JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Our January monthly meeting is Thursday,
January 3, 2019
at the Moorings Presbyterian Church, Baker Gym

Flower Registration
6:30 pm
Flower Judging
7:10 pm
Meeting
7:30 pm
Program
7:45 pm

"PREPARING FOR OUR 2019 ORCHID SHOW-- Part I"

Flower Awards
Raffle --- Refreshments

UPCOMING NOS EVENTS

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2019
"Preparing for our 2019 Orchid Show—Part II"

Basics of Orchid Culture
Starts Saturday, January 12, 2019
Ends Saturday, February 16, 2019
See more info on Page 3

Bus Trip to Tamiami International Orchid Festival
Saturday, January 12, 2019
See more info on Page 3

NOS BOD and Show Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2019 6:30 pm
All are welcome to attend

46th Annual Orchid Show
Saturday, February 23, 2019 - 9:00AM – 5:00PM
Sunday, February 24, 2019 - 9:00AM – 5:00PM
Naples Botanical Garden
4820 Bayshore Dr Naples, FL 34112

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rpippen@comcast.net

Submit articles for the Newsletter by the 15th of each month to: NaplesOrchidSociety@gmail.com

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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.
www.NaplesOrchid Society.org

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dick Pippen
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Greetings Orchid Lovers -- Holiday Season is here, and we kicked it off in grand style with our Annual Holiday Potluck on December 6. Over 100 people celebrated the event and brought along some fantastic food (as usual) which was enjoyed by all. It is always very satisfying to see so many people turn out for this festive event. Thank you all for coming. And while I am in the thanking mode, I want to thank Lanelle Bishop, Carolyn Booker and their group of "pixies" who did all the decorating and preparations for our potluck—and also Lanelle and Nancy Ferber for the musical interlude of Christmas Carols on the piano. Thanks to David Orr and Norm Dolder for their trek to Sun Bulb, in Arcadia, for the nice *Phalaenopsis* plants that each of you received. And many thanks must also go to Norm Dolder and David Junka for the two elegant orchid baskets that were raffled off.

But the highlight of the evening was an unexpected surprise that left me sitting down and speechless! Kit Kitchen-Maran read a letter from a former student of mine at Western Michigan University who donated a $2350 NOS scholarship in my name. A most generous and creative thought that I very much appreciated. Thank you, Mal Hickok and Kit, for putting this together and "keeping me in the dark." *(See the letter and photo on page 6.-editor)*

Just a reminder that our Culture Class starts on January 12, 2019 and the Show is the last weekend in February 2019. Our January and February meetings will be devoted to preparations for the show with changes in the rules and regulations, how to fill out the green cards, demonstrations on preparing cut flower arrangements and containers. Hope to see you all there then and keep thinking about plants you would like to enter in our show. Until then—keep your orchids happy. *Dick*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Time to Renew!

Membership Chair Veronica Catrombon will be accepting membership renewals for 2019 at our January 2019 monthly meeting. You may also pay by check mailed to Naples Orchids Society, PO Box 7998, Naples, FL 34101, or by credit card at www.naplesorchidsociety.org. Single membership $40, Family membership $50.

Do You *Smile* When You Order from Amazon?

If you order from Amazon, did you know that you could also support Naples Orchid Society with your purchase at no cost to you? Go to smile.amazon.com, it's the same company, same prices, same account and same everything, except Amazon will let you name a non-profit organization and donate 0.5% to it. NOS has already been registered and linked, but you will need to go to this website and name us as the organization you have chosen for the donation to go to. Remember to go to smile.amazon.com to order using your same account login and password for your Amazon account. Bookmark it so you will have a reminder. And THANKS for supporting your Society!

Upcoming Events

January 5-6: **Sarasota Orchid Society presents "For the Love of Orchids," Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Tr., Sarasota, FL; Contact: Dennis Pavlock, 941-441-6273; dfpavlock@gmail.com.**

January 10-March 14, 2019: **Collier County Master Gardener Educational Garden Workshop Series, Thursdays, 10 – 11:30 am, Unity of Naples, 2000 Unity Way. Information: 230-252-4800 or https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/collier**

January 11-13: **Miami Orchid Society's "Tamiami International Orchid Festival," Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Fuchs Pavillion, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24 St.), Miami, FL; Contact: Martin Motes, 305-247-4398; martinmotes@gmail.com**

January 25-27: **Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "Orchid Paradise," War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Contact: Michael Schaberi, 954-683-9615; michaelschaberi@comcast.net.**

NOS CULTURE CLASSES START JANUARY 12, 2019 EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT NBG BUEHLER AUDITORIUM FOR SIX WEEKS THRU FEBRUARY 16, 2019
See Registration Form at the end of this newsletter.

A BUS TRIP TO TAMIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL 2019

We are joining up with SWFL Orchid Society, Sanibel, and GCOA for a BUS TRIP **Jan. 12, 2019 Saturday,** to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival. **$30 includes admission and bus ride!** There's Room under the bus for purchases. **Pick up is at United Uniforms/Sew Shore parking lot on Beck Blvd., Exit 101 at 8:30 and leaving at 3:00 to return by 5:30 pm.** Checks or cash should be turned in by **January 3 Meeting** as it is First Come First Ride and a couple spots are available!

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FROM YOUR AOS REP
Marilyn Moser
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It's hard to believe another whole year has gone by. Our orchid show was very successful. Let's hope our upcoming one, "The Magic of Orchids" is just as great. So much will depend on you all to bring your "A" game: volunteer to help out any way you can and bring those blooming orchids to show.

We have had a loyal and hard-working board this year which makes our society so fun and interesting. I have enjoyed being your AOS representative. One of my main duties is to encourage you to become a member of AOS. If you love orchids (and you wouldn't be a member of our society if you didn't) then joining AOS is a wonderful way to enhance that love. It is a real plus in your learning new things about orchids. I always have membership forms available at our meetings.

HOME REMEDIES

From "Orchids" AOS Magazine, December 2018

- Rather than expensive & potentially dangerous herbicides, spray full-strength vinegar to kill weeds between pavers & on greenhouse floors. DO NOT SPRAY ON ORCHIDS!
- Aspirin (just ¾ of one 325 mg tablet per gallon of water) helps protect plants from fungal & viral pathogens when used as a spray. More is NOT better. Do not exceed this amount.
- Homemade insecticide: (mix in a 1 gallon jug): 1 pint rubbing alcohol, 1 pint 409 spray cleaner, & 3 quarts water. Apply as spray.
- Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol can be put into an empty spray bottle & used to treat scale, mealybugs, thrips, aphids, red spider mites & perhaps other pests. It works only while wet & must contact insect.
- Neosporin has been reportedly used to treat orchid crown rot; remove rotted area of plant before treatment.

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 Bracteate Chysis

I don't often write about orchid species because lots of information is already available in books and on the Internet, as is the case of this orchid, *Chysis bractescens*. However, it is such an interesting orchid that I can't resist calling it to your attention.

Chysis bractescens is in the *Calanthe-Spathoglottis* Alliance, which is interesting because most of the plants in that group are terrestrial or semi-terrestrial (will get "along" either as an epiphyte or planted in the ground). *Chysis bractescens* is an epiphyte found mostly on low altitude mountain slopes in Mexico and Central America (according to the literature). I thought originally, when I purchased the plant, that it was more closely related to *Catasetum* because the plant has very large pseudobulbs. It differs from the Catasetums, however, in that the pseudobulbs, which reach a length of a foot or more (it is not a "miniature plant ☺), prefer to be pendant and the flowers are quite different. I tried to grow my plant with the pseudobulbs tied upright but when I read that they are pendant in nature, I let them "hang down" and it was "very appreciative." ☺ The leaves come off each side of the pseudobulb alternately and after a while they fall off, so the plant is considered deciduous in the dry season. I have not had a "major leaf fall" on my plant (although you can see in the photo that a couple of leaves are ready to fall). Some references say that the plants should be mounted on slabs of wood, cork or tree fern; others suggest putting them in baskets. I don't have much basket space, but if I did, I think I would put my plant in a basket. Right now, it is potted in a seven-inch plastic pot in sphagnum and it appears to be "happy." The plant is growing in a west facing pool cage where it gets morning light and afternoon shade.

The flowers develop from the base of the new growth, when the new pseudobulbs are about 3-4 inches long (I think you can see that in the photo left). Some of the literature says that the inflorescences may get up to 30 cm (about a foot) long, but I have found that in my plant, the flowers all stay "crowded" on short stalks. Right now I have four new growths and four new spikes of flowers (in November, 2018). I think the flowers are very nice—waxy in texture, white with yellow in the throat.

OrchidWiz recognizes 24 "members" of the genus, 15 of which are species. *Chysis bractescens* has been used as a parent in 7 crosses, mostly with other species of *Chysis*, and has earned 43 AOS and international awards. I was interested in the origin of the name *Chysis* (pronounced Kye-siss). I thought it must be a Greek goddess or something exotic, it is Greek, but alas it means "melting." According to one source it refers to a fusion of the pollinia in some self-pollinated forms. Oh well, nice orchid anyhow—get one if you have the space. *Contributed by Dick Pippen*

TASKS FOR JANUARY
From Martin Motes, PhD

- **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.**

Hi Doc Dec. 3, 2018

This is a long overdue letter of thanks.

Back in the mid 70's I was attending WMU and had you as an instructor for several biology classes. You kept your classes lively and fun and you had a true open door policy for your students. Over time we developed great chemistry and struck up a great friendship.

One of the greatest experiences in my life was a trip to Central America with 6 others from WMU. I was the kid who had just barely traveled outside of Michigan, so the opportunity to go to Belize was a dream come true. Memories of bat caves, seeing polyps on night dives, staghorn coral for a far as the eye could see, monkeys stealing your underwear out of your suitcase and of course the conch fritters, conch salad, conch for breakfast, lunch and dinner and did you know conch glows at night. I can go on and on about the experiences that I will never forget, thank you.

I was a financially challenged student, and the trip to Belize was only a dream because I couldn't afford it. You somehow found someone to donate $500 to make this trip possible for me, I don't know who that person was Doc, but thank you.

So I'd like to pay forward for some other student. Google says that $500 in 1975 is worth $2350 in 2018 so I've donated that amount to Naples Orchid Society. Hopefully he/she can have the same experience of a lifetime.

So its often said that one important person can influence one's life and your that person for me and I'm sure for many many more students.

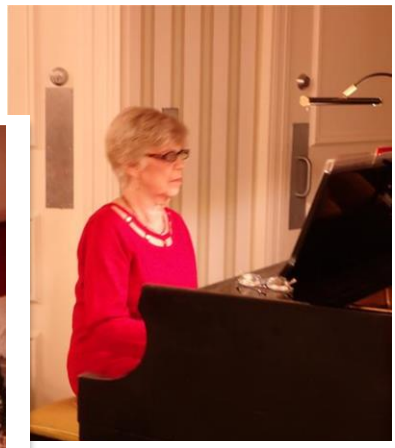
From myself and so many more, thank you so very much for making college such a fun and unique experience.

Mal Hickok
WMU Class of ~~76, 77~~, 78

A POTPOURRI OF ORCHID FACTS

From "Growing Orchids is Fun"

Vanda tessellate roots and leaves from Ceylon are regarded specifically for rheumatism.
Varieties of *Vanilla* leaves and stems are mashed by Magaysious (a tribe in Sri Lanka) for hair tonic.



Highlights from our 2018 Holiday Potluck Party

Raffle Basket Winners: Jayne Cohen and Veronica Catrombon

See more photos in the Holiday Party Slideshow coming soon!

Name_____Phone No._____

Address_____

Email Address_____

2019 Basics of Orchid Culture Program

Member Naples Orchid Society **Yes** **No** (Please Circle)

Mail this form and check to Dick Pippen, 7851 Classics Drive, Naples, FL 34113.

Make check payable to **The Naples Orchid Society**

Naples Orchid Society

Presents

The Basics of Orchid Culture
A Six Weeks Program

The Orchid Culture Programs will be presented in the **Buehler Auditorium at the Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples**, on six consecutive Saturdays beginning on **January 12, 2019 and ending on February 16, 2019**. Programs will **begin at 9:30 AM and end at 12:30 PM**. A Handbook containing Culture sheets and other valuable information plus a guidebook will be given to each registrant, as well as some blooming size orchid plants. **Cost is $60.00 for members, $90.00 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.

Topics Presented by Our Own Local Experts Include:

What Makes an Orchid an Orchid
Cattleyas and their Relatives
Dendrobiums
Oncidiums and their Relatives
Phalaenopsis
Slipper Orchids & Catasetums
Vandas and their Relatives
Orchids for the Beginner and the Collector
Pests and Diseases and “Cures”

If you have any questions before the classes start, please call Dick Pippen at 775-5220.

EDUCATIONAL GARDEN WORKSHOP SERIES – 2019

WORKSHOPS EVERY THURSDAY STARTING JANUARY 10 – MARCH 14, 2019 | 10–11:30AM

Unity of Naples Church | 2000 Unity Way, Naples, FL 34112

Price: $40 for the complete 10 week series or $10 per lecture
Register: At the door at https://2019-garden-workshop-series.eventbrite.com

Diva Plants
Thursday, January 10, 2019
Mike Gill, Manager, Driftwood Garden Center
How to plant and maintain "Diva Plants", those "glamorous" Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, Gardenias and Roses.

Going Native: Making the most of our SW Florida Environment
Thursday, January 17, 2019
Brian Bovard, Asst. Professor, Environmental Studies, FGCU
A look at native Florida plants and sustainable gardening practices.

ABCs of Orchids
Thursday, January 24, 2019
Twyla Leigh, County Extension Director, UF/IFAS Extension Collier County
Everything you wanted to know about orchids, but were afraid to ask.

Basics of Plant Propagation
Thursday, January 31, 2019
Brian Galligan, VP of Horticulture, NBG
Chad Washburn, VP of Conservation, NBG
Simple propagation techniques using seeds and cuttings that help you increase your tropical garden's plant palette and save you money.

Demystifying the Ancient Japanese Art of Bonsai
Thursday, February 7, 2019
Chris Gilbert, UF/IFAS Extension Florida Master Gardener Collier County
A step-by-step approach illustrating age old techniques for miniaturizing plants in an idealized landscape.

Plant nutrition: the Need for Feed
Thursday, February 14, 2019
Bob Cook, FCHP
What do lawns, trees and flowers require? What do our soils supply? When is fertilizer helpful and harmful?

From Lawn to Landscape
Thursday, February 21, 2019
Isabel Way, Owner, Colusa Farms
Various ground covers that enhance curb appeal, reduce fertilizer and pesticide use and help to conserve water.

Arsenic and Old Lace: Poisonous Plants
Thursday, February 28, 2019
Gil Long, UF/IFAS Extension Florida Master Gardener Collier County
Plants that can cause a danger to people and pets and safer alternatives.

Bromeliads in the Landscape
Thursday, March 7, 2019
Jon Hanson, Bromeliad Paradise, a Bromeliad and Plumeria family owned nursery
How to select, plant and care for bromeliads in your landscape.

Garden Tour
Thursday, March 14, 2019
Series Card Holders Only.
Sign up begins January 31.
Tour a privately owned garden that features many Florida friendly plants.

MORE INFORMATION
UF/IFAS Extension Collier County
Phone: 239-252-4800
https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/collier/

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