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.

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Come to the January Meeting Thursday January 3, 2013 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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Our January Speaker will be Jim Roberts Florida SunCoast Orchids

"Dendrobium anosmum And it's relatives"

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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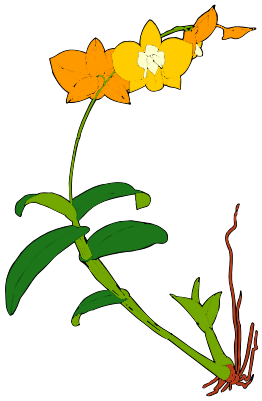
January 2013 NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

February 7, 2013
"Getting ready for our 2013 NOS Show & Sale Workshop

NEXT NOS SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
January 8, 2013
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

Basics of Orchid Culture
Starts January 12, 2013
Ends February 16, 2013
See pg. 5 for more info.

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
January 17, 2013
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show & Sale, Jan. 18-20, 2013
www.flos.org

Tamiami Orchid Festival
January 26-27
Info: www.tamiamishow.com

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is January 26
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DICK PIPPEN, RPIPPEN@COMCAST.NET

You know what I like? I like, what I call "First Thursdays," the day each month that I can get together with fellow and sister orchid enthusiasts to brag about orchid successes, complain about orchid failures, enter a "friendly ribbon competition" for the "favorite orchids of the month," hear about some aspect of orchids from a "professional" and have a chance to buy more orchids (which I don't need, but always want ☺).

I like the Annual NOS Orchid Show, an opportunity to show off our great variety of beautiful orchids to each other and the public, have them judged for ribbons and awards by AOS accredited judges. And again have a chance to buy some new orchids from our select vendors.

I like our "Fall Orchid Sale," our major fundraising event to help support the annual Show. This is another opportunity to let the public know what we are about and share our orchids with them, and recruit new members. Whenever I divide and repot my orchids I always set aside as many as possible to donate for the sale.

I like our Culture Class offered during every January and February, an in-depth opportunity for some of our "experts" to share information about growing orchids with our members and the general public.
I like our Monthly Newsletter that keeps me informed about activities and events of the Society between meetings. I like getting it by email.

I like our excellent Website that provides information to the public about our society and our activities and also has a "more private" section that supplies information for members only including the latest by-laws, guidelines for preparation of plants for the show and other important items.

The role of the Officers and Directors of the Naples Orchid Society is to facilitate all these for the enjoyment and benefit of all. But it is YOU the members of the Naples Orchid Society that really make all these events possible and enjoyable. Thanks to all of you for your support. Let's make 2013 the Best Orchid Year Ever!!

DUES FOR 2013 WILL BE DUE IN JANUARY. PLEASE PAY BY MAILING CHECK PAYABLE TO NOS, PO BOX 7998, FL 34101, IN PERSON AT OUR NEXT MEETING, OR ON OUR WEBSITE @ www.naplesorchidsociety.org
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP $40, FAMILY $50

AOS CORNER

Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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Our annual Christmas potluck was an outstanding success. It is so great to see a group of happy people enjoying themselves. We had delicious food and lots of it. We were all treated to a free orchid. The tables looked wonderful with nice decorations.

I had the privilege as the AOS representative to hand out three AOS awards of merit to deserving members. This year's awards of outstanding and exceptional service were presented to Kim Pendleton, David Orr and Ken & Joylett Davis, all members who have given of their time and talent for the betterment of the society and always willing to help. Since 2002, 23 awards have been given to deserving members.

Why not start out the new year by joining the American Orchid Society. Along with many advantages, you will receive the monthly magazine "Orchids," which is always filled with great articles and information along with wonderful photos. I always have membership applications at our meetings or you can go to AOS.org.

I hope you all have a healthy and Happy New Year !

In November I wrote about some of the wildlife in my side yard. It seems that 'Jake the snake' enjoys sunning himself and hanging around in my plants. He is coiled around one and looks very content.

$50,000
for "Practical" Research in Orchids

The AOS is soliciting members and the general public for suggestions for ideas for practical/applied research whose results could be immediately applied by all, the hobbyist and commercial growers alike, to the way we grow and understand our orchids. The ideas will be reviewed, a few chosen, and then requests for proposals will be sent out to universities. The funds, generated from a donation, will be used to support the researchers who will conduct the studies to answer the questions posed by our members and the general public.

Please send any ideas, with your contact information to ideas@aos.org.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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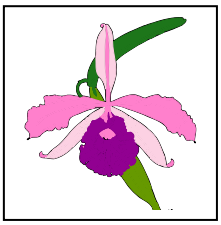
Thank you to Deborah Gallagher & Ted Moore for coordinating our wonderful Christmas Potluck dinner. And thank you to all who also volunteered to help out & to those that brought all the delicious food.

And thank you to Nancy Ginocchio & Norm Dolder for driving up to Sun Bulb to pick up all of the beautiful orchids for our NOS members at the potluck dinner. Also – thank you to both of them for arranging the beautiful orchid baskets for our two raffle items, along with the lovely orchid basket for outgoing President Kit Kitchen-Maran.



Please support our generous 2013 Show Sponsors:

CATTLEYA: $1,000 and above

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- **Cynthia Carlson • Akerman Senterfitt**
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- **Bill Overton, a true friend of the Naples Orchid Society**

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ONCIDIUM: $50 to $99

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations to member Suzanne Fundingsland for submitting the winning name for our 2013 NOS Show & Sale – "A Tisket A Tasket" – she wins a $50 gift certificate.

Sarasota Orchid Society 56th Annual Show & Sale "A Symphony of Orchids," Saturday, January 5 -Sunday, January 6, 2013. Information: Jo Davis at srqjd@verizon.net or 941-228-5501.

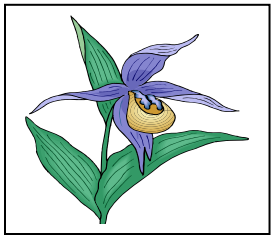
2013 Educational Garden Workshop Series put on by Collier Co. Master Gardeners, January 10 – March 15. Information: http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu, or contact 239-353-4244.

***Orchids Lost & Found in Cuba,* by Mike Owen & Dennis Giardina, will be presented on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the Players Club and Spa, Lely Resort, 8060 Grand Lely Drive, Naples, FL 34113. $25 per person includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks.**

Mike Owen has been the park Biologist at Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park for over 15 years and is known by everyone for his enthusiastic talks about flora and fauna. Dennis Giardina is the Everglades Regional Biologist for Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and was formerly the Park Manager of Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park.

Mike & Dennis were invited to Cuba in November to present a paper there and spent a week with orchid specialists. They are both insturmental in the Fakahatchee project to restore the Cigar Orchid in the strand.

Reservations required by Monday, January 7th. For info, phone 239-695-2905 or emailFOF_90@hotmail.com. You can book online at www.orchidswamp.org or mail check payable to FOF Orchid Talk before Jan. 7th to FOF Orchid Talk, P O Box 35, Everglades City, FL 34139



Growing Your Orchids Better

A New Culture Workshop

Beginning with the next meeting, January 3, 2013, the Naples Orchid Society is going to introduce a new feature to our monthly meetings. We will be adding 'Growing Your Orchids Better.' Although this new feature will be geared primarily towards the beginners or novice growers within the club, it will be open to everyone. These 'little gatherings' will convene between 6 and 6:30pm on every monthly meeting night. Think of these as being 'mini culture classes.' We will meet in small groups to discuss topics pertaining to all aspects of growing orchids.

Each month's topic for discussion will focus in on a different facet of successful orchid growing. We will talk about the specifics of repotting different orchid genera, we will discuss mounting different types of orchids, how to properly stake an orchid and how to make your own pot hangers and rhizome clips. We will also get into such things as orchid pests and diseases, fertilizers and different types of media. You will be able to find out what subject is scheduled by checking the newsletter or by regularly attending the discussions. I will be the principle presenter or speaker. We will have sessions of the 'Orchid Doctor' where members get to bring in problem plants. With each problem plant discussed, members will be exposed to the different problems that we all encounter in growing orchids. We in turn will learn how to diagnose the problems we see within our own plants. Each little session will consist of twenty minutes of lecture or demonstration followed by ten minutes of questions and answers.

We realize that the early start time may be a problem for some members but we on the Board of Directors hope that the material presented, along with information available to the members, will far outweigh any inconvenience encountered by the early starting time. These sessions will be both important and informative. Having them presented in front of a small group will hopefully make the information clear and understandable, not to mention cozy! So watch for the announcements in the newsletter in order to determine the topic for the next months' meeting. Every effort will be made to publicize these topics as far in advance as possible. New growers will benefit by attending as many sessions as possible. I am eager to present these programs to our membership and I am confident that we will all learn a great deal. One of our goals as a society is to "spread orchid growing knowledge" amongst the membership. Here is a wonderful way for our members to increase their knowledge. The first three sessions scheduled are:

January 3rd- How to repot a Cattleya
February 7th- How to make you own rhizome clips and pot hangers
March 7th- 'the Doctor' will see you now. Members bring in problem plants for group discussion.

I have been in on the ground level, so to speak, with these types of classes at other societies. The Long Island Orchid Society is still having the culture classes we started back in 1981!! That is great testament to the value of these sessions in helping the members grow their orchids better! I look forward to seeing as many of you monthly as possible. The North Jersey, Ramapo and Deep Cut Orchid Societies in New Jersey have all utilized these classes as well. They all have found them to be an important part of learning about orchids and how we can all grow these wonderful plants even better than we currently do. We also get a chance to meet in smaller groups getting to know one another better and share our experiences with orchids. This is what the Naples Orchid Society is all about! So please, won't you join me?

Bill Overton

An Orchid Vignette—Little Stars— You Spice Up the Night

Little Stars is one of my favorite Fall and early winter-time orchids. I think probably most of you have this delightful plant in your collection (especially many of you that attended the December 2012 Holiday Party). The correct name of this grex is *Brassavola* Little Stars and it was created by crossing two *Brassavola* species, *B. nodosa* and *B. cordata*. *Brassavola nodosa* is the famous "Lady of the Night" orchid with its very delightful jasmine-like fragrance that starts about dusk and lasts well into the night. Little Stars' other parent, *Brassavola cordata*, I call the "Little Lady of the Night" because it has smaller flowers but a powerful citrus fragrance in the evening. Actually *B. cordata* has undergone a name change and it is now *B. subulifolia*, but it is still called *B. cordata* "in the trade."

Brassavola Little Stars has taken the fragrances from both its parents and created its own unique "elegant" spicy, "clove-like" aroma that starts at dusk and lasts well into the night. I love the way Little Stars "spices up" the lanai when I go out there at night

Little Stars was created by Stewart Orchids when they were in California, and registered by them in 1983. Little Stars has earned 15 AOS awards, two AM, two HCC, ten CCM and one CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence). One of the CCM awarded plants, 'Christine Parrish,' in 1997 had 93 inflorescences with 600 flowers!!

Brassavola Little Stars is a great plant because it starts out small, "containable," and is easy to grow, although after a few years they can become large plants. The pseudobulbs and leaves together are about a foot long, narrow, and "half-round" in cross section. Here, in SW Florida, Little Stars grows well in a sunny area of the lanai or pool cage or out-of-doors hanging in a tree. The flowers are small, about 2–3 inches across. The sepals and petals are pale green, but the heart-shaped lip is white. Once established the plant will produce many spikes with 4–6 flowers on each spike. I can always count on Little Star to bloom in November or early December, and will continue to bloom for two to three months.

This grex has been used as a parent in 25 registered crosses. One of my favorite of Little Star's "kids" is Bc. Kosh Wallis (x C. Caudebec) with a "purplish, spotted lip and spicy daytime fragrance. I just recently acquired an unregistered cross with *Cattleya aurantiaca* which has yellow-golden flowers.

B. Little Stars is not a demanding orchid. I have plants growing in a pot in lava, in Osmunda fiber in a basket, even one mounted on grape wood. I keep them in a west facing pool cage, in as sunny a spot as I can find. Little Stars is richly rewarding not only for its "cute" little green-white flowers but also for its intense spicy nighttime fragrance. If you don't already have one—get one, you'll not regret it.

Contributed by Dick Pippen

MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR DECEMBER DINNER

KIM PENDLETON RECEIVES AOS SERVICE AWARD

JOYLETT & KEN DAVIS RECEIVE AOS SERVICE AWARD

DAVID ORR RECEIVES AOS SERVICE AWARD

DR. JAN ABERNATHIE, NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN, ACCEPTS TWO CULTURE CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS

REBECCA BECK, CORKSCREW SWAMP SANCTUARY, ACCEPTS $3,000 SCHOLARSHIP FROM NOS

THE GAVEL IS PASSED FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT KIT KITCHEN-MARAN TO INCOMING PRESIDENT DICK PIPPEN

2013 NOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Plant Table Rules Naples Orchid Society

Revised January, 2013

To Exhibit Plants:
You must be a member of the Naples Orchid Society and a Hobby Grower. ***You must have owned the plants you want to exhibit for a period of not less than 6 months.*** Any plant without a proper name, hybrid or species, or a plant owned for less than 6 months by a member may be shown on the "Show & Share" Table (which is not eligible for voting).

Plant Table Classes (Categories):

1. Large Cattleya (flowers 4 inches or larger)	7. Large Species
2. Small Cattleya (flowers less than 4 inches)	8. Medium Species
3. Large Vanda (flowers 3 inches or larger)	9. Small Species
4. Small Vanda (flowers less than 3 inches)	10. Oncidium Alliance
5. Dendrobium	11. Slipper Orchids
6. Phalaenopsis (including Dtps.)	12. Other Tribes

To Enter Plants:
1. For each plant entered complete the information on **TWO GREEN ENTRY FORMS** (see example below). These forms are available at the Plant Table in the back left corner of the gymnasium. Use a **green form with green string attached to tie on your exhibit plant**, the other **form, without string should be handed to the Plant Table Worker**. Tear off the name portion of the green form with strings and place it in the bowl for the Green Tag Drawing.

Green Tag Example

Category ***Large Cattleya*** No. ***6***

Use Categories in Plant Classes List Above
No. refers to the number you put on your plant at the Appropriate Class Table

Orchid Name

Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'

Print Name of Orchid Here—if unregistered, just list the cross

Cross

(Blc. Orange Nugget x Lc. Mari's Song)

Print the parents of Orchid Hybrids here
If plant is a SPECIES leave this section blank

(Fold Here)

Exhibitor Name

Your Name Here

Put your name here; tear off this portion on stringed-form and put it in the bowl for Green Tag Drawing

Monthly Plant Table Rules (continued) Naples Orchid Society

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2. Tie the green tag **with the string** on your plant and place it on the table in the proper category (see list above). Take a number from the box on that table and affix it to your plant. That is the number you enter on your green tags and also the number that voters will use. Improperly filled out green tags may mean disqualification of the entry. See Plant Table workers if you need assistance. A computer with OrchidWiz is available on the back center table for checking the hybrid name and parentage.
3. **Exhibitors must have their plants in place in the proper categories with tags completed by 7:10 PM.** Plants cannot be entered for competition after voting begins.

To Vote for a Plant on Exhibit:

4. **Voting will begin promptly at 7:10 PM** .Each member or guest who would like to vote on the plants exhibited should pick up a ballot from the Plant Table. A number will be affixed to each entered plant. To vote for that plant simply enter the number of the plant in the appropriate box on your ballot sheet.
5. Deposit your Ballot in the multicolored Ballot Box on the Plant Table.

Ribbon Awards:

6. The plant with the most votes in each category will receive a **Blue Ribbon (first place)**; the second highest will receive a **Red Ribbon (second place)**; the third highest will receive a **Red Ribbon (third place)**. ***There must be a minimum of five entries per class in order to award a first, second and third place ribbon***. If there are four entries or fewer in any class, only a first place ribbon will be awarded.
7. In addition the **Best Hybrid Plant** and the **Best Species Plant** (selected by an "expert") will each receive a **Gold Ribbon**

Ribbons Equal Points:

8. **First Place Blue Ribbon= 3 points; Second place Red Ribbon = 2 points; Third place White Ribbon = 1 point**. **Gold Ribbon winners for Best Hybrid and Best Species will receive 3 points**.
9. At the end of the calendar year, points will be tallied and the Top Three Point Winners will be announced at the next January Meeting and awards presented.

Qualifier:

10. Any Plant thought to be virused, diseased or determined to be carrying insects will be taken off the plant tables, and disqualified.
11. Cut flowers or inflorescences alone will not be accepted for exhibit on the plant tables.

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The Naples Orchid Society welcomes the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance and wishes them well.