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 March Meeting Thursday March 1, 2012 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.

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The Program will be

"Get Ready for the Orchid Show"

Our March 1 meeting will be all about our upcoming show. We will have demonstrations on floral arrangements, containers, and cleaning & staking plants. You will see the correct way to fill out a green registration card and learn about rules and regulations. This will be a very informative meeting to make you more comfortable about participating in our show.

March 2012 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Next NOS meeting April 5
Members Orchid Potting
$10/person, includes plant, Pot, clip & mix
Please bring a can of non-Perishable food for donation

2012 NAPLES ORCHID SHOW & SALE

March 16 – 18, 2012
Moorings Presbyterian Church

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING

March 22, 2012
Calistoga Restaurant
SW corner of Airport Pulling & Vanderbilt Beach Road
7 pm.
All are welcome

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter is the 15th of the month, 3 pm.
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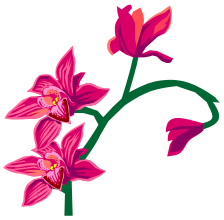
2012 dues are due now. See page 2 for more information.

REMINDER

2012 DUES ARE DUE NOW. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2012 DUES THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER. SINGLE MEMBERSHIP IS $40, FAMILY MEMBERSHIP IS $50. IF MAILING PLEASE SEND TO: NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY, PO BOX 7998, NAPLES, FL, 34101, OR YOU MAY NOW PAY ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE;
www.naplesorchidsociety.org



President's Message
From Kit Kitchen-Maran
kachinusa@aol.com

Yikes! There's only a month until the 39th Annual Show and Sale. Hope all your orchids are biding their time and will be in fresh open blooms the third week of March and ready for judging. If you don't know how to get your plants groomed or if you are hesitant about entering an exhibit, bring your concerns and questions to our monthly meeting on March 1st. We will be helping everyone get psyched for the show and will have demonstrations to show you how to do cut flower arrangements, containers and beautify your plants, plus we'll go over the rules and regs so you don't get disappointed by disqualification because of a detail you didn't know about.

Thank you to everyone who made our 50th Anniversary Celebration such a success, from those who planned and carried out the details, to those who attended and participated in the auction and fun. We did come out ahead, and you'll get a full report from our treasurer, Bill Overton, at the March meeting.

The board has been discussing a project involving rehabing the little orchid gazebo at the Collier County Museum. We need a work crew to do a number of things. This can be a good opportunity to meet and get to know more NOS members, and become an active, supportive member of the Society. We also need a lot of members to volunteer for working at the show.

On Wednesday, March 14, we will be working at the church most of the day to get the structure and background of the show assembled. Thursday is the day for entering your plants and exhibits, and Friday morning is one of the best opportunities to learn what the judges look at when they decide which plants and exhibits are the best. We need clerks for the judges to help with the paperwork and awards, and the clerks can eavesdrop on all the comments and discussions the American Orchid Society judges make. Believe me, it's interesting! More volunteers are needed to host the show during open hours and then there's cleanup and takedown on Sunday evening from 4pm until it's done. Please join us to make this show one that's memorable for its beauty and fun!
Thanks,
Kit

ATTENDANCE AT OUR 50TH DINNER CELEBRATION

135

PROFITS FROM OUR RAFFLE

$529

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS OF THE UPCOMING NAPLES ORCHID SHOW

GHOST ORCHID: $1,000

Craig Jones • Premier Sotheby's International Realty

CATTLEYA: $500

Cheryl Deering • Quail West Realty

PHALAENOPSIS: $250

Cynthia Carlson • Akerman Senterfitt

Tim Wynn • Wynn's Market

VANDA: $100

Ralph Frengel • Downing-Frye Realty, Inc.

Molly Woodworth • Topcoat 'N Tails

Molly Woodworth • Fur, Fins & Feathers Sitting Service, Inc.

Tricia Rose • Auto Clinic of Naples, Inc. – Volvo Specialist

Randy Hubbard • Randy's Lawn Maintenance

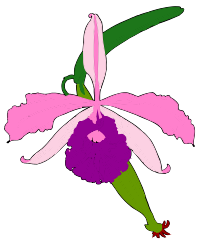
Michele Kief • Kief Wealth Management Group

Linda Brand • German Services, Inc., Personal Property Management

Stephen Smith • The Colony Group LLC

Charles T. Ferber •The Law Office of Charles T. Ferber

James W. Walker •James W. Walker, P. A., CPAs



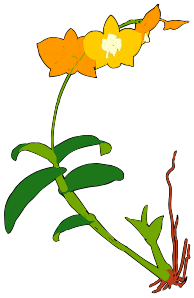
AOS CORNER

Marilyn Moser
MM3purple@aol.com

What a great 50th anniversary dinner we had. It was a wonderful celebration. The gym was transformed and it looked beautiful. We even had a printed program. The food was delicious and those door prizes were amazing. The silent auction was lots of fun and thanks to all the folks who donated to the auction. And thanks to everyone who helped with their time and their talent. Happy 50th to NOS !!

Our show is fast approaching. Get those plants ready…stake the flowers & clean those leaves. Find the parents so you can be ready with the green registration cards. Registration starts at 9am on Thursday, March 15.

I took my own advice from last month's article about culling your orchid collection. I really scrutinized my plants and found about 8 plants that looked poorly…no new growth, dull leaves, no blooms for a long time. So I ditched them!!



MORE FROM MARILYN

I hope you are all ready for our show. It is such an exciting time for all of us orchid lovers; an event we look forward to all year. Bring your plants in to be registered. You never know…you may win a ribbon! But please remember - to enter exhibit competition, you must be a member of the Naples Orchid Society. To enter individual plant competition, you must have owned the plant for 6 months. First bloom seedling for at least one month. You must agree to pay for any AOS awards or declare that you will not prior to entering. NOS is not responsible for any damage or loss. And please read the show rules and regulations before entering plants and exhibits.

AND THIS REMINDER:

"GRAB YOUR TAPE MEASURER"

NOS Show & Sale .....Reminder .....

Remember... bring your tape measure and double check your dimensions for all exhibit/entries.

Table Top Display.....40"wide x 40"deep x 80"high (from floor to top of display)

Container Arrangements.....24"wide x 24"deep x 48" high (from top of table)

Cut Flower Arrangements... 20"high x 14"wide (overall dimensions)

No Exceptions to the above dimensions for exhibit entries.....

ALL EXHIBIT ENTRIES...will be reviewed and measured by the Show Committee.

You will be called by the Show Committee the evening of March 16th to have a chance to make corrections. You will be disqualified if you do not meet the NOS Show Rules and regulations.

For additional NOS Show Rules and Regulations go to:
www.Naplesorchidsociety.org/aboutorchidshow

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR UPCOMING SHOW IN MARCH

We still need volunteers for all three days of the show, March 16-18, in addition to helping set up & take down. Please contact Kris at the March meeting or by email at NOS newsletter@gmail.com. Set up is Wednesday @ 10am. Take down Sunday @ 5pm. Hosts/hostesses are needed on all three days of the show, & one opening for cashier on Saturday @ 9 am, one for cashier on Sunday @ noon. All volunteers get in to the Show for free, & are also invited to dinner at the Ginocchios' (with the vendors) on Friday evening.

Raffle table workers: Bertha Chinn, Sook Kim, Carol Talanian

Wine tickets: Beverly Rudolph

Silent auction: Roberta Ury, Nancy MacLeod

March Cookie Bakers:
Sheila Demkovich, Laura Stacell, Linda Wood, Rose Wos, Kay Stubli

Beverages:
Beverly Rudolph, Nancy Wilson

CARE & CONDOLENCE

A sympathy card was sent to member Lorna Craig for the loss of her husband.

Saturday March 10th the Naples Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will be holding their third annual Native Plant Sale! The sale will be from 10 am - 2 pm at the Naples Botanical Gardens. There will be a huge selection of native plants from some of the areas' top native nurseries. In addition there will be free presentations about growing and caring for native plants.

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2012

2nd-4th:	**Key West Orchid Show, West Martello Towers, Key West, FL**
2nd-4th:	**Martin County Orchid Society Show, Martin County Fairgrounds**
8th-10th:	**Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show, Port St. Lucie Community Center**
8th-11th:	**Orchid Society of Coral Gables Show, Fairchild Tropical Garden**
17th-18th:	**Jacksonville Orchid Society Show, Garden Club of Jacksonville**
24th-25th:	**Orchid Society of Highlands County Show, Bert J. Harris Agri-Civic Center, Sebring, FL**
31st:	**Florida West Coast Orchid Society Annual Orchid Auction, SW Recreation Complex, Largo, FL**

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT.)

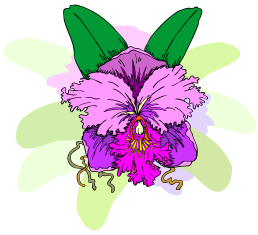
Naples Garden Club is sponsoring a day trip Monday, March 12, to Jesse Durko's Nursery & Flamingo Gardens in Ft. Lauderdale. Deadline 2/26/12. For more information contact Diane Dahl @: 262-1282 or dianeadahl@gmail.com.

INFORMATION ON OUR APRIL MEETING

At our monthly meeting April 5 we will have our annual members orchid potting. For $10 members will receive a bare root orchid, pot, clip, potting mix, & will be shown how to pot their new orchid addition to their collection. We also ask that you please bring a non perishable food item for the "empty pots" food donation.

PROFITS FROM OUR FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Over $3,500



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—A Charming Little Pixie

I bought this plant at the 2009 Naples Orchid Society Orchid Show from Florida Suncoast Orchids. It had three spikes. In 2010 and 2011 it produced five spikes. I repotted it last Spring, so now I am expecting lots more spikes ☺. Unfortunately this plant only flowers once a year, but the good news is that it usually blooms just about "Show Time." It produces large numbers of flowers and stays in bloom for at least a month! (Jim Longwell has a nice large specimen plant of this grex that produces many spikes and always gets a blue ribbon at the monthly NOS meeting ☺)

This is *Eplc*. (*Epilaeliocattleya*) Pixie Charm. It was created by crossing *Laeliocattleya* (*Lc*.) Pixie with *Encyclia alata*. The cross was made by H&R Nurseries of Hawaii and registered by them in 2001. It has earned four AOS awards, two AMs and two HCCs; as well as an award from the Tawian Orchid Growers Association. Pixie Charm has yet to be a parent in any crosses.

***Encyclia alata,* of course, is a well-known natural species that produces tall spikes with numerous two inch flowers which are shades of chartreuse, yellow and chocolate. It is a native to Mexico and Central America. The species has been used as a parent in 76 registered crosses and has 68 registered "grandkids." *Lc*. Pixie is an old cross, created by Woodlawn Nurseries of Hawaii and registered in 1954. It produces clusters of three inch yellow flowers. It has been a parent in 16 registered crosses including *Eplc*. Pixie Charm.**

Pixie Charm is a medium sized plant and a rapid grower in all directions, so it doesn't take long to become a specimen plant. The pseudobulbs and their single leaves are about one foot tall. . The spikes, however, are taller yet, rising above the leaves with many 2 inch flowers (the tall spike and numerous flowers are inherited from the *E. alata* parent). Olympic Orchids, in their Internet ad, described the flowers as "shades of burnt orange, yellow and copper," which is a pretty accurate description.

My plant appears to be doing well in a 10 inch plastic bulb pan in a mixture of lava rock, charcoal and Hydrodon. I keep the plant in a west-facing pool cage and fertilize it weakly about once a week.

Unfortunately all of the species and greges involved in creating the one parent, *Lc*. Pixie, have had their names changed in the recent name-shuffling in the orchid world. So *Lc*. Pixie is now *Cattlianthe* Pixie, thus our "charming little Pixie" is now *Enanthleya* Pixie Charm. Go figure! Whatever we call it, it is still a nice addition to any collection for a charming little bloomer in the Spring.

Contributed by Dick Pippen

OrchidWiz Express 2012 Raffle

OrchidWiz has given the Naples Orchid Society a copy of OrchidWiz Express to use in a raffle.

OrchidWiz Express 2012 is an orchid database focused on the beginner to intermediate hobby grower. It is an easy-to-use application that allows orchid growers to get **cultivation** and **genealogy** information for thousands of species and more than **145,000 hybrids**. Hobbyists can track their orchids by using the **Orchid Journal** as well as **print labels** for tags. OrchidWiz Express 2012 comes with more than 4,000 photographs of the most common species and hybrids.

OrchidWiz Express 2012 features include:

- **Hybrid/Cross Lookup,**
- **Basic Cultivation Data,**
- **All Genealogy Charts,**
- **Genus Search & Members,**
- **F1 Offspring,**
- **Registrant And Originator Data,**
- **All Aliases/Name Changes**
- **And Much More**

OrchidWiz Express 2012 retails for $95 + shipping and handling ($101.65). It can be installed on only one computer and must be activated. Annual upgrades are available. The software runs on Windows XP, Vista or Windows 7. Mac users need Parallels Desktop or VMware Fusion.

We will be selling raffle tickets for $5 a ticket at our March and April regular meetings and at the Orchid Show. The OrchidWiz Express will be raffled at the May, 2012 meeting. You need not be present in order to win. A GREAT DEAL!!! Buy several tickets!!

OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER FEBRUARY 2, 2012

NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY Since 1962

February 20, 2012

Dear Members of the Naples Orchid Society,
We are so glad that you have joined our organization and we look forward to your continued membership. We realize that the past few months have been hectic ones and that you, like I, probably have let a few things slip. On behalf of the Naples Orchid Society, I would like to invite you to renew your membership by checking with Nanett Boerner, our membership chair, at the next meeting on March 1st or by email at nb7infl@gmail.com to see if you have paid your dues for 2012. You can now renew your membership online at www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org or send a check to Naples Orchid Society P.O. Box 7998, Naples, FL 34102. We really value your membership and would hate to see you leave.

The Society is only as good as its members make it and we believe we are a very viable organization in this community. We are the only orchid focused group in Naples, and with the 39th Annual Show and Sale coming up in March, we all need to join hands and present Naples with the best show we can in our 50th anniversary year.

Our monthly meetings promise to be interesting and intriguing, so we hope you won't want to miss those. If you renew your membership, everyone benefits.

Sincerely,
Kit Kitchen-Maran
President

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