

# Brevard County Orchid Society

## Bulletin – March

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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.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The preparations are under way for our 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Orchid Fair. Please volunteer and help make our fair a success. BCOS is a volunteer organization, for our events to be successful we need all of our members to volunteer and give a little of their time. Please just give an hour or two on either Saturday or Sunday. The volunteer book will be passed around at both the March 14 and April 11 meetings. Our fair is Saturday May 6, 2006 and Sunday May 7, 2006 with set up on Friday May 5, 2006. If you would like to volunteer and will not be at the next meetings please call me at 777-9837. If you are not sure about the tasks to volunteer for there is a write up about them in this newsletter and I will be explaining in more detail at the next meeting for our new members. You can also

call me at any time. Volunteering is a great way to meet other members and the vendors. It's fun and you will learn a lot. We will also be giving out road signs at the April 11 meeting to be put out on May 1. If everyone who attends just takes a few we should be able to get them all out. Please see Fred Zepf for signs and locations.

One of our Fair vendors for many years Lazy Daze Orchids is closing their greenhouses and going out of business. They have over 25,000 orchids to sell and the prices are great. If anyone is interested they are open each weekend. Please call them at 772-220-9744 at the greenhouse or Kent's cell is 772-215-3577 for the hours and directions.

Important BCOS Dates to put on your 2006 calendar: May 6 and 7 our Spring

Orchid Fair, November 4 and 5 our Fall Orchid Fair.

See you at the next meeting!

Julie Zepf, President, BCOS

**PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE BCOS BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 7, 2006**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brevard County Orchid Society was held at the Brevard County Public Library in Satellite Beach on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 6:45 PM. Attendees were Julie Zepf, Fran Weber, Dave Siegrist, Joe Bryson, Lorna Mazza, Simone Spiess, Helga Lamb, and Terry Copija.

Due to Tami Salazar’s absence, the January meeting minutes will be presented, reviewed and approved by the Board at the March meeting.

Fran presented the Treasurer’s Report on the December 2005 and January 2006 Financial Statements, which were subsequently reviewed and approved by the Board. Total Assets are currently at \$13,557.51, reflecting a 30.3% increase over January 2005. Fran also presented the Profit and Loss Statement for January through December 2005, for review.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. February in Your Orchid Collection by Dr. Martin Motes
2. AOS Members Meeting in Orlando – April 5-9, 2006
3. NCB Freight – specializes in orchid import for foreign vendors for a show

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Terry Copija gave an update on the BCOS official shirt.
  - The Board picked our standard society shirt. Members will have two color choices of polo shirts, i.e., white and yellow. Men’s shirts will have a pocket. Names opposite the BCOS logo will be optional. Suggested prices

are \$24 (ladies’) and \$25 (men’s) plus tax.

- Terry will take orders for the Society at the March General Meeting. She will have samples of the shirts available.
  - Sew Special will be at the April General Meeting to take special orders. Only two polo shirts and nothing else with a collar will be used for special orders. However, for other items, the Board approved the suggestion not to restrict where the society logo should be placed.
2. Julie went over the Committees for 2006. The Board reviewed some changes including:
    - Meeting Refreshment Committee – Joe Bryson, Fran Weber and Helga Lamb volunteered as backup for Lorna Mazza.
    - Special Event Committee – We still need a Chair for this committee. Pam offered to help.
    - Publications Committee – We need a Distribution Backup (when Jo Ann is not available)
  3. Terry reviewed the issue on new name badges. Every member should wear name badges. Julie will contact Tami to discuss the need for more badges and holders.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Spring Orchid Fair – The Board recommended the displays and judging be the same for both the spring and fall shows. In addition, the list of vendors was reviewed and the budget for the Spring Orchid Fair was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes were taken by Lorna Mazza, for Tami Salazar.

**MARCH PROGRAM**

The March presentation will be Part 1 of a series on Pests & Diseases of Orchids. This presentation is a digital slide show of Orchid pests and fungal and bacterial diseases, their symptoms and current methods of controlling them. Slides show photographs of each pest

and of their symptoms and effects on the plants. Hope for discussion and control that various members have used. Future presentations will complete the series with more on fungus and bacteria and, more specifically, on viral diseases and their control.

### **No member sales would be appreciated.**

Joe Bryson

### **THEIR HERE!!!!**

At last the new Society shirts are done! They are worth the wait. We will have samples of the new BCOS shirts at the March 14, 2006 meeting. Shirts with the new official BCOS logo will be available at the March meeting to view and purchase. Shirts will be available in men and women's sizing; and men will have a pocket option. All shirts will be available in two colors options either white or yellow with the society logo. You may have your shirt personalized with your name. Terry Copjia will start taking orders for the polo shirts at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:30pm. Please have payment in the form of check or cash ready when ordering. The price for women's and men's XS-XL is \$25.00, the men's with a pocket XS-XL \$27.00. All sizes larger than XL add an additional \$2.00 per shirt. If you would like to have your name added it's an additional \$2.00. Checks should be made payable to Sew Special Embroidery. At this time we will only be selling the society shirts at the meetings. If you would like the society logo on other items such as sweatshirts, caps, denim shirts and jackets, totes, etc, they will be available for order from Sew Special Embroidery at the Spring Orchid Fair May 6 and 7, 2006.

### **13<sup>TH</sup> SPRING ORCHID FAIR**

The Brevard County Orchid Society's 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Orchid Fair will be the weekend of May 6 and 7, 2006. As usual, we are looking for volunteers for help make the Orchid Fair a success. The following describes some of the help that will needed for our fair to be a success:

**Publicity:** We will be advertising in the newspapers, with road signs, on the radio and television, but a way all of you can help with this is to get the word out through our flyers. We will be making them available to you at the April 11, 2006 general meeting. If every member could distribute as many as possible it would greatly support the cause. Ask your doctor, dentist, grocery store, health club, beauty shop, library, workplace, etc, if they would permit you to put one up either in their window, on a bulletin board or on a counter. Keep a few in you car and where ever you go just ask if you can put one up. Just tell them we are a non-profit organization and you will be surprised at how many will say yes. For those more energetic folks, you may wish to take a bunch and go around to some different places of business to help get a wider distribution. We need all of you to help with this effort.

The following tasks will run 1 or 2 hour shifts:

**Admission:** We need volunteers to sit at the door and collect admission. This does entail handling money.

**Hospitality:** We will need folks to sit at the society table to hand out culture sheets and encourage people to join our society.

**Plant Raffle:** We will be raffling off blooming orchids and supplies donated by our 16 vendors and orchid related items donated by members. We need volunteers to explain the process to people and sell as many raffle tickets as possible. Again this entails handling money.

**Workshop Room Monitor:** This entails being in the room during the workshop and assisting the speaker if needed, closing doors, getting anything the speaker may need and just being a extra pair of hands to ensure the workshop goes smoothly.

The following are not difficult tasks, and won't take a lot of your time:

**Set-up/Tear-down:** This entails putting skirts on tables (which are already in place), hanging the vendors name signs, assisting

vendors to get their plants and supplies unloaded and setup. At the end the process is reversed. Set-up is Friday May 5, 2006 at 3:00 pm, tear-down is Sunday May 7, 2006 at 4:00 pm.

**Raffle Prize Delivery:** This entails coming Sunday May 7, 2006 after the fair has closed and taking two or three of the raffle prizes and delivering them to the winners. We will try to match the winner's address with the volunteers. The raffle committee will have gotten directions for the volunteers.

Please think about volunteering for at least one of these activities. It takes all of you to make a fair a success. I will be passing the signup book around at both the March 14 and April 11 general meetings. Please volunteer!!

Thanks, Julie Zepf

## **WANTED ALL BLOOMING ORCHIDS**

At our Spring Orchid Fair May 6 and 7, 2006 there will be judging of all non-commercial orchids and cash prizes will be awarded. There will be ribbons and certificates awards in each category with a \$25.00 prize for the Best in each category. The orchid judged the Best in Fair will receive an additional \$25.00. All BCOS members are eligible to enter orchids for judging. Entries should be brought to the Azan Shrine Center, 1591 West Eau Gallie Blvd, in Melbourne on Friday May 5, 2006 between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. All plants will be inspected by the head of judging. A plant found to have any pest or disease will be rejected and not allowed to be entered. This is to protect all vendor and member plants in the display room, so please inspect your orchids before bring them for judging. The judging will take place at 9:00am on Saturday May 6, 2006, by a panel of selected BCOS members. So come enter as many orchids as you have in bloom, there is no limit. The following are the categories being judged: Cattleya, Dendrobium, Oncidium, Paphiopedilum, Phalaenopsis, Vanda and Other Genera. Come, enter your orchids and join the fun.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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

### **Jeanne & Henry Slaughter**

381 Dayton Blvd., Melbourne Village, FL 32904  
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Email: JeanneinFlorida@aol.com

### **Susan Baker**

220 Cocoa Avenue, Indialantic, FL 32903  
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### **Cathy Nance/Burns McArthur**

2904 S Fairway Drive, Melbourne, FL 32901  
(321) 956-9850 Phone  
Email: cjn@catbur.com

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.

I am happy to report that Lu Donnelly is doing better by the day and should be up and about again before too long.

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, March 7<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, March 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30PM. At the AHF Hall, Melbourne Village.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

### **61<sup>st</sup> Miami International Orchid Show**

The South Florida Orchid Society show will be open to the public March 3-5, 2006 at the Miami Beach Convention Center. For show information:

[www.SouthFloridaOrchidSociety.org](http://www.SouthFloridaOrchidSociety.org)

or call 305-255-3656

### **Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show**

The Port St. Lucie Orchid Society show will be open to the public March 10-12, 2006 at the Port St. Lucie Community Center. 2195 SE Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL.

Contact Laurie Hart 772-337-2126 or [paddy Laurie@bellsouth.net](mailto:paddy Laurie@bellsouth.net)

### **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden International Orchid Festival**

The show held at the gardens on March 31 – April 2, 2006.

Contact Claire Sidran 305-238-8762 or [cbsidran@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbsidran@bellsouth.net)

### **Central Florida Orchid Society 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Show**

The Central Florida Central show will be part of the AOS members meeting, the meeting is April 5-9, 2005 at the Walt Disney World Dolphin. The show is open to the public. For all the information:

[www.aosorchidmagic.com](http://www.aosorchidmagic.com)

or call Ed Gilliland 407-295-7667

### **Vero Beach Orchid Society Show**

The Vero Beach show will be open to the public, Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 10:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday, April 30, 2006, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at McKee Botanical Garden 350 US Highway 1.

Contact information: Jason or Wendy Griffin 772-563-0070. Admission \$6.00, \$5.00 seniors.

## **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Redland International Orchid Festival**

The Show will be open to the public May 19-21, 2006 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. There will be lectures and workshops on orchid care. Over 50 orchid growers from around the world. Admission is \$5.00. Fruit & Spice Park 24801 SW 187<sup>th</sup> Ave, Homestead FL, 33031. For more info

[www.redlandorchidfestival.org](http://www.redlandorchidfestival.org)

## **THE ZEN OF THE ORCHID CLUB**

### **By Carol Siegel**

For those of our member who don't receive the Orchid Digest the following was in the last issue and I thought everyone would enjoy reading. Julie Zepf

1. If you feed the members they will come.
2. The closer to an orchid show, the faster the flowers will fade.
3. The longer you grow orchids, the less you know.
4. No matter how orchids are grown, the next speaker will say it is wrong.
5. The more raffle tickets you buy, the less you win.
6. Scale always grows on the side of the orchid you don't look at.
7. Cinco de Mayo celebrations always occur on a meeting date.
8. Bud blast is living proof orchids have a sense of humor.
9. You can kill mealy bugs, but you cannot get rid of them.
10. Greenhouses are never big enough.
11. The more orchids you buy, the more you need.
12. No matter how big you club grows, ten people will always do most of the work.
13. Filling pot with orchid gives you more joy than smoking it.
14. Electricity always goes out on the hottest day of summer.
15. Small changes in culture makes big changes in flowers.

16. No matter where you sit at a meeting, the speaker will have his back to you.
17. An orchid expert is someone who has killed more than a thousand orchids.
18. The one doing the vacuuming is the president.
19. The greater the orchid passion, the flatter the wallet.
20. The student worries about the flowers. The master worries about the roots.
21. To flower an orchid is to have the human approach the divine.
22. No matter how crowded the growing space, there is always room for one more.
23. Shade cloth is always put up after the sunniest day of the year.
24. You can never be too thin, too rich, or have too many orchids.
25. If it looks too good, they just bought it.

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

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### **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

**Flasking Chamber**  
for Sale.  
Asking \$25  
Call **Al Loss** at 729-6389

### MARCH 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Feb	27	28	1 March	2	3 61 <sup>st</sup> Miami International Orchid Show	4 61 <sup>st</sup> Miami International Orchid Show
5 61 <sup>st</sup> Miami International Orchid Show	6	7 BCOS Board of Directors Meeting. 6:45pm at Satellite Beach Library.	8 Vero Beach Orchid Society Meeting. Vero Bch Community Center - 7:30pm	9	10 Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show	11 Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show
12 Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show	13	14 BCOS Meeting. AHF Hall, Melb Village 7:30pm *Central Florida Orchid Society Show	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Fairchild Garden</i> International Orchid Festival	1 Apr <i>Fairchild Garden</i> International Orchid Festival

\* 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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