1 first, 1 third  
 Maria Petchenkina – 1 third  
 Eric & April Graham – 1 first  
 Janis Walters – 1 third  
 Craig Helpling – 1 third  
 Ruth Larson – 1 second

## CENTRAL FLORIDA ORCHID SOCIETY OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Central Florida Orchid Society has established a \$3,000 scholarship to encourage students to pursue careers in Agriculture & Life Sciences to begin in the Fall of 2009. To be eligible, the student must be a U.S. citizen, have a permanent residence in Polk, Lake, Osceola, Brevard, Seminole or Volusia counties. They must also be an upper level student and must attend an accredited college or university full-time.

They are looking for a good number of applicants from Orchid Societies in Central Florida. The application can be accessed on their website at, [www.cflorchidsociety.org](http://www.cflorchidsociety.org) then click on the Scholarship banner on the lower left-hand side of the front page. The dead line for application submission is February 15, 2009. Their decision will be made soon thereafter so the student can factor the scholarship into his or her planning.

Julie Zepf AOS Rep

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**BCOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.** The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 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 **Monday**, June 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30PM, at the Satellite Beach Municipal Auditorium.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

Nothing for June.

## FROM THE EDITOR

[THEBCOS.ORG](http://THEBCOS.ORG) is the address for the New Brevard County Orchid Society Web page. 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.

## 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

## JUNE 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

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