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 8, 2015

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 speakers Ken and Judy Russ, Deerfield Beach, FL "Backyard Gardening."

Our Mini Culture Class starts at 6 PM. Bill Overton will be the Orchid Doctor. His talk will be "Debunking the Ice Cube Method." All are welcome!

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

February 5, 2015
"Get ready for our 2015 NOS Show Workshop."
AOS Judge David Junka will also be demonstrating how to do baskets and arrangements.

Basics of Orchid Culture
Starts January 10, 2015
Ends February 14, 2015
See pg. 4 for more info.

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
January 15, 2015
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

Tamiami Orchid Festival
January 17-18, 2015
Info: martin.motes@gmail.com

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show & Sale, Jan. 23-25, 2015
Info: johnwrench@bellsouth.net

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is January 24,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

2015 NOS Orchid Show
February 20-22, 2015

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers—What a Gala!! We had a fantastic time at our December 2014 Holiday Party!! About 100 people were present and they brought enough really delicious food to feed 500, I think. As I always say, not only do our NOS members grow great orchids, they are culinary specialists as well!! It was delightful and no one went away hungry and everyone "walked away" with a nice Phalaenopsis orchid. Our 2nd Vice President, Lanelle Bishop and her hard working committee are to be applauded for an excellent event!! Thanks to all of them.

We were saddened to just recently learn of the passing of Charles Kempter (in August). For years he was an active member in our Society and served a term as president. I am sure that many of our "old timers" will remember him.

Although this is the January 2015 edition of our Newsletter, it comes out before the end of December, 2014, so I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you the Happiest of Holidays and a Most Delightful New Year!! I look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Oh yes, a most important reminder—since the first Thursday of January 2015 is January 1, New Year's Day, our regular monthly meeting will be the second Thursday, January 8. Be sure to mark this change on your calendar. I am sure you will all want to be there to hear Ken and Judy Russ from Deerfield Beach, Florida who's talk is entitled "Backyard Gardening." I have it on good authority that they are Excellent speakers. In the meantime—keep your orchids warm!!

Dick

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY ATTENDANCE: 100
RAFFLE BASKETS PROCEEDS: $305
ORCHID SCARF RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $43

PLEASE SUPPORT AND THANK OUR GENEROUS 2015 NOS SHOW SPONSORS:

PHALAENOPSIS: $500 TO $999
*****Cynthia Carlson, Akerman Senterfitt, 239-499-5600; www.Akerman.com*
*****Bill Overton, a true friend of the Naples Orchid Society*

DUES FOR 2015 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

AOS CORNER
Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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My suggestion to you for a New Year's Resolution is to join the American Orchid Society. If you love orchids, as I know you do….or you wouldn't be a member of NOS….then AOS is for you. You receive a monthly magazine Orchids that is filled with wonderful articles, beautiful pictures and great information. You also get access to the AOS website for members only. This month's magazine has a fun article about the use of orchids in the Rose Bowl Parade floats. Also one on the cold tolerance of warm growing orchids, an article about growing Zygopetalums and one about an orchid unknown to me…a collector's item….C. wittigiana. You can join AOS by going to their website at www.AOS.org or we always have applications at our meetings. Please consider joining….you will not regret it. ***Marilyn***

NOS member Gary Whitmore is selling his orchid collection in addition to his benches, plant stands and other orchid related items. Much of his lovely collection has been very well cared for 8 months of the year by Judy White at Jade Orchids. Please call Gary if you are interested in purchasing any orchids or orchid related items. Phone: 586-530-8750. Address: 109 Tanglewood Court, Naples, FL 34113 (Lely Country Club.)

NOS members Lanelle Bishop & Eunice Walker volunteered to staff our NOS Orchid Doctor table at Naples Botanical Garden December 20. This is the third season we have offered the free "orchid clinic" at NBG. We are there December – April, first & third Saturday afternoons, from 1 – 4 pm. We will only have one Saturday clinic in February. The third Saturday in February will be when we have our annual NOS Show. ***Photos by Dick Pippen***

Thank you to: **Lanelle Bishop & all of her wonderful helpers. They put on a fabulous holiday party!**
Thank you to the NOS members that assisted with our raffles for the orchid baskets.
Thank you to all of our members that attended & brought such wonderful food.
And thank you to Kit Kitchen-Maran for making, donating & raffling off the lovely orchid scarf.
Thank you to Norm, Dave, Dick and Marilyn for all of their hard work bringing the gorgeous Phalaenopsis orchids to the NOS December Holiday Party for our members.

Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our January-April monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!

January 6: **Garden Tour & Fruit Tree demonstration, Collier Co. Ext., 9am. Info: 239-252-4800**
Thursdays, January 8-March 12: **2015 Educational Garden Workshop Series, hosted by UF/IFAS Ext. & Collier Co. Master Gardeners. Where and When: Unity of Naples Church, 2000 Unity Way, Thursdays from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Info: http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu.**
January 17-18: **Miami Orchid Society's "Tamiami International Orchid Festival," Dade Co. Fairgrounds Expo Center, Miami, FL. Info: martin.motes@gmail.com**
January 23-25: **Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "An Orchid Adventure," War Memorial Auditorium, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Info: johnwrench@bellsouth.net.**
February 7-8: **Venice Area Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave, Venice, FL. Info: showchair@vaos.org.**
February 14-15: **Boca Raton Orchid Society Show, Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL. Info: lorrainesorchids@yahoo.com.**
February 20-22: **Naples Orchid Society 2015 Orchid Show "Orchids on the Half Shell."**

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 10, 2015, ending February 14, 2015. 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.**

OUTGOING 1ST VP NORM DOLDER HAS REQUESTED DONATIONS OF BASKETS TO BE USED FOR OUR ORCHID RAFFLES AT THE UPCOMING 2015 NOS SHOW. PLEASE BRING THEM TO EITHER THE JANUARY OR FEBRUARY NOS MONTHLY MEETINGS. MANY THANKS!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR UPCOMING 2015 NOS ORCHID SHOW IN FEBRUARY!

We will have volunteer sign up clipboards available starting in January at our monthly meetings *(our January meeting is the SECOND Thursday of the month. The first Thursday is New Years Day.)* We will need volunteers for set up on Wednesday, February 18, as well as take down & clean up on Sunday, February 22. There will also be clipboards for Hosts/Hostesses and Cashiers for all three days of the Show, February 20-22, 2015. In addition we will have clipboards for signup if you would like to do a table top, basket, educational display, arrangement or single flower display. Guidelines for entering will be found on our NOS website @ www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

SOME TIPS FOR ORCHID GROWING IN JANUARY

From Martin Motes "Florida Orchid Growing—Month by Month"

- **Water judiciously, only early in the day.**
- **Run plants on the dry side to preserve the possibility of using water for cold protection.**
- **Check irrigation system in anticipation of cold.**
- **Flush excess fertilizer salts from Cattleyas and other sympodials.**
- **Spray for mites, then, spray again in 7-10 days.**

Cold dry weather can bring on the mites. This is from "Growing Orchids is Fun" by Better-Gro:

Spider mites are small and may be visible only with a magnifying glass. Their color is variable and can be red, brown or green. Severe infestations may produce a web. Damaged foliage is usually yellow and stippled and sometimes black. Treatment for mites ranges from washing the upper and lower sides of leaves with soap and warm water to pesticides with insecticidal soap or pesticide products that specifically target mites. SEVERAL APPLICATIONS AT WEEKLY INTERVALS ARE USUALLY NECESSARY!

Jade Orchids of Collier, Inc.
285 Morgan Road
Naples, FL 34114
Tuesday to Saturday **Owners:**
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM **Dave & Judy White**

Email: JadeOrchids@embarqmail.com
Offering 10% discount on plants for NOS members.

An Orchid Vignette--The Gypsy

If you like bright, splashy colored flowers, coupled with a delightful fragrance, then 'The Gypsy' is for you! In fact, I imagine many of you already have this old favorite in your collection. This type of orchid is called a "splash-petal" because the petals are "splashed" with blotches of color that match that of the lip. The traditional name of this plant is *Blc*. (*Brassolaeliocattleya*) Momilani Rainbow, and this particular cultivar is 'The Gypsy,' a most apt name in my opinion because of the bright multi-colored flowers. The flowers, which are about 4 inches across, are basically yellow with a peach-colored flush, and fuchsia flares at the tips of the petals. The flowers emit a most delightful daytime fragrance.

The parents of Momilani Rainbow are *Lc*. (*Laeliocattleya*) Mari's Song and *Blc*. Orange Nuggett. *Blc*. Momilani Rainbow was created by Calvin Y. Kumamo, of Hawaii, and registered by him in 1995. A plant shown by Coqui Nursuries of Puerto Rico, earned a HCC (Highly Commendable Certificate) in 2000 at the Ponce Orchid Society show in Puerto Rico, and was given the cultivar name 'The Gypsy.' In addition to 'The Gypsy' sixteen other cultivars of Momilani Rainbow have been awarded by the American Orchid Society (including a HCC, 'Scott Allen,' to Jade Orchids in Naples), as well as two awards by the Brazilian Orchid Society. *Blc*. Momilani Rainbow has been used as a parent in 24 registered crosses and has three "grandkids."

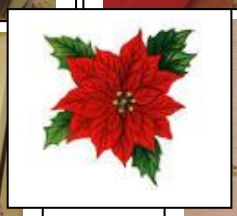
This is a medium sized plant with the pseudobulbs and leaves combined averaging about 12-15 inches tall. The plant grows fast and can quickly become a specimen plant. Like most "Cattleya-type" orchids 'The Gypsy' does best with relatively bright light. Mine do well in a west facing pool cage where they get filtered light most of the day (I like this one so well I have more than one ☺). I grow my plants in a combination of lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton. I fertilize with a weak solution of a balanced orchid fertilizer about once a week. I have read that this plant will bloom twice a year, but mine only blooms reliably during November, December and January with the flowers lasting a month or longer. *Blc*. Momilani Rainbow is a very rewarding plant and one of my favorites.

Since gypsies are known for their wandering nature, it is no surprise that Momilani Rainbow wandered into the name changing squabble in the orchid world. *Blc*. Orange Nuggett is now *Rhyncattleanthe* Orange Nuggett and *Lc*. Mari's Song is now *Cattleya* Mari's Song, so that makes Momilani Rainbow now a *Rhyncattleanthe*. I think I, like most people, will continue to think of this plant as Blc. Momilani Rainbow. This is a must have for any collection, especially if you like splashy color and a most delightful fragrance.

Contributed by Dick Pippen

PHOTOS FROM OUR DECEMBER 4, 2014 NOS HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER

Photos by Dick Pippen and Marilyn Moser



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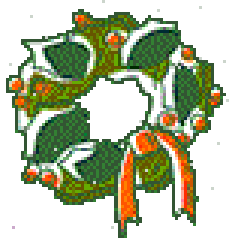

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THE NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY APPLAUDS NORMAN DOLDER FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE SOCIETY. THE ROLE OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT IS A DEMANDING ONE REQUIRING CONTINUED COMMITMENT AND PRESENCE NOT ONLY AT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS BUT ALL SPECIAL EVENTS, AS WELL AS ARRANGING FOR AND "TAKING CARE OF" THE MONTHLY SPEAKERS. NORM HAS ALSO BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING AVAILABLE "THE SHADE HOUSE" FOR THE CARE OF ORCHIDS FOR OUR SALE EVENT.