
Brevard County Orchid Society

Bulletin – October

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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

All I can say is WOW it was a great picnic, great food, great weather, great facility and great entertainment. A big thanks to the organizing committee for all their planning and hard work, Tracy Adams, Joan Pappas and Fred Zepf. Thanks to Fred Zepf and John Olsson who did most of the cooking. The entrainment supplied by Bob Neal was great and Joe Bryson did a few songs. Just a great day!!

The 2006 Fall Orchid Fair is Saturday November 4, 2006 and Sunday November 5, 2006, with set up on Friday November 3, 2006. Please mark those dates on your calendar and volunteer. The sign up book was passed around at the last two meetings with disappointing results. We need more

people to volunteer to help make our fair a success. There are descriptions of the different tasks in this newsletter please read and volunteer. It's only a couple of hours of your time but it will make a difference to the success of the fair. For new members this is a great way to get to know other members and the vendors. If you will not be at the October meeting please call me at 777-9837 to volunteer. All I can say again is please volunteer. Flyers and Pop-up signs will be ready for the October meeting, please come and take some for distribution. We have been having a decline in attendance at the fairs over the last few years. We need all of you to help us advertise our fair.

The 2006 Christmas party will be on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 starting at 6:00pm, at the Melbourne Elk's Club. For

new members there is no general meeting in December just the Christmas dinner. It will be a sit down dinner and there will be a charge of \$10.00. Tickets will be available for purchase at the next two general meetings and at the Fall Fair. For more details see Tracy Adam's article. Please come, have a great time and get your gift from the society.

See you at the next meeting!

Julie Zepf, President, BCOS

PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE BCOS BOARD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

INTRODUCTION

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brevard County Orchid Society was held at the Satellite Beach Library on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 6:45 p.m. Attendees were: Julie Zepf, Joe Bryson, Fran Weber, Dave Siegrist, Ed Dunham, Bill Lambert, Elaine Chambers, Simone Spiess, and Lorna Mazza.

REVIEW OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for August were not available for review.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The August 2006 Treasurer's Report was handed out by Fran Weber, subsequently reviewed, and approved by the board. Total assets are currently \$17, 109.03, for a 21.6% increase over last year.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. September in Your Orchid Collection by Dr. Martin Motes
2. Request from Nature on the Rocks to be added to the Fair waiting lists
3. Thailand Royal Flora Expo Tours by Calypso Island Tours
4. World Orchid Conference in Miami, Jan 23-27, 2008 asking for Sponsors
5. The Pothanger Order form

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fall Orchid Fair vendors have all met due date, except for three: Julie Zepf contacted

Krull-Smith, Miller's Tropicals and Sew Special and is waiting on answers.

2. President Julie Zepf provided changes to the Orchid Fair Policies to the Board
3. Nominating Committee consisting of Janis Walters (Chair), William Oquendo, and Dolores Bello are contacting members to form candidate slate of officers for next year.
4. Dave Seigrist has action to check on Staples Rewards program for Newsletter distribution
5. Board held discussions on future of the Orchid Fairs: New venues, growth of fairs, whether to have one or two events a year, and low number of volunteers for the events.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Christmas Party. The party will be held at the Elks again this year on Tuesday, December 12, 2006. Tracy Adams is Chair. Joe Bryson has action to update Society Awards Plaque. Board to consider award s for members and any Life Member considerations.
2. Board approved adding "Nature on the Rocks" to the Orchid Fair's waiting lists.

ONGOING SUBJECTS

1. Tracy Adams is working on the Society Picnic. All is on schedule and going well for a promising event. Have 60 members currently signed up.
2. By-Laws and Standing Rules are completed and distributed.
3. Audit. Ed and April Graham will complete the financial audit with Fran Weber on September 21.
4. Finding a backup for JoAnne Amos for Newsletter distribution has been put on indefinite hold. Elaine continues to work on the Sunshine/Hospitality re-write.
5. Library.
 - a) Memorial Books. Helga will present a list of deceased members for which books need to be purchased.
 - b) Julie Zepf will ask Helga Lamb to investigate getting permission to keep

a locked cabinet at the meeting place to keep some books for members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Bryson, Acting Secretary

SOCIETY SHIRTS

Terry Copija will be taking orders for society shirts at the October 10 meetings starting at 6:30 pm. You will be able to pick up your shirts from Sew Special Embroidery at the Fall Fair either Saturday, November 4 or Sunday, November 5. Please have payment in the form of a check or cash ready when ordering. A new color has been added, black. Please refer back to your March newsletter for all the different options and costs.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Karen & Jack Stillings

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Claudette & Vince Tapaoan & Florentina del Rosario

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Bill & Margaret Cahill

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

Julie Zepf, BCOS President

WANTED ALL BLOOMING ORCHIDS

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 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 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 bring 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 AWARD NOMINATIONS

It's that time of year to vote for the members you think did the most for the society this 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 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. A form will be available at the October 10, 2006 general meeting. You may fill out the form at the meeting and put in the available box or you may mail to me at the following address: 405 Sanderling Drive, Indialantic, FL 32903. Should you have any questions or require additional information please call me at 777-9837 or e-mail me at jfzepf@aol.com.

Thanks, Julie Zepf

OCTOBER PROGRAM

The program for October will be on Cymbidiums and will be presented by Joe Bryson. Cymbidiums for a long time were not thought to grow or bloom well in Florida, but there are many hybrids which have been

developed which are warm tolerant and grow/bloom well in Central Florida. I think the more we know of this genus the more excited we should be to try these orchids. They grow well outdoors even through our winter here with minimum care and many hybrids bloom relatively easily. I plan to discuss the species which will grow here and the new hybrids which we can grow and bloom in Florida. Also, we will discuss the care of this genus and pick the brains of our members who grow these plants well. This should be a program to interest many of our members and encourage people to grow an orchid with large colorful flowers that do not need warm winters and greenhouses to flourish.

Member's sales **will NOT be permitted.**

Joe Bryson

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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, October 3rd at 6:45 PM at the Satellite Beach Library.

GENERAL MEETING. The next meeting of the BCOS general membership will be held on Tuesday, October 10th beginning at 7:30PM. At the AHF Hall, Melbourne Village.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

Orchtoberfest

EFG Orchids/Power Plant, Oct 20- 23
4265 Marsh Rd., DeLand, FL.
Contact: George Hausermann
(386) 7388600
powergrown@aol.com
www.efgorchids.com.

Fort Pierce Orchid Society

Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show October 21 and 22, 2006 at the St. Lucie County Fair Grounds, 15601 w. Midway Rd, Fort Pierce. For info contact Bill Tozer at (772) 465-4674 or jbtozer@bellsouth.net.

BCOS 46TH FALL ORCHID FAIR

The Brevard County Orchid Society's 46th Fall Orchid Fair will be the weekend of November 4th and 5th. 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 you all can help with this is to get the word out through our flyers. We will be making them available to you at the October 10 general meeting. If every member could distribute 10 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.

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, supplies donated by our 16 vendors and orchid related items donated by members. We need volunteers to act as greeters, explain the fair 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.

Display Room Monitor: This entails being in the room to watch that no one touches the orchids, to answer any questions and to be an ambassador for the society.

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 November 3rd at 3:00 pm, tear-down is Sunday November 5th at 4:00 pm.

Raffle Prize Delivery: This entails coming Sunday after the fair is over and taking one or two 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 provide 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. The sign-up book will be passed around at the October general meeting. Please volunteer!!

Thanks, Julie Zepf

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

The BCOS Christmas Party it is going to be December 12th at the Elks Lodge on S. Neiman Avenue in Melbourne. There will be a choice of ham or turkey. There will also be a free orchid given to all members who attend the Christmas party. If anyone is interested in being on the committee planning this event or attending please contact Tracy Adams at (752-9699). There will be tickets for sale at the October meeting for those who wish to come.

Tracy Adams

OCTOBER 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

* 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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