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 February Meeting Thursday February 6, 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 program will be "Getting Ready for Our NOS Show"

Our Mini Culture Class starts at 6 PM. Bill Overton will be the Orchid Doctor. He will be discussing nomenclature and proper labeling.

REMINDER
2014 NOS dues are now due. Please pay by March 6.

FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

March 6, 2014
Craig Morell
Horticulturist, Pinecrest Gardens

NOS ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE
February 21-23.
Moorings Presbyterian
Baker Gym

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is February 22,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
March 20, 2014
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DICK PIPPEN, RPIPPEN@COMCAST.NET

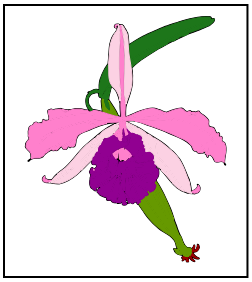
Greetings Orchid Lovers—2014 got off to a good start with over 80 people in attendance at our January meeting. Unfortunately our guest speaker, Jim Longwell, was ill and "voiceless" so he wasn't able to be there. I volunteered to substitute for Jim and talked about Cattleytonias—"*From Catts to Cattleytonias—Looking for the Puuuuuurrrrrrrfffffffect Combination.*" Hopefully we'll be able to fit Jim in for a later meeting.

This is a busy time of year. Our Culture Class started on January 11th and continues through February 15th, finishing just in time to get ready for our Annual Orchid Show February 21-23, with preparation and registration on the 19th and 20th. (We can always use more volunteers—so if you have time contact Kris Morton.) Our February Meeting "main event" will be a workshop devoted to getting plants, containers, and flower arrangements ready for the show. Hope you all can be there and be thinking about how to enter your plants. The Show is always a gala event! Congratulations to Kim Pendleton for suggesting the "winning" theme for our 2014 show which is "Wonderful World of Orchids."

Congratulations to Cynthia Carlson and Bill Overton who received AOS Awards for outstanding contributions to the Naples Orchid Society. These were presented by Marilyn Moser. And also congratulations to our Plant Table Winners for 2013: 1st place—Eunice Walker, 2nd Place—Barbara Crist, 3rd Place—Gayle Dorio. Great job! Now the rest of you need to give them some competition in 2014, so bring in your best plants every month!

Until Next Time—Happy "Orchiding." ***Dick***

Photos by Dick Pippen



AOS CORNER

Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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At our January meeting I had the honor and privilege of presenting AOS Certificates of Appreciation to two of our deserving members. Cynthia Carlson and Bill Overton have given of their time and talent to our society with exceptional and outstanding service throughout the year. They go above & beyond for us. Congratulations to them both.

There were only 21 plants brought in for judging at our January meeting. I hope we have a much better showing for our upcoming show. You are encouraged to bring your plants even if you think they may not be worthy. You never know when a ribbon will be awarded. Also, please plan to participate in the show….volunteer to help. Don't be on the outside looking in. Be a real NOS member and help any way you can. It will be very rewarding and you will feel you are being a real part of the show. So groom those plants and stake those flower spikes and gear up for the show!!

L. - Cynthia Carlson, R. - Bill Overton
Photos by Dick Pippens

NOTICE FOR THE SHOW

To enter Exhibit Competition you must be a member of NOS.
To enter Individual Plant Competition you must have owned the plant for 6 months and be a member of NOS.
You must agree to pay for any AOS awards or declare that you will not prior to entering.
The Naples Orchid Society is not responsible for any damage or loss.
Please read the show Rules and Regulations before entering plants and exhibits.

Please welcome our new NOS members Ann Vost & Mary Anderson. Welcome back Bob Lang.

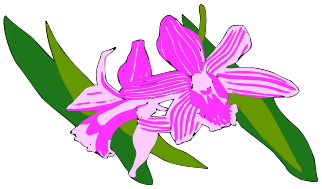
Thank you to our January refreshment providers: Alice Thorne, Connie Sims, Marilyn Moser, Veronica Catrombon, Barbara Crist & Rose Anthony.
Reminder to February refreshment providers: Diane Lee, Susan Vicedomini, Nanette Boerner, Joy Corritore, Gayle Dorio & Eunice Walker.
Thank you to our Plant Table workers: Sheila Demkovich & Kim Pendleton.
Thank you to our Raffle Table workers: Sue Roehl & Alice Thorne.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GENEROUS 2014 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**

VANDA: $250-$499
******Kristen O'Neill – Driftwood Garden Center, 239-595-3612. www.driftwoodgardencenter.com**

DENDROBIUM: $100 TO $249
******Patrice Case, MD**
******Charles T. Ferber – The Law Office of Charles T. Ferber**
239-334-1555; CTFLawyer@earthlink.net
******D. Starrett, Inc.**
******Molly Woodworth – Topcoat N Tails,239-262-2956; www.topcoatntails.com**
******Molly Woodworth – Fur, Fins & Feathers Sitting Service; 239-571-5577**
******David Woodworth – Gator Music; 239-261-9100**



FROM 2ND VP MARIA DAVIS

With our apologies - unfortunately we had to cancel our bus trip to the Tamiami Orchid Show in Miami January 26. We did not have enough members to sign up. Hopefully we will be able to organize something else this coming year for all to enjoy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**

February 13, 2014: **"Orchids" with Judy White, Jade Orchids, @ Educational Garden Workshop Series, 10am-11:30am, 2000 Unity Way, Naples. GWS continues every Thursday morning through March 13. Info: Collier Co. Ext., 239-3534244 or http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu**

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

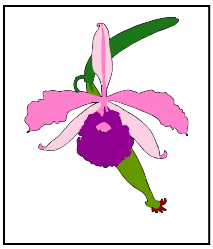
Febuary 14-16: **Greater Orlando Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale, 710 Rollins St., Orlando, FL. Info: http://www.greaterorlandoorchidsociety.com**

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.

DUES FOR 2014 ARE DUE NOW. 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

If you received a starter plant from the compot shared by David Genovese a few years ago he was able register the cross. The RHS has approved the new hybrid to be *Rlc.* Dr. Paul Dernbach.

And here is an idea if you have extra wine corks: (instructions - http://craftorganic.com/orchids/repurposing-corks-for-plants/)



Minutes of the meeting
January 2, 2014
submitted by Secretary Cynthia Carlson

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. He reviewed the emergency exit procedures and thanked the refreshment committee. The outgoing officers were thanked and he introduced the newly-elected officers for 2014.

The 2013 plant table winners for 2013 were announced:

1. **First Place: Eunice Walker with 73 points**
2. **Second Place: Barbara Crist with 63 points**
3. **Third Place: Gayle Dorio with 47 points**

Dick mentioned that all three winners are Culture Class graduates.

He announced that the annual show theme is Wonderful World of Orchids, suggested by Kim Pendleton. Kim received a gift certificate for suggesting the winning show theme.

Marilyn Moser presented the AOS awards to volunteers, for efforts going above and beyond with time and talents for NOS:

- **for outstanding service to NOS: Cynthia Carlson**
- **for exceptional service to NOS: Bill Overton**

Dick thanked Maria Davis for planning the holiday party. He announced that the Orchid Show and Sale is February 21-23. There will be a Show committee meeting on 1/16 at 7pm combined with the Board meeting.

The Culture Class starts on 1/11, 9:30am – 12:30pm for 6 weeks. It's not too late to sign up.

The February general meeting will be a workshop for the Orchid Show and Sale.

Membership Director Nanett Boerner reported that total membership is 264. Renewals are due now. You can pay your membership dues at meetings or on our website.

Treasurer Bill Overton reported that our surplus for 2013 is approximately $6,500. Current balances are $15,375.43 in checking and $14,819 in CDs and money market.

Second VP Maria Davis reported that the bus trip for Jan 26 is cancelled because not enough people signed up. She also reported that a plate was left at the holiday party. Please contact Maria if you think the plate is yours.

Newsletter Editor Kris Morton reported that we still need volunteers for the Orchid Show and Sale to help with cashiering, hosting and hostessing and setup and take down.

1st VP Norm Dolder reported that he has tickets for the Fort Lauderdale show for $8. Contact Norm if you are interested. Our scheduled speaker, Jim Longwell, could not be present, so Dick Pippen filled in and presented a program on Cattleytonias.

Plant Table winners were announced. Raffle winners were announced.

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.

SPECIAL RAFFLE: $11

RAFFLE: $115

ATTENDANCE: 82

UPDATE FROM DR. LARRY ZETTLER TO PRES. DICK PIPPEN (1/18/14)

Good morning, Dick. My colleague, Dr. Laura Corey, and her student, Sovit Chalise, have the results of the virus screening we did for some of the Naples Orchid Society members during our visit there last summer (see attached). If you would be so kind as to pass this information along to the members who donated samples to the study, this would be appreciated. Dr. Corey mentioned that she would like to perhaps expand the virus testing to include native orchids in S Florida and other NOS members, if that is something that might interest you folks.

Other news to report – I just returned from Cuba with 18 Illinois College students, including Kavita Patel. Ms. Patel and I had the pleasure of seeing the Cuban Ghost Orchid in flower (see attached), and she might also be the youngest (first?) American student to ever see the Cuban and US *D. lindenii* in flower the same year (!). The trip to Cuba was made possible by the Cuban expert, Dr. Ernesto Mujica (second photo,) who invited us. I am now making plans to have Dr. Mujica visit S Florida in July on a new research collaboration between our two countries involving *D. lindenii*. Would you and NOS be interested in having Dr. Mujica give a talk in July? His English is much better than my Spanish.

Dr. Mujica and I plan to write an article for Orchids magazine in the near future on the two ghost orchid populations. It's quite fascinating how different the two *D. lindenii* habitats are compared to one another.

One last thing to report – the fungi that Kavita and Korrie secured from the orchids at the Panther Refuge last summer, including one from *D. lindenii,* are now asleep (=permanently safeguarded) in Canada at UAMH. This means that these fungal strains are now available to researchers who want to use the fungi for long-term conservation projects. Their results were presented at the 5th International Orchid Conservation Congress in Reunion Island last month, and we hope to generate a paper. We acknowledge NOS in our talk there.
Thank you for your previous and ongoing support for our research. I hope to hear from you soon. Feel free to use any of the images in your newsletter, website, etc. ***Larry***

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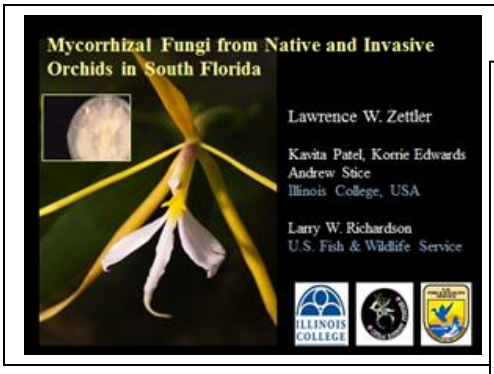


An Orchid Vignette—And Then There's Bepi!

I just love that name—"Bepi!" It is just fun to say—and the orchids that belong to the name are just as fun to look at if you like green and white and spots! *Bepi*, is short for *Brassoepidendrum* (see why I like "Bepi" so much better ☺), which is a combination of *Brassavola* and *Epidendrum*. Here are three of my favorites.

Bepi, Phoenix is a cross between *Brassavola nodosa* and *Epidendrum phoeniceum*. It was created by Oscar Kirsch of Hawaii and registered by him in 1960. So this cross is now more than 50 years old!! The flowers are dominated by the *B. nodosa* parent as evidenced by the shape of the lip and all those delightful spots! The plant also resembles *B. nodosa* with long narrow leaves. In all those 50 years this grex has only earned one award and that was not until 2011 when it earned an AM/AOS! It has been used as a parent in 13 crosses and has nine grandkids. Unfortunately this grex only flowers once a year, in November (for me) but the flowers last for about 2-3 months. It is growing in a clay pot in a lava/charcoal/Hydroton.

My second favorite "Bepi" is *Bepi*. Memoria Carl Chenowith, one of *Bepi*. Phoenix's "kids." (*Bepi* Phoenix x *Epidendrum alatum*). This cross was created by Margaret Chenowith and registered by her in 1985. You can see that the *Epidendrum* parent is more represented in these flowers in the maroon-brown color in the sepals and petals. And the purple "spotting" is more like lines of color painted on the white lip. For me this grex flowers in mid-summer, with the flowers lasting about two months or so (and spikes almost 2 feet long). I had trouble getting this plant to grow and I now have it in a plastic pot in a Stalite-charcoal mix. It appears happier and is putting out new roots.

Ah, since I still have space—here is a third favorite "Bepi." This is *Bepi.* Pseudosa. Now, this one is very different from the other two. The flowers are smaller, the sepals and petals a bright apple green, and the lip is yellow with no spots! This is a cross between *Brassavola nodsoa* and *Epidendrum pseudoepidendrum* (don't you just love these names!!). *Epi. pseudoepidendrum* is one of the reed epidendrums, thus lacking pseudobulbs, and that trait is passed on to this grex. Pseudosa was created and registered by Claude Simmons of Voo Doo Orchids, Naples Fl. in 1974. For me, this plant, growing in a plastic pot, in a sphagnum mix, flowers on every new growth.

Alas, only this third grex is still truly a "Bepi" because *Epi. phoeniceum* and *Epi. alatum* have been transferred to the genus *Encyclia* (where they should be). That means that the correct genus for both *Bepi*. Phoenix and Mem. Carl Chenowith is *Encyvola*! Yuk, that just doesn't roll of the tongue nearly as well ☹. However, they are still great plants and they will "always be Bepi to me!"

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

JANUARY 2014 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Bulb. longisepalum
Owner: Marilyn Moser

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Ascda.* Udomchai x *Ascda.* Peggy Foo**
Owner: Kris Morton

Photos by Susan Roehl

Plant Table Results
January 02, 2014

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Pamela Hetherington 'Coronation' FCC/AOS
Owner: Lois West

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Golden Chieftain 'Akuki'
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Small Vandas
First Place: Ascda. Udomchai x Ascda. Peggy Foo
Owner: Kris Morton

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Palolo Sunshine 'Ito'
Owner: Barbara Crist

Large Species
First Place: C. lueddemaniana
Owner: Lola Monesko

Small Species
First Place: Ionopsis utricularioides
Owner: Lola Monesko

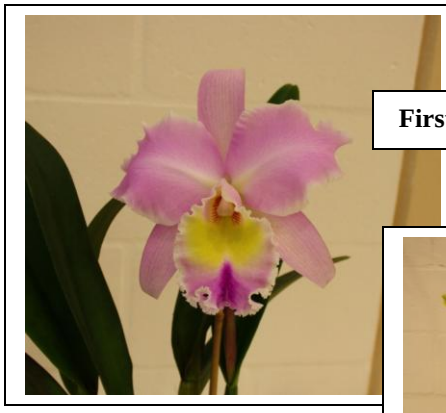
Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Onc. Heaven Scent
Owner: Twyla Leigh

Other Tribes
First Place: Catasetum Donna Wise
Owner: Barbara Crist

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Bulb. longisepalum
Owner: Marilyn Moser

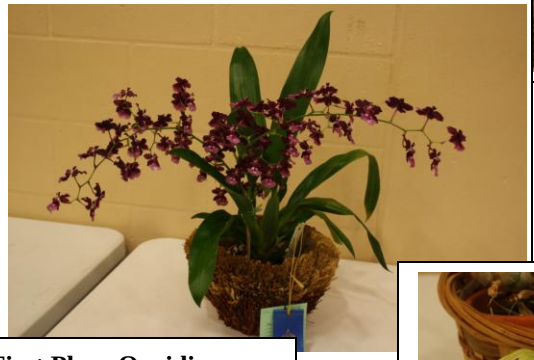
Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Ascda. Udomchai x Ascda. Peggy Foo
Owner: Kris Morton

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Bl. Morning Glory
Winner: Kit Kitchen-Moran



First Place Large Cattleyas

First Place Dendrobiums



First Place Oncidiums

Photos by Marilyn Moser

First Place, Other Tribes

SPECIAL NOTE TO PEOPLE ENTERING PLANTS FOR MONTHLY COMPETITION: Please be very careful to enter your plant in the proper category AND to complete the green entry tags as accurately as possible, especially the Number assigned to your plant. This will assist the Plant Table People to accurately assign ribbons to the correct plant. Thanks.