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# Brevard County Orchid Society

## Bulletin – September

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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 the 2006 Fall Orchid Fair are under way. As always I am looking for volunteers. I am still looking for two people for the door prize committee. Please, please volunteer and help make our Fall Fair a success. The fair is Saturday November 4, 2006 and Sunday November 5, 2006, with set up on Friday November 3, 2006. If you would like to volunteer please call me at 777-9837. The sign up book will be passed around at the September and October meetings. Please volunteer.

As you all know BCOS is a volunteer organization and cannot exist without our members volunteering. November is our election month start thinking about running for an office. I want to thank Janis Walters,

William Oquendo and Dolores Bello for volunteering to be our nominating committee this year. They will be calling to ask you to run for a vacant set on the board, please volunteer, our society need all it's members to become involved.

Our 2006 picnic is Saturday, September 23, if you have not sign up please do so at the September meeting so we can get a head count of those attending. For our new members the picnic is held at the Paradise Beach Park on A1A(The formal name is the Howard E. Futch Memorial Park at Paradise Beach). You may bring guests just make sure they are in the head count. We have rented the large pavilion for the day. Come at 11:00am and enjoy a day at the beach. There is a great play ground for the kids. The society hired Bob Neal to supply the

entertainment, Bob does the Karaoke at Lou's Blues and has just a great voice. The hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, buns, condiments and drinks, (soda and water, you may bring beer or wine just no glass) will be supplied. The society also takes care of all the supplies, all you have to bring is either a side dish, salad or dessert. Come enjoy at day at the beach bring your beach toys, sun screen and have fun. Sign up at the September meeting or call Tracy Adams at 752-9699

Our September speaker is Greg Allikas talking on Digital Photography of Orchids(see the program description in this newsletter). This is a not to be missed program as Greg is recognized as one of the best orchid photographers and has done numerous photo shoots for AOS. Remember still to come in October Joe Bryson on Cymbidiums and in November Fred Sellers on Bulbophyllums.

Last but not least is the Christmas Party. We will be keeping the ticket price at \$10.00 for the dinner. For new members this is a sit down dinner not a buffet, with a choice of turkey or ham. Tickets will go on sale at the October meeting. The dinner is Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at the Elks club.

**BCOS Dates to Remember:** 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 IN AUGUST**

### **INTRODUCTION**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Brevard County Orchid Society was held at the Satellite Beach Library on Tuesday, August 7, 2006 at 6:45 p.m. Attendees were:

Julie Zepf, Joe Bryson, Fran Weber, Dave Siegrist, Ed Dunham, Bill Lambert, Elaine Chambers, and Tami Salazar.

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

Minutes for May were reviewed and approved by the board.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

June through July 2006 Treasurer's Report was handed out by Fran Weber, subsequently reviewed, and approved by the board. Total assets are currently \$15,787.22, for a 29.5% increase over last year.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. June in Your Orchid Collection by Dr. Martin Motes
2. July in Your Orchid Collection by Dr. Martin Motes
3. August in Your Orchid Collection by Dr. Martin Motes
4. Donation for book from Smith Family in memory of Lou Donnelly
5. The Orchid World Calendar
6. Tropiflora Cargo Report
7. Ridge Orchid Society Show notice for September 16 & 17, 2006
8. Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show notice August 18-20, 2006
9. Request for Plantio La Orquidea to be added to fair waiting lists
10. South Florida Orchid Society's annual Speakers' Day October 1, 2006

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on BCOS shirts. Terry Copija will take orders for the shirts at the Sept. and Oct. general meeting starting at 6:30. These shirts will be ready by the November fair. Black shirts have been added as a color choice.
2. Name Badges. Tami Salazar reports that these are completed and can be picked up at the general meeting.
3. Spring Orchid Fair. Total net income generated from the fair was \$3,990.50. Total attendance was 1,103. A budget for the May

2007 fair was approved by the board as presented. Some ideas to increase attendance for next year were discussed, including an active mailing list to all horticulture and gardening clubs in Brevard County.

4. Redlands bus trip. The final net for the trip was \$40.19.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Fall Fair. The BCOS Fair Policies will be given to each vendor. The current budget was reviewed. A discussion was held by the Board regarding a cash only policy during the fair. No checks will be accepted for admission or raffle, checks will only be except for new and renewal memberships.

2. Fairs for 2008. A discussion was held to determine if the fairs will continue to be held at the Azan Center in the future, or will we need a new location due to increase of rental of our current fair location. Julie, Joe, and Ed will research this issue and report back.

3. November 2006 Election. A nominating Committee needs to be formed as soon as possible.

4. Picnic. The budget for this year's picnic was approved as presented.

5. Christmas Party. The budget for this year's Christmas party was approved as presented. The party will be held at the Elks again this year on Tuesday, December 12, 2006.

6. Office Depot/Staples. BCOS has an account for Office Depot Rewards. Dave currently has the newsletter printed at Staples for convenience. He will research to find out if Staples has a rewards program that we can participate in.

### **ONGOING SUBJECTS**

1. Reviews. By-laws. The By-laws are complete, no changes are needed. A suggestion was made to change the wording of the By-laws, section 10: "to provide society recognition for deceased members". The Board approved a motion. This will be written up and presented to the Board at a later date.

2. Standing Rules. The Standing Rules are complete. Joe will e-mail to all board members.

3. Audit. Ed and April Graham will complete the audit after Fran has completed the recovery of her computer files.

4. Committees for 2006. Dave Siegrist is working on getting a backup for JoAnne Amos. Elaine is working on the Sunshine/Hospitality re-write.

5. Library.

a) Memorial Books. Helga will present a list of deceased members that books need to be purchased for.

b) A hard copy of the current book list can be obtained from Joe or Simone.

c) A complete book list will be put on the web site.

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

Tami Salazar

### **SOCIETY SHIRTS**

Terry Copija will be taking orders for society shirts at the September 12 and 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.

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

Julie Zepf, BCOS President

### **SEPTEMBER PROGRAM**

The September Presentation will be on Digital Photography by Greg Allikas. Greg has been a commercial photographer in the

Palm Beaches and an orchid grower since 1970. He is the awards photographer for the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center, Florida-Caribbean Judging Center in Miami, and many annual south Florida orchid shows including Miami International, Ft. Lauderdale, Delray Beach, Deerfield Beach, Boca Raton and Naples. His photos are regularly seen in numerous AOS publications, including the annual calendar and the AQ and Orchids magazines. He has written articles for both Orchids magazine and Orchid Digest and has been published in the Russian magazine, World of Orchids. Greg also has many photos in the latest editions of the Sunset and Ortho books on orchids. The book Orchids (Thunder Bay Press, 2000), co-authored with Ned Nash, features over 200 of his photos and was a sellout. In November, 2005, Thunder Bay Press published a second Allikas-Nash book featuring over 500 photographs and 50 pages of text. In early 2005, Greg was honored to consult on, and supply photography for a United Nations postal administration endangered species stamp release featuring 12 endangered orchid species. Greg is a very popular speaker and in demand at orchid societies across the U.S.

In 2002, he introduced the Potting Workshop, a CD-ROM educational program featuring over two-dozen step-by-step potting demonstrations. The first publication to solely address orchid potting, this program is destined to become a standard reference on the topic.

Greg especially enjoys field trips to photograph orchids in their native habitats. In 2005, he visited Venezuela twice to see *Cattleya mossiae* and *Cattleya violacea* blooming in situ, and to north Georgia to photograph *Cypripedium acaule*.

Greg is the proprietor of the popular Orchid Photo Page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.orchidworks.com>. Greg and Kathy maintain a mixed collection of over 1,000 orchids comprised of *Cattleyas* & *Laelias*, *Vandaceous*, *Dendrobiums* and

*Oncidium* allies as well as many unusual species orchids.

This will be a great presentation that you should not miss!

Member's sales ***will be permitted*** since Greg will not be bringing plants.

Joe Bryson

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Get well cards were sent to BCOS members, who were recently in need of medical treatment. **Ruth Larson** is out of the hospital and at home recovering from a painful back and pelvis alignment condition, which requires therapy twice a week. Her condition has lingered, but Ruth hopes for an increasingly rapid recovery so she is able walk out to her back yard to look at her orchids anytime she wants.

**Steve DeSorbo** had been hospitalized after a fall, which resulted in a back injury. His recovery was rapid, and Steve was in shape to help in the PCOS's Orchid Show in Cocoa the week-end of August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Ed Dunham** has been released from the hospital after suffering a massive heart attack on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Three stints cleared the blockage, and Ed reports that he is feeling great and should be back to full strength in about 4 or 5 weeks.

**Barbara Tenn** has been staying close to home and not driving at night, but we are pleased to report that her many health issues have been improving. We look forward to Barbara attending Society meetings again, perhaps bringing some of her awesome *Stanhopias* for our admiration.

We are delighted to see **Janet Brubaker** up and around, attending BCOS meetings and orchid society events. Great going Janet!

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, Aug 5<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, September 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30PM. At the AHF Hall, Melbourne Village.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

### Ridge Orchid Society

Presents their 44<sup>th</sup> Annual show "Orchids For All Seasons", Saturday, September 16 from 10:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday September 17 from 12 noon to 5:00pm at the Lake Mirror Center 121 South Lake Ave, Lakeland. Admission is free for additional info contact Kay at 863-965-1736 or Glen Gary at 863 686-3590 or by e-mail at GlenGary@verizon.net

### South Florida Orchid Society

South Florida Orchid Society Speakers' Day, at the Fire Fighters Memorial Building 8000 NW 21<sup>st</sup> St. Miami on Sunday October 1, 2006. For info contact Robert Fuchs at (305) 245-4570 or rforchids@aol.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 jtozer@bellsouth.net.

## ORCHID STUDY GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Slipper Orchid Study Group and the Florida Orchid Culture Group, Saturday Sept 9th between 11AM & 3PM. The meeting will be held at the

fish camp cottage of Jackie & Jamie Lawson 3900 Canal Dr, Micco FL 32976. There will be a potting table (for a fee) so bring stuff you need divided or repotted if you don't know how to do it yourself. There will also be plants for sale and culture talk. As always, it is pot luck so bring a dish. Maybe Jackie will make her famous corned beef sandwiches.

## BCOS 46<sup>TH</sup> FALL ORCHID FAIR

The Brevard County Orchid Society's 46<sup>th</sup> Fall Orchid Fair will be the weekend of November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm, tear-down is Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 September and October general meetings. Please volunteer!!

Thanks, Julie Zepf

## FROM THE EDITOR

### WE HAVE A WEB PAGE NOW!

[THEBCOS.ORG](http://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](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. The list is on the web page. Please feel free to contact me about the library.

Helga Lamb 773-5713

## BCOS PICNIC

The BCOS Picnic will be held on Sept. 23rd at Paradise Beach Park from 11am to 7 pm. There will be all kinds of food and fun. For anyone interested in coming we will have sign up sheets at the next meeting so we know how many will be attending and to indicate if you are going to bring a covered side dish and what kind it will be. Also, If you are bringing a side dish please don't forget to bring serving utensils.

We are looking forward to having Bob Neal as our entertainment at the Picnic. Bob Neal has been singing and performing for 51 years. He started out with Church music and quartets and moved into the profession with bands in Indianapolis, and then in Nashville TN. He has been performing in shows and as a Karaoke KJ for many years, including six years in the local area.

He currently hosts a show at Lou's Blues in Indialantic on Wednesday and Friday nights, where he sings Pop, Soft Rock , Blues and occasionally Country. He will have CD's on hand; if you ask, I'm sure you can pick one up for \$10. It's a super deal.

It's going to be a great time and a lot of fun. If you are interested in being on the

Picnic Committee and miss the meeting and would like to come please contact Tracy Adams at 752-9699

or injaqueen@bellsouth.net

Tracy Adams

### **BCOS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The BCOS Christmas Party it is going to be December 12<sup>th</sup> 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



**SEPTEMBER 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

\* 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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