Naples Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER

The Naples Orchid Society is a non-profit organization, devoted to the promotion of, interest in, and the appreciation of orchids and the preservation of our native orchids. It is also our aim to disseminate information pertaining to their culture and hybridization.

www.naplesorchidsociety.org

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Come to the January Meeting Thursday January 5, 2012 At the Moorings Presbyterian Church

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Flower Registration 6:30 p.m.
Flower Judging 7:10 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Program 7:45 p.m.

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The Program will be by Martin Motes
The topic: "Hybridizing Among Vandas"

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter is the 15th of the month, 3 pm.
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January 2012 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

February 2, NOS Kickoff dinner for our 50th anniversary in the gym

NOS Orchid University
January 7 – February 25, Saturdays @ 10 a. m. in the gym.

NEXT NOS SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

January 9, 2012
310 Hawser Lane
7 pm.
All are welcome

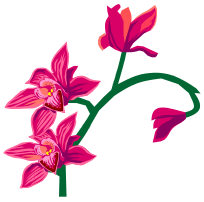
NEXT NOS BOD MEETING

January 19, 2012
Moorings Presbyterian
7 pm.
All are welcome

Sarasota Orchid Society Show
January 7-8, 2012
www.sarasotaorchidsociety.org

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale
January 20, 21 & 22, 2012
www.flos.org

Dues are due this month. See page 3 for more information.



President's Message
From Kit Kitchen-Maran
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Merry Holidays, NOS members! 'Tis the season to enjoy all that we do and be thankful.

My sincere thanks for the honor and the confidence you have shown by electing me president. I hope to live up to your expectations and lead us into some new and exciting areas to fulfill the NOS mission. Many thanks too, to Deborah Gallagher and Ted Moore for the lovely ambiance and organization of the December potluck meeting; also thanks to all the members who provided the delicious and diverse food that we shared and for the food we shared with those who need it in the community. It was a wonderful start to the season to see so many there. (Does anyone realize there are many more than 1,000 homeless children in our county? Our next scheduled food drive is in April.)

Early in December, four members of NOS attended a workshop on native orchids. We began to see the results of our scholarship/internship efforts as NOS was thanked publicly by Dr. L. Zettler for our support of the research done in the FL Panther Wildlife Refuge by his students, Haleigh Ray and John McCormick, from Illinois College. This was a powerful meeting of researchers from that school and also those from University of Florida, as well as federal and state agency folks. Dr. M. Kane from UF has agreed to link his research papers on native orchids to our website for those who wish to delve more deeply into the scientifics of propagating wild orchid seeds and replacement onto public lands. If you know someone who fits the criteria for our scholarship/internship program, please advise them to go online and apply! Did you know there are only about 40 cigar orchids, *Cyrtopodium punctatum*, combined, (at the Fak *and* Panther Refuge), left on these *protected* lands? Do we know how many of these orchids are held in private hands?

You might remember that a campaign promise I made was to not forget the traditions and concerns of the Naples Orchid Society, while leading NOS into new endeavors based on the needs and desires of the members. My vision for the society is to encourage formation of committees to take responsibility and leadership to bring ideas to the board and carry them out. To this end, I invite you to attend board meetings which will be held the third Thursday of the month in Classroom B at the church, Moss Hall entrance, second floor, beginning at 6:30. Board business meetings will begin at 7:00pm, which are open for observation only, to members.

Hopefully by now, you've had a chance to see the new website. Unfortunately we did not receive grant money in November, but we will keep trying. Since this is your website, please let us know how it is working for you. One thing the board will need to decide is how to present personal information of members. Should the same information that has been used in the directory be available to members only, password protected, online? Should the directory be available only as printed material at meetings and use the same personal information as in the past? Should the directory include only names, phone numbers and zip codes? We need a policy that will be the same for all members. This one is a tough decision. Please give the board members feedback on this issue.

I'm looking forward to 2012, our Culture Class and celebrating our anniversary year on February 2nd. Sign Up Now!

Here's to a great new year!
Kit

2012 NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- **President – Kit Kitchen-Maran**
- **1st VP in charge of Programs – Norm Dolder**
- **2nd VP in charge of Activities – Deborah Gallagher**
- **Treasurer – Bill Overton**
- **Secretary – Cynthia Carlson**
- **Publicity – Beth Mattheus**
- **Newsletter Editor – Kris Morton**
- **Membership Chair – Nanett Boerner**
- **Director (3 year) – Ralph Brand**
- **Director (2 year) – Patrece Remmel**
- **Director (1 year) – Dick Pippen**

Non-voting Volunteer Members

- **Co-Newsletter Editor & Historian – Marilyn Moser**
- **AOS Representative – Marilyn Moser**
- **Webmaster – Susan Roehl**
- **Librarian – Ted Moore**

REMINDER

2012 DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY. SINGLE MEMBERSHIP IS $40, FAMILY MEMBERSHI IS $50. IF MAILING PLEASE SEND TO: NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY, PO BOX 799, NAPLES, FL, 34101, OR YOU MAY NOW PAY ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE;
www.naplesorchidsociety.org

AOS CORNER

Marilyn Moser AOS Rep.
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We had another great holiday potluck for our December meeting with lots of delicious food to share and it was a great turnout. We each got to take home a beautiful orchid.

I was honored to present two AOS Affiliated Society Awards for exceptional service. The recipients were Kris Morton and Dick Pippen. Congratulations to you both for all your hard work and dedication.

I want to thank our board and our committees that keep our society running so efficiently. I know NOS is about orchids, but it is more than that. It's about members sharing their passion and becoming involved in our society. To quote the AOS president, "It's about building a community of friends, peers, mentors and leaders, individuals willing to share their expertise in, and fervor for, growing the most wonderful flower in the world".

Here's hoping you all have a delightful Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **50th Anniversary Committee meeting Monday, January 2, & Tuesday January 24, 6:00-7:45 pm. All who would like to help are welcome, Calistoga Restaurant's meeting room, Airport Pulling & Vanderbilt Beach location.**

- **NOS Orchid University - (Culture Class) Saturdays, January 7 thru February 25, 2012. $50/member; $60/non-members. Enroll at our next meeting or online @ www.naplesorchidsociety.org.**

- **2012 NOS Show Committee meeting Monday, January 9, 7:00 pm @ Ginocchios', 310 Hawser Lane. All are welcome.**

- **NOS Board meeting Thursday, January 19, 2012, 6:30 pm. All are welcome. Moorings Presbyterian, 2nd floor, classroom B, above Moss Hall.**

- **NOS 50th Anniversary Kickoff Dinner & Celebration event – February 2, 2012, 5:30 pm, Moorings Presbyterian Church. This is a dinner, program & silent auction-fundraising event which will take the place of our regular monthly members' meeting & will require a paid reservation for all members & their guests. Tickets will be sold at each of the above meetings & online at www.naplesorchidsociety.org. The cost is $25 for NOS members, $35 for guests.**

- **2012 Master Gardener Educational Garden Workshop Series, January 12-March 15. Info: http://collier.ifas.ufl**

- **NOS member David Genovese is having an ORCHID SALE on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Many genera will be available, as well as new hybrid compots & seedlings! 147 Flame Vine Drive, Naples. Call 682-7432 for additional information.**

- **Manatee River Orchid Society Show, Manatee Conv. & Civic Center, Palmetto, FL, January 22-23, 2012. Info: bavwfuhlbruck@tampabay.rr.com.**

- **Tamiami Orchid Festival, Dade County Fair Expo Center, Miami. January 29-30. Info: vandas@mindspring.com.**

Naples Chapter of the FL Native Plant Society Annual Banquet, February 24, @ Naples Botanical Garden. Presentation by one of the foremost experts of FL botany, Loran Anderson, Ph.D., speaking on "What is a Flower?" Reception starts at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:15 pm, program at 7 pm. Contact Nancy Richie @ 239-389-5003 or NRichie@cityofmarcoisland.com for more info. $35/person includes wine, cheese reception, dinner & lecture, $20 lecture only.

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Naples, FL 34114
Tuesday to Saturday **Owners:**
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM **Dave & Judy White**

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Please help us welcome our new member;

Kelly Trone
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January cookie bakers;
Lanelle Bishop, Diana Lee, Robin Hill, Elaina Hampton, Ada May Fearon

January beverages:
Elaina Hampton

AN INTERESTING FACT

To put the scale of the Taiwan International Orchid Show in perspective, there are more plants entered in one large exhibit than are entered in all exhibits combined at almost any show in the United States.

Note: Since NOS is not ordering calendars from AOS this year, here's an alternative for our members who want orchid calendars. This is from the publicity person of Friends of Fakahatchee. You may order from the following site:

http://www.orchidboard.com/community/easy_pages.php?p=1

CARE & CONDOLENCE CARDS

Get well cards were sent to Jim Connell & Maria Davis.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS OF THE UPCOMING NAPLES ORCHID SHOW

- **Craig Jones – Premier/Sotheby's Realty**
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TO THE DONORS FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION AT OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF DINNER CELEBRATION

- **Opera Naples – two $50 tickets to Faust, February 2012**
- **Corkscrew Swamp Audubon Sanctuary – Family membership package**
- **Conversancy of SWFL – Family membership**
- **Wynn's Market - $100 gift basket**
- **Ivey House Bed & Breakfast, Everglades City – One night stay for two & 4 hour kayaking package for two**
- **Mike Owen, Fakahatchee Swamp Walks – Two certificates for up to four people each**
- **Home Depot – Orchid plants or orchid baskets**
- **Nancy Ginocchio & Norm Dolder – Orchid baskets**
- **Kit & La Raw Maran – Ghost orchid earrings**
- **Dawn Vertrees, Jeweler – Sterling orchid jewelry**
- **Randy Hubbard – Four weeks of lawn mowing & trimming lawn up to one acre**
- **Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City – Twenty-five dollar gift certificate for lunch**
- **Top Coat & Tails (Molly Woodworth) – a $50 fluff & buff (bath & blow dry for your dog)**
- **Naples Botanical Garden - $95 Family membership**
- **Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club – Lunch for two at HB's on the Gulf**
- **Naples Orchid Society – Family membership for 2012**
- **Wilma Swan – Oil painting of orchids**
- **Bill Overton – Professional framed bird photograph**

An Orchid Vignette—Wanda's Fire, A Hot Orchid!

I don't know who Wanda is or was, but she sure has a neat orchid named in her honor. And Wanda's Fire is so appropriate because I think this orchid is really hot!! Wanda's Fire only blooms once-a-year, usually in January, but it is worth the wait! And when it does bloom, the plant stays in flower for about two months. The traditional name of this grex is *Brassolaeliocattleya* (*Blc.*) Wanda's Fire. It is a cross between *Blc.* Fuchs Orange Nuggett and *Blc.* Orange Nuggett. When I first saw the name I "missed" the "Fuchs" and thought it was Orange Nuggett x Orange Nuggett, but that didn't make any sense. Fuchs Orange Nuggett and Orange Nuggett are two different, but closely related greges. Actually Orange Nuggett is one of the parents of Fuchs Orange Nuggett, so this is what we call a "back cross" where one plant is crossed with one of the parents.

***Blc.* Fuchs Orange Nuggett was created by Richard Takafuji, of the Orchid Center in Hawaii, and it was registered by our own R.F. Orchids, of Homestead in 1987 (hence the Fuchs). This grex has received an award from the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association and two from AOS including an AM for the cultivar 'Robert' in 1987 (guess who that was named for ☺).**

***Blc.* Wanda's Fire was also created by Richard Takafuji of the Orchid Center in Hawaii and registered by Byrd's Orchids of Lakeland, Florida in 1998. It has received seven AOS awards, five HCCs and two AMs. Wanda's Fire has been used as a parent in four crosses.**

Blc. Wanda's Fire is medium-sized, the pseudobulbs and leaves together are about one foot or so tall. The flowering spikes produce several bright orange flowers with a slightly darker "rim" around the edges. The flowers are about four inches across. There is no fragrance, but I guess you can't have everything ☺. After the first time my plant bloomed, I was worried about whether or not it would bloom again because the sheaths developed, then turned brown and dried up. But, sure enough, come January the new spikes emerged from the dried up sheaths. I discovered that a number of orchids flower from dried-up sheaths.

My plant appears to do well in a west facing pool cage, growing in a clay pot in a mixture of lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton. It is a very rewarding plant to consider for your collection.

Naturally these plants have been affected by the re-alignment of names in the orchid world and both parents are now in the genus *Rhyncattleanthe*. That means that Wanda's Fire is also now a *Rhyncattleanthe*. I am content, however to continue calling it by its traditional name. You can, too ☺.

Contributed by Dick Pippen

PHOTOS FROM OUR POTLUCK DINNER

DECEMBER 1, 2011

THANK YOU EILEEN FOR ALL OF YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AS MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

GREAT GROUP OF GALS

THANK YOU NANCY & FRANK

AOS AFFILIATED SOCIETIES AWARD OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO KRIS MORTON & DICK PIPPEN