Naples Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER

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Our January monthly meeting is Thursday, January 5, 2017,
At the Moorings Presbyterian Church Baker Gym

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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.
Jose Esposito
Soroa Orchids
Homestead, FL
"Orchids – A Survival Guide."
www.soroaorchids.com

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Bill's Mini Culture Class in January will be Orchid Doctor.

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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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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JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2017
"Get Ready for our 2017 NOS Orchid Show & Sale"

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is January 28, Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

2017 EDUCATIONAL GARDEN WORKSHOP SERIES
January 12 – March 16, 2017
See pg. 3 for more information

Tamiami International Orchid Festival
January 13-15, 2017
See pg.3 for more information

Basics of Orchid Culture
Starts January 14, 2017
Ends February 18, 2017
See pg. 3 for more info.

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show & Sale
January 20-22, 2017
See pg. 3 for more info.

NEXT NOS BOD & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
January 26, 2017
All are welcome.

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers—We kicked off the month of December on its first day in grand style with our elegant Holiday Potluck Celebration!! So much excellent food and good camaraderie with over 100 people in attendance. As I always say, NOS'ers not only know how to grow orchids, but they also know their way around the kitchen!!! Lanelle Bishop not only did a superb job of organizing the event, with her excellent helpers (too many to mention by name,) but she also provided a delightful musical interlude on the piano. Lanelle—how to say thank you—THANK YOU!!! And many thanks must also go to Norm Dolder and David Junka for the beautiful orchid basket for the raffle, Kit Kitchen-Maran for the elegant, festive scarf that was raffled off, David Orr and Norm Dolder for their trip to Sun Bulb Orchids to get the nice *Phalaenopsis* and other varieties of orchids that everyone in attendance received. And also thanks to Broward Orchid Supplies for coming over to allow us to stock up on necessary supplies. It takes a village to make good events happen!!

Congratulations also to Eunice Walker and Veronica Catrombon, 2016 recipients of the AOS Awards for Exceptional and Outstanding Service—definitely well-deserved and earned.

And the votes are in!!! We had over 80 suggestions submitted for the theme of our Show. The theme for our 2017 Orchid Show is (drumroll----) "*Orchids in the Garden*." Now how appropriate is that for our show at the Naples Botanical Garden!

I hope you will be able to start of the new year by joining us for our monthly meeting on January 5. Jose Exposito of Soroa Orchids in Homestead will be our featured speaker and he will share with us a "Survival Guide for Orchids." I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Until then—Happy Holidays and Keep Your Orchids Happy! ……. *Dick*

A REMINDER

DUES FOR 2017 ARE DUE IN JANUARY. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PAID 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

BUS TRIP TO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL

MEMO: BUS TRIP riders, January 14, 2017, Saturday, to the Miami International Orchid Festival…
Bring your pull along cart for all your purchases. There is room under the bus for your NEW orchids and supplies. There is food at the Festival or pack a lunch.
Pick up is at Island Draperies Exit 101 at 8:30 and leaving at 3:00 in Miami, return by 5:30 pm.
For further instructions, contact Lanelle at 239-250-8291, 239-352-1860,
or lbishop52@gmail.com. Info: www.orchidfestival.com

A special <u>THANK YOU</u> goes out to 2nd VP Lanelle Bishop & her wonderful "crew" for all the wonderful work they did putting on the wonderful Holiday Potluck event December 3 in Moss Hall!!!

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And please contact Mary Jo Shively @ maryjoshively@gmail.com if you would like to bring refreshments for our January or February monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!

December Holiday Party attendance: 135 Raffle basket proceeds: $356
Scarf raffle proceeds: $80

Please welcome our newest NOS members Melina & Leo Au and Mary Raymond.

<u>January 7-8:</u> Sarasota Orchid Society Show "A Symphony of Orchids," Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL. Info: Dennis Pavlock, 941-441-6273, dfpavlock@gmail.com.

<u>January 12-March 16:</u> 2017 Educational Garden Workshop Series, hosted by UF/IFAS Extension Collier County Master Gardeners, every Thursday morning, 10 AM-11:30 AM, with sessions held at Unity of Naples Church. Info: http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu or 239-252-4800.

<u>January 13-15:</u> Tamiami International Orchid Festival, 10 AM-6 PM, Dade Co. Expo. Center, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24th St.) Miami, FL. Info: www.orchidfestival.com.

<u>January 14-February 18:</u> NOS "The Basics of Orchid Culture, A Six Weeks Program," Saturdays, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, Windstar Room at the Naples Botanical Garden. Info: Dick Pippen, 239-775-5220.

<u>January 20-22:</u> Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "Galaxy of Orchids," War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Info: Michael Schaberl, 954-764-1239, michaelschaberl@comcast.net.

Norm Dolder has a limited supply of tickets for purchase to the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show & Sale for $2 less than at the door. See him at the January meeting if you are interested.

<u>TASKS FOR JANUARY</u>

From Florida Orchid Growing – Month by Month by Martin Motes, Ph.d.

- **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.**

AOS CORNER

Bill Overton, AOS Rep.
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I wanted to take this opportunity to let all of our NOS members know that the Board has heard your request for additional information regarding the control and treatment of pests and diseases on orchids. This is not an AOS issue but I am letting you all know that I will be addressing this issue in upcoming Beginners Classes as soon as possible. My session for January will deal with the Orchid Doctor so please bring any problem plant that you might be having issues with. Everyone in the group that evening will get to see the problem plant as a learning tool and we will all get a chance to evaluate the plant and any problem it may or may not be having.

In addition, all of our new members should have signed up for the NOS's 6 week Culture Class. It is a wonderful series of lectures dealing with all aspects of orchid growing including pests and diseases. This is something that every new member/grower should take at least once. Not only do you get the six classes but a book on growing orchids in south Florida, a workbook which is full of useful information AND each participant gets to go home with several orchids in bloom or in bud! (See this newsletter for further information) This is a must for everyone!! All six classes are on Saturday mornings at 9:30 in the Windstar Room at the Naples Botanical Garden.

Now that the New Year is rapidly approaching, orchid show season is coming. The Sarasota Orchid Society Show is the weekend of January 5- 6th in the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium on route 41. You can go to the Sarasota web site for more information, www.sarasotaorchidsociety.org

The three day Tamiami Orchid Festival is the next weekend, Friday through Sunday in Miami. That is a wonderful show with some 50 or so vendors from all over the orchid world. More information will be found at www.orchidfestival.com. The Fort Lauderdale Show is the following weekend, January 20-22. You can go to their web site as well at www.FLOS.org.

Now the last event I wanted to mention is the Venice Area Orchid Society Show and that is the first weekend, February 4-5. Info. at www.vaos.org . Hope to see you at either Venice or Sarasota. I will be judging at both. ……..Bill

Our NOS Orchid Doctor clinics have started up again at NBG. We are there the first & third Saturday afternoons, 1-4pm, thru March. Please consider volunteering. It is a lot of fun & a great way to reach out to the public as well as give back to our Society. Contact me at Kwmehm@comcast.net if you are interested. Thanks, Kris Morton

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.

AND THIS FROM NORM DOLDER:

Looking for someone to care for your orchids while you are away on vacation? Need help with repotting? This gal is available, reliable and knowledgeable: Gloria Restrepo can be reached at 239-293-8083.

An Orchid Vignette—Oconee's Legacy

Blc. Oconee is a gorgeous deep velvety wine red flower with a darker burgundy throat. This hybrid was created by Wm. Kirch Orchids in Honolulu, Hawaii and registered by Carter and Holmes Orchids in Newberry, South Carolina in 1976. The parents are *Lc*. Belle of Celle X *Blc*. Norman's Bay. This hybrid has earned four AOS awards, all AMs, and the best known is 'Mendenhall,' exhibited by Carter & Holmes. Oconee is probably best known for its success as breeding stock and it has been used as a parent in 276 crosses and its "grandkids" number about 800!! I do not have this plant in my collection and the photo above is "borrowed" from OrchidWiz. However, I do have three of Oconee's "kids" and those are what I want to feature below.

Interestingly *Blc*. Raye Holmes (*C*. Bow Bells x *Blc*. Oconee) (photo right) was created and registered by Carter & Holmes in 1976, the same year as Oconee. But, it really shouldn't look so red because *C*. Bow Bells, the other parent, is a white flowered orchid!! Well, you can see from the photo that this hybrid is more "pinkish" than burgundy red, so some Bow Bells influence no doubt. Raye Holmes has earned only one AOS award, an AM in 1978. And it has only been a parent in seven crosses.

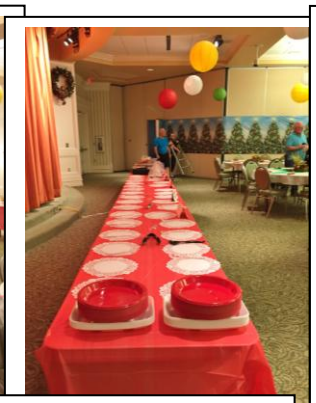
A second Oconee "kid" is *Blc*. Port Royal Sound (*Lc*. Amber Glow X *Blc*. Oconee) which was created by Carter & Holmes and registered by them in 1983. This one is more like it's Oconee parent with deep wine-red flowers. It has earned four AOS awards, two HCCs and two AMs and it has 33 "kids." I got my plant in 2010 from our NOS April Potting Exercise and I have waited somewhat impatiently for this to bloom—which it did for the first time in 2015, with one flower!! Several times I thought it would not make it and I should "abandoned" it, but my patience finally paid off! It also has a delightful, but heavy "perfumy" fragrance.

Last but not least, is *Potinara* Carolina Splendor (*Pot*. Waikiki Splendor X *Blc*. Oconee), created by Lanette Greenhouses in North Carolina and registered by them in 1992. This, another neat flower, has earned six AOS awards, two HCCs and four AMs, and has been used as a parent in 21 crosses. While the *Blc*. Oconee parent is reflected in the deeper red color of the lip, the other ancestors of this complex hybrid are evident in the lighter sepals and petals and more orange/yellow in the throat.

All of these hybrids have flowers in the five inch range so are considered "big Cattleyas," and as such all have been affected by the name changes. Now all three are in the genus *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* (*Rlc*.). Regardless of the name, any and all of them would make worthy additions to your collections. *Contributed by Dick Pippen*

PHOTOS FROM OUR HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY DECEMBER 3, 2016

Thank you to Veronica Catrombon, Lanelle Bishop, Jim Rawson, Sheila Demkovich & Dick Pippen for their photo contributions.



PHOTOS FROM HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 3, 2016, CONTINUED

PHOTOS FROM HOLIDAY DINNER, DECEMBER 3, 2016, CONTINUED

Exceptional Service AOS Affiliated Societies Award to longtime NOS member Eunice Walker

Exceptional Service AOS Affiliated Societies Award to Veronica Catrombon, Membership Chair