



All in-person meetings and BROS activities are currently suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

We hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

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Featuring~

Speaker: Kristen Uthus

Topic: Cattleya Relatives: The Miniature Collection

Date: May 13, 2021 at 7:30 PM [via Zoom](#)

The genus Cattleya now contains many of its close relatives like Laelia and Sophronitis, but what about those genera that still stand alone? Those plants that fall under the category "Cattleya relatives not listed above" in the show schedule? Kristin Uthus will talk about several well-known and lesser known Cattleya relatives and their hybrids that deserve some attention.

Dr. Kristen Uthus studied both plant and animal ecology and evolution at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Ohio State University (OSU). She then taught biology and ecology at several colleges including VCU, OSU, University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University. The daughter of a plant fanatic, Kristen has been growing orchids for over 20 years, and in 2014 she fulfilled her dream of making orchids a full-time commitment by purchasing New World Orchids (NOW).

Although she enjoys growing many varieties of orchids and other plants, miniatures remain her passion—the weirder the better. New World Orchids specializes in Japanese species including Neofinetia falcata, Dendrobium moniliforme, and Sederia japonica, but her miniature selection includes many other small species including Pleurothallids, Bulbophyllums, and Angraecums.

Although never entirely up to date, you can check out some of NWO's offerings at www.newworldorchids.com.

Kristen lives in Manchester, MI, about an hour west of Detroit. She is supported in her orchid pursuits by her husband, Dr. Kevin Wehrly, and her two sons, Henry and Gus.

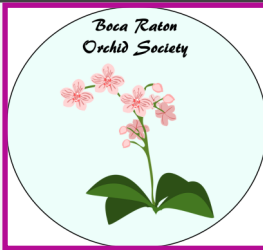
—*Marion Israel*, Vice President, Programs

COMING ATTRACTIONS

June: Carol Klonowski - Orchids from South Africa

July: TBA

August: Open mic. Member question and answer session. *****First in-person meeting*****



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A Message from Our President

I hope this letter finds you well. As I sit down to write this letter, I have to say my heart is so full of love and gratitude to be a part of such an amazing group of people. As many of you, I joined the Boca Raton Orchid Society to learn about orchids. In the few short years that I have been a member, I have learned a lot. Not only from our speakers, but from all of you.

On Monday April 26th, I received a wonderful email from Teresa O'Neil regarding a mounting project that she had done at a children's school the week prior. Later that morning I was going to Stratford Court to participate in a mounting event that Jay Collins had put together for one of our members that now lives there. Both events Cheryl has included in our newsletter. This brings me to where I am going with this letter....

Being a part of our Orchid Society is not just about learning about orchids, it's about sharing our love of orchids with others. It's about giving back to the community. I was so proud to see our members volunteer to do these projects. Being a part of it was so gratifying. Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to many more to come.

I know in my neighborhood people are constantly stopping by to see and comment on my orchids. Sometimes they have questions, and I do my best to answer them. I'm sure you have the same going on in your neighborhood. It seems every time I speak with Barbara Barrie, she is telling me about a conversation that she had with a random person, whether it be at a store or when she is out and she talks about orchids and invites them to our meetings. I encourage all of you to do the same thing. Let's share the wealth of orchids and invite people to come to our meetings and become a member; they won't be sorry. I know it's been hard for the past year, and like most of you we miss our monthly meetings and the conversations with each other. August will be here before you know it.

For those of you who joined us for our April Zoom meeting with Fred Clarke, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. We can all be an 80% grower; I think consistency is the answer.

Please join us on May 13th at 7:30 for Kristen Uthus, speaking on miniature Cattleyas.

I would like to thank Marion Israel for the amazing job she has done. The speakers that we have had via Zoom have been outstanding. Veronica Risko has done an outstanding job putting the Zoom meetings together. She has an amazing knowledge of computers, thank goodness. And a huge THANK YOU to Cheryl Dodes. She does an incredible job every month with our newsletter. Because of the pandemic, our goal was to create a newsletter every month that would share photos of your beautiful plants, growing environments and important information, and she has done that. So, thank you again for all that you do for our Society.

Be safe, stay healthy.

Kathy Kersey

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Tasks for May

by Dr. Martin Motes

May's wide temperature swings and dry air suit our orchids to a tee. New growths on sympodial orchids are developing apace and by continuing the careful watering practices of April (i.e. drenching them thoroughly with repeated applications of water to saturate their roots and potting media, then allowing them to dry to nearly 'hard' dry) we can launch them into the summer in vigorous, disease-free growth. Remember, this saturation can only be achieved with two or more soakings to the point of runoff spaced a few minutes apart. Merely holding the water on the plant extra long will not suffice. The water needs to slowly soak into the roots and media. Test the weight of a "benchmark" plant to be satisfied that it is sufficiently heavy to be totally soaked. The arid air of early May will quickly dry the foliage but the roots can draw on the deep reservoir of water that you have provided with this careful, complete watering.

With the increased heat and light of May we do not want to put our orchids on too lean a diet. Fertilize with up to 2 tsp. of 15-5-15 per gal of water every week or so. Alternating with Epsom salts and potassium nitrate at 1 tbs. each per gal. is still a best practice during May. Always substitute fertilizer for a watering and apply like the water in two doses to the point of saturation. Never follow the widely stated but antiquated advice to "water before fertilizing". It's a receipt for over watering without any basis in logic or science, Now is also a good time to apply a soluble trace or micro element fertilizer. Follow the dilution rates on the package as mixtures and strengths differ. You can apply this in conjunction with the Epsom salts/potassium nitrate but never with the 15-5-15, 20-20-20 or any other fertilizer containing phosphorus. In South Florida's highly alkaline water the phosphorus interacts with the other metallic elements, reducing the effectiveness of the trace elements. Potassium nitrate, 13-0-46, is the perfect companion to minor elements because it not only lacks phosphorus which would hinder the absorption of the trace elements but the nitrate nitrogen seems to enhance their uptake.

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Upcoming Orchid Event

Tamiami International Orchid Festival; Friday - Sunday, October 1-3, 2021 from 10 AM - 6 PM daily. Location TBD. Tickets: \$12. Kids under 12 - free. More information at <http://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/tiof/public/about>

Orchids in the Trees for Earth Day

Earth Day has been celebrated on April 22 since 1970. This year, BROS member Teresa O'Neil celebrated by placing Boca Raton Orchid Society's "2nd Chance Phals" orchids in the trees at Children's House Montessori School in their peace garden the day after Earth Day, April 23.

The students and staff at the school were most appreciative, as shown by their smiling faces.



Orchids in the Trees at Stratford Court

BROS members Fred Gilbert and his wife, Ginger moved to Stratford Court in Boca some months ago. Fred observed the trees on the property were orchid-less. BROS members to the rescue! Jay Collins organized the event to place orchids on the trees. Plants were donated by Marion Israel, Barbara Barrie, and Fred Gilbert.

Volunteers on site included Jay, Alan LaDuke, Kathy Kersey, Bj Saul, Sheila Bell, Teresa O'Neil, Sally and Dennis Glick, Joyce Patterson, Maritza Graff, Donna Holt, Adrienne Levy, and Patti and Dennis Hogan.

By the time the team finished, the trees were adorned, and the residents now have beautiful flowers added to their environment.



Stratford Court Orchids (con'td)



Fred Gilbert

March 2021 AOS Orchid Judging at West Palm Beach Judging Center

WWW.WPBJC.org WOW! March WPBJC AOS Orchid Judging was terrific! There were 56 gorgeous orchids brought in to be judged, 20 were nominated and then 14 were given awards which will be official after they are paid for. Tom Kuligowski took photos of the plants and some of the exhibitors. Congratulations to all! Next judging is Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Flamingo Gardens 3750 S. Flamingo Dr. Davie, FL 33330 in the BBQ House. Masks are required by Broward County.

Awards from March 27, 2021

Name	Plant	Award/Points
Lou Lodyga	Lcn. Newberry Lava Burst 'Que Linda'	CCM 84 pts
John Weland	Paph philippense 'Mary Pat'	CCM 85
Karen Davenport	Lcn. Taiwan Orange 'Karen's Joy'	CCM 87
Jim Longwell	Bc North Miami 'Heaven's Journey'	CCM 88
Mike & Angie Pitriciu,	Vanda Fulford's Gold 'Dr. Jay Kwan See'	CCE 90
Luis Ortiz	Lepanthes eltoroensis 'Silvios Jewel'	CBR
Wayne Green	PDA. Henecia Kim HyunJoong 'Ron Wnek'	HCC 77
Juraj Kojs	Vanda dennisoniana 'Shirley and Selig Golden'	AM 82
RF Orchids	Pcv. Key Lime Stars 'Crownfox'	AM 83
Mike & Angie Pitriciu V.	Kulwadee Fragrance x V Kriengkrai 'Shirley Ann Smith'	AM 83
Milton Carpenter	Cym. Jungle King 'Red Rooster'	AM 83
Milton Carpenter	Cym. Milton Carpenter 'Florida Sunshine'	AM 87
Jim Longwell	Cattleya pumila 'Midnight Passion'	AM 85
RF Orchids	Phal cornu-cerci var chattaladae 'Crownfox'	FCC 91

The American Orchid Society gives awards to recognize outstanding plants and growers. Flower quality awards given for exceptional flowers are: FCC, AM & HCC awards, while culture awards are given to the grower and are CCE & CCM awards. Botanical awards recognize new species, these are CHM & CBR awards.

-Carol Holdren, Director, International Orchid Foundation - www.orchids.org

Accredited AOS Orchid Judge, WPBJC

Board Member, Flamingo Gardens



AOS Awarded Plants, March 2021

AOS Awarded Plants (con'td)



The May 2021 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, May 22, 2021. Judging takes place at Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330 at 2:00PM on the fourth Saturday of the month (third Saturday November/December). Plant Registration will begin at 1:30.

Masks and social distancing required. Exhibitors can go to www.wpbjudging.org for more information or email Jackie Wood at bocaorchidlady@aol.com.

Show 'Em Where You Grow 'Em



This is an orchid stand that my husband built with metal bars for hanging plants and an aluminum metal grate for potted plants, covered with shade cloth. Also a photo of my recently bloomed *Dendrobium aggregatum*.

-Belinda Krause



Dendrobium aggregatum - Belinda Krause

Members' Plants



RLC Golf Green 'Hair Pig' - Cheryl Dodes



Dendrobium anosmum - Cheryl Dodes



RLC Chomthong Fancy - Marion Israel



Den. Aggregatum - Marion Israel



LC Martin Wolfe AM/AOS - Sally Glick



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each month at 7 PM via Zoom**

Next Board Meetings:

May 6

June 3

— *happy* —
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— *day* —