
Brevard County Orchid Society

Bulletin – November

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The preparations for the 46th Fall Orchid Fair are in the final stages. Please come and enjoy. There will be workshops both days. On Saturday there will be 6 starting at 10:30 am and on Sunday there will be 4 starting at 11:30 am. Also remember that there will be judging of BCOS member plants for cash prizes so come enter and win. There is no limit of the number of plants that you enter. You just have to be a BCOS 2006 member. For more information about the fair visit our web site www.thebcos.org. There is a complete schedule of all workshops and a list of all vendors. Hope to see you all there!

Remember only volunteers get in the fair free as a reward for giving of their time and efforts to make the fair a success. 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 at the meetings but would still like to volunteer and get in the fair for free you need to call me at 777-9837 before 10:00am on November 3. 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, October 30 and pick-up on Monday, November 6 then bring to the Tuesday, November 14 general meeting and 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. Also volunteers

remember to wear your badges on Saturday and Sunday. If you don't have one please come and see me at the Hospitality desk and I will have temporaries available. Thanks.

The 2006 Christmas party will be on Tuesday December 12, 2006 at the Melbourne Elk's Club. It will be a sit down dinner with a choice of either turkey or ham. Ticket cost is \$10.00 per person. Tickets will be available for purchase at the November meeting or from Tracy Adams. As this is a sit down dinner we must have a final head count the week before the dinner. We will be having the gift exchange and each BCOS member will receive an orchid from the society. We are again asking you to bring a new toy, which we are donating to the Salvation Army for all the help they are continuing to provide all along the Gulf coast. If you would like to help Tracy with decorating and making it a great party please contact her at 752-9699.

Remember that the November meeting is **elections** for the 2007 Board. Please remember to come and vote.

See you at the next meeting!

Julie Zepf, President, BCOS

PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE BCOS BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 3, 2006

INTRODUCTION

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brevard County Orchid Society was held at the Satellite Beach Library on Tuesday, October 6 at 6:45 p.m. Attendees were: Julie Zepf, Joe Bryson, Dave Siegrist, Ed Dunham, Bill Lambert, Elaine Chambers, Simone Spiess, Helga Lamb, Lorna Mazza, and Tami Salazar. Guest: Janis Walters.

REVIEW OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for August were reviewed and minor revisions were made. The board approved minutes as revised.

Minutes for September were reviewed and approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

No October Financial report is available at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. October in Your Orchid Collection by Dr. Martin Motes
2. Tropiflora and Fender's Flora Sale October 6-8, 2006
3. Idea from member to video each month's speaker and catalog in library

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fall Fair and Fair Policy. A discussion was held regarding the policy for vendors that have dropped out of a fair who would like to be placed back on the waiting list. Julie will take action on this item. We have a full house for the Fall Fair.
2. November 2006 Election. Janis Walters presented the Nominating Committee Report, which was approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Christmas Party. The Christmas party will be held Dec. 12, 2006. Joe Bryson will negotiate the same price for Orchids as last year.
2. Job Descriptions. Julie will e-mail current job descriptions to all board members for review.
3. New Printer. The board approved a motion for \$100.00 for the purchase of a new printer for Julie Zepf.

ONGOING SUBJECTS

1. Picnic. Tracy Adams was unable to attend board meeting. This item has been tabled until November.
2. Fair 2008 Committee. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of one fair each year. No decision has been made at this time, as further research on details is needed.
3. Audit. Ed Dunham and April Graham conducted the audit. No discrepancies were found.
4. Sunshine/Hospitality re-write. This item has been tabled to a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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.

Ed and Mary Hamel

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

Julie Zepf, BCOS President

BRING YOUR BLOOMING ORCHIDS AND WIN CASH

At our Fall Orchid Fair November 4 and 5, 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 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 November 3, 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 bringing them for judging. The judging will take place at 9:00am on Saturday November 4, 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.

YEAR END SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS

There is still time to vote for the members that you think did the most for the society in the past year. The nominations must be submitted to me by November 7, 2006. The winners will be announced at the Christmas dinner. Their name will be added to the Service Awards plaque and they will receive an orchid. To make a nomination you must be a paid 2006 member of the society and only 1 nomination per member. You may call me at 777-9837 or e-mail me at jfzpf@aol.com with your nomination.

Thanks Julie Zepf

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The Program for November is on Bulbophyllums. It will be presented by Fred Williams of Camp Lot o Noise (CLAN) Tropicals from Sarasota Florida. Fred is the son of Jerry and Karen Sellers and works with them at the Greenhouses. Fred is very interested in propagating most orchid species (ex-situ conservation) and does all the flasking for their business. He trades worldwide for seeds of rare species and works with Selby Gardens as well, to propagate species orchids from flask. Fred has put together a very good presentation on Bulbophyllums, which show both parents and resulting hybrids on screen. If you enjoy learning about a different kind of orchid, which is currently getting very popular in the orchid world, you don't want to miss this. It should also be very entertaining, as well.

Fred will be bringing orchids for sale from CLAN Tropicals so individual member sales **WILL BE SUSPENDED** for this meeting.

Joe Bryson, Program Chair

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Audrey Sheibe has not been feeling up to par lately, but she has a great attitude and is still up to participating with friends at Bunco night in her neighborhood. We send Audrey our best wishes for improved health.

It was so good to see **Ruth Larson** back in attendance at our October BCOS meeting. She looks wonderful and is always smiling.

We are happy to report that Life Member **Phyllis Sumner** is out of the hospital and recovering at home. Her optimistic attitude shines through, and she is as perky as ever.

Winnie Cupidon is at home recovering after hospitalization and surgery. She is much improved and in good spirits.

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, November 7th at 6:45 PM at the Satellite Beach Library.

GENERAL MEETING. The next meeting of the BCOS general membership will be held on Tuesday, November 14th beginning at 7:30PM. At the AHF Hall, Melbourne Village.

ENHANCING THE DISPLAY ROOM

The Fair Committee has started a new project of revitalizing the showing of our orchids at our Fairs.

Mary & Steve DeSorbo will undertake this task working under the Head Judge, Ed Dunham, along with Ron Johnson and Terry Copija. Below are some guidelines for our display room along with some tips from The Volusia Orchid List - May 2006 on preparing orchids for a fair.

BCOS GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING & DISPLAY ROOM

1. We ask all members that are entering orchids for judging to be sure their orchids are disease free, clean and presentable. (You may want to consider putting your plants in a presentable container.) See other tips below.
2. Hours of registration are from 4 PM - 6 PM on Friday November 3, 2006. Please have a sheet listing each entry with you name, address and phone number, the name of the orchid and the parents if you have them.
3. The Head Judge will inspect all plants. Plants with thrips or having damage marred by Botrytis fungus will not be entered.
4. After Head Judge approves the plant it will be tagged for identification purposes and uniformity.
5. Then placement of orchids will begin in the display room by Ed, Ron, Steve & Mary. No plant will be moved after it is placed in display room throughout the Fair.

Wishing everyone good luck - Prepared by Stephen and Mary DeSorbo.

TIPS FOR PREPARING ORCHIDS FOR A FAIR FROM THE VOLUSIA ORCHID LIST - MAY 2006

1. Clean the pseudobulbs and leaves (water helps soften the dry papery covering (cataphyll) around mature pseudobulbs so that you can gently rub it off).
2. Make sure the media in the container is clean and free of weeds.
3. Wipe the leaves with lemon juice or milk to remove the residue - do not use commercial spray to shine the leaves - it is not good for the plant.
4. Carefully stake inflorescences to help present the flowers.
5. Water each plant before bringing to fair.

FROM THE EDITOR

WE HAVE A WEB PAGE NOW!

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, 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 21st 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

BCOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be having our annual BCOS Christmas Party on December 12th at the Elks Lodge #1744 located at 211 South Nieman Avenue, Melbourne Florida.

The party will be a sit down dinner with your choice of Turkey or Ham. Tickets will be available at the November meeting or you can call Tracy Adams at 752-9699. Seating is limited so make your reservations early.

Joe Bryson will provide the music and the lounge will be open. An orchid plant will be given to each BCOS member attending as a gift from the society.

There will be a gift exchange (not to exceed \$10.00) a gift that is orchid related. Also, we are requesting that persons attending bring a gift for a child, unwrapped.

The toys will be given to the Salvation Army and will be distributed to their needy families during the Holiday.

Social hour begins at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. Any questions or if you would like to volunteer to be on the planning committee, please call Tracy Adams at 752-9699 or email at ninjaqueen@bellsouth.net.

Thank You Tracy Adams

NOVEMBER 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Oct	30 Put out your Fair signs	31	1 Nov	2	3	4 BCOS Fall Orchid Fair
5 BCOS Fall Orchid Fair	6 Pick Up your Fair signs	7 BCOS Board of Directors Meeting. 6:45pm at Satellite Beach Library.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 BCOS Meeting. AHF Hall, Melb Village 7:30pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1 Dec	2

* 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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