# 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.

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**Come to the April Meeting Thursday April 11, 2013 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 April 11 monthly meeting will be our annual "Empty Pots" meeting. We will have a food drive along with a potting workshop. For $10 & nonperishable food items you will get a bare root orchid, pot, clip & potting medium, along with help to repot orchid plant properly.**

**Our Mini Culture Class will resume at our monthly May meeting.**

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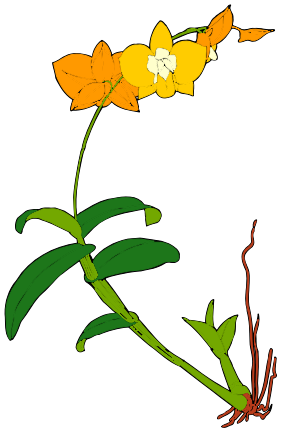

## Upcoming Events

**May 2, 2013**
**Carol Holdren**
**AOS Judge**
**"Ten Orchids You Gotta Have"**

**NEXT NOS BOD MEETING**
**May 16, 2013**
**Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm**
**Classroom B upstairs**
**All are welcome**

**AOS JUDGING**
**WPB Judging Center next judging date is April 27**
**Flamingo Gardens**
**3750 S. Flamingo Rd.**
**Davie, FL 33330**

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

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

**Greetings Orchid Lovers—Hope Springs Eternal, and the clocks have "sprung forward," but right now, as I write this on March 11th, I am just hoping for Spring!! And hopefully, by the time this Newsletter appears, Spring will have sprung!! My orchids and I are really tired of these cycles of cold fronts we have been having. I hope you protected your more delicate plants during these lows.**

**I am still marveling at our Show. It could not have been so successful without all of the help from all of the members who participated. I want to give you another BIG THANK YOU!! Now we need to start preparations for our Fall Sale. As you divide and pot your orchids this Spring, be sure to set aside a few divisions to contribute to our Fall Sale. That event also needs all of your support to be successful. Remember we rely on the Sale to support our Show.**

**Our next meeting will be on the 11th of April, the 2nd Thursday of the month rather than our usual 1st Thursday, due to a conflict in scheduling with the Moorings Church. This will be our annual "potting exercise." For $10 you will receive a pot, pot clip, media, and of course, a plant. The "exercise" is to get your plant potted and our local "experts" will be there to help you. It has also become a tradition at this meeting to ask you to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food bank.**
**I look forward to seeing all of you then. In the meantime, Happy Orchiding.** ***Dick***

## AOS CORNER

***Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.***
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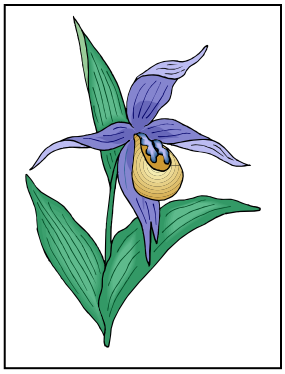

**At the March meeting we had 44 plants entered for ribbon judging….about 20 less than usual. Maybe burnout from the show perhaps? And surprisingly no one brought a Phalaenopsis, which is in full bloom now. I heard several people saying they should have brought theirs. You see, you never know. If it's blooming and beautiful….bring it!!**

**Orchids magazine has gone digital. If you are an AOS member you can go to the AOS website and download and read it on your computer, tablet or whatever device you may have. The magazine is usually available before the first of each month. Read it before it is mailed out!**

***ATTENDANCE AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING: 82***

***RAFFLE PROFITS FROM OUR FEBRUARY MEETING: $191***

**THANK YOU TO OUR COOKIE BAKERS & BEVERAGE PROVIDERS IN MARCH:**
**Lanelle Bishop, Sue Fundingsland, Kit Kitchen-Maran, Kathy MacMillan & Mark Hudak**

**REMINDER TO APRIL COOKIE BAKERS:**
**Lois Doty, Elaine Gates, Sheila Demkovich**

**BEVERAGE PROVIDERS FOR APRIL:**
**Laura Stacell**

**THANK YOU TO OUR PLANT TABLE WORKERS;**
**David Orr & Marilyn Moser**

**THANK YOU TO OUR RAFFLE TABLE WORKERS:**
**Bertha Chinn, Denise Sapia & Carol Talanian**

**To: rpippen@comcast.net**
**Subject: Naples Orchid folks**

## AN EMAIL FROM BILL FENDER

**Good Morning Dick,**

**Our adventures with the Naples Orchid Show were eye opening, even inspirational for me. As our business was concerned, once someone joined an orchid society they stopped buying orchids and bought raffle tickets instead. Most members at a meeting do not even look at the speakers offerings but crowd the raffle table for generally pathetic plants. Even at their own shows, members did not support or appreciate the vendors they had invited.**

**Naples Orchid Society Show and members are unique in many ways. All good. The displays, arrangements and individual orchids were incredible. Not just the quality but the fact that your members actually brought their orchids to a show to show off. This is a first for me to see. That was the best part of the show and I saw some orchids I had never seen. I think my favorite was a tiny plant displayed in a dish garden setting. The orchid was *Eplc. Greenbird*. Precious. (Note to Bill Overton I still use Sanders because it works.) Your members bought plants - over and over again. Many spent their cash awards (I really love that) at the show to expand their collections.**

**The whole show was exceptionally well organized and the members were a delight to meet and talk with. Hard working bunch and great growers proud of their successes. For me you have raised the standard for a society and show. Thanks for having us and we'll see you soon. Bill (Fender)**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 30-31, Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society 32nd Annual Orchid Show & Sale. Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S. Flamingo Rd., Davie, FL. Info:Jan Amador, 954-347-2738;jbamador@bellsouth.net**
**April 6-7, Central FL Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale, Maitland Civic Center, 641 S. Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL. Info: Joselito Tolentino Jr., 407-884-2950, macykulit@aol.com.**
**April 27-28, The 31st Vero Beach Orchid Society Show & Sale, Riverside Park, 3001 Riverside Park Dr., Vero Beach, FL. Info: Douglas Mew, 772-778-6625, instedof@bellsouth.net.**
**May 17-19, Redland International Orchid Festival, Redland Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Avenue, Homestead, FL. Admission $10. Info: www.redlandorchidfestival.org.**

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW NOS MEMBERS

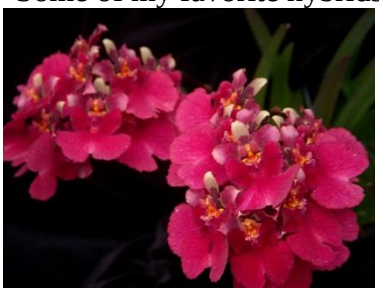
**Sharon Dyskow, Dr. Michael Kontos & Eva Kontos, Susan Byrnes-Vincent, Mike Brewer, Nina Irragi, Carol Ross, Spyros & Joan Kitromilis, Deborah McIntire, Peter Vicinanzo, Kathleen Hanes, Charlotte & Jeff Wandell, Elizabeth Hurley, Stephen Ducatman, Kathryn Priehs, Joan Waldman, Lauris & Marsha Turck, Robert Von Wojcik, Kitty Dykes, Ruthann & Ivan Marleaux, Anne Rozite, William Christensen & Linda Ovsley, Jan Cabana, Michael & Terry Mentes & Perfey Huertas.**

**Note: We will no longer be putting additional contact information of new members in our Newsletter. Our 2013-2014 NOS Directory will be going to print in March. Please contact Nanett Boerner, Membership Chair, if you do not want your address, phone or email listed.**

## An Orchid Vignette—Tolumnia—The Equitant Oncidiums

Tolumnias are neat little orchids with lots of small, "dancing lady" flowers. These used to be in the genus *Oncidium*, and were called Equitant Oncidiums because they have "V-shaped" overlapping leaves, so that the new leaf "arises" within the older leaf, like Irises. This leaf arrangement is like "a person sitting astride a horse," hence the designation "equitant." They were transferred into the genus *Tolumnia* in 1986. "In the Trade" they may still be called *Oncidium*. Though small, these orchids brighten up any area. The flowers come in all shades of the rainbow and, en masse, make an amazing display, as you can see in this picture at left.

The plants have essentially no pseudobulb, and the overlapping leaves form 3-6 inch fan shaped clusters. In the wild the plants grow at the ends of twigs, clinging for dear life with their slender roots. So they need to dry out very quickly after watering (the overlapping leaves conserve water loss). In "cultivation," they are usually grown in 2" clay pots with only a little charcoal or a "chunk" of lava in the bottom, so they are very easy to take care of. And you can have quite a few plants in a relatively small space. There are about 29 recognized species, mostly occurring in the Greater and Lesser Antilles islands in the Caribbean—and perhaps a few straying into Central and South America—and even one species, *Tolu. bahamensis* occurs (or occurred) in Florida! On the other hand there are over 1400 registered hybrids! Some of my favorite hybrids include the following.



*Tolumnia* Jairak Rainbow (photo left) is a cross between *Tolu*. Tsiku Vanessa and *Tolu*. Catherine Wilson. It was created by Suan Jairak Nursery Co. of Bangkok, Thailand, and registered by them in 2004. This grex comes in an amazing variety of colors, so not all of them look like the photo above. Jairak Rainbow has received eight AOS awards and has been used as a parent in one cross. *Tolumnia* Popoki (photo center) is a cross between *Tolu*. Puff and *Tolu*. Phyllis Hetfield. It was registered in 1989 by G. & D. Kobayashi; the creator is unknown. This grex has received six AOS awards including an AM to the cultivar 'Mitzi' which is pictured here. Popoki has been used as a parent in eight crosses.

*Tolumnia* Robsan (photo right) is the oldest grex of these three, created by Francis Aisaka and registered in 1980 by Robert Perreira Orchids, of Hawaii. Robsan's parents are *Tolu*. Golden Sunset and *Tolu*. Susan Perreira. This is one of the most awarded Tolumnias with 18 AOS awards, the cultivar 'Orchid World' with an AM, is pictured here. This is also one of the most prolific tolumnias, having been used as a parent in 60 registered crosses, with over 150 "grandkids.

Tolumnias are easy to care for, bloom for an extended period of time, usually in the early Spring, and are relatively inexpensive. They are readily available at most places that sell orchids. I recommend that you consider some of these for your collection. Definitely "Big Bang For The Buck."

*--Contributed by Dick Pippen*

## Growing Your Orchids Better
## Dendrobiums - Part 1

***By Bill Overton***

**Over the next few months I will be lecturing in my mini-classes on the virtues of growing Dendrobiums here in Southwest Florida. Many of the species and hybrids grow wonderfully well in our climatic conditions making them ideal for any collection!**

**As a genus, the Dendrobiums are one of the largest in the orchid world. Depending upon which authority we read or follow, there are perhaps 20 or so recognized 'groups' within the genus Dendrobium and perhaps some 300 or so recognized species, maybe more. These DNA researchers are constantly organizing and reorganizing the genus. Sub-groups are being made into new genera and then being reabsorbed back into their old genus or group making everything quite fluid and confusing, to say the least.**

**For my article, I want to talk about four: the Anosmum group, the Nigro-hirsute group, the Latourea group and the Dendrobium Phalaenopsis group. All of these groups that I have just listed here have numerous species and hybrids that produce flowers regularly, grow easily and flower from both the new canes as well as the older leafless canes. Most bloom for several years from these canes as long as they remain vibrant and alive! Flowers range from ½ inch in size up to five inches or so. The culture for many of these is very "forgiving." By that I mean they will tolerate a broader range of conditions. These are not HIGH LIGHT PLANTS as a rule doing quite well in bright light, Oncidium light and stronger, upwards in intensity to perhaps say average Cattleya light. In other words, two to four hours of sunshine a day.**

**Let me mention the Anosmum group again with the species D. anosmum, D. parishii and D. peirardii. These are generally pendulous growing plants and prefer to be grown mounted or in baskets. I prefer a piece of tree fern or cork bark myself and I locate the plants within my growing area along the east facing exposure. Here they get the early morning sun, which is generally not quite as strong, or as warm, as afternoon sun. I mount them with a large pad of sphagnum moss and water them every other sunny day, less often during the winter when it is cooler. All three of these species like a dry winter rest, starting here in mid-October when we withhold water, up until you see the buds emerge from the canes. This may take 8 to 10 weeks, but by the Holidays, you should see the formation of buds. Once buds have formed, you can resume normal watering. When they are in active growth, they take regular watering, every other day when it is warm. They may struggle a bit in the warm summer heat and humidity, so just make sure the light intensity isn't too strong. They are deciduous plants and drop their leaves as they turn yellow in late summer or early fall. This is a signal to begin to cut back on the watering. Water should be withheld for 8 to 10 weeks, as I said previously.**

**Now I know what you are all thinking, what about rain showers? What if I accidently forget and I water these plants? Relax, you have not made a major error. They will still bloom! Just try hard not to water them like you normally would. The drier you can keep these plants, the more flowers they will produce. Even experienced growers like me make mistakes. I watered my Dendrobium anosmum a couple of times last winter. I just wasn't concentrating. As soon as I realized my mistake I stopped, but unfortunately no one is perfect. Yet the plant still bloomed last February with about 18 to 20 raspberry scented flowers on three canes. Now for the better news - this year I was more careful about watering. The plant was a year older and better established and this year it produced about 30 flowers on a single twelve inch cane and eight additional flowers on an older cane!**

**Growing Your Orchids Better**
**Dendrobiums - Part 1**
**continued**

**So even if we forget something important in the care of these Dendrobiums, they will still perform in spite of us. Perhaps that is why I like them so much. Having had some success with this species I am now ready to purchase a Dendrobium pierardii or Dendrobium parishii to see if I have luck growing them as well. I encourage you to do the same. And please, whatever you do remember to sniff the flowers when they open. Dendrobium anosmum smells just like raspberries!! Or take time to "smell the roses" as it were.**

# MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR 2013 NOS SHOW

*"Tranquil Beauty" Winner of 2 AOS Awards at 2013 NOS Show*
*Owner: Elaine Gates*

*Best Miniature Orchid Flower 1st Place*
*Eplc. Green Bird (mentioned by Bill Fender in email)*
*Owner: Marilyn Moser*

**AOS Judges & their teams**

**NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY**
**Minutes of the Meeting**
**March 7, 2013**
**Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary**

**President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, then reviewed the emergency exit procedures and thanked the cookie bakers and drink providers.**

**Dick reported that a coat was left at the culture class. Alice Thorne has the jacket if it is yours. At our April meeting, we will meet on the second Thursday, April 11th. It is our potting meeting. Bring $10 and we will teach you how to re-pot. We provide all the materials, and a plant! We will also be collecting non-perishable foods for Collier Harvest (Food Bank.)**

**The Show was a big success. Lots of plants and arrangements. Elaine Gates took home 2 AOS awards. Dick thanked the show committee, the volunteers and the board.**

**Bill Fender, a former commercial orchid grower, was at the show assisting one of the vendors and sent a lovely email saying how positive his experience at the show was. Dick read the email to the members to a round of applause.**

**Dick invited all to the show wrap up meeting next Tuesday in Moss Hall.**

**Membership Chair Nanett Boerner introduced the new members. Total membership is 194. Membership directory will be available at the next meeting.**

**Treasurer Bill Overton is still receiving bills from the show. Total money is around $3,700. He will report in more detail next week.**

**Deborah Gallagher reported that fliers for the Redlands Show are available. May 17, 18 & 19th. The largest orchid show in the world. Admission is $10. at Fruit and Spice Park in Homestead.**

**Nancy Ginnochio asked for baskets to be donated to the society for her to make more orchid baskets.**

**Member plants are for sale at this meeting.**

**Norm Dolder reported that the April meeting will be the re-potting meeting. He stated that the plants will be good plants and all materials will be provided. Everyone will be taught how to re-pot.**

**Norm introduced the speaker, Dr. Harold Hills who will speak on orchid fragrance.**

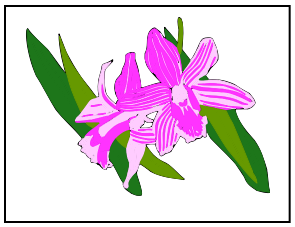
**The plant table winners were announced. Raffle winners were announced.**
**The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.**

# MARCH 2013 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

***Photos by Susan Roehl***

**SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD**
***Ludisia discolor 'Jewel'***
**Owner: Corrie Van Caulil**

**SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD**
***C. Crownfox Sweetheart 'Paradise'***
**Owner: Eunice Walker**



**Plant Table Results**
**March 07, 2013**

**Large Cattleyas**
**First Place: C. Crownfox Sweetheart 'Paradise'**
**Owner: Eunice Walker**

**Small Cattleyas**
**First Place: Jackfowlieara Apple Blossom 'Eunice'**
**Owner: Eunice Walker**
**Second Place: Lyonara Mem. Doug Lace 'Roseminah'**
**Owner: Gayle Dorio**
**Third Place: (Ctna. Maui Maid x B. nodosa)**
**Owner: Bob Rode**

**Large Vandas**
**First Place: V. Mollie Zweig**
**Owner: Barbara Crist**

**Small Vandas**
**First Place: Ascda. Fat Tuesday**
**Owner: Gayle Dorio**

**Dendrobiums**
**First Place: Den. Roy Tokunaga**
**Owner: Gayle Dorio**

**Large Species**
**First Place: Paph. lowii**
**Owner: Bertha Chinn**

**Medium Species**
**First Place: Dendrobium aggregatum**
**Owner: Joylett Davis**
**Second Place: Oncidium sphacelatum**
**Owner: Deborah Gallagher**
**Third Place: Dendrobium lindleyi**
**Owner: Barbara Crist**

**Small Species**
**First Place: Ludisia discolor 'Jewel'**
**Owner: Corrie Van Caulil**
**Second Place: Ascocentrum ampullaceum**
**Owner: Twyla Leigh**
**Third Place: Maxillaria sanguinea**
**Owner: Wes Robinson**

**Oncidium Alliance**
**First Place: Tolu. Robsan 'Orchid World'**
**Owner: Eunice Walker**
**Second Place: Tolu. Passionata Red**
**Owner: Barbara Crist**

**Slipper Orchids**
**First Place: Paph. St. Swithin**
**Owner: Bob Rode**
**Second Place: (Paph Fall Magic x Paph Via Muchos Ninos)**
**Owner: Jim Longwell**

**Other Tribes**
**First Place: Masd. Angel Tang**
**Owner: Jim Longwell**

**Special Species Award**
**Plant Name: Ludisia discolor 'Jewel'**
**Owner: Corrie Van Caulil**

**Special Hybrid Award**
**Plant Name: C. Crownfox Sweetheart 'Paradise'**
**Owner: Eunice Walker**

**Green Tag Winner:**
**Susan Vicedomini**

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