Naples Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

www.naplesorchidsociety.org
President: Richard Pippen
rpippen@comcast.net

Newsletter Editors: Kris Morton & Marilyn Moser
Kwmehm@comcast.net

Our April monthly meeting is Thursday, April 6, 2017,
At the Moorings Presbyterian Church Baker Gym

****

Flower Registration 6:30 p.m.
Flower Judging 7:10 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Program 7:45 p.m.
Axel Cahiz
Amazonia Orchids, Inc.
Homestead, FL
Topic TBA

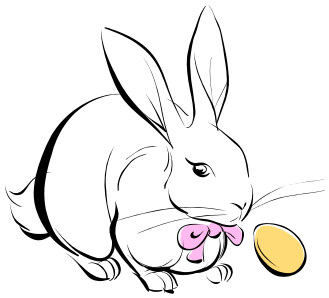
****

Bill's Mini Culture Class in April will be "The Orchid Doctor."

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
Kwmehm@comcast.net

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.

APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING
May 4, 2017
Topic TBA

FLAMINGO GARDENS ORCHID & BROMELIAD SHOW
April 15-16, 2017
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
www.flamingogardens.org.

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

NEXT NOS BOD & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
April 27, 2017
All are welcome.

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

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers: **Yes, I know this is the April Newsletter and February is history now, but I am writing this in early March, shortly after our 2017 NOS Orchid Show, and I want to report on the show. Yes, indeed we had ourselves an orchid show and was it an ORCHID SHOW!!!! Twenty-two exhibitors (NOS members) created: two Card Table Top Exhibits, three Large Containers, six Small Containers, eleven Flower Arrangements Of Single Orchid Flowers, eight Flower Arrangements Of Multiple Flowers From A Single Plant, twelve Arrangements Of Multiple Flowers From Different Genera, three Educational Exhibits and 146 Individual Plant Exhibits!!! On Friday of the Show, the AOS judges awarded three AOS awards to members, one to one of the vendors and the AOS Show Trophy to Odom's Orchids for their floor exhibit. Over 3,500 people visited our show and most of them walked out carrying bags of orchids purchased from our four orchid vendors. Many also visited out two orchid supply vendors on the lawn. Five lucky people walked away with six delightfully lovely orchid baskets which we raffled off (one lady won two—can you believe that!!). Sunday morning was Dog Day in the Garden and several students from St. John Neumann High School volunteered to "sit the dogs" while their owners visited the show. Yes, I would say we had ourselves a most excellent show!!! Oh yes, we even celebrated Jean LeBuff's 80th birthday! To make such an event a success requires many hands (and feet) and our tireless Board of Directors and all the other volunteers worked diligently to set up and take down the show, serve as hosts and hostesses and clerks for the AOS judges. To all of these people, too numerous to name, I say THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!! We could not put on such a show without you. I must single out a few for special thanks—David Orr for overseeing the set up and take down and the raffle (with Rae-Jean Walker's exuberant help), Kit Kitchen-Maran for her scarves and Orchid-gami, Veronica Catrombon for "personing" the Membership and Information table, and last, but certainly not least, Lanelle Bishop who not only saw that the AOS judges were well fed, but kept all of the rest of us well fed throughout the show. Thanks also go to our host, the Naples Botanical Garden whose staff was gracious, patient and most helpful to us. A Big Thank you to them as well. A list of the AOS awards appears elsewhere in this newsletter and the list of trophies, awards and ribbons appears in the NOS Website.**

Lots of pictures were taken and many appear here in the Newsletter. In order to get more pictures in I am not contributing a Vignette this month, but look for one in May.

Eighty-five people attended our March meeting. Unfortunately the scheduled speaker, John Budree, was not able to attend but fortunately Mike Owen, Park Ranger at the Fakahatchee Strand State Park agreed to "pinch-hit" and he gave us an exciting overview of the Fakahatchee Strand, from its history to its "special" plants (including some rare and exciting orchids) and animals. Mike is always a welcome speaker, and a nice "change of pace!!

Our April meeting, on the 6th will feature Axel Cahiz as our speaker. Axel is the head of Amazonica Orchids in Homestead. When he was here last, he regaled the virtues of Stalite as a potting medium. Don't know what he has in store for us this time around but I am sure that it will be interesting. Hope you all can make it, I look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime—keep your orchids happy. ***Dick***

ATTENDANCE AT APRIL MONTHLY MEETING: 85 RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $162

A GET WELL CARD WAS SENT TO NOS MEMBER NANCY SMYTHE.
LONG TIME PREVIOUS NOS MEMBER JOE BRZOZA PASSED AWAY IN FEBRUARY.
A CONDOLENCE CARD WAS SENT TO THE FAMILY OF LONG TIME MEMBER JEAN KEEFER.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR NOS 2017 SHOW SPONSORS:

Expanded e-version will have more information about our sponsors.

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

- **Full speed ahead with re-potting.**
- **Water heavily and well.**
- **Don't forget to fertilize.**
- **Spray for mites and *Thrips.***
- **Naturalize excess divisions in the garden.**

Thank you to our March Refreshment providers: Lanelle Bishop, Kathryn Romine, Ralph Brand, Gayle Dorio, Stuart Wisong & Ryan Hadlock, Kris Morton, Nancy Kier, Marylu DiLorenzo, Wes Robinson & Roberta Ury; to our Raffle Table worker: Sue Roehl; to our Plant Table workers: Lanelle Bishop, Barbara Crist & Carolyn Booker. Please contact Mary Jo Shively @ maryjoshively@gmail.com if you would like to bring refreshments for our April or May monthly mtgs.

Please welcome our newest NOS members Bill Dietrich (returning member,) Stuart Wisong, Ryan Hadlock & Angel, Anne Lynch, Marija Rosenfeld, Wesley White, Arthur & Marlene Johnston, Laurie Occhino, Elena Bradley & Elaine Laso.

April 1-2: Orchid Society of Highlands Co. "Orchids on Parade," Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd., Sepring FL; Info: Peter Otway, 863-699-1575; gatorgalanddoughboy@embarqumail.com.
April 7-8: Englewood Area Orchid Society "Orchids by Lemon Bay," Englewood Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood, FL; Info: Mary Anne DiGrazia, 941-697-9237; tommaryanne@centurylink.net.
April 15-16: Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Sale, Info: www.flamingogardens.org.
May 17-21: 2017 AOS Spring Members Meeting, Coral Gables & Homestead, FL. Info: www.aos.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.

A BUS TRIP TO REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL 2017
We are joining up with SWF Orchid Society, Sanibel, and GCOA for a BUS TRIP May 20th, a Saturday, to the Redland Orchid Festival. $30 includes admission and bus ride! There's room under the bus for purchases.
Pick up is at Island Draperies, Exit 101, at 8:30 and leaving at 3:00 to return by 5:30 pm. Checks or cash should be turned in April and May Meetings as it is "First Come, First Ride!"
www.RedlandOrchidFestival.org.
You can contact Lanelle at 239-250-8291 or 239-352-1860 or lbishop52@gmail.com

NOTES FROM YOUR AOS REP. AND THE ORCHID DOCTOR

Bill Overton

Fertilizer: Can orchids get too much of a good thing? **The answer - believe it or not - is yes! Orchids can underperform when getting the same fertilizer month after month, year after year.**

Going back on my years of orchid growing I have made numerous observations. There is one that I have not mentioned to my friends in NOS before. That observation is that it can be very beneficial to switch brands of fertilizer. How so might you ask? Well it is like this - over time I noticed that my orchids have not grown or bloomed like they used to. Now that could be due to culture, it could be due to water quality issues, but it could also be due to using the same orchid fertilizer for too many years. After all - the culture and water were the same in my mind.

Back on Long Island I first started using Miracle Grow and Mir Acid to fertilize my plants. As I was new to orchids I used this brand for some fifteen years or so. Then for several years I used Dyna Grow and then Champion. Growing in bark mixes primarily I would use a blend of fertilizer with a higher first number for nitrogen. The plants responded well initially and then did a little worse for a few years. The pattern was always the same. The first year I would use a new fertilizer the plants would bloom better and also would grow better. This might last two or three additional years. Then they wouldn't grow as well and flower counts started to decline. I took notice and tried a different fertilizer. When I switched from Miracle Grow to Dyna Grow, things improved. I used Dyna Grow for five or six years but the same pattern seemed to repeat. Years of better growth and increased flower production were followed by smaller growths with fewer flowers. Champion was the next fertilizer I tried to the tune of a 25 pound bag. I never could resist a good price! During my move, my Champion got wet and hardened like a brick. I had to try something new. I tried Orchid Plus. Now in Southwest Florida, the pattern seems to have surfaced once again. Growing in aliflor I had switched to 20-20-20 or 18-18-18.

After using Orchid Plus fertilizer from Home Depot for the last seven years, I have again noticed the decreased flower production and smaller plant growth. It has become very apparent with my Catasetinae. Last year's flower production was down again for the second year in a row! Were my orchids getting too "used to" the same old food? Well, I am going to see. I just used up my last little bit of Orchid Plus fertilizer and I have put in an order for Jack's Classic. The formulation is 20-20-20, with micronutrients. I will use it for at least one complete growing cycle, a year, and see what happens. Will history repeat itself? Will the orchids respond with bigger and stronger growth and will they in turn produce more flowers? Only time will tell. But if past experience tells me anything, I am in for more flowers!! And I for one am always in the mood for more flowers. …… *Bill*

Bill Overton's Mini Culture Class at the March monthly meeting.
Photo by Dick Pippen

AOS Awards at the Naples Orchid Society 2017 Orchid Show

Plant/Exhibit Name	Award	Owner
Exhibit-"Rainbow of Orchids"	AOS Show Trophy 83 pts	Odom Orchids
Osp. My Dog Spot	HCC 77 pts.	Marilyn Moser
Onc. sarcodes 'Almost'	HCC 79	Jim Longwell
Tolu. Golden Sunset 'Sparky'	CCE 90 pts.	David Genovese
Rlc. SunCoast Magic Leopards 'Florida SunCoast	HCC 78 pts.	Florida SunCoast Orchids

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

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures. He thanked Mary Jo Shivley and all those who made and brought in the refreshments. Dick reported on the Show. There were 22 members who exhibited at the show. Dick reported how many exhibits there were. Good job, Naples Orchid Society!! AOS awarded 4 AOS awards. Odom Orchids won for its floor display.

Dick thanked all the volunteers who worked at the Show. David Orr coordinated the set and take down. And thanks to the Hosts and Hostesses. He thanked Lanelle Bishop and her crew for the wonderful food that was provided. Norm Dolder and David Junka who put together the raffle baskets. Raffle baskets raised $2470! Jim Rawson did wonderful publicity. Nancy Smythe and Frank Ginocchio coordinated and solicited sponsors. They raised more than they budgeted!!! And thanks to Naples Botanical Gardens! We heard that 4,800 people came to the gardens that day. 3,590 of those visited our Show.

Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance is having a show on March 24-25 at United Church of Christ on Seagate.

April 6 meeting will have Axel Cahiz who will speak on a surprise subject.

Twigs at 639 8th St. S is offering a 10% discount to NOS members for orchid purchases.

Membership chair Veronica announced 8 new members, for a total membership of 198.

Dick announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be the last Thurs of the month at the Stabile Bldg.

Nanett Boerner, Treasurer, reported that we don't yet have final numbers from Show. Sponsorship $6299. $9,871 balance in bank account. Reserves $12,928.

Lanelle thanked all the people who baked for the Show. Lanelle announced the bus trip to Redlands Orchid Festival in May. See Lanelle to sign up.

David Orr introduced our speaker, Mike Owen.

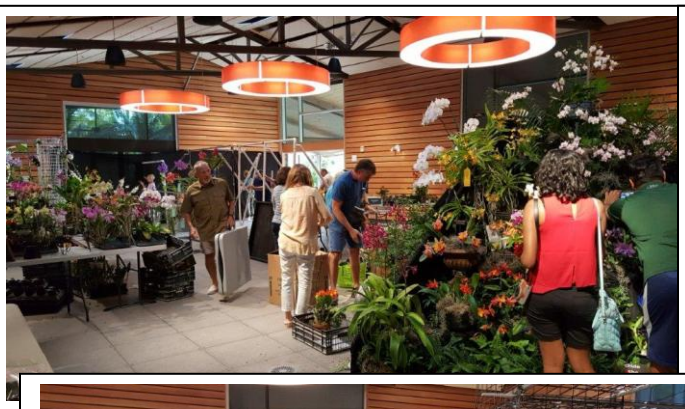
Plant Table winners were announced and Raffle winners were drawn.

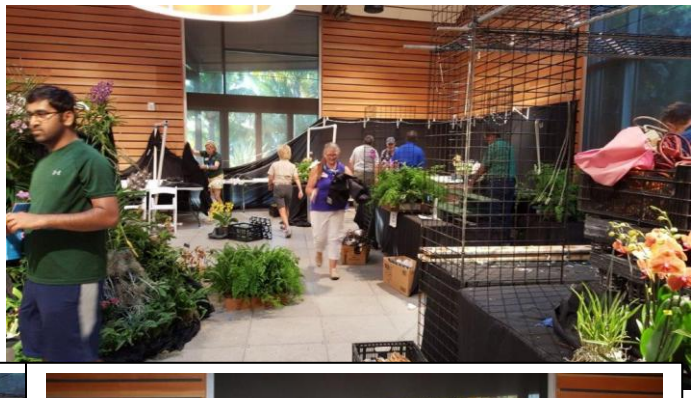
PHOTOS FROM OUR MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

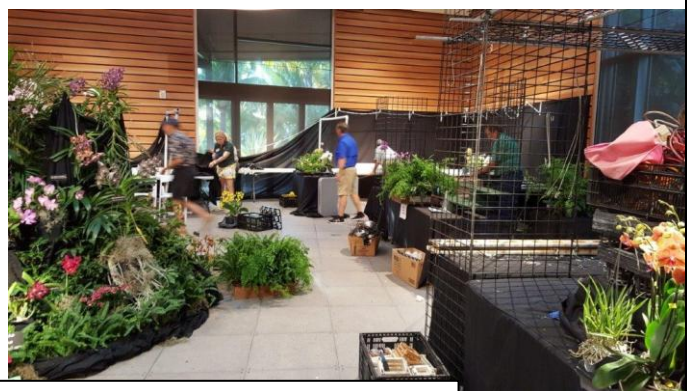
Photos by Dick Pippen

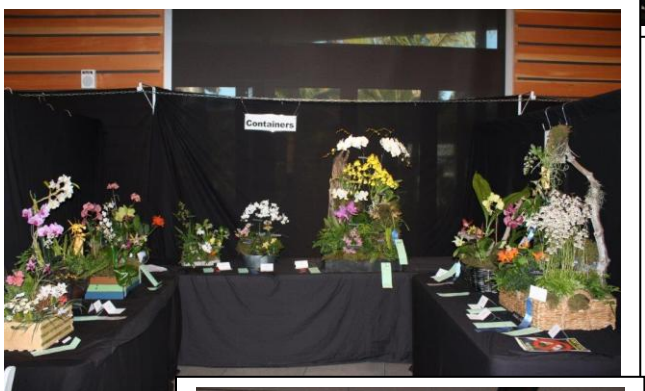
PHOTOS FROM THE 2017 NOS SHOW & SALE

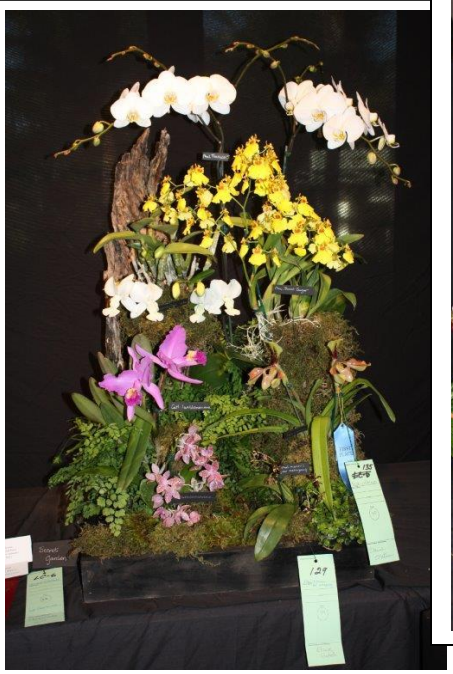
Photos by Dick Pippen











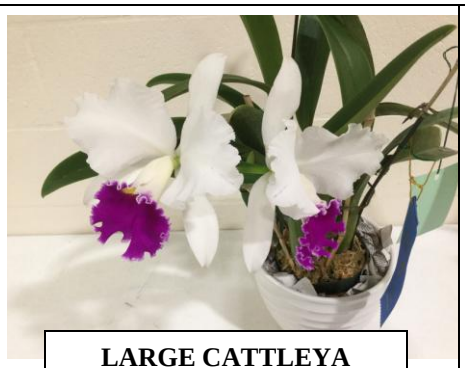
PHOTOS FROM OUR 2017 NOS ORCHID SHOW AND SALE *cont.*

Photos by Dick Pippen

Our AOS judges

MARCH 2017 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser (with 49 plants brought in & 45 voting)



LARGE CATTLEYA
***Lc.* Ben C. Taylor**

SMALL CATTLEYA
***Lc.* Gold Digger 'Orglades Mandarin'**

LARGE VANDA
***V.* Fuchs Delight x *V.* Dr. Anek**

SMALL VANDA
***Renanthera* Scarlet Yuka**

PHALAENOPSIS
***Dtps.* King Shiangs Rose**

LARGE SPECIES
Cattleya skinneri

MEDIUM SPECIES
Rhynchostylis gigantea

ONCIDIUM
***Tolu.* Golden Sunset 'Sparky' CCE/AOS**

SLIPPER ORCHID
***(Paph.* Supersuk "Eureka' x *Paph.* Raisin Pie) x sib**

ORPHAN
***Tolumnia* Tequila Sunrise**

PLANT TABLE AWARDS MARCH 2017

Photos by Sue Roehl

BEST SPECIES AWARD
***Tolu. variegata* 'Robert Bailey' AM/CCM/AOS**
Owner: David Genovese

BEST HYBRID AWARD
***Den.* Adastra 'Jim Longwell**
Owner: David Genovese

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results
March 2, 2017

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Ben C. Taylor
Owner: MaryJo Shively

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Gold Digger 'Orglades Mandarin'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Yam. Redland Sunset
Owner: Kathryn Romine
Third Place: Ctt. Jewel Box
Owner: David Genovese

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Fuchs Delight x V. Dr.Anek
Owner: Jim Longwell

Small Vandas
First Place: Renanthera Scarlet Yuka
Owner: Karen Davenport

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Adastra 'Jim Longwell'
Owner: David Genovese
Second Place: Den. Violet Fizz 'Luna'
Owner: Mary Southall

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Dtps. King Shiangs Rose
Owner: David Orr
Second Place: Phal. Sogo Yukidian
Owner: David Orr
Third Place: Phal. Ten Sides Little Rouge
Owner: Erich Herath

Large Species
First Place: Cattleya skinneri
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Cattleya maxima
Owner: Chuck Ferber
Third Place: Phal. amabilis
Owner: Jim Longwell

Medium Species
First Place: Rhynchostylis gigantea
Owner: Jim Longwell

Small Species
First Place: Tolu. variegata 'Robert Bailey' AM/CCM/AOS
Owner: David Genovese
Second Place: Ludisia discolor 'Jewel Orchid'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: Rdza. lanceolata
Owner: Corrie VanCaulil

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Tolu. Golden Sunset 'Sparky' CCE/AOS
Owner: David Genovese

Slipper Orchids
First Place: (Paph. Supersuk 'Eureka' x Paph. Raisin Pie) x sib
Owner: David Orr

Orphan Table
First Place: Tolumnia Tequila Sunrise
Owner: Kathryn Romine

Green Tag
Plant Name: "Rain Check"
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Species
Plant Name: Tolu. variegata 'Robert Bailey' AM/CCM/AOS
Owner: David Genovese

Best Hybrid
Plant Name: Den. Adastra 'Jim Longwell'
Owner: 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.

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.

AND THIS FROM NORM DOLDER:
Looking for someone to care for your orchids while you are away on vacation? Need help with repotting? This gal is available, reliable and knowledgeable: Gloria Restrepo can be reached at 239-293-8083.

MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR 2017 NOS ORCHID SHOW & SALE

Photos by Dick Pippen

OFE Orchid Supplies

BACTRA Orchid Benches

PHOTOS FROM OUR NOS 2017 SHOW & SALE - *continued*

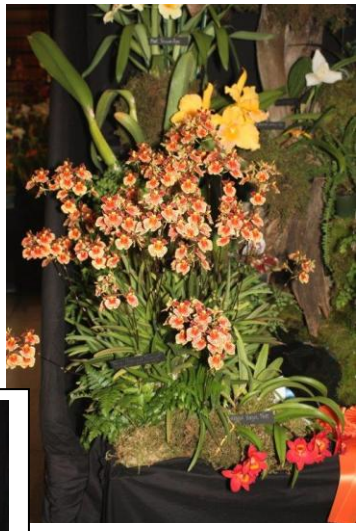
Mac's Orchids

Krull Smith Orchids

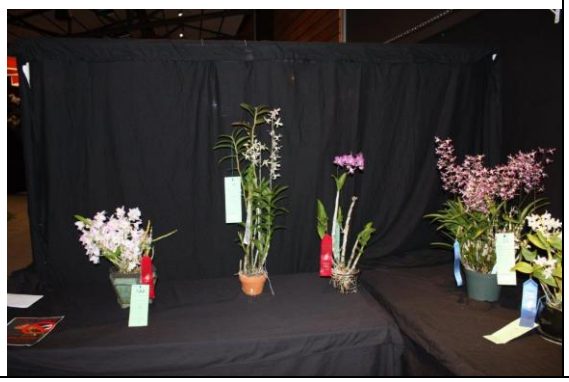
Florida SunCoast Orchids

Odom's Orchids – the AOS Award Winner

PHOTOS FROM 2017 NOS SHOW – *continued*



PHOTOS FROM OUR 2017 NOS ORCHID SHOW - *continued*



PHOTOS FROM THE 2017 NOS ORCHID SHOW – *continued*

Long time NOS member Jean LeBuff celebrated her '80' birthday with us. *Photo by Lanelle Bishop*

RAFFLE BASKETS

NOS member Carolyn Booker at last "Orchid Doctor" of the season at NBG. *Photo by Lanelle Bishop.*

NOS NEWSLETTER April 2017

SPONSORS FOR 44TH ANNUAL NOS ORCHID SHOW 2017

Please visit the sponsors of our 44th Orchid Show and support them as they have supported us.

Diamond: $1000 and above

Topcoat 'N Tails: A full service grooming salon that caters to any size dog that also provides doggie daycare, pet sitting and offsite pet boarding. The boutique is stocked with dog supplies and unique products and gifts. (**Topcoat 'N Tails / Molly Woodworth, 975 3rd Avenue North, Naples, FL 34102, (239) 262-2956, www.topcoatntails.com**)

Media Partner – **Naples Daily News –** Local news, sports, entertainment and information for Naples, Florida, residents and tourists in the 239 area code.

Platinum: $500 to $999

Akerman: A leading U.S. law firm known for its core strengths in middle-market mergers and acquisitions, within the financial services and real estate industries, and for a diverse Latin America practice. (**Akerman, 9128 Strada Place, Suite 10205, Naples, FL 34108, (239) 449-5600, www.akerman.com**)

Alley Design to Build: Specializes in remodeling kitchens and bathrooms from the design to completion of your newly remodeled space. From kitchens to bathrooms, to whole house and condominium remodeling, we provide fully custom services based on the needs and wants of our customers. (**Alley Design to Build, Chris Alley, 997 3rd Ave North Naples, FL 34102 , CBC1250945, Cell: (239) 289-1994 Office: (239) 793-6800 www.AlleyDesignToBuild.com**)

Cummings & Lockwood: For more than 100 years our commitment to professional excellence, partner-level attention and responsive client service have made this preeminent law firm the firm of choice for clients who depend on top quality legal representation to meet their complex personal and business needs. (**Cummings & Lockwood – 8000 Health Center Blvd, #300, Bonita Springs, FL 34135, (239) 390-8068, (239) 947-8811 www.CL-Law.com**)

Don's Quality Pools: Builder of fine pools and spas; Interactive water features and elegant fountains. (**Don's Quality Pools, Don & Lola Moncsko, 1284 Cooper Drive Naples, FL 34103, Phone: (239) 262-4500, www. Dqpools.com**)

Driftwood Garden Center: Your one stop shop for a local botanical haven! Visit our nursery, greenhouse, fresh cut flower, products and supplies – to meet all of your indoor and outdoor gardening needs. (**Driftwood Garden Center, 5051 Tamiami Trail North, Naples, FL 34103, (239) 261-0328, www.driftwoodgardencenter.com**)

Gator Music Supply, Inc: Gator Music is a full service guitar sales and repair facility including providing lessons. **(Gator Music Supply, Dave Woodworth, 524 Tamiami Trail North,**
Naples, FL 34102, Phone: (239) 261-9100, www. Gatormusicsupply.com)

Gold: $250 to $499

Wynn's Market – 141 Ninth Street North, Naples, FL 34102, Phone: (239) 261-7157 , Fax: (239) 261-3986, www.wynnsonline.com

Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club – 7065 Hamilton Ave, Naples, FL 34112, (239) 417-6707, www.hamiltonharboryachtclub.com

NOS NEWSLETTER April 2017

Silver: $100 to $249

Accessories Etc. Inc. – Suite 102 9696, Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135, (239) 444-1400, designstudio@accetc.net, www.accetc.net/contact.html

Charles T. Ferber, Attorney at Law – 2125 First Street Suite 100, Ft. Myers, FL 33901, US, (239) 334-1555

Jeff Wilson Pool Service – 5365 Jaeger Road, Naples, FL 34109-7733, (239) 566-7733, www.jeffwilsonpoolservice.com

Johnsonville Sausage Marketplace – Johnsonville Sausage Marketplace, 6355 Naples Blvd. , Naples, FL 34109, (239) 598-0906, dpotter@johnsonville.com

Kathy's Quality Cleaning, Inc. – 2085 Elsa St, Suite #1, Naples, FL 34109, Phone: 239-592-7574, Fax: 239-592-0517, Email: kqcnaples@gmail.com, www.kathysqualitycleaning.com/

Mark G. Fanta, Naples Realty Services – 3003 Tamiami Trail #210, Naples, FL 34103, (239) 218-4817, www.MarkFanta@USA.net

MP Interiors – 10800 Corkscrew Rd #348, Estero, FL 33928, (239) 498-9074, www.mp-interiors.net.

Naples Fertilizer & Garden Centers – 3930 14th Street N, Naples, FL 34103, (239) 263-8858, www.Naples-Fertilizer.com

Twigs – 639 8th Street South, Naples, FL 34102, (239) 262-8944, www.twigsofnaples.com

Bronze: $50 to $99

Cassi Computer Consulting – Daniel Vega, 2038 Terrazzo Lane, Naples, FL 34104, (239) 403-3844, www.cassi.com

Clean Up Group – Heather Peton, 1497 Railhead Blvd Naples, FL 34110, (239) 634-5928, www.cleanupgroup.com

Kevin Steffanni Design Group – Naples, FL & Rocky River, OH (440) 333-3630 www.kevinsteffannidesigngroup.com

Peace, Love, & Little Donuts – 3106 Tamiami Trail North, Naples, FL. 34103, (239) 213-0188, www.peaceloveandlittledonuts.com

Titan Homes, LLC – Trinity Melton, 3573 Mercantile Ave., Naples, Fl. 34104, (239) 435-0301, www.titancustomhomes.com