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 2, 2014 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.
Our featured speaker NOS member Jim Longwell "Tips & Tricks of Orchid Growing"

Our Mini Culture Class starts at 6 PM. Bill Overton will be the Orchid Doctor. He will be discussing orchid repotting.

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

February 6, 2014
"Getting ready for our 2013 NOS Show & Sale Workshop"

Basics of Orchid Culture
Starts January 11, 2014
Ends February 15, 2014
See pg. 4 for more info.

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
January 16, 2014
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show & Sale, Jan. 17-19, 2014
www.flos.org

Tamiami Orchid Festival
January 25-26, 2014
Info: www.tamiamishow.com
or www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is January 25,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

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

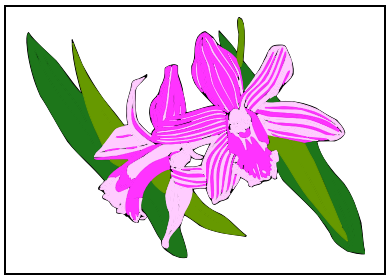
Greetings Orchid Lovers—What a grand celebration of the Holiday Season we had at our Annual Holiday Dinner Party on December 5. Over 100 people turned out to a very festive room filled first with the aroma of Christmas greens and later by roast turkey, ham and all the trimmings! As I told the people in attendance—not only do members of the Naples Orchid Society know how to grow great orchids, they also know their way around the kitchen!! Some delicious dishes were there to tempt our taste buds (and threaten our waistlines ☺). Thanks to all of you who were able to attend, and thanks for the wonderful and plentiful food. And a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Maria Davis for putting it all together. She "fashioned" most of the decorations in her "spare time" at home. Maria—lots of effort, and I think it paid off fabulously. Oh yes, must mention the delightful pre-dinner piano music performed by our own Lanelle Bishop!!

Next year looks to be another busy and fun one with our Culture Class running every Saturday from January 11 through February 15. There is still space for those who would like to sign up. And our Show will be February 21-23. And, of course, our first meeting in 2014 is on the 2nd of January with our own Jim Longwell giving us some good tips on growing orchids.

Hope you all have a Very Happy Holiday Season. See you in 2014! ***Dick***

DUES FOR 2014 ARE 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

Care and Condolence: ***Get well cards were sent to members Dick (John) Thorne, Gayle Dorio and Cynthia Carlson.***



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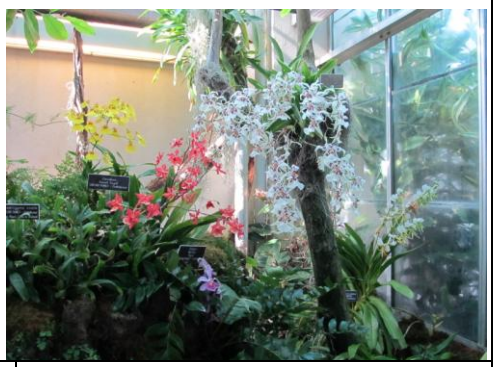
What a great Christmas Pot Luck Party we had! I hope you were able to be there. The room looked beautiful and Maria did a wonderful job. So enjoyed Lanelle 'tinkling the ivories' for all to enjoy. And everyone went home with an orchid: *Blc*. Booth Lee. And of course - delicious food.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday I braved the elements and went to our national Capitol, Washington DC, to spend the holiday with my daughter and her family. The day after Thanksgiving we went to my favorite place, the Botanical Garden which is near the Capitol. It is, for me, like an oasis. The weather outside was cold…..too cold for me…34 degrees, so stepping inside the huge greenhouse was a delight. To breathe in the wonderful humidity brought me back home. Many of the plants and trees are tall, old and amazing. The orchid room is small but filled with lovely plants. And there are always neat Miltonias that we can't grow here. The main room was decorated for Christmas with many poinsettias and there are replicas of famous buildings in DC made entirely of natural materials. If you ever get to DC make sure the Botanical Garden is on your list of places to visit.



Naples Orchid Society presents "The Basics of Orchid Culture, a Six Week Program." The Orchid Culture Programs will be presented in the gym at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Dr., for 6 consecutive Saturdays beginning on **January 11, 2014**, ending **February 15, 2014**. Programs will **begin at 9:30 am & end at 12:30 pm.** A Handbook containing Culture sheets plus a guidebook will be given to each registrant, as well as some blooming size orchid plants. **Cost is $50 for members, $60 for non-members,** for all six classes, payable with application. Payment is required to reserve your space. Application fees are not refundable, except in an emergency.

Please welcome our new NOS members Kay Mitschele, Andrea & Jim Johannsen, Lori & Rusty Van Buskirk, Jean & Jim Keefer (returning members,) Dr. Keith & Gay Edwards, Diana & David Seiwert, Cindy & Dan Melsness, & Bertha & Jerry Vasquez.

A special thank you goes out to 1st VP Norm Dolder & outgoing Publicity Chair Patrece Remmel for all of the work they put in to taking care of the NOS orchid house. They put in a lot of very hard work every week. 2014 Director Dave Orr has been assisting them & putting in may long hours there. Thank you to Norm, Dick Pippen & Nancy Ginocchio for finding such lovely orchids to give our members at the December potluck dinner (Blc.Booth Lee.) Norm & Nancy also put together the lovely raffle baskets. And thank you to 2nd VP Maria Davis & all of her helper elves for giving us a FANTASTIC December Pot Luck Dinner celebration!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GENEROUS 2014 SHOW SPONSORS
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******Bill Overton, friend of NOS**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9-March 13, 2014: Educational Garden Workshop Series, Thursdays, 10 am-11:30am. Info: Collier Co. Ext., 239-353-4244 or http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu

January 11-12: Sarasota Orchid Society 57th Annual Show & Sale, Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL Info: Monroe Kokin, 941-586-7795; orchidpix@comcast.net

January 16-19, 2014: Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "Exotic Orchids." War Memorial Auditorium, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Info: John Wrench, 954-812-2231; johnwrench@bellsouth.net

January 16, 2014: Everglades Wetland Research Park of FGCU's Moonlight on the Marsh series "Algal Blooms & Red Tides: What's Manageable & What's Not," by Hans Paerl, Wm. Kenan. Cost: Free., Naples Botanical Garden/FGCU Kapnick Education Center, 7 pm. Info: www.fgcu.edu/swamp/moonlight

January 16, 2014: Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park Full Moon Ghost Rider Tram Tour (also offered Feb. 14 & March 15.) $25/person. Reservations required. Info: www.orchidswamp.org

January 25-26, 2014: Manatee River Orchid Society Show, Bradenton, FL. Info: David Junka, 941-723-1356; junkabearorchids@aol.com

January 25-26, 2014: 2014 Tamiami International Orchid Festival, Dade County Fair Expo Center, Fuchs Pavilion, 10am-7pm Saturday, 10am-6pm Sunday. Info: www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com

January 30, 2014: Moonlight on the Marsh series continues with "Who is Polluting the Beaches? Understanding Contamination Sources, Health Risks & Protection of Beach Water." Info: www.fgcu.edu/swamp/moonlight

February 1-2: Venice Area Orchid Society Annual Show, Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL. Info: Carol Wood, 941-497-4995; cwood12@msn.com

February 8-9, 2014: Boca Raton Orchid Society Show, Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL. Contact: Lorraine Conover, 561-395-2145; lorrainesorchids@yahoo.com

The Naples Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, in partnership with the Naples Botanical Garden, invites you to our annual banquet featuring Dr. Douglas W. Tallamy's presentation – "Are Alien Plants Bad?" The banquet at the Garden's Kapnick Auditorium on Friday, February 28, 2014 begins with a full dinner and silent auction featuring native plants, artwork and special garden objects. Dr. Tallamy's presentation will discuss data that shows us how we can determine the overall impact of alien plants on our ecosystems only by comparing what is gained from their use with what is lost when they replace native plant communities. Tickets are $35 for dinner beginning with a wine and cheese reception at 5:30 p.m. Lecture only tickets are $20 for the presentation that begins at 7 p.m. Dr. Tallamy's books, including "Bringing Nature Home" will be available for sale.
Pre-purchase is required before February 15th. For more details and ticket reservations visit www.NaplesFNPS.org or call 239-597-7222.

An Orchid Vignette—A Couple of Ever-blooming Bulbophyllums

I just gotta tell ya about *Bulbophyllum* Jim Clarkson. This plant just never stops blooming!! I bought my plant in a 4" plastic pot from Krull-Smith at the AOS Fall Orchid Show/Sale, when they were still in Delray Beach, in November 2010. This was my first attempt at a *Bulbophyllum*, but I couldn't resist that unusual flower. It had one 1-flower spike and was in full bloom. That flower, about three inches across, lasted about a month. Then I repotted the plant into a 5" plastic pot in sphagnum. And it sat there and sat there, grew some new pseudobulbs, but no flowers. Finally in September of 2012 one lonesome flower opened, and then some more, and then some more and, wonder of wonders—it has not stopped blooming yet!! For about a year now it continues to produce flowers, sometimes just a few, then a burst of several, but always at least one or two in bloom!! How can you do better than that!! Bill Thoms of Valrico, Florida created this grex by crossing *Bulb. lobii* with *Bulb. claptonense* and registered it in 2003. It was named in honor of a well-respected AOS Judge in the Florida North Central Region. *Bulb*. Jim Clarkson has earned six AOS awards including two FCCs and three AMs, quite an accomplishment!! It has also been used as a parent in one cross.

And then there is *Bulbophyllum* Grace Thoms. I bought this plant from Bill Thoms when he came to the Naples Orchid Society as a speaker in September, 2011. Thoms is one of the leading experts on Bulbophyllums and has written a delightful book about them. This plant produces a long spike of successively blooming flowers, meaning that only one flower is open at a time, but after it finishes the same spike will produce another and then another. And that is what happened to my plant. The first spike developed and produced its first flower in December 2011 and continued to bloom until June 2012. Then in October 2012 three more spikes developed and later a fourth, and they are still producing flowers!!! *Bulbophyllum* Grace Thoms, created and registered by Bill Thoms in 2010, is a cross between *Bulb. echinolabium* and *Bulb. paluense.* The flowers are long, about 6 inches, and narrow, only about 2 inches wide and they smell like toilet cleaner (at least it's like the cleaner!!). So new, this grex has yet to earn any awards or be used as a parent.

Bulbophyllum is one of the largest genera in the Orchid family with over 1000 species. They grow worldwide and are distinguished by the spike arising from the base of the pseudobulb, and the lip of the flower "on a fulcrum" that "teeter totters." Really neat plants, try one and see. *--Contributed by Dick Pippen*

December 2013 Pot Luck Dinner

Photos by Dick Pippen & Marilyn Moser

***Blc.* Booth Lee for our members.**
BEAUTIFUL!!!

NOS CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER DECEMBER 5, 2013

Photos by Kim Pendleton