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 3, 2014 At the Moorings Presbyterian Church

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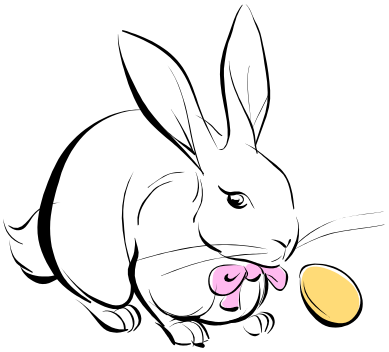
Flower Registration 6:30 PM
Flower Judging 7:10 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Program 7:45 p.m.
Our program will be "Repotting"
Get a blooming size orchid, clip, pot & medium, plus instruction for $10. (We will also have our "Empty Pots" collection of non-perishable food items for the Collier Harvest.)

Postponed from March - our Mini Culture Class starts at 6 PM. Bill Overton will be the Orchid Doctor. He will show you how to make your own rhizome clips & hangers.

APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

May 1, 2014
David Junka
Bear Orchids
"Divide & Conquer"

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
April 17, 2014
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is April 26,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

2014 Redland International Orchid Festival
May 16-18
Homestead, FL
Info:
www.redlandorchidfestival.org

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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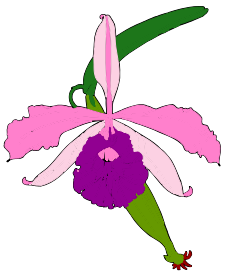
A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DICK PIPPEN, RPIPPEN@COMCAST.NET

Greetings Orchid Lovers—"Low Tech" in, "high tech" out, put vandas in pots, put cattleyas bareroot in baskets, panty hose out, plastic gutter guard in (for attaching plants to trees). So says Craig Morrell of Pinecrest Gardens, out speaker in March. Craig was very informative, and very, very entertaining. If you were there, you know what I mean, if you had to miss the meeting, well, you missed a great talk. Now that the show is over, if your orchids are like mine—they are beginning to bloom like crazy!! I hope that if your orchids are blooming, that you will consider bringing them in for the monthly competition. For the past several months, the plants brought in have been very few. Please bring your plant in to share with us.

We are looking for some good volunteers. We need a chair for our Annual Fall Sale. This event, held in early November is our only fund raiser for the year, with the goal to support our show. Sue Roehl has done an excellent job of chairing this event for the past four years. Now, she thinks that someone else should have that joy. If you would like to take on this challenge, please let me know. We would like to find a Chair as soon as possible. Also Marilyn Moser has been our Historian and "keeper of the records" for the past several years and she feels it is time to find someone else to take over this position. So, we are also looking for a Historian. Please, if you would like to become more actively involved in our Orchid Society, please contact me.

The April Meeting is our annual "Potting Exercise." For $10 and a non-perishable-food donation for Collier Harvest, you will receive a blooming sized plant, a pot, a clip, potting media and instructions and assistance in potting. It is great fun and good experience, especially for you "newbies." Hope you can all make it for this event. See you there. ***Dick***

Photos by Dick Pippen



AOS CORNER

Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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It's that time again for me to do some orchid culling. After having gone to several shows and sales in January and February, including our own show, I have acquired several new plants. So I need to make room for the new orchids which means parting with some of the non-producing ones. Some just look a little tired. Some haven't bloomed in ages. Some just don't look that great with no sign of new growth. Now I know it's difficult to part with some plants….but you just need to 'bite the bullet' and let go. If I think there is a chance it may bloom again…but looks crummy….I just put it in my side yard and let nature take its course. And every once in a while I will get a nice surprise to see an orchid blooming among the trees and shrubs. And this culling that I do keeps my collection at a reasonable number. You will feel better if you do some culling too!! ----- ***Marilyn***

Thank you to those that brought in refreshments/baked goods in March – Cassandra Duffus, Frank Hundler, Suzanne Fundingsland, Norm Dolder, Merle & Don Payne, Lanelle Bishop, Rose Anthony and Rose Wos. We need refreshment volunteers for April and May. Please contact Michelle Suppes @ justsaynoalways@me.com if you are able to help out.

Raffle Table: Laura Stacell and Sue Roehl.
Plant Table: Dave Orr and Kim Pendleton.

Welcome to our new members – Scott & Terry McQuillin, Sylvie Hall, Tara Lansen, Martha Baxley and Amanda Borro.

***MARCH MEETING ATTENDANCE*: 83** **RAFFLE: $206** **SPECIAL RAFFLE: $61**

DUES FOR 2014 ARE DUE NOW. 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.

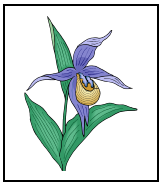
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GENEROUS 2014 NOS SHOW SPONSORS

PHALAENOPSIS: **$500 TO $999**
******Cynthia Carlson, Akerman Senterfitt, 239-499-5600; www.Akerman.com**
******Bill Overton, a true friend of the Naples Orchid Society**
VANDA: **$250-$499**
******Kristen O'Neill – Driftwood Garden Center, 239-595-3612. www.driftwoodgardencenter.com**
DENDROBIUM: **$100 TO $249**
******Patrice Case, MD**
******Charles T. Ferber – The Law Office of Charles T. Ferber**
239-334-1555; CTFLawyer@earthlink.net
******D. Starrett, Inc.**
******Molly Woodworth – Topcoat N Tails,239-262-2956; www.topcoatntails.com**
******Molly Woodworth – Fur, Fins & Feathers Sitting Service; 239-571-5577**
******David Woodworth – Gator Music; 239-261-9100**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 5-6: Central Florida Orchid Society Show "Orchid Rhapsody," Maitland, FL. Info: macykulit@aol.com
April 19-20: Flamingo Gardens Orchid Show, Davie, FL. Info: jbamador@bellsouth.net
April 26-27: Vero Beach Orchid Society "32nd Show & Sale," Vero Beach, FL. Info: instedof@bellsouth.net
May 16-18: 2014 Redland Int. Orchid Festival, Homestead, FL. Info: www.redlandorchidfestival.org

Minutes of the monthly meeting
March 6, 2014



Submitted by Secretary Cynthia Carlson

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. He reviewed the emergency exit procedures and thanked the refreshment committee.
We observed a moment of silence in memory of Jack van Caulil.
Next show committee meeting is March 20 in Baker Hall at 7pm, followed by the Board of Directors meeting.
The April meeting is our annual potting meeting. Bring a non-perishable food donation and for $10 you will receive a potting size plant, pot, medium and instructions on potting.
Fall Sale is in October. Sue Roehl is not going to be our sale chairman this year. Dick is seeking a volunteer to run the sale in October.
Membership Chair Nanett Boerner reported that total membership is 167. Nanett announced the new members. Renewals are due now. You can pay your membership dues at meetings or on our website.
Treasurer Bill Overton was absent.
2nd Vice President Maria Davis was absent.
Board member Kris Morton announced tonight's speaker, Craig Morrell, horticulturalist at Pinecrest Gardens in Pinecrest, Florida. He spoke about growing plants in trees and some new high tech methods for growing plants.
Plant Table winners were announced.
Raffle winners were announced.

An Orchid Vignette—Peckhaviensis and Son

Cattleya aclandiae and *C. schilleriana* are a couple of fantastic, classical orchid species that produce heavily textured spotted flowers with distinctive fragrances. When you put the two together—WOW!!! You get *Cattleya* Peckhaviensis (*C. aclandiae* x *C. schilleriana*) (photo below left).

This grex was originally created by Sir Charles Marriott, Down House, Blandford, Dorset, England, and registered by him in 1910!! So, it has been around just a little while. I am sure that my plant is from a more recent recreation of that cross, but the first person to register the cross always gets the credit. In over 100 years this grex has not earned any AOS—or other—awards! I guess that is not so surprising when you consider that to get an award the flowers has to be better than both parents. In this case *C. aclandiae* has earned 53 AOS and International awards and *C. schilleriana* over 103. So while Peckhaviensis is nice, it is hard to compete with "mom and dad." *Cattleya aclandiae* has over 4,300 kids and grandkids and *C. schilleriana* has over 1660.

Cattleya Peckhaviensis takes after its *C. aclandiae* parent being a rather small "sprawling" plant, with pseudobulbs and leaves together no more than 8-10 inches. The flowers are about four inches across, with a heavy leathery texture, greenish with lots of burgundy spots. The lip is a delightful combination of purple with white where it covers over the column. The daytime fragrance is spicy and pleasant. I grow my plant in a clay pot with a combination of lava, charcoal and Hydroton; in a west-facing pool cage.

Cattleya Peckhaviensis has only been used as a parent in one cross, which was to "breed it back" to the *C. schilleriana* parent (this is called a back cross) which resulted in *Cattleya* Memoria Mack Miller (photo right). I am not sure who created this grex, but it was registered in 2012 by Todd Miller of Miller's Tropicals, Miami. So recently registered, it has not earned any awards, nor been a parent. The flowers are very similar to parent and grandparents, with more white stripes in the throat than Peckhaviensis, and the part of the lip that overlaps the column is pink/lavender rather than white. The flowers produce a most distinctive strong spicy fragrance (which doesn't necessarily mean pleasant). This is also a small plant, so far about the size of *C.* Peckhaviensis. One interesting observation—on the latest pseudobulb, which produced the four flower spike shown above, the leaves were very dark red and spotted. I was afraid there was something wrong until I read that this is often typical of *C schilleriana* and also sometimes *C. aclandiae*. Whew, a relief!

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

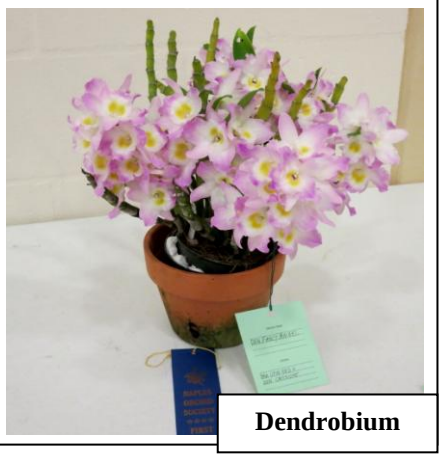
MARCH 2014 PLANT TABLE FIRST PLACE WINNERS *photos by Marilyn Moser*

Large Cattleya

Small Cattleya

Large Vanda

Large Species



Dendrobium

Small Species

And NOS Publicity Chair Laura Stacell also wins ribbons on quilts.
Photo by Lanelle Bishop 2/28/14

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.

MARCH 2014 PLANT TABLE AWARDS - *photos by Sue Roehl*

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
***C. amethystoglossa* 4X**
Owner: Lola Moncsko

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Tolu.* William Thurston**
'Orchidglade' AM/AOS
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Plant Table Results
March 06, 2014

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Crownfox Sweetheart 'Paradise'
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Chit Chat 'Tangerine'
Owner: Mike Brewer
Second Place: Caulaelia Margaret Klehm
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: Blc. Carolina Orange Glow
Owner: Joylett Davis

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Sandra Johnson
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Fancy Angel
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Large Species
First Place: Phaius tankervilleae
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: C. amethystoglossa 4X
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Small Species
First Place: Rodriquezia lanceolata
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Tolu. William Thurston 'Orchidglade' AM/AOS
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Miltoniopsis Princess Diana 'Princess of Wales' HCC/AOS
Owner: Lori Van Buskirk

Special Species Award
Plant Name: C. amethystoglossa 4X
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Tolu. William Thurston 'Orchidglade' AM/AOS
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Oncidium ampliatum
Winner: Mike Brewer

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.

MODIFICATION TO PLANT TABLE RULES #6—RIBBON AWARDS:
There must be a minimum of five entries per class in order to award a first, second and third place ribbon. If there are only four entries then first (Blue Ribbon) and second places (Red Ribbon) will be awarded. If fewer than four plants in any class, only a first place ribbon will be awarded. (Modified at January 2014 NOS BOD meeting.)