Naples Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER

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Our March monthly meeting is Thursday, March 2, 2017,
At the Moorings Presbyterian Church Baker Gym

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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.
John Budree
"Phalaenopsis"

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Bill's Mini Culture Class in March will be "The Do's and Don'ts of Media for Beginners." See pg. 5 for more info.

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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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.
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MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 6, 2017
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Topic TBA

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is March 25,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

2017 EDUCATIONAL GARDEN WORKSHOP SERIES
Now thru March 16, 2017
See pg. 3 for more information

21st REDLANDS INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL
May 19-21, 2017
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Info:
www.RedlandOrchidFest.org

NEXT NOS BOD & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
March 30, 2017
All are welcome.

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers—Kudos to our own David Genovese, our February featured speaker who let us in on how he grows award-winning vandas. David's presentation was excellent and very informative. He invited and answered lots of questions during his presentation. Well done and thank you David!!

I know this is the March Newsletter, but I am writing I February and, ladies and gentlemen, it is SHOWTIME!!! Yes, our annual show is the last weekend in February. Set up is Wednesday, 22nd, Plant Registration is Thursday, 23rd, AOS Judging is Friday, 24th, and the Big Show is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, 25th and 26th. If you are like me, most of your plants either have already bloomed or will bloom the following week ☺, but I am hoping that all of us can find some in bloom—as individual plants, or to put into neat containers, or make unique flower arrangements. Last year's show at the Naples Botanical Garden was a big success and I am hoping that the same will be true again this year. I am hoping that many of you can volunteer for the show, and if you can't, that you at least attend.

Our March meeting will feature John Budree from the Miami area. His topic this year is Phalaenopsis, very timely since this is "Phalaenopsis Time." You may remember that John was here as a speaker a couple of years ago, and as part of his presentation he gave each of those present a little Cattleya mericlone, challenging us to see who could successfully grow it and bring it into bloom first. How is yours doing? Mine may still be alive, but . . . However, I understand that the one David Junka got has bloomed!! Ah me, good for David!! Hopefully we will at least find out what the name of the plant is. He wouldn't tell us before.

So, until I see you at the Show or at the March meeting, keep your orchids happy. ***Dick***

ATTENDANCE AT MARCH MONTHLY MEETING: 95 RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $245

CONDOLENCE CARDS WERE SENT TO NOS MEMBERS MARILYN MOSER FOR THE LOSS OF HER DAUGHTER, SUZANNE FUNDINGSLAND FOR THE LOSS OF HER SON, AND BRENDA O'NEILL FOR THE LOSS OF HER FATHER.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS AT THE 2017 NOS ORCHID SHOW AND SALE

DIAMOND: $1000 AND ABOVE
Top Coat 'N Tails
Naples Daily News (media gift in-kind)

PLATINUM: $500 to $999
Akerman
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Driftwood Garden Center
Gator Music Supply, Inc.

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Naples Realty Services, Inc.
MP Interiors

BRONZE: $50 to $99
Allure Cabinetry & Showroom
Cassi Computer Consulting
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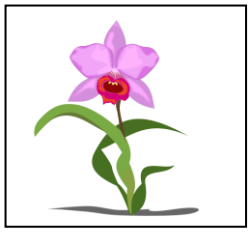
& Frank Ginnochio



Thank you to our February Refreshment providers: Bill Overton, Kit & LaRaw Maran, Lanelle Bishop, Joan Kitromilis, Shahla Ardalan, Maureen Donoghue, Kathryn Romine, Merle & Don Payne, Mary Southall, Carolyn Booker, Kris Morton, Kathleen LaBarge, & Jean Clausen; to our Raffle Table workers: Sue Roehl & Laura Stacell; to our Plant Table workers: Sheila Demkovich & Lanelle Bishop. And please contact Mary Jo Shively @ maryjoshively@gmail.com if you would like to bring refreshments for our March or April monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!

Please welcome our newest NOS members Kimla Stewart, Maria Schoenfelder, Janice Evans, Philip & Vicky Kenney, Pamela & Patrick Beattie, Linda Orlans, Gerald Padilla, Marylou McGowan MacBride, Lynda Schwemmer, Slawomir Siejka and Christine Steliga.

Now thru March 16: 2017 Educational Garden Workshop Series, hosted by UF/IFAS Extension Collier County Master Gardeners, every Thursday morning, 10 AM-11:30 AM, with sessions held at Unity of Naples Church. Info: http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu or 239-252-4800.
March 2: Moonlight on the Marsh Distinguished Lecture Series continues, 7 pm. "The Global Freshwater Crisis." FGCU's Kapnick Center, Naples Botanical Garden. Info: wmitsch@fgcu.edu.
March 3-5: Martin County Orchid Society "Orchids of Pirate Island," Martin County Fairgrounds, Bldg. G, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy., Stuart, FL; contact" David Nickerson & Debbie Wilson, 561-891-1572; davidnickerson.environmental@gmail.com.
March 4-5: Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show "Orchid Obsession," Egypt Shrine Center, 4050 Dana Shores Dr., Tampa, FL; Contact: Eileen or Julio Hector, 813-368-7353 or 813-765-9271; TampaBayOrchidSociety@verison.net.
March 18-19: Port St. Lucie Orchid Show "Orchids in Paradise," Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 SW Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL; contact: Hellen Wagner, 772-599-3014; hellenwagner@aol.com.
March 24-26: Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show, United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Rd., Naples, FL; Contact: Jim Longwell, 239-340-5520; jlongwell1@comcast.net.
April 15-16: Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Sale, Info: www.flamingogardens.org.
May 19-21: 21st Annual Redland International Orchid Festival 2017, Redland Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, FL. Info: www.RedlandOrchidFest.org.

TASKS FOR MARCH

From Florida Orchid Growing – Month by Month by Martin Motes, Ph.D.

- **Watch out for mites.**
- **Spray for Thrips.**
- **Repot genera emerging from dormancy: catasetums, calanthes, & soft cane dendrobiums.**
- **Continue general re-potting of cattleyas, oncidiums, hard cane dendrobiums, etc.**
- **Make top cutting of teretes, semi-teretes & reed stem epidendrums.**
- **Move landscape plants gradually to brighter light.**
- **Apply time release fertilizer.**

***Ghost Orchid-gami* Materializes at the Orchid Show in Naples!**
(for more info: kachinusa@aol.com)

Origami in the Garden **features metal sculptures of folded paper objects currently on display at the Naples Botanical Garden. So it is appropriate that the *Ghost Orchid-gami* will be making an appearance there at the 44th annual Naples Orchid Society's Show and Sale February 25-26th from 9:00 to 5:00. The theme this year is *Orchids in the Garden*. Many kinds of prize-winning orchids will be on display and for sale from four well-known vendors. Orchid supplies will also be available for sale. Demonstrations of the *Ghost Orchid-gami* are scheduled.**

The Naples Orchid Society took the lead in 2016 to make the *Ghost Orchid-gami* available to Southwest Florida and beyond. When the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC) of the Smithsonian Institution, and the United States Botanic Garden, developed *Orchid-gami* of 25 native U.S. orchids, the funds weren't available to publish all of them. So the Naples Orchid Society decided to help. The Ghost Orchid (*Dendrophylax lindenii*) is one of the most well-known of SWFL's orchids and occurs only in Florida in the U.S. The Naples Orchid Society saw that this origami would be a fun and beautiful educational tool to use to meet the part of its mission to preserve and educate about the wild orchids that exist in our area of the state. The NOS board of directors voted to contribute some "seed money" to encourage other organizations and individuals to participate in pre-ordering the *Orchid-gami* so that a big printing could take place and lower the price per copy.

The Friends of the Fakahatchee organization and the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society also donated money to get the metal die made and help in printing costs for this exquisite paper orchid. In doing so, the three organizations became sponsors of the *Ghost Orchid-gami* and this allowed copies to be made available to individuals and organizations for their own purposes.

Fifteen thousand copies of this *Orchid-gami* were printed and the recommended donation per copy supports our orchid societies and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and NAOCC to further help in the education and research performed there. For more info, go to www.northamericanorchidcenter.org.

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Photos: Best paper ghost, package, and my best real ghost. All are .jpg files

PHOTOS FROM OUR FEBRUARY 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

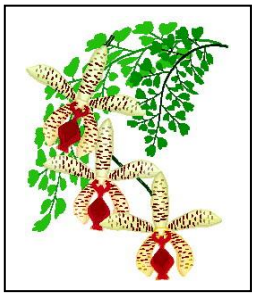
Photos by Dick Pippen and Lanelle Bishop

Photo at left is February's Mini Culture Class with Bill Overton. Don't miss his March Class starting at 6 pm. See below for more information. Bill's AOS CORNER will return in the April 2017 NOS Newsletter edition.

FROM BILL OVERTON – MINI CULTURE CLASS IN MARCH

In March I will be doing a class on "The Do's and Don'ts of Media for Beginners." The first 20 that attend will be given an information sheet listing suitable media to use in SW Florida. Additional copies can be obtained by e-mailing Bill Overton. My class will focus on those different media -which of them work well, and which do not. I will also talk about different mixes utilizing those media. Example: Aliflor, Charcoal and Sponge Rock or Fir bark, charcoal and sponge rock. I will talk about such medias as Aliflor (Hydroton), Fir Bark, Orchiata, Charcoal, Sponge Rock, Stalite, Tree Fern, Pine Bark, Lava Rock and Sphagnum Moss.

Time is short so this class is entirely focused on media and what beginners or novices should be using here in SW Florida. There will not be time for other questions until AFTER the class is over. There is a lot of material to cover and the informational handout, that will be provided, will function as a wonderful outline whereby members can add additional notes within. Everyone is asked to be there promptly at 6 pm, class will start at six. If members come late, they may not get a handout.



Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
February 2, 2017
Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He reviewed the emergency exits and procedures and thanked Mary Jo Shively and all those who brought in the tempting goodies.

Dick announced that Jade Orchids is having a sale on all orchids that are in bud or bloom for 20% off now through Feb. 14.

He reminded everyone that the 2017 Show and Sale is on Feb. 25 & 26 at the Naples Botanical Gardens. Volunteers are needed on Wed to help with setup. Thurs is the day to bring in plants for registration. AOS judging is on Friday and then open to the public on Sat. & Sun. Entrance to the gardens is $14.95 unless you are a member of the garden or NOS, then it is free! So - pay your dues and get your membership card! Show theme is "Orchids in the Garden." Copies of guidelines for all exhibitors and volunteers were distributed. Dick mentioned sponsors for the show. Nancy Smythe and Frank Ginocchio have been soliciting sponsors and have exceeded their goal. Dick read the list of sponsors.

He said that the Culture Class is going well at Naples Botanical Gardens in the Windstar room.

Dick announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be the last Thurs. of March.

Our March meeting will be Mark Budree, speaking on Phalaenopsis.

Nanett Boerner, Treasurer, reported that we ended 2016 at a slight deficit.

Membership chair Veronica Catrombon announced that we have 243 members.

Kris Morton announced that we need show volunteers. Shifts last 2 hours.

David Orr announced the sign up sheets for exhibitors, and there is moss available. Kit Kitchen-Maran reported that she has received nice comments on the Cuba trip. There will be a 20th Anniversary celebration of the Friends of the Florida Panther at the Conservancy Feb. 22 at 5:30pm, featuring Larry Richardson. Please go to Friends of Panther website to get tickets.

Dick introduced our speaker, NOS member & award winning grower, David Genovese, who presented "How to Grow Vandas."

Plant Table winners were announced and Raffle winners were drawn.

FROM DAVID GENOVESE, SPEAKER AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING:

Question: What is the name of the electric sprayer you use in caring for your collection?

Answer: Master Gardener Rechargeable Cart Sprayer - 12 Volt, 9-Gallon Capacity. It is sold by AGRIMART on Amazon. com.

Question: What is the strength of the Nutricote you use?
Answer: 13-11-11

The main part of the answer to the first question is actually a link that you can click on to go to more info on the product, FYI.

An Orchid Vignette—Blc. Mildred Holingsworth

There are so many "Blcs around, but this is one of my favorites. *Blc*. (*Brassolaeliocattleya*) Mildred Holingsworth is a cross between *Blc*. Yellow Imp and *Blc*. Delta King. Now, are you ready for this—both parents are yellow!! As you can see from the photo left, my Mildred is "peachy-orange." This is probably due to "genes" from some of the grandparents and great grandparents. *Blc*. George King (a rich peachy-pink color) was one of the parents of Delta King. *Cattleya auriantica* (orange) and *Laelia tenebrosa* (mauve and purple) were grandparent and great grandparent of Yellow Imp. However, to keep everyone honest, the photo right does show a yellow Mildred Holingsworth—cultivar 'Sunbulb' that I acquired more recently. Both are very attractive flowers.

Blc. Mildred Holingsworth was created by Stewart Orchids when they were in Natchez, Mississippi, and registered by R. Hollingworth in 1998. R. Hollingsworth is the founder of Sun Bulb Orchids in Arcadia, Florida and he named this plant in honor of his wife. It is interesting to note that while the family name is spelled with two "lls," the grex name contains only one "l."

Blc. Mildred Holinsgworth usually produces two or more 5" flowers per spike. Unfortunately for me the plant has only bloomed once a year, usually in January or February. It is a medium to large size plant with pseudobulbs and leaves about a foot long and it likes to "crawl" out of the pot. This is definitely not a windowsill plant! The flowers last about 3-4 weeks and have a slight daytime fragrance. AOS judges have not been kind to this plant, since it has not received any AOS awards, and it has been used as a parent in only one crosses, but it is still very pretty!

I grow my "peachy" plant in a clay pot with a mix of lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton, and my "yellow" one in a plastic pot in a bark mix (when the former is repotted it will go in bark also) in a west facing pool cage. I fertilize "weekly-weakly." If you have the space for a not-so-small plant, then I recommend *Blc*. Mildred Holingsworth as a rewarding plant.

Unfortunately, "Mildred" has been a victim of the recent rash of name changes in the orchid world so now its official name is *Rhyncattleanthe* (*Rth*.) Mildred Holingsworth because its parents are now known as *Rhyncattlenathe* Yellow Imp and *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* (*Rlc*.) Delta Queen. For the time being, however, it is still *Blc*. Mildred Holingsworth to me!

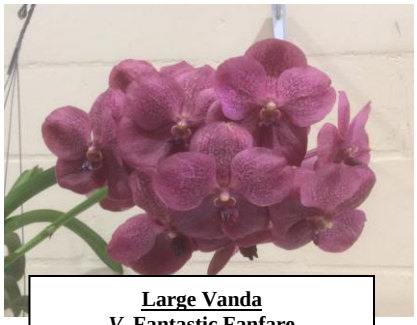
Contributed by Dick Pippen

FEBRUARY 2017 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser (with 44 plants brought in & 40 voting)

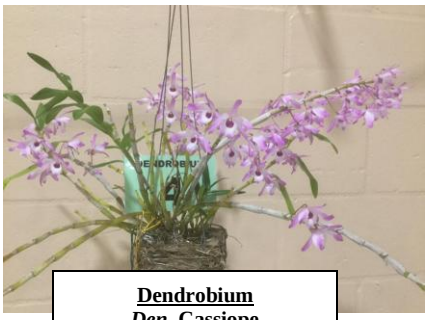
Large Cattleya
***Lc.* Orchidglade Grand**

Small Cattleya
***Guaricattonia* Morse Code**

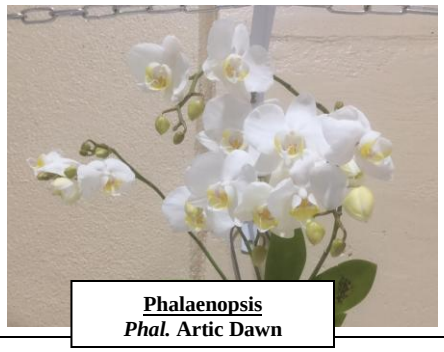


Large Vanda
***V.* Fantastic Fanfare**

Small Vanda
***V.* Crownfox Freckles**



Dendrobium
***Den.* Cassiope**



Phalaenopsis
***Phal.* Artic Dawn**

Large Species
V. sanderiana alba

Medium Species
Encyclia cordigera

Small Species
Epi. magnoliae

Oncidium Alliance
***Bllra.* Tahoma Glacier 'Green'**

Slipper Orchids
***Paph.* Personality**

Other Tribes
***Galeopetalum* Giant 'Rheim Moonlight/**

Orphan Table

PLANT TABLE AWARDS FEBRUARY 2017

Photos by Sue Roehl

BEST SPECIES AWARD:
Epi. denticulatum
Owner: Karen Davenport

BEST HYBRID AWARD:
***Den.* Country Girl**
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results
Feb 2, 2017

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Orchidglade Grand
Owner: Norm Dolder

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Guaricattonia Morse Code
Owner: Joylett Davis
Second Place: Lc. Gold Digger 'Orchidglade Mandarin'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: Blc. Young-Min Orange 'Golden Satisfaction'
Owner: Kathryn Romine

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Fantastic Fanfare
Owner: Jim Longwell

Small Vandas
First Place: V. Crownfox Freckles
Owner: Ann Marie Fox

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

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. Artic Dawn
Owner: Mary Southall

Large Species
First Place: V. sanderiana alba
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Angraecum eburnum
Owner: Elaine Gates
Third Place: Psh. cochleata 'Lazato'
Owner: Barbara Crist

Medium Species
First Place: Encyclia cordigera
Owner: Kris Morton
Second Place: Rhynchostylis gigantea
Owner: Elaine Gates
Third Place: Epi. denticulatum
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Species
First Place: Epi. magnoliae
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran
Second Place: Trichoglottis orchidea
Owner: Elaine Gates

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Bllra. Tahoma Glacier 'Green'
Owner: Erich Herath

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Paph. Personality
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: Paph. Shireen
Owner: Barbara Crist
Third Place: Paph. Emerald Lake "Granny Smith'
Owner: Jim Longwell

Other Tribes
First Place: Galeopetalum Giant 'Rheim Moonlight'
Owner: Demetri Kitromilis

Orphan Table
First Place: "Who Knows??"
Owner: Pam Beattie
Second Place: Cymbidium
Owner: Demetri Kitromilis
Third Place: Phalaenopsis
Owner: Roger Dunlap

Green Tag
Plant Name: V. Marty Brick
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran

Best Species
Plant Name: Epi. denticulatum
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Hybrid
Plant Name: Den. Country Girl
Owner: Marilyn Moser

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