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 February Meeting Thursday
February 5, 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.

"Get ready for our 2015 NOS Show Workshop." AOS Judge David Junka will also demonstrate how to do baskets and arrangements.

Our Mini Culture Class starts at 6 PM. Bill Overton will be the Orchid Doctor. All are welcome!

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

Upcoming Events

March 5, 2015
Peter T. Lin
Diamond Orchids
S. California

2015 NOS ORCHID SHOW FEBRUARY 20-22

AOS JUDGING

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

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

March 19, 2015
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers— Ken and Judy Russ of Port St. Lucie not only are excellent "Backyard Orchid Growers" but also Ken is a "maker" of orchid pottery. And Ken was the featured speaker at our January 2015 meeting. He talked about their collection and how they grow orchids, gave helpful hints on growing orchids well—and how to use some of his unique "pottery" in which to display orchids. A most excellent program enjoyed by the over 100 people in attendance.

Thanks to all of you who submitted Show Theme suggestions at our November 2014 meeting. We now have a Show Theme for our 2015 Naples Orchid Show and it is "Orchids on the Half-Shell!!"Congratulations to Cynthia Carlson who suggested this year's theme. She received $50 (with the strong recommendation that she spend it at the show ☺). Also let this be a reminder to all of you that our Show is coming up very soon, the 20-22 of February. Hope you all can make it and that you will be able to volunteer some of your time in preparation for and during the Show.

Congratulations also to our 2014 Plant Table Award winners: 1st Place—Lola Moncsko, 2nd place—Barbara Crist, 3rd Place Eunice Walker, 4th Place—Gayle Dorio, 5th Place—Corrie van Caulil and 6th Place Gary Whitmore. The Board of Directors decided that there was too much discrepancy in the awards for plants entered in the Annual Show and those entered for competition in the monthly meetings since considerable effort is required to prep the plants, and bring them in each month. So the BOD decided to increase the annual awards for the Plant Table Awards. For 2015 the Awards will be: 1st Place--$400, 2nd Place--$300, 3rd Place--$200, 4th Place--$100, 5th Place--$50, 6th Place--$50. We hope that this will encourage more people to bring in plants for the monthly meetings. So get your plants ready and "Come on down!!" In the meantime until next month—keep your orchids happy. ***Dick***

PHOTOS BY MARILYN MOSER

(FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT GET THE EMAIL VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER - MORE PHOTOS FROM JANUARY MEETING, CULTURE CLASS, HOLIDAY PARTY & TAMIAMI ORCHID FESTIVAL WILL BE FOUND ON PAGES 11-12.)

AOS CORNER
Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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Well, for me it's that time of year again….culling! With all the orchid shows coming up I need to make room for those new plants. So I have to review my orchids…look at each & every one and decide to keep it or toss it (or maybe just put it outside in the yard to fend for itself.) Has it bloomed well for me? Is the plant kind of crummy looking? No new growth? If so then it needs to be removed to make room for new purchases. Don't be hesitant about it…just do it!!!

With our big show coming up in February please remember that the more plants that we have the better the show. I know from all the beautiful orchids you bring in every month that we have many wonderful growers. So if it is in bloom bring it to the show. You never know. You could win a ribbon and you'll be helping make our show successful! And please volunteer to help with set-up and clean-up or any other way that is needed. It is our members who make our show great.

At our January meeting 37 plants were brought in for judging and 40 of you voted. As usual the category with the most orchids was Cattleyas.

Attention All NOS Members

PLANT TABLE CHANGE

The Board of Directors has decided to expand the Plant Table competition by one new category. There will now be a section for "Orphans." If you have a flowering orchid that has lost its' label, you can now enter one and perhaps win a ribbon.

An additional table will be set aside for plants with no name. Members can enter their orphans here. They will be eligible to win either a blue, red, or white ribbon. Members can vote for those plants by using the "NOVICE" section on the ballot sheet. Like all other classes, the number of ribbons awarded at each meeting depends upon the number of plants entered in the Orphan Class.

It should be noted that these ribbon winners will not be eligible for any points towards our yearly Plant Table Competition. After all - they are orphans. The Board just thought that these plants should still be able to win ribbons. Gold ribbons for Best Hybrid or Best Species will not be awarded to orphans either. The Board will be doing this on a trial basis for the remainder of this year. Results will be evaluated to determine if this category will continue. It is further hoped that by having our more experienced members view these plants, that some may be recognized and names can subsequently be attached making these plants no longer orphans!

Bill Overton for the Board

DUES FOR 2015 ARE DUE NOW. PLEASE PAY BY MAILING CHECK PAYABLE TO: NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY, PO BOX 7998, FL 34101,
IN PERSON AT OUR NEXT MEETING,
OR ON OUR WEBSITE @ www.naplesorchidsociety.org.
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP $40, FAMILY $50.

GET READY FOR OUR 2015 NOS SHOW

We still need volunteers for our upcoming NOS Show February 20-22, 2015. I will have sign-up sheets at the February 5 monthly meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact me at: NOSnewsletter@gmail.com. We still have spots for Hosts/Hostesses and Cashiers on all three days. We also need volunteers to help set up Wednesday, February 18 and take down Sunday, February 22. MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (dues paid for 2015) THAT VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THE JOBS WILL BE ADMITTED FREE TO THE SHOW ON ALL THREE DAYS.
Thanks in advance - *Kris*

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 on our website (www.naplesorchidsociety.org) before entering plants and exhibits.

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*
*****Driftwood Garden Center, 239-595-3612; www.driftwoodgardencenter.com*

DENDROBIUM:* *$100 TO $249
*****Charles T. Ferber, PA, Attorney at Law*
www.charlesferberlaw.com

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 THE FEBRUARY NOS MONTHLY MEETING. MANY THANKS!

Thank you to: **Refreshment volunteers Connie Sims, Angela Dunlap, Barbara Crist, Barbara Crist, Lanelle Bishop, Marilyn Moser, Eunice Walker, Kit Kitchen-Maran and Rose Wos.**
Raffle table workers: Bertha Chinn and Carol Talanian.
Plant table workers: Lanelle Bishop and Sheila Demkovich.
Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our February-April monthly meetings.

Please help welcome our newest NOS members: Leslie M. Rocco, Barbara & Gene Bisol, Ray Cacciatore and Joyce Vorbach.

February 3: **Guided Garden Tour 9 AM, talk on "Pruning" at 10 AM, Collier Co. Ext. Info: 239-252-4800.**
Thursdays thru 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, Thursday mornings from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Info: http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu.**
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."**
Upcoming Orchid Shows in March: **Englewood Area, Martin County, Tampa Bay, Coral Gables, Port St. Lucie and Highlands County.**

JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING ATTENDANCE: 109 ***RAFFLE TABLE PROCEEDS: $229***

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.

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
January 8, 2015
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
He reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures and announced and thanked the refreshment providers.
He said that the Holiday Party was a big success, over 100 people attended. He thanked Lanelle Bishop for chairing the committee.
Dick announced that the show in February has a theme "Orchids on the Half Shell." The name was submitted by Cynthia Carlson. Our February meeting will be devoted to preparing for the show. David Junka will speak on containers and arrangements. Norm will tell us how to prepare our plants for the show.
Dick announced that the Culture Class starts this weekend, Jan 10 – Feb 14 on Saturdays from 9:30 am – 12:30pm.
He announced the next Board of Director/Show Committee meeting will be on Jan 15th in Moss Hall classroom B and is open to all.
Dick then introduced the new 2015 officers elected at the November meeting.
The Plant Table ribbon winners for 2014 were announced. There are now 6 awards:

1st place $250: Lola Moncsko
2nd place $150: Barbara Crist
3rd place $100: Eunice Walker
4th place $50: Gail Dorio
5th place $50: Corrie Van Caulil
6th place $50: Gary Whitmore

For 2015, the Board has decided to change the awards for the plant table. The six awards will now be: 1st place $400, 2nd place $300, 3rd place $200, 4th place $100, and $50 for 5th and 6th places.
Membership Chair Nanett Boerner welcomed our newest members and thanked returning members for renewing. She reported that we now have 95 paid members.
Treasurer Bill Overton reported that checking balance is $17,616.04 and savings $14,981.13. For 2014, we finished with a surplus of about $3,000. Plant sale resulted in a surplus of over $8,000.
Laura Stacell reported that she has sign up sheets for the Orchid Show: container displays, cut flowers, and table tops. She also distributed fliers for members to take and distribute.
Kris Morton announced that there are sign up sheets for the show. Please sign up as a volunteer.
Gail Dorio, sponsor coordinator, reported that she put sponsor sheets on the tables at the Holiday Party. She encouraged members to reach out to businesses to ask for sponsorships.
Kit Kitchen Maran announced that, at the November sale, we had attendees fill out postcards. We will be sending these out to create publicity for the Show. She also reminded members about the scarf raffle to benefit the Friends of the Fakahatchee.
Director David Orr introduced our speakers, Ken and Judy Russ, of Deerfield Beach, FL, who spoke on "Backyard Gardening."
Plant Table winners were announced. Raffle winners were drawn.
The meeting adjourned.

An Orchid Vignette—Unnamed, But Not Un-loved

Most orchids have an official, registered, name, like *Blc*. Bryce Canyon (*Blc*. Nacost X *Blc*. Patricia Purves), but there are many orchid hybrids (crosses) that have never been properly registered and given a proper name. To be registered and have a proper name means that an appropriate form has to be filled out, the parents and the new name listed with a photo of the flower, and sent to the Royal Horticultural Society in England (the keeper of the records) And of course, money paid (about $16). Regarding these unnamed crosses we have no idea who made the cross or when, but at least we know who the parents are, so they are not truly orphans. Three of my favorite unnamed crosses are described below.

Cattleytonia Why Not x *Cattleya* Porcia is a somewhat compact plant, the pseudobulbs and leaves not exceeding one foot. Several flowers are produced on each stalk and the plant stays in bloom for over a month or so and under good conditions may bloom more than once a year. The flowers are about the size of the *Ctna*. Why Not parent, but a much richer magenta color (from the *C*. Porcia parent). I think this is an old cross. I obtained my plant in 2010 from Jade Orchids. If I were to name this grex, I would be tempted to call it *Ctna*. Why Not, Porcia?

Cattleya Warpaint x *Brassavola glauca* is another delightful cross. *Brassavola glauca* is not used nearly as often as a parent as its near relative, *B. digbyana*. *B. glauca* has a white, but very waxy flower whereas *C*. Warpaint has a deep red, but small flower. This hybrid takes its color from the Warpaint parent and the waxy nature from the *B. glauca* parent. The plants tend to be a little taller than the above mentioned cross, but it would still be considered more or less a compact plant. This hybrid tends to only flower once a year, in the winter, but the flowers are long lasting. Like the plant discussed above, this is an old cross and I also obtained it from Jade Orchids in 2009. If I were to name this grex I would be tempted to call it *Bc*. Waxy Vixen.

The third unnamed, but not un-loved, cross is a more recent acquisition that I got from Axel Cahiz at Amazonica Orchids in 2012, and it is a cross that Axel made himself. To me the crossing of *Laeliocattleya*. Gold Digger x *Brassavola nodosa* seemed somewhat unlikely, but the results are very pleasing. Like the above crosses, the plants are more or less compact in size, the pseudobulbs and leaves together less than a foot tall; several flowers are produced on each spike. The color comes from the Gold Digger parent, and the shape of the sepals, petals and lip, from the *B. nodosa* parent. This cross flowers on every new growth and the flowers last for more than a month. It is a very good grower. If I were to name this cross, I think I would call it *Blc*. Golden Delight

Of course, because of the recent name changes Why Not, Porcia would be *Guaricattonia*, Waxy Vixen would be *Rhyncattleanthe*, and Golden Delight would be *Brassocatanthe***.** Maybe it is better to just leave them unnamed and just love them! Stay tuned, there are more of these for another time.

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

JANUARY 2015 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleya
Blc. Amy Wakasugi 'Yamanashi'

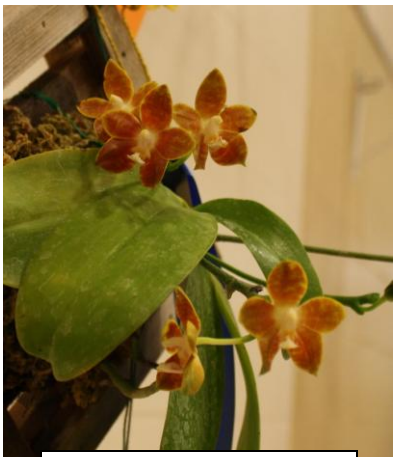
Small Cattleya
Brassavola Little Stars

Large Vanda
V. JVB Varatuth 'Purple'

Small Vanda
Ascda. Motes Flamboyant 'Crimson'

Dendrobium
Den. Cassiope

Large Species
Bulb. longisepalum



Medium Species
Phal. venosa

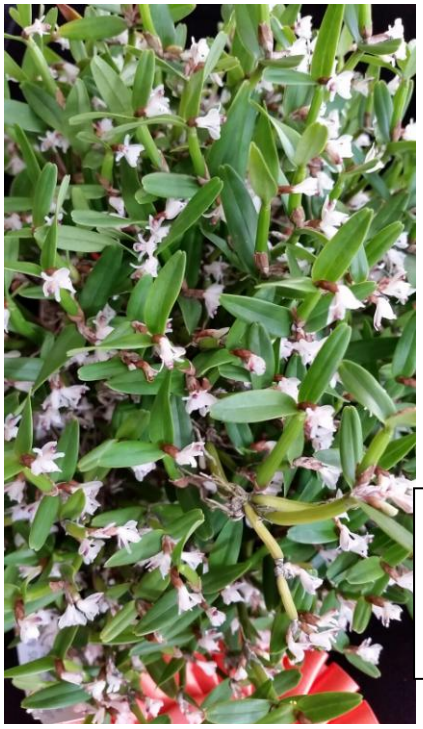
Small Species
Rodriguezia lanzeolata

Oncidium Alliance
Onc. Speckled Spire

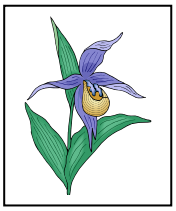
PLANT TABLE AWARDS JANUARY 2015

Photos by Marilyn Moser

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
***Lycaste* Corrinal**
Owner: David Genovese



SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Scaphyglottis prolifera
'LeBuff'
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran



Plant Table Results
January 08, 2015

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Amy Wakasugi 'Yamanashi'
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Blc. Aisaka 'Yuki'
Owner: Corrie van Caulil

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Brassavola Little Stars
Owner: Pam Hoctel
Second Place: Slc. Long Life Angel 'Paradise'
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Third Place: Blc. Lily Marie Almas
Owner: Mike Brewer

Large Vandas
First Place: Vanda JVB Varatuth 'Purple'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Small Vandas
First Place: Ascda. Motes Flamboyant 'Crimson'
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Cassiope
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran

Large Species
First Place: Bulb. longisepalum
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Medium Species
First Place: Phalaenopsis venosa
Owner: Joy Corritore

Small Species
First Place: Rodriguezia lanceolata
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Scaphyglottis prolifera 'LeBuff'
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran
Third Place: Onc. obryzatum
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Onc. Speckled Spire
Owner: Marilyn Moser
Second Place: Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolante'
Owner: Mark Hudak
Third Place: Rcdm. Apple Blossom x Rcdm. Velvet Teenie
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Other Tribes
First Place: Lycaste Corrinal
Owner: David Genovese

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Scaphyglottis prolifera 'LeBuff'
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Lycaste Corrinal
Owner: David Genovese

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Lc. Gold Digger 'Orglades Mandarin'
Winner: Mary Southall

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.

January 2015 Monthly Meeting
Photos by Marilyn Moser

NOS Culture Class 2015
Photos by Dick Pippen

Tamiami International Orchid Festival
Photos by Dick Pippen

Tamiami International Orchid Festival
Photos by Dick Pippen

And NOS member Rose Anthony serenades us with festive music at our December Holiday potluck dinner. *Photo by Lanelle Bishop.*

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.)