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# Brevard County Orchid Society

## Bulletin – May

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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**

The preparations for 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Orchid Fair are in the final stages. Please come and enjoy. We have workshops both days; there will be 6 on Saturday starting at 9:30 am and 5 on Sunday starting at 10:30 am. Also remember that we will be having judging of BCOS member plants for cash prizes so come enter and win. Hope to see you all there!

The board has voted to make free fair admission a reward for the volunteers at the fair who give so much of their time and efforts to make the fair a success. As of the Spring Orchid Fair only volunteers will get in free to the fairs. All other BCOS members will have to pay the standard admission fee. There will be a volunteer list at the admission desk. The list has been drawn up from the names in the

volunteer book. If you did not sign up in the book but you would still like to volunteer and get in the fair for free you need to call me at 777-9837 before 10:00am on May 5. If you are a volunteer you may enter either or both days for free just go to the admission desk and sign in. If you have signs please remember to put out on Monday, May 1, pick-up on Monday, May 8 and bring to the Tuesday, May 9 general meeting to return to Fred Zepf. Also a reminder to all volunteers we are asking that you park on the right side of the Azan center building. This will keep the larger paved lot for the customers. Thanks.

The bus to the Redland Orchid festival Saturday May 20, 2006 is full, but it still pays to get on the waiting list. Please read Elaine Chamber's article about the trip in this newsletter.

**BCOS Dates to Remember:** May 6 and May 7, 2006 our 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Orchid Fair, Saturday May 20, 2006 Bus trip to Redland Orchid Festival in Homestead, 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 APRIL 4, 2006**

### **INTRODUCTION**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brevard County Orchid Society was held at the Satellite Beach Library on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Attendees were: Julie Zepf, Joe Bryson, Dave Siegrist, Lorna Mazza, Simone Spiess, Helga Lamb and Tami Salazar.

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

Minutes for January, February, and March were reviewed and approved as presented.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

February Treasurer's Report was handed out by Julie Zepf, subsequently reviewed, and approved by the board. Total assets are currently \$18,235.34 for a 30.3% increase over last year.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. April in Your Orchid Collection by Dr. Martin Motes
2. Volusia County press release for their show May 13 & 14, 2006

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on BCOS shirts. Not many were ordered at the last meeting; Terry Copija will have shirts in all sizes available at the next meeting, starting at 6:30pm.

2. Spring Orchid Fair. All vendors have paid and confirmation letters have been sent. A discussion was held for ideas to increase vendor involvement in workshops. The fair committee will prepare written guidelines for vendor workshops and a vendor cancellation policy.

3. Library. An updated list and an established procedure for checking out materials will be presented at the June meeting. A decision was made to provide a copy of the updated list to all new members.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Refreshments. A discussion was held on the possibility of switching to a potluck at each meeting if members are not willing to volunteer.

2. Review of By-laws and Standing Rules. Joe has not been able to get with Ed yet, and has recommended no changes to By-laws. A few minor changes will be made to the Standing Rules and present to board members.

3. Audit. An announcement will be made at the next meeting for two volunteers to prepare the audit.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Tami Salazar, Secretary

### **MAY PROGRAM**

The program for May will be presented by Joe Grezaffi, of Grezaffi Orchids. Joe is a very long time member of the BCOS and was recently voted in as a Lifetime Member. He has been growing orchids for over forty years and has grown notable hybrids and species of many genera. He specializes in Cattleya and Dendrobium species and hybrids. Joe has been hybridizing for many years as well and has named hundreds of Cattleyas and Dendrobiums, as well as Ascocendas and Vandas. If anyone has the "Wildcat" application, it is interesting to go to the Hybridizer tables and look up his hybrids. Joe will speak to the society on the general care and culture of orchids and in particular how to grow Cattleyas and Dens. It should be a great program.

Joe is a commercial grower and will be bringing orchids for sale, **so no members sales at this meeting.**

Hope you will all come to hear this lecture.

Joe Bryson

## **BCOS SHIRTS ARE HERE!**

All shirt orders will be available for pick up at the 'Spring Show' set up on Friday May 5th from 4:00 till 6:00, see Terry Copija. During the show you can pick up shirts at the 'Sew Special Embroidery' booth.

Terry Copija

## **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 be 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 your car and wherever 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 an 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 the 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.

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

Julie Zepf, BCOS President

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Get well cards were sent to BCOS members, who were recently in need of medical treatment. We are happy to report that **Marie Williams** had successful surgery and is at home recovering with the help and care of her son Mike. **Janet Brubaker** of Merritt Island is currently under-going a series of treatments for her condition and hopes to be well enough to attend the Orchid

Fair. She cites her husband as being wonderful support in her recovery. **Ed Dunham** has been battling several medical issues lately and will soon be admitted to the hospital for surgery. Ed's wife Bettye will be taking a leave of absence from her job to care for Ed. We are happy to report that **Bill Lambert** is out of the hospital and back to work. I'm sure Bill's wife Bobbie has been a great help to him.

**Lu Donnelly** has been home bound and is receiving care from visiting nurses and other medical professionals. The most constant attention is the lovingly care provided by Dave MacDonald and Lu's daughter, Myrtle Cook.

We all appreciate the help and caring thoughts given to us by our family and friends in our time of need. Perhaps a phone call or special card by individual BCOS members might also be appropriate. We all send our prayers and sincere best wishes to our fellow members for continued health improvement.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**BCOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.** The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</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, May 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30PM. At the AHF Hall, Melbourne Village.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

### ***Brevard County Orchid Society Spring Orchid Fair***

The show will be open to the public May 6-7, 2006 at the Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd.,

Melbourne, FL. Contact: Julie Zepf, 405 Sanderling Dr., Indialantic, FL 32903; (321) 777-9837; [jfzepf@aol.com](mailto:jfzepf@aol.com).

### ***Volusia County Orchid Society***

The Volusia County show will be open to the public May 13-14, 2006 at the Volusia County Fairgrounds, in the Hester Exhibit Hall. The address is 3100 E. New York Avenue, DeLand. Contact information is Sharon Anderson (386) 228-3286 or [shebear97@iwon.com](mailto:shebear97@iwon.com)

### ***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

<http://www.redlandorchidfestival.org/>

### ***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.

Jamie, 321-952-5313, 772-664-6453  
[jjmorchids@aol.com](mailto:jjmorchids@aol.com)

## REDLAND BUS TRIP

**The Bus is FULL** for the May 20<sup>th</sup> trip to the Redland Orchid Festival! Pick-up will be at the Perimeter Office Center on the northeast corner of Eau Gallie Blvd. and John Rodes Rd., just east of 1-95. Please try to arrive a little early, as the bus will leave at 6:30am sharp. Also please remember to bring sun hats, sun block and umbrellas for the weather. There should be plenty of room in the bus luggage compartment for your purchases, but please bring your own plant carriers to stabilize the orchids in transit.

If you should need to cancel, please contact Tracy Adams, who is keeping the Master List (752-9699). If someone on the waiting list is able to take your place, your money will be refunded; however, if there is no replacement, no refund will be given.

If anyone needs additional information, please contact a committee member;

Tracy Adams.....752-9699  
Pam Ahonen .....254-5914  
Jo Ann Amos .....259-8585  
Elaine Chambers ..243-8000

We are all looking forward to this fun event.

Elaine Chambers

## FROM THE EDITOR

### **WE HAVE A WEBPAGE NOW!**

[THEBCOS.ORG](http://THEBCOS.ORG) is the address for the New Brevard County Orchid Society Webpage. 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. Please feel free to contact me about the library.

Helga Lamb 773-5713

## MAY 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

\* 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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