



THE SOCIETY MEETS  
ON THE SECOND  
THURSDAY OF EACH  
MONTH AT 7:30 PM.

**LOCATION:**

**SAFE SCHOOLS INSTITUTE**

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BLVD., BOCA RATON, FL  
33433.

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Guests are always welcome!

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## Featuring~

**Speaker:** Thanh Nguyen, Springwater Orchids

**Topic:** Advice from an Orchid Specialist

**Date:** September 9, 2021 at 7:30 PM IN PERSON at Safe Schools Institute

Thanh is an owner-operator of Springwater Orchids (Melbourne, FL). He is an engineer by trade, but also has been collecting and growing orchids for over 30 years. His orchid business began in 2001, mainly selling on the internet but gradually moved to orchid shows in recent years. Thanh loves orchid species. And although he grows and sells all orchid genera, his forte has always been the genus of Paphiopedilum. He collects fine plants; grows, sells, breeds, and enjoys sharing his experiences with his customers and colleagues. His passion in paphs resulted in numerous award winning plants and an on-going paphs breeding program using local lab work, and local growing environment. His goals are to bring the excellence of a paphs breeding program back to America, and augment the enthusiasm of paphs growing by way of sharing his growing experience and educational programs via shows and society speeches. You will see these goals reflected in his breeding program with well thought process to target various audiences; from easy growing/flowering plants to state of the art breeding catered to most difficult collectors' interest, in parallel with conservation of breeding species, improving overall plants and flower quality, broadening their growing conditions to make growing paph a joy.

He will bring broad orchid s to sell at the meeting. If you have any questions you'd like to have answered, Thanh will be happy to do that for you. So bring those questions with you.

—*Marion Israel*, Vice President, Programs

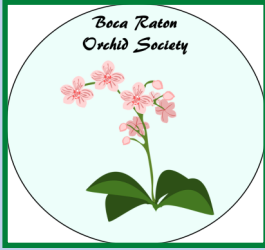
**Please note: Members may bring plants for judging to this meeting. Please see the rules on page 7.**

**Members may not brings plants to sell at this meeting.**

**Thanh Nguyen will have plants for sale.**

Thanh Nguyen





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## A Message from Our President

# Happy Labor Day!

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Summer is over and we are on to the last quarter of the year. Crazy to think it's been so long since we were together. I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed time with your friends and family if that is what you planned. We had a wonderful summer and spent every weekend relaxing in the Spring outside of Sanford.

The heat is still with us, and I know my orchids are not happy about it. As I said last month... Water early and take care of yourself; the heat is brutal and dangerous for you and your orchids.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. **This will be our first in person meeting since the pandemic started.** Thanh Nguyen from Springwater Orchids will be our speaker. He will be bringing plants to sell, and we will be having our raffle table. You will NOT be able to sell your personal plants at this meeting.

As you all know, we canceled our bus trip to Tamiami which was scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>. We only had 13 people paid to attend by the deadline. It was not cost effective to rent a bus for a small number of members. Marion will be sending your check back to you. My apologies...

As a Board we have decided to postpone our auction that was scheduled for October, until our March 2022 meeting. We really want to have a full house when we do our auction and postponing it will give each of you a chance to get your booster shot if that's what you are planning on doing.

Lastly... We are going forward with our preparations for our 2022 Valentines Show. We will need your support and help to make our 2022 show a success. It takes many, many members to put on a successful Show. Sign-up sheets will be coming soon, so think about what days you will be able to volunteer for the show.

Take care of yourself, and we will see you On Thursday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy



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## Tasks for September

by Dr. Martin Motes

Although more inches of rain fall in June, more hours of rain occur in the often slow, seemingly endless drizzles of September. Frequently a day or two can pass without so much as a solid hour of truly bright sunshine to lift our spirits and dry out our plants. Days are growing much shorter also, with long nights when our plants are wet from the frequent rains. Coming at the end of the rainy season when disease pressure has been building, September presents the maximum opportunity for fungal and bacterial diseases to take hold of our orchids. Hopefully careful watering practices and the judicious use of fungicides (as recommended last month) will have diminished the potential for disease in our collections. But even in the best managed collection, September calls for extra vigilance. Keep a close eye out for problems and remove immediately any plant that shows the first sign of fungus to a dry location to prevent the disease being spread by splashing rain drops. Good hygiene is particularly important this month. Clean up growing areas and remove any dead leaves, twigs or other organic debris from the plants and the ground. In September numerous diseases that linger in decaying plant material find the ideal conditions that allow them to jump to the living tissue of our prize orchids. Such problems can develop more quickly in September than in any other month. September is a month to stay home and be there for your orchids. Look at every plant, every day.

Remember that your plants will have grown considerably over the summer and that the space they occupied comfortably in the Spring has now been filled by their own growth as well as their neighbors. Space them out. Now is perhaps the time to decide to hang some of the larger ones where they will dry much more quickly. The small cute ones left behind on the bench will be very appreciative of the extra air and light.

### News from Dr. Motes

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# Upcoming Orchid Events

The September 2021 judging at the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center will take place Saturday, September 24, 2021. Judging takes place at Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330 at 2 PM 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](http://www.wpbjudging.org) for more information or email Jackie Wood at [bocaorchidlady@aol.com](mailto:bocaorchidlady@aol.com).

## BROS Bus Trip to the Tamiami Orchid Festival

On October 1, 2021 has been canceled.

Marion Israel will return any checks that had been received.

Thank you for your patience.



Mounts Botanical Garden Exotics and Orchid Sale. Saturday Sept. 18 (9 AM-4PM) and Sunday Sept. 19, 2021 (9 AM-3PM). At Mounts, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach FL 33415. Find an amazing selection of plants from 30+ premium vendors. Featuring orchids, begonias, bromeliads, ferns, hoyas, aroids, garden art, and more. Garden admission is free for Garden members; \$10 general admission; \$5 (ages 5-12).

Tamiami International Orchid Festival. Friday - Sunday, October 1-3, 2021 from 10 AM - 6 PM daily. At Fruit and Spice Park. Tickets: \$12. Kids under 12 - free. More information at

<http://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/tiof/public/about>

\*\*\*BROS bus trip to Tamiami on Friday, October 1. See page 5 for details.

Delray Beach Orchid Society Show and Sale. Saturday October 23 and Sunday October 24 at the Fieldhouse at Old School Square in Delray Beach. Details to be announced.

Deerfield Beach Orchid Society 9th Annual Orchid Obsession Show and Sale. Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14 at Safe Schools Institute on Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton. Details to be announced.

# A Tribute to Fred Gilbert

Fred Gilbert was a long-time member of the Boca Raton Orchid Society. He passed on a few weeks ago in his mid-nineties. Fred and Ginger's daughter Margie has informed us that Fred's memorial will take place September 13, 2021, at 2:00 PM at Gutterman-Warheit Memorial, 7240 N Federal Highway, Boca Raton, FL 33487.

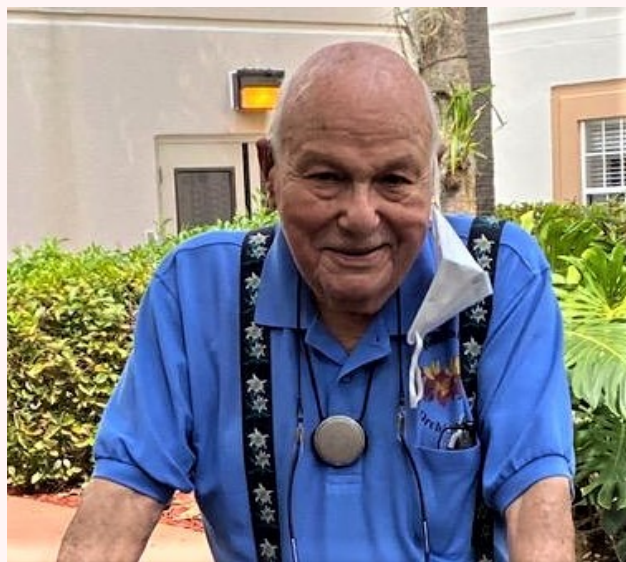
Fred's dedication to our organization was legendary. Fred and the late, great, Dave Hogaboom, organized and taught the BROS After School Orchid Program in local Boca elementary schools for many years. After Dave passed on, Fred taught the program with Shirley Wilde. Cheryl Dodes taught with them for one year. Bj Saul is currently the teacher of the program, along with past and present volunteers Shirley Wilde, Mirta Sacon, Teresa O'Neil, Karen Zarif, Sheila Bell, and Janice Larit. The program is currently halted due to the pandemic.

Hundreds of children discovered a love for orchids because of "Mr. G" and his enthusiasm. In the program, children learn to identify orchids, then compare similarities and differences for a variety of orchids, including Phalaenopsis, Vanda, and Dendrobium. Each child receives a Phalaenopsis orchid to take home and care for. Finally, they color orchid pictures to be put on display at the BROS February Valentines Show.

When Fred and Ginger moved to Stratford Court of Boca Pointe Senior Living Community this past spring, Fred realized that the already beautiful grounds would look much better if the trees were adorned with orchids. So, he contacted Alan LaDuke, who arranged for a team of more than a dozen BROS members to place orchids in the trees this past May. The orchids were provided by Fred, Marion Israel, And Barbara Barrie. An article about this endeavor was in the May 2021 issue of the BROS newsletter.

Now the beautiful orchids will stand as a living memorial to Fred Gilbert. Boca Raton Orchid Society is lucky to have known such a wonderful man. May he rest in peace.

The late Fred Gilbert







**Dear Orchid Friends,**

**Due to concerns over the ongoing Covid-19 and its delta variant coupled with Miami-Dade county's continued high positivity rates for the virus, and in consideration for the health and wellbeing of our members, volunteers, and guests, the Centennial Celebration Committee and the AOS Board of Trustees have opted to postpone the Centennial Celebration event and activities which were to take place October 27th - 30th, 2021 until April 6th - 9th, 2022.**

**Please note:**

**If you are already registered for the event, your current registration will be rolled over to the new dates.**

**If you have hotel reservations at the Biltmore Hotel, they will be automatically moved to the equivalent dates in the new timeframe.**

**Taking this initiative allows us the opportunity to reschedule with enough time to allow everyone who wishes to participate in this momentous event to do so. Your safety is of utmost importance to us. Any questions can be addressed to the AOS Headquarters office at [TheAOS@aos.org](mailto:TheAOS@aos.org).**

**We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and kindly ask for your understanding. We hope that you are able to join us in Coral Gables in the Spring.**

**\*\*\*In preparation for our future in-person meetings, here is information about how to submit an orchid for judging and what to do if you wish to bring an orchid or orchids for sale at a meeting.**

## BROS Exhibition Table

Every month members have the opportunity to show their latest achievements. They can be admired then judged and you may even win an award ribbon! Fill out a exhibition slip and place it with your entry. Please follow the rules below to avoid disqualification.

1. Clearly print the orchid name and your full name.
2. It must be featured in the correct category.
3. You must have owned the orchid for at least six months.
4. The plant must not have insects or disease.
5. Display your orchid in an attractive container.
6. Each plant registered earns you a FREE raffle ticket!

Winning plants will be featured in the BROS newsletter the following month.

### BROS Member Plant Sales

BROS Members are welcome to sell their plants at designated monthly meetings.

Five Simple Rules:

1. Maximum of 5 plants
2. No insects or diseases.
3. Must have a name tag.
4. No commercial sales.
5. 10% of your total sales must go to the BROS Treasurer that night.



## Members' Orchid Photos



**Ascocenda Debora Bacheschmidt**  
**Marion Israel**



**Blc Waianae Leopard X Cnta Why Not 'Orange Paradise'**  
**Belinda Krause**



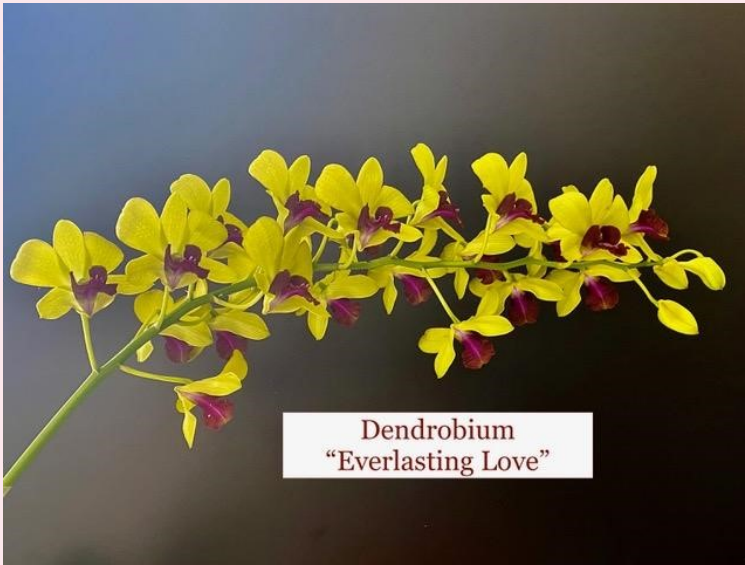
**Vanda Somsri Gold - Cheryl Dodes**



**Vanda Will Riley - Marion Israel**



# Members' Orchid Photos



Dendrobium  
"Everlasting Love"

Jay Collins



No ID Dendrobium - Cheryl Dodes



No ID Cattleya - Cheryl Dodes



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**\*\*\* Will be held on the Thursday prior to the  
Member Meeting each month at 7 PM via Zoom**

**Next Board Meetings:**

**September 2**

**October 7**

**November 4**