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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Picnic scheduled for September 15, 2007 has been canceled. As we only had 10 members sign-up by the cut-off date for the pavilion rental the board felt it was best to cancel the picnic. We usually have 40+ signed up by the cutoff date, with over 60 at the picnic the last 2 years. Many said they were reluctant to sign-up due to the weather, just too hot. It also seemed we had picked a bad date for many had other commitments. We have had suggestions that we move the picnic to the spring, March-May, when the weather is cooler and it is not hurricane season. We will give that a try next year.

The preparations for the 2007 Fall Orchid Fair are under way. As always I am looking for volunteers. Please volunteer and help

make our Fall Fair a success. Our fair is Saturday November 3, 2007 and Sunday November 4, 2007, with set up on Friday November 2, 2007. 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.

As you all know BCOS is a volunteer organization and cannot exist without our members volunteering. I ask that each of you think about what you can do for the organization to make it successful. November is our election month start thinking about running for an office. When one of the nominating committee calls, please volunteer to run for the board. As Uncle Sam said **'We Need You'!!!!**

This is the last chance to sign-up for the trip to the 19th World Orchid Conference, Saturday January 26, 2008. We have opened the trip to PCOS as we only had 38 of our members signed up for the trip at the end the August general meeting. If you have signed up for the trip, you must pay your fee (\$48.00 per person) by the end of October as we have to mail the admission to the WOC in the beginning of November. There is still time to sign up, as this is a not to be missed event. If you will not be at the next meeting but would like to sign-up please call Ron Fischer at 626-9883 or e-mail at bigfisch@cfl.rr.com.

Christmas dinner tickets will go on sale at the September 11, 2007 general meeting. The price this year is \$15.00 per person. The dinner is to be held on December 11, 2007 at the beachside Hilton Hotel on A1A.

BCOS Dates to Remember: November 3 and 4, 2007 our 47th Fall Orchid Fair, December 11, 2007 our annual Christmas dinner and January 26, 2008 19th WOC trip. 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 BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, at the Satellite Beach Public Library. Julie Zepf, Joe Bryson, April Graham, Dave Siegrist, Lorna Mazza, Fred Zepf, Ed Dunham, Kathryn Merry, Terry Copija and Helga Lamb were present.

The minutes from the July Board meeting were distributed by Julie Zepf and approved by the Board.

The Treasurer's Report for July was unavailable and will be presented at the September 4, 2007 board meeting.

Old Business

1. New General Meeting Location – Fred Zepf and Ed Dunham have been exploring

possibilities for a possible new location for general meetings. No report at this time.

2. 19th WOC – Over 35 members have signed up for the trip at this time, we will continue to have a signup sheet at general meeting for the Bus trip to the 19th WOC. Approved that after the September 11, 2007 general meeting we will open the trip to other societies.

3. The 2007 picnic has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

4. Fall Fair – Julie Zepf reported that all vendor confirmations have been received and half the fees were paid.

5. Election 2007 – The nominating committee is as follows: Chairman Janis Walters, Steve Desorbo and Dave Stewart.

6. Review Job Descriptions 2007 – Julie sent to all board members for review prior to meeting. Changes were discussed and made accordingly and will be distributed to the nominating committee.

7. 2008 Fairs – still no available dates at the Melbourne Auditorium.

New Business

1. Board meetings – Julie Zepf contacted Satellite Beach Library about other available nights to move board meetings. Currently only Monday is available. Additionally, due to possible county budget changes, library hours may be changing. We need to check back in late September.

2. Newsletter – Members will be notified that effective October 1, 2007 they will only receive an email copy of the newsletter unless the newsletter editor receives notification that the member requests a hard copy to be mailed. Members without an email address will continue to receive a hard copy.

Correspondence

ACTION ITEMS

1. 07/10/07 Orchidwiz Encyclopedia 4.0 now available and discounted 20% for orchid societies.

2. 07/16/07 Simone Spiess member plant sale. Asking for a schedule for this year and next.

3. 07/23/07 AOS asking reps to update the current contact information. All current BCOS information is correct.
4. 07/28/07 Phyllis Sumner passing.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. 07/19/07 TOC July Newsletter.
2. 07/30/07 AOS plant sale. Dave put in newsletter.
3. 07/31/07 19th WOC limited edition orchid pin by Carolee.
4. 08/01/07 Orchid Book newsletter for August.
5. 08/03/07 August in your Orchid collection from Martin Motes.

NON-EMAIL ITEMS

1. RF Orchids annual fall sale and the East Everglades Orchid Society show and sale, October 12-14, 2007. Possible idea for a bus trip next year.
2. SFOS Speakers Day October 7, 2007 information and registration form. Fee is \$45.00. Tickets are not available at the door. See Julie Zepf for forms.

ONGOING SUBJECTS

1. Name badges - April is making badges for new members each month, badges for life members who do not attend meetings will be mailed.
2. Fair 2008 Location Committee - Report from Julie Zepf, Fred Zepf and Ed Dunham. Need to start now to find a location for 2008 fairs.
3. Events for 2007 – Christmas Dinner, December 11, 2007 at Hilton Melbourne Beach.
4. Reviews 2007 - By laws – Ed Dunham, changes were voted on and passed at May General meeting, Standing Rules – Joe Bryson Done, Audit – Ed Dunham and April Graham, Review job descriptions 2007 – Julie to send to all board members.
5. Library - Buying books for our deceased members, Draft of procedures – how to get more use of the library with a possible new location for storage discussed, updated list for 2007 to be put on web site.

6. Auction – Tabled.

April Graham

CANDIDATES NEEDED

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to run for the office of BCOS Treasurer for 2008. I can send a written job description to any interested member. Just contact me by phone or email. In addition, Fran Weber, the outgoing Treasurer, has done a fantastic job of getting the Society's books in order and automated to make the job quite easy.

She can give you more details if you call her at 255-2271. As Julie wrote in last month's newsletter, BCOS NEEDS YOU!

Janis Walters, Chair
Nominating Committee
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BCOS 47TH FALL ORCHID FAIR

The Brevard County Orchid Society's 47th Fall Orchid Fair will be the weekend of November 3rd and 4th. 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 9 general meeting. If every member could distribute at least 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 2nd at 3:00 pm, tear-down is Sunday November 4th at 5:00 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 sign up book around at the August,

September and October general meetings. Please volunteer!!

Thanks, Julie Zepf

BRING YOUR BLOOMING ORCHIDS AND WIN CASH

At our Fall Orchid Fair November 3 and 4, 2007 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 2, 2007 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 3, 2007, 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 - small \leq 4 inches, Cattleya – large $>$ 4 inches, Dendrobium, Oncidium, Paphiopedilum, Phalaenopsis, Vanda and Other Genera. Four new categories have been added starting this fair they are Epidendrum, one for Culture, People's Choice and a discretionary award to be used by the head of judging. Come, enter your orchids, join the fun and win some cash.

19WOC

If you have not already signed up for our trip to the 19th World Orchid Conference on January 26th, 2008 in Miami, now is the time! We already have 41 signed up and the board has invited our sister orchid society Platinum Coast to join us. We could fill up real quick. When we were looking to fill the Redlands trip, when we opened it up to the other orchid

societies, we filled the bus within the week. The latest report is that 75 orchid vendors have already registered and an additional 45 orchid related vendors have also registered. Just in the last few weeks 6 orchid vendors from China have registered. This is really a once in a lifetime event to see things you may never see again so close to us in Florida. This is a huge international event, they don't call it the World Orchid Conference for an advertising ploy. This is the real thing. If you have never been to a WOC, you will want to go to this one. You will not be disappointed.

All those that have signed up must pay in October by that month's general membership meeting. It is \$48 to see the vendors and wonderful, huge exhibits (lectures are extra). Come to the September general membership meeting and sign up or call me at 626-9883.

Don't miss this opportunity.

Ron Fischer, Special Events Chairman

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

We would like to send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Boon Bryson, who is recovering from a second knee surgery on the same knee which was previously operated on. Knee surgeries are quite painful and take considerable time to heal, so Boon, we wish you well and hope you will be skipping happily along real soon.

The Brevard County Orchid Society would like to express caring and concern to any member who is ill or in need of care.

Please be in touch with the Sunshine Committee if you know of anyone who should be contacted.

Chairman, Sunshine Committee.

Elaine Chambers

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The BCOS program for September is on Brazilian Orchids by Francisco Miranda. We have had Francisco in the past. He is an excellent speaker and extremely knowledgeable on all South American, especially Brazilian Orchids. Francisco Miranda was born in Rio de Janeiro on February 6, 1956. He got his degree in Biology and begun his taxonomic studies in the orchid family in 1981. During the next 4 years, he lived most of the time in Manaus where he studied Amazon orchids and began his Master's degree. Shortly after returning to Rio de Janeiro, his Master's work was completed on "Section Cattleyodes of the genus Laelia". Since then, his main interest has been on the Brazilian Laelias and Cattleyas. He is the author of several papers ranging from species descriptions to subjects of growers' interest in Brazilian, German and U.S. publications. He is also author of two books. Since 2000, he has lived in Haines City, Florida, where he owns Miranda Orchids, a commercial orchid nursery. Everyone who loves orchids, especially the great South American Cattleyas and Lailias will enjoy this presentation. Francisco will be bringing some good Brazilian species, as well as other orchids, for sale, so **MEMBERS' SALES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** at this meeting.

Joe Bryson

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The BCOS Christmas party is coming up!!! It will be held Tuesday December 11, 2007 at 6:00pm at the Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront. Tickets will go on sale at the September 11, 2007 general meeting and will cost \$15.00. There will be a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres. The meal choices are sliced roast sirloin with a cabernet mushroom sauce, roasted rosemary pork loin with a

peppercorn sauce both of these will be served with a selection of vegetable and a starch. The third meal choice is vegetarian Pasta Primavera served in a tomato basil sauce. All will be served with rolls and butter, a holiday dessert, tea and coffee. If you would like to participate in a gift exchange, bring an Orchid related gift under \$15.00. Remember that the gift should be orchid related please. Also we will be collecting new unwrapped toys for the Salvation Army again this year. There will be the induction of the 2008 BCOS board, the awards ceremony and of course the slide show of all the 2007 events. Buy your tickets early as space is limited. Hope to see you there!

April Graham Christmas party coordinator

If you would like to help decorate for the Christmas party, please see me at one of the meetings or you can call me at 751-1240. Thanks,

April Graham

NEWSLETTER

At the August 7, 2007 board meeting it was decided that effective October 1, 2007 members will only receive an email copy of the newsletter unless the newsletter editor receives notification that a member wants a hard copy mailed to them. Members without email addresses will continue to receive a hard copy.

ASK THE EXPERTS

When you have a question about your orchids, just write or e-mail Dave Siegrist. Dave will then direct the question to one of our society experts. Your answer will appear in the next issue of the newsletter. There will also be a log of all the questions asked with their answers kept on the web site for future reference. We hope that everyone uses this new reference and finds it informative. So the next time you have a question, a problem to solve, or a pest you can't kill, remember to just 'Ask the Experts'.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th 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 11th beginning at 7:30PM, at the AHF Hall, Melbourne Village.

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA

September 15 to 16

The Ridge Orchid Society will present its 45th annual orchid show, "Tropical Jewels", on Sat. Sept 15th and Sun. Sept. 16th. The show will be held at Tiger Town Hangar #2, behind Joker Marchant Stadium, 2301 Lakeland Hills Blvd., Lakeland, Florida. Show hours are Sat. 10-5 and Sun. noon-5.

There will be a variety of orchid displays designed by societies and nurserymen, from around Central Florida. Vendors will be selling orchids, supplies, orchid artwork, and gift items. Society members will be available to provide growing advice and to repot your overgrown orchid plant.

This event is sponsored by the City of Lakeland Parks and Recreation Department.

ADMISSION IS FREE!!!

If you need more information, visit our society's website at:

www.RidgeOrchidSociety.org,

or contact Keith Emig at (863)325-8926 or by email at dkemig@earthlink.net.

FROM THE EDITOR

THEBCOS.ORG is the address for the New Brevard County Orchid Society Web page.

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.

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

SEPTEMBER 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

* See the “Upcoming Events Around Florida” information enclosed in the newsletter for further details on the Calendar of Events activities

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