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 Next Meeting (ONE WEEK EARLY!) Thursday

MARCH 26, 2015

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 "Potting Exercise." 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.)

The April Mini Culture Class with Bill Overton starts at 6 PM. Bill will help you gain confidence by showing how to re-pot an orchid plant. All are welcome!

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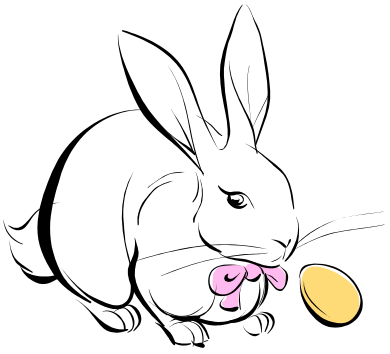

Upcoming Events

May 7, 2015
Guillermo Salazar
Miami, FL
"Bulbophyllums"

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
April 16, 2015
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

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

2015 Redland International Orchid Festival
May 15-17
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— Would you believe that there are two Peter Lins in the "Orchid Business!" One is Peter Lin of Big Leaf Orchids in Texas and he specializes in miniature Phalaenopsis. The other is Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids, outside Los Angeles in California, and he specializes in miniature Cattleyas. It is the latter Peter Lin who was the featured speaker at our March 2015 meeting, and what a great job he did!! He told us about the species involved, the primary hybrids and some of the complex hybrids that make up this group of small-sized plants. I received comments from several members about what an excellent speaker he was. And, he had some very interesting and small plants available for sale. We are able to get these good speakers from "far-away-places" through a cooperative venture with several other Florida orchid societies, namely St. Augustine, Sarasota, Venice and us that share the expenses. This is a great opportunity for all. This is the "venture" that has allowed us to bring in such speakers as Fred Clarke and Alan Koch in the past.

On another note—remember "April in March" this year! Because Easter is the first Sunday in April, Moorings Presbyterian Church has "dibs" on the gym both the first and second Thursdays in April, so our April monthly meeting will be March 26!! Yes, most unusual!! This will be our annual Potting Exercise. For $10 and a non-perishable food item to donate to Collier Harvest, you will receive a bareroot plant, a pot, pot clip and media—and an opportunity to "try your hand" at potting, with assistance from the "old time members" present. This is always a fun meeting and I am sure you will enjoy it, and take home a well potted plant to add to your collection. So remember March 26 is our April Meeting!! See you there then, and until—Happy Orchiding. ***Dick***

Photos by Dick Pippen

AOS CORNER
Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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I find it interesting how my taste in orchids has changed over the years. When I first started collecting orchids, many years ago, I leaned heavily toward Vandas and large Cattleyas. Way back then I had a hard time keeping Oncidiums and Tolumnias alive. I didn't even know what a Bulbophyllum was all those years ago. And here I am today growing great Oncidiums and Tolumnias. And my Bulbo. collection has grown quite a lot. Any Vandas I have left are growing in trees out in the yard left to fend for themselves. Most of the Cattleyas I now have are small. I guess we collect those plants that we can grow well and that suits me just fine.

At our March 5 meeting 47 plants were brought for judging and 48 of you voted. And again, the small Cattleya category had the most plants with 11.

There are two very interesting articles in the March issue of Orchids Magazine. One is about the wild orchids of Broward County and how they have managed to survive urban sprawl. The other article is on the genus Guarianthe with its many hybrids including many beautiful photos. ----- *Marilyn*

Attention All NOS Members

PLANT TABLE CHANGE

The Board of Directors has decided to expand the Plant Table competition by one new category. There will now be a section for "Orphans." If you have a flowering orchid that has lost its' label, you can now enter one and perhaps win a ribbon.
An additional table will be set aside for plants with no name. Members can enter their orphans here. They will be eligible to win either a blue, red, or white ribbon. Members can vote for those plants by using the "NOVICE" section on the ballot sheet. Like all other classes, the number of ribbons awarded at each meeting depends upon the number of plants entered in the Orphan Class.
It should be noted that these ribbon winners will not be eligible for any points towards our yearly Plant Table Competition. After all - they are orphans. The Board just thought that these plants should still be able to win ribbons. Gold ribbons for Best Hybrid or Best Species will not be awarded to orphans either. The Board will be doing this on a trial basis for the remainder of this year. Results will be evaluated to determine if this category will continue. It is further hoped that by having our more experienced members view these plants, that some may be recognized and names can subsequently be attached making these plants no longer orphans!
----Bill Overton for the Board----

ATTENDANCE AT OUR MARCH MEETING: 108 ***RAFFLE PROFITS: $295***

CARE OR CONDOLENCE CARDS: Get well cards were sent to NOS member Sue Magrane and former NOS member Tony Donzello.

Thank you to: **Refreshment volunteers: Roberta Ury, Helen Roth, Mary Anderson, Nancy MacLeod, Wes Robinson, Lanelle Bishop and Joy Corritore. Apologies if you brought in items and we did not get your name on our list. Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our April - May monthly meetings.**
Raffle table worker: Sue Roehl.
Plant table workers: Mike Brewer, Marilyn Moser, Stacee Burton and Rose Anthony.

Please help welcome our newest NOS members: Sally Kellogg and Bruce Tansey.

April 4-5: Flamingo Gardens 34th Annual International Orchid & Bromeliad Show, Davie, FL.
Info: http://www.flamingogardens.org/Events.html
April 7: Guided Garden Tour at 9 AM, talk on "Roses in SW Florida" at 10 AM, Collier Co. Ext.
Info: 239-252-4800.
April 18: Friends of the Fakahatchee present "Cuban Connection" orchid program at Naples Botanical Garden, 5 PM – 8:30 PM. Cost: $50. Sign up on Eventbrite.
Info: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cuban-connection-orchid-program-at-naples-botanical-garden-tickets-15814930884
April 25-26: The 33rd Vero Beach Orchid Society Show & Sale, Vero Beach, FL.
Info: instedof@bellsouth.net.

Upcoming Orchid Shows in May:

May 15 – 17: 2015 Redland International Orchid Festival, Homestead, FL. Info: www.redlandorchidfestival.org

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.

NOS Publicity Chair Laura Stacell was an award winner with her beautiful quilt at the Quilt Show in March.
Photo by Lanelle Bishop

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
March 5, 2015
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

He reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures and thanked the refreshment providers.

He announced that the Show went well. There were many plant entries, 22 containers, lots of cut flower arrangements and 5 educational displays. AOS judges gave 4 AOS awards. Dick thanked the cadres of volunteers.

Dick said that in April our meeting will be March 26th due to problems with scheduling with the church because of Easter. This meeting will be our annual potting extravaganza.

Kris Morton reported, in Nanette Boerner's absence, that we have 2 new members tonight and she welcomed them.

Treasurer Bill Overton reported that attendance at the show was down from last year. However our overall financial condition is good. We will need to have a good sale in the Fall. Board will review and plan accordingly.

Bill announced a bus trip to Redlands Orchid Show on May 16th in cooperation with Southwest Florida Orchid Society: $30 per person, picking up in Fort Myers at 7:30am and then Naples 8:30, exit 101 on Collier Blvd., (Island Drapes parking lot,) leaving Redlands 2 pm (arriving in Naples at 4 pm.) Please talk to Bill to reserve a spot.

Vice President David Orr introduced our speaker, Peter Lin from Diamond Orchids in CA. He spoke about miniature Cattleyas and presented a wonderful slide show.

Plant Table winners were announced and raffle winners were drawn after which the meeting was adjourned.

Mini Culture Class on mounting orchids at our monthly meeting, March 5, given by NOS Treasurer and AOS Judge Bill Overton. Bill will be demonstrating how to successfully repot your orchids at the NEXT monthly meeting, MARCH 26! The class starts at 6 PM.
All are welcome!

(photo by Dick Pippen)

PLEASE SUPPORT AND THANK OUR GENEROUS 2015 NOS SHOW SPONSORS:

PHALAENOPSIS: ***$500 TO $999***
*****Bill Overton, a true friend of the Naples Orchid Society*
*****Cynthia Carlson, Akerman Senterfitt, 239-499-5600; www.Akerman.com*
*****Jim Longwell, BBA Development*
*****Kristen O'Neill, Driftwood Garden Center, 239-595-3612; www.driftwoodgardencenter.com*

VANDA: ***$250 TO $499***
*****Molly Woodworth, Topcoat 'N Tails*
Tim Wynn, Wynn's Market
David Woodworth, Gator Music

DENDROBIUM: ***$100 TO $249***
*****Charles T. Ferber, PA, Attorney at Law, www.charlesferberlaw.com*
*****William Spinelli, Titan Homes*
*****Debbie Starrett, Starrett Swimming Pools*

CATTLEYA: ***$50 TO $99***
*****Christina Forbes, Accessories Etc. Design*
*****Kevin Kaulbars, Green Effex*

ORCHID TIPS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

With the warmer weather arriving it is time to re-pot those orchids. If you find that you have excess divisions consider mounting them in a tree. Repot those orchids that are emerging from dormancy. Water thoroughly in early morning and fertilize!!! And warmer (& dryer) weather also bring on the thrips. Thrips can cause damage to flowers and buds as well as foliage, and may cause girdling of roots. They can be controlled with insecticidal soap, isopropyl alcohol, Bayer Insect & Rose Spray or a pesticide such as acephate (Orthene,) Malathion or Sevin. Some hobby growers use Neem Triple Action Horticultural Oil. To avoid raising resistance to chemical control measures rotate products every month. Be sure your plants are well hydrated before you spray and only spray in early morning or late afternoon/evening. Follow directions and use protective clothing if using chemicals. See damage done by Thrips in photos below.

Photos from AOS

Root damage caused by Thrips - photo from Orchid Board.

An Orchid Vignette—Two "Mini" Blues

"Mini-catts" are small, compact, "dwarfish" orchids often no more than six inches in height, perfect for the windowsill collector or for fitting into "tight spaces" in a bench collection. Here are two excellent examples of these plants and favorites of mine because of their delightful pastel blue color. The first of these is *Laeliocattleya* (*Lc.*) Mini Purple. The parents of this cross are *Laelia pumila* and *Cattleya walkeriana*. Both of the parents are small, but *Laelia pumila* is a really dwarf plant and contributes most to the small size of the cross. In most of the plants, as the name Mini Purple implies, the flowers are a purple or magenta color. 'Blue Hawaii,' however was the result of the cross of the 'coerulea' (blue-colored) varieties of both parents, so instead of purple, it is blue.

While the plant is indeed small, about six inches in height, the flowers, usually borne singly, are quite large, approaching 3.5-4 inches across. The sepals and petals are a pale blue and the contrasting lip is darker blue-purple with white in the throat. The flowers have a delightful fragrance (from the *C. walkeriana* parent) and last about a month. One disappointing character of the flower, inherited from the *L. pumila* parent, is a tendency for the top sepal to bend back, preventing the flower from having the more desirable flat, full appearance. To me this is a minor deficiency made up by the unusual flower color and the frequency of flowering. My plant blooms about three times a year. It was growing in 4 inch clay pot in a mix of lava rock, charcoal and coconut chunks, in a west facing pool cage until it unfortunately was infected by the "dreaded" Black Rot and passed on to "Orchid Heaven."

Laeliocattleya Mini Purple has been around for awhile. It was registered by Rev. M. Yamada in 1965. There are 48 awarded cultivars of this cross, 38 of them from the American Orchid Society. The AOS Award of Merit (83 pts.) was given to *Laeliocattleya* Mini Purple 'Blue Hawaii' in 1997.

Another really nice blue mini-catt is *Lc*. Love Knot var. coerulea. Love Knot is a cross between *L. sincorana* and *C. walkeriana*. Like *L. pumila*, *L. sincorana* is a very small plant. Unlike *L. pumila*, there is not the tendency for the dorsal sepal to bend back, so this flower has a much nicer shape. *Lc*. Love Knot was created by J. Miura of Japan and registered by him in 1984. The grex has received 32 awards, some for the coerulea type, and has been used as a parent in 38 crosses. This is a plant that I have found difficult to flower. For over three years the plant never flowered, even though I changed media and location several times. Then I mounted a couple of divisions on cork and hung them outside in trees where they received maximum light. Finally, after almost giving up, both of the mounted ones flowered! This flower also produces a delightful fragrance, and was well worth the wait!

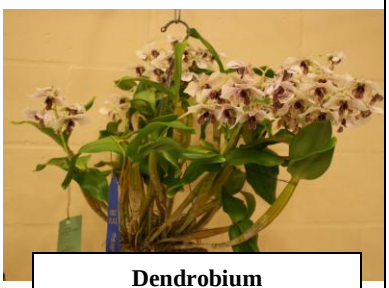
Since *Laelia pumila* and *L. sincorana* are "Brazilian Laelias" which are now *Cattleya*, officially these greges are now *Cattleya*. I, as well as most people, will probably continue to call them *Lc*. Mini Purple and *Lc*. Love Knot for a long time to come, but, you should be aware of the change. And don't let the name keep you from trying the plants. (P.S.—both are locally available at Jade Orchids.)

Contributed by Dick Pippen

MARCH 2015 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleya
***Lc.* Sunmist 'Apricot'**



Dendrobium
***Den.* Roy Tokunaga**

Large Vanda
***V.* Pachara Delight**

Medium Species
Rossioglossum ampliatum

Oncidium Alliance
***Tolu.* Golden Sunset 'Sparky'**

Small Species
V. miniatum syn. garayi

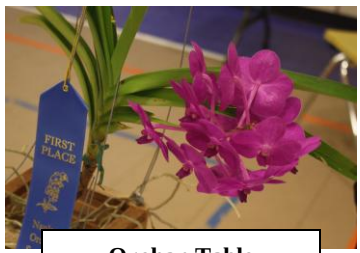
Slipper Orchids
***Paph.* Lebaudvanum**

Large Species
C. amethystoglossa 'H & R Supreme'

Small Cattleya
***Rth.* East Texas Sunset.**

Small Vanda
V. lamallata* x *V.* Noi Blue x *Rhy. coelestris

Phalaenopsis
***Phal.* Minho Princess**



Orphan Table

PLANT TABLE AWARDS MARCH 2015

Photos by Sue Roehl

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Tetratonia* Dark Prince**
Owner: Lola Moncsko

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Angcm. leonis
Owner: David Genovese

Plant Table Results
March 5, 2015

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Sunmist 'Apricot'
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Rth. East Texas Sunset
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Tetratonia Dark Prince
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: Lc. Fire Dance 'Patricia'
Owner: Twyla Leigh

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Pachara Delight
Owner: Susan Vicedomini

Small Vandas
First Place: V. lamallata x V. Noi Blue x Rhy. coelestris
Owner: Stacee Burton
Second Place: Ascda Motes Burning Sands 'Mary Motes'
Owner: Gayle Dorio

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

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. Minho Princess
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Large Species
First Place: C. amethystoglossa 'H&R Supreme'
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Phal. schilleriana
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Angcm. leonis
Owner: David Genovese

Medium Species
First Place: Rossioglossum ampliatum
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Den. lindley
Owner: Barbara Crist

Small Species
First Place: V. miniatum syn. garayi
Owner: David Genovese

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Tolu. Golden Sunset 'Sparky'
Owner: David Genovese
Second Place: Brsdm. Nittany Gold
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Onc. Nathakhun 'Sanctuary's Surprise'
Owner: Twyla Leigh

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Paph. Lebaudyanum
Owner: David Genovese

Orphan Table
First Place--Owner: Jennifer Gustason

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Angcm. leonis
Owner: David Genovese

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Tetratonia Dark Prince
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Neostylis Pinky
Winner: 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.