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 next meeting Thursday,
February 4, 2016,
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 2016 NOS Orchid Show"

The Mini Culture Class with Bill Overton will be "Learn how to correctly fill out those green (monthly Plant Table & Show registration) cards." The class starts at 6 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4, 2016
Fakahatchee Park Biologist Mark Owens will be our speaker.

2016 EDUCATIONAL GARDEN WORKSHOP SERIES
Continues Thursday mornings thru March 10, 2016
See pg. 3 for more information.

2016 NOS ORCHID SHOW
February 27-28
9 AM – 5 PM
Naples Botanical Garden
See pg. 3 for more information.

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is February 27,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

NOS BOD MEETING & SHOW COMM. MTG.
March 24, 2016
All are welcome.

(E-version of February Newsletter will contain additional photos of Jan. monthly meeting & Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show)

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers: At our January 2016 meeting Francisco Miranda (of Miranda Orchids, Hanes City, FL) introduced (with all the us to the orchidaceous side of Rio de Janeiro, not the Rio of the Olympics. The state of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil consists of coastal plains, rugged, steep mountains covered with forests and some habitats that you need a sky-hook to visit, and these are the home of a number of fascinating orchids. When I see how *Cattleya intermedia*, *C. bicolor* and *Brassavola tuberculata* grow in their native habitats---on bare rocks or in scrubby grasslands in full sun—I wonder why I can't get them to grow in my pool cage (with all the tender love and care I give them ☺)!! Oh well!

Our January meeting is always one to look forward to because we recognize and honor those people who zealously brought in plants for out monthly plant table competition and received ribbons. Those earning the most points are rewarded with prize money and certificates. Congratulations to the 2015 winners: 1st place—David Genovese; 2nd place—Eunice Walker, 3rd place—Barbara Crist; 4th place—Lola Moncsko; 5th place—Gayle Dorio; 6th place—Elaine Gates.

Also congratulations to Michele Nowosad for suggesting the winning theme RAINBOW OF ORCHIDS for our 2016 Orchid Show. Since the Orchid Show is the end of February our February monthly meeting is devoted to a workshop discussing the various types of orchid exhibits from how to prepare your individual plants or containers, or orchid flower arrangements. Various "experts" within our Society will discuss these different topics. Looking forward to seeing you there then and until then—Happy Orchiding. ***Dick***

P. S. Don't forget that you must have a current paid-up 2016 membership card and photo ID to get in to the Orchid Show at the Naples Botanical Gardens free.

JANUARY MEETING ATTENDANCE: 88 JANUARY RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $245

January speaker Francisco Miranda & NOS member Kathryn Romine

2015 Monthly Plant Competition Award Winners

Thank you to: **Raffle table workers Sue Roehl & Laura Stacell. Plant table workers Sheila Demkovich, Lanelle Bishop & Rose Anthony. January refreshment contributors Mary Anderson, Helen Roth, Janet Guenther, Barb Rector, Doug & Kathy MacMillan, Sue Greer, Tony & Marijo Wojciechowski, Marilyn Moser, Kit Kitchen-Maran, Roberta Ury & Wes Robinson. Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our February-April monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!**

February 2: **Garden Tour & propagation demonstration, Collier Co. Ext., 9am. Info: 239-252-4800.**

February 6: **NOS Orchid Plant Clinic, entrance to Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples, FL, from 1pm-4pm.**

Thursday mornings thru March 10: **Master Gardeners/UF/IFAS Educational Garden Workshop Series. Single tickets $10, Series - $30. Time: 10am – 11:30 am. Where: Unity of Naples Church, 2000 Unity Way. Info: 239-252-4800; http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu.**

February 6-7: **Venice Area Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave, Venice, FL. Info: showchair@vaos.org.**

February 9: **Florida Native Plant Society, Naples Chapter presentation, "The Biology of Palms." Presenter will be Dr. George Wilder. Location: Kapnick Center at the Naples Botanical Gardens. Join us for refreshments at 6:30pm. Presentation will begin at 7pm. www.naples.fnpschapters.org.**

February 11: **Moonlight on the Marsh Distinguished Lecture Series, 7 PM, "Expecting the Unexpected: Pandora's Box of Paradox in an Upside-Down Estuary." Kapnick Education & Research Center, Naples Botanical Garden, 4940 Bayshore Drive. Info: wmitsch@fgcu.edu.**

February 13: **- Field Trip. Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) Cypress Dome Hiking Trail. Come learn about how hydrology and fire help to shape plant communities in SW Florida. The field trip will be from 9am-1pm. Physical address: 3980 CR 850 (Corkscrew Road), Immokalee. For more information contact Jean McCollom at jeanm@naples.net or 239-289-4257.**

February 14-15: **Boca Raton Orchid Society Show, Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL. Info: www.brosonline.org.**

February 14-March 26 Special Exhibition: **The Orchid Show celebrating 40 Years at Selby Gardens. More than 1,000 orchids from the sub-tropics and tropics of the Americas will be on display in the Selby Gardens' conservatory in Sarasota. The stunning display will be a spectacle of this vibrant plant that has impacted history. Admission to this show is included in regular admission, $19 Adults, $6 Children, 4-11. For more information visit www.selby.org.**

February 19: **Audubon Corkscrew Event!!! There will be an after hours program titled "Swamp Beauties: The Enigmatic Orchids." Time: 5:30 pm until 9pm. There is no special charge to attend other that the regular admittance fee. Hopefully the Corkscrew "super Ghost Orchid" will be in bloom.**

February 27-28: **"Rainbow of Orchids" Naples Orchid Society 2016 Orchid Show & Sale. Join us for our 43rd annual NOS Orchid Show held at Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples, FL. Hours are 9 am – 5 pm. Info: www.naplesorchidsociety.org.**

April 13-17: **AOS Spring Members Meeting, Asheville, NC, sponsored by Western North Carolina Orchid Society. Info: www.wncos.org.**

PLEASE SUPPORT AND THANK OUR GENEROUS 2016 NOS SHOW SPONSORS:

DIAMOND: ***$1000 AND ABOVE***
*****Molly Woodworth, Topcoat 'N Tails*
*****Bill Overton, a true friend of the Naples Orchid Society*

PLATINUM: ***$500 TO $999***
*****Cynthia Bock, Akerman LLP, 239-449-5600; www.Akerman.com*
*****Don's Quality Pools, Don & Lola Moncsko*
*****Driftwood Garden Center*

SILVER: ***$100 TO $249***
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******Tim Wynn, Wynn's Market**

BRONZE: ***$50 TO $99***
*****Kevin Kaulbars, Green Effex*
*****Sunshine Ace Hardware*

IMPORTANT FORMATION ABOUT OUR UPCOMING 2016 NOS SHOW

IF YOU PLAN ON ENTERING CUT FLOWERS, ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTAINERS PLEASE PRE-REGISTER AT OUR FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING. PRIORITY SPACE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE THAT REGISTER IN ADVANCE.
AND IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ENTERING EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS PLEASE LET SHOW CO-CHAIRMAN DAVE ORR KNOW AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING OR EMAIL HIM AT fe2orr@embarqmail.com SO HE MAY ALLOW FOR SPACING OF EXHIBITS.

To enter Exhibit Competition for our 2016 NOS Show 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.

NOS member Sharron Abrams at our Orchid Plant Doctor clinic @ NBG January 16.
Photo by Lanelle Bishop

AOS CORNER

Bill Overton, AOS Rep.
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As your American Orchid Society Rep, I will be relentless in attempting to get as many of our society members to join this wonderful group as I can. I know some of our members may think that I am doing this perhaps because, as a judge, I may have to endorse the AOS and encourage as many of you as I can to become members. But, in reality, I am doing so because I feel that each and every person who joins will get a great deal of benefit from being a member!

One of your benefits as a member is the Source Directory that the AOS publishes annually. This little publication has information inside dealing with the orchid vendors, their plants and supplies. It gives you their addresses, contact information and, in terms of orchid plants, what types of orchids they sell. I have read through it countless times to see if I can find a new vendor for Catasetums or whatever type of orchid I might be in looking for...or, if I am going on the vacation or a trip to visit family or friends, I can look in the state by state vendor listing to see what vendors might be close enough for me to visit. Some I can visit along the way, others when I arrive at my destination. This is a very helpful reference guide to have and you get a copy as part of your membership in the American Orchid Society.

Another use for such a wonderful resource - say you are travelling on vacation to Dallas, Texas. You can look up local orchid societies that are in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. One might have a monthly meeting that you might be able to attend. The people at society meetings are very friendly and welcoming and they would most likely love to see you attend a meeting. It is fun to see what other clubs might be doing at their meetings. By using the Resource Directory you might have an opportunity to do so.

So please I ask you to consider joining the AOS. It is $65 a year if you want to receive your copy of Orchids magazine mailed to you or $40 a year to get the magazine digitally only. All other benefits are the same. I can honestly say that I have been a member for 40 years now and yes, it may have been a little pricey over the years, but I can truly say I have met so many fabulous people through orchids. It is not only your local societies - by getting the magazine, you will learn where local orchid shows might be held in the future. And I can tell you from personal experience, some great people hang out at orchid shows!!

******Bill***

CARE AND CONDOLENCE: A get well card was sent to NOS member Leah Ray after her surgery. A sympathy card was sent to NOS member Janet Guenther for the loss of her daughter.

A GENTLE REMINDER

DUES FOR 2016 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

Please welcome our newest NOS members: Melinda Au, Jean Oldham, Marilyn & Robert Witcher, Kathleen Lunday and Kate Faber.

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
January 7, 2016
Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures and announced and thanked the refreshment providers. Dick thanked Lanelle Bishop and her crew for putting together the wonderful Holiday party.

2016 Show is Feb 27 & 28 at the Naples Botanical Gardens. The theme is Rainbow of Orchids. We look forward to the displays based on this theme. Michele Nowosad suggested this theme and wins the $50 prize.

Our February meeting will be devoted to reviewing the procedures for bringing your plants and displays to the Show. To enter the Show you have to pay to enter the Gardens, unless you are a member of either the Gardens or NOS. Please bring your membership card when you come to the Show!

Board meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 5551 Ridgewood Drive, Suite 300 (behind Artis Naples) at 6:30pm. All are welcome. However, this month's meeting is being held on Jan 14.

Culture class starts January 9th to Feb 13th every Saturday at 9:30am. Space is still available!

There were 6 monetary awards given for accumulating points for ribbons won at our monthly meetings. Winners (all of whom are graduates of the Culture Class) for 2015 are:

1. **David Genovese 99 points**
2. **Eunice Walker 82 points**
3. **Barbara Crist 41 points**
4. **Laura Moncsko 37**
5. **Gail Dorio 34 points**
6. **Elaine Gates 21 points**

Rack Cards are available for the Show. Please distribute them where they will be displayed. Membership Chair Veronica Catrombone reported that we have 4 new members and 6 visitors. Membership is 245. Please renew your membership as soon as possible.

Lanelle Bishop reported that the bus trip on Jan 23 still has a few spaces left. Going to the Tamiami Orchid Festival in Miami. $30.

Treasurer Nanett Boerner reported that we ended the year with a profit.

Kris Morton reported that we need volunteers for the Show. We do not need cashiers (the Gardens are handling the money) but we do need hosts and hostesses. Setup starts on Wed at 10am, judging on Fri, the public show on Sat and Sun from 9am to 5pm. Sign-up sheets at the front of the room.

David Orr introduced our speaker Francisco Miranda from Miranda Orchids, Haines City, FL (www.MirandaOrchids.com) who spoke about The Orchids of Rio de Janeiro with a slide presentation.

Plant Table winners were announced and Raffle winners were drawn.

An Orchid Vignette—Siam Jade—It Shouldn't Look Like That!

This plant should not look like this!! Green sepals, with white petals (with a pale, lime green midline on the lateral petals) and lip. Why? Well, look at its parents and grandparents. *Epicattleya* Siam Jade is a cross between *Cattleya* Penny Kuroda and *Epicattleya* Vienna Woods. *C*. Penny Kuroda flowers are basically pinkish-white with lots of spots, and it is an offspring of *C*. *guttata*. *Epc*. Vienna Woods is a cross between *C. guttata* and *Epidendrum mariae*. If we look at the grandparents, *C. guttata* (photo left below) flowers have dark mahogany sepals and petals with dark spots and a purple lip. *Epi*. *mariae*, (photo right below) on the other hand has green sepals and petals and a big white lip. So, it is surprising that with 50% of the ancestry of this grex composed of *C. guttata*, and only about a quarter of the ancestry composed of *Epi*. *mariae*, that the *Epi*. *mariae* dominates here in *Epc*. Siam Jade. However, Siam Jade did inherit the ability to grow in warm to hot climes from its *C. guttata* and *C*. Penny Kuroda ancestors, because *Epi. mariae* is a species of higher elevations and does not, itself, grow well in SW Florida. Go figure!! (Photos of *C. guttata* and *Epi. mariae* borrowed from OrchidWiz.)

Regardless of what it should look like, *Epc*. Siam Jade is a neat green and white orchid. The plant is medium sized with the pseudobulbs and leaves together less than a foot tall. The spikes usually bear three or more flowers and the flowers stay open for about three weeks. The sepals are lime green, the lateral petals white with a greenish-yellow midline, and the lip is white with a hint of yellow in the throat. Once the plant matures, it blooms about twice a year.

Epicattleya Siam Jade was created by Yen Orchids (about which I can find no information) and registered in 1986. It has received four AOS awards, three HCCs and two AMs. *Epi*. Siam Jade has been used as a parent in ten registered crosses. The cultivar I have is 'Lakeview' which has yet to be awarded. Of course very few orchids these days have escaped the name change scourge and *Epc*. Siam Jade is no exception. Since grandparent, *Epidendrum mariae* is now *Encyclia mariae* although some consider it *Prosthechea mariae*, while others consider it in the genus *Euchile*!!). So that puts Siam Jade in the genus *Cattleychea* (*Ctyh*) or in some other genus (*Cattleya* x *Euchile*) that has yet to be recognized! Oh well, for me it will remain *Epc*. Siam Jade, a neat orchid with a nice fragrance!!

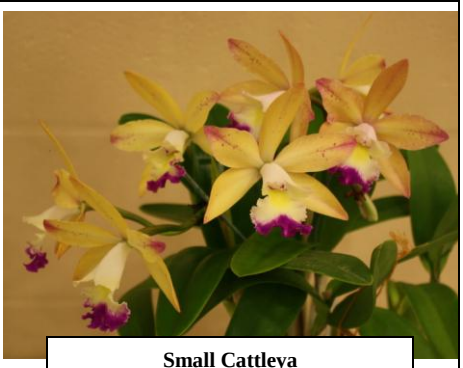
My plant grows pretty well in a west-facing pool cage in a clay pot in a mix of lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton. It gets filtered sunlight and fertilizer (weakly) about once a week. So, if you like green and white orchids that shouldn't look like that, *Epc*. Siam Jade is not only a nice flower but also a good conversation piece, but remember, it should not look like that!

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

JANUARY 2016 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleya
***Blc.* Morning Song "Crownfox'**



Small Cattleya
***Blc.* Dr. Paul Dernbach**

Large Vanda
***V.* Adisak x *V.* Katsuulea**

Small Vanda
***V.* Motes Tangelo 'Cherry Spots'**

Dendrobium
***Den.* Roy Tokunaga**

Phalaenopsis
***Phal.* OX Happy Girl**

Large Species
Den. bigibbum

Oncidium Alliance
***Tolu.* Jairak Rainbow 'Rosy'**

Orphan Table

PLANT TABLE AWARDS JANUARY 2016

Photos by Sue Roehl

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Lycaste* Corrimal**
Owner: David Genovese

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Epi. denticulatum
Owner: Karen Davenport

Naples Orchid Society Monthly Plant Table Results—January 07, 2016

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Morning Song 'Crownfox'
Owner: Barbara Crist

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Dr. Paul Dernbach
Owner: David Genovese
Second Place: Cattleya Warpaint
Owner: Barbara Crist
Third Place: Bl. Yellow Bird 'Alexandra'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Adisak x V. Katsuulea
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vandas
First Place: V. Motes Tangelo 'Cherry Spots'
Owner: David Genovese

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Roy Tokunaga
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Second Place: Den. Little Andree
Owner: Barbara Crist

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. OX Happy Girl
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Species
First Place: Den. bigibbum
Owner: David Genovese

Medium Species
First Place: Epi. denticulatum
Owner: Karen Davenport

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Tolu. Jairak Rainbow 'Rosy'
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Second Place: Tol. Tequila Sunrise
Owner: David Genovese
Third Place: Colm. Wildcat 'Blood Shots'
Owner: Barbara Crist

Other Tribes
First Place: Lycaste Corrimal
Owner: David Genovese

Orphan Table
First Place: Tolumnia
Owner: Kathryn Romine

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Epi. denticulatum
Owner: Karen Davenport

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

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Blc. Mahina Yahiro x C. Ruth Gee
Winner: David Genovese

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.

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285 Morgan Road
Naples, FL 34114
Tuesday to Saturday **Owners:**
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM **Dave & Judy White**

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PHOTOS FROM OUR JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

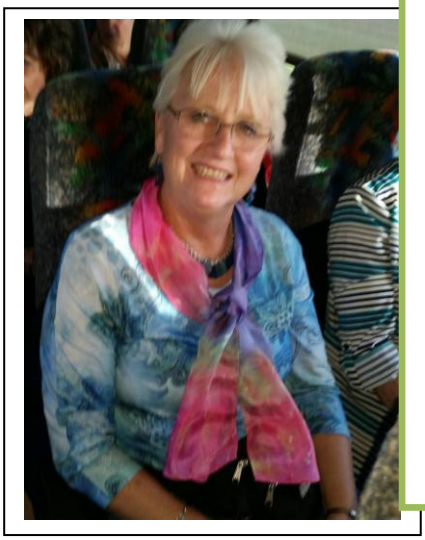
Photos by Dick Pippen

Bill Overton & Mini Culture Class at January monthly meeting

FT. LAUDERDALE ORCHID SHOW "AN ORCHID MASQUERADE" JANUARY 15, 2016

Photos by Dick Pippen

FT. LAUDERDALE ORCHID SHOW PHOTOS, CONT.



Diane Roberts from the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance was winner of the silk scarf raffled on the bus trip to The 2016 Tamiami International Orchid Festival. The scarf was dyed and donated by Kit Kitchen-Maran. The proceeds of $113 will be designated for the NOS scholarship program for 2016. Members of the Ft. Myers, Sanibel Naples and Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance filled the bus.