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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Our monthly meeting was Thursday,
April 7, 2016,
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.
Our program will feature Mac Rivenbark Mac's Orchids speaking on "Vandas & Vandaceous type Orchids."
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The Mini Culture Class will be Bill Overton discussing orchid pests. The class starts at 6 PM. All are welcome.

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5, 2016
NOS monthly meeting
Speaker & topic TBA.

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is April 23,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

NOS BOD MEETING & SHOW COMM. MTG.
April 28, 2016
All are welcome.

REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL
May 13-15, 2016
Redland Fruit & Spice Park
Homestead, FL.

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers—The Fakahatchee Strand State Park is the Orchid and Bromeliad Capitol of the country with over 40 species growing there. Of course you have to get your feet wet (actually more than that) to see them. This is according to Mike Owen, the featured speaker at our March meeting. He shared not only pictures of the many plants and animals that inhabit this fascinating place just east of Naples but also his enthusiasm. He really has enjoyed going to work there for the past 22 years!

A GREAT BIG thank you to Kit Kitchen-Maran, orchid grower and now silk scarf maker. Kit had a "stand" at our 2016 Orchid Show selling silk scarves that she had made with an orchid motif. She had agreed to share her profits with the Society to support our educational goals through the internship program we have with Illinois College. At our March meeting Kit presented our treasurer, Nanett Boerner, with a check for over $700. Thanks so much, Kit!! Also another GREAT BIG thanks to Lake and Connie Sims who have pledged $1500 to support an intern again this year. Such generosity is greatly appreciated. Education about orchids is one of the Society's major goals.

Congratulations to our "sister" organization, Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance, on their very successful first Orchid Show on March 11 and 12.

I am looking forward to our April meeting this year which will be a little different from past years. The April meeting has "always" been the "Potting Exercise" meeting where, for $10 everyone received an orchid plant, pot, clip, media and instructions for potting the plant. Unfortunately it didn't work out this year so we are having a "more typical meeting" with a featured speaker. Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids, Ft. Lauderdale, will be the speaker. Mac features plants from the Philippines in his sales booth and his talks are usually on something orchid and Philippines. He is an excellent speaker. He was also one of the vendors at our 2016 Show and his floor display took top honors with the coveted AOS trophy!! Hope you all can make it. Until then—keep your orchids happy. ***Dick***

Biologist Mike Owen keeping track of orchids in the wilds of Fakahatchee Strand State Park (note vanilla orchid on tree to right.)
Photo from www.floridahikes.com

PLEASE SUPPORT AND THANK OUR GENEROUS 2016 NOS SHOW SPONSORS:

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****Sunshine Ace Hardware*

Please welcome our newest NOS member: Kathleen LaBarge.

Thank you to: Raffle table workers Sue Roehl & Lanelle Bishop; plant table workers Mike Brewer & Stacee Burton; March refreshment contributors Kathleen LaBarge, Corrie van Caulil, Joy Corritore, Karen Davenport, Alice Thorne, Angie Dunlap, Sandy Herath, Suzanne Fundingsland & Lanelle Bishop. Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our May-June monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!

March monthly meeting attendance: 90 ***Raffle table proceeds: $164***

CARE AND CONDOLENCE: A get well card was sent to RaeJean Walker after her knee surgeries.

April 5: **Collier County Horticulture Learning Center guided garden tour 9 AM, educational demonstration on Tropical Fruit Trees at 10 AM. 14700 Immokalee Rd., Naples, FL. Info: 239-252-4800 or IWay@ufl.edu.**

April 13-17: **AOS Spring Members Meeting, Asheville, NC, sponsored by Western North Carolina Orchid Society. Info: www.wncos.org.**

April 23-24: **Vero Beach Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, Riverside Park, Vero Beach, FL; Info: vbos@verobeachorchidsociety.org**

April 29-May 1: **Platinum Coast Orchid Society "52nd Annual Show," Merritt Island, FL; Info: adamson1@cfl.rr.com**

May 13-15: **Redland International Orchid Festival, Redland Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Homestead, FL; Info: www.redlandorchidfestival.org**

August 5-6: **6th Annual Cattleya Symposium, held by Odom's Orchids at Indian River Research & Education Center, 2199 South Rock Road, Ft. Pierce, FL; Info: www.odoms.com**

A BUS TRIP TO REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW

We are joining up with SWF Orchid Society, Sanibel, and GCOA for a BUS TRIP, May 14, 2016!! (a Saturday,) to the Redland International Orchid Show.... $30 includes admission and a $5 discount for spending money! Pick up is at Island Draperies Exit 101 at 8:30 am and leaving Redlands at 3:30 to return by 5:30 pm. Checks or cash should be turned in ASAP and "first come, first served" rides. The BUS is capped at 50 for all of us! You have the April meeting to notify Lanelle or by phone 239-352-1860, or by email: lbishop52@gmail.com We hope you can join us for a fun filled day. www.redlandorchidfestival.org

APRIL GROWING TIPS

From "Florida Orchid Growing" by Martin Motes

- **Full speed ahead with your re-potting.**
- **Water heavily and well.**
- **Don't forget to fertilize.**
- **Spray for mites and *Thrips.***
- **Naturalize excess divisions in the garden (attach to a tree.)**
- **Space your plants for additional light and air.**

ORCHID TERMS – WHAT DOES THAT MEAN???

From "Dictionary of Orchid Genera"

***Petiole* – the stem-like structure that attaches the blade of the leaf to the supporting stem.**

***Velamen* – the outermost tissue of roots of many orchids, dead at maturity and capable of absorption and short term storage of water and nutrients.**

***Peloric* – having an abnormal flower form in which all of the petals resemble the lip, or the lip assumes a petal-like form rather than the usual two petals and a lip.**

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
March 3, 2016
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 announced and thanked the refreshment organizers, Michelle and Rose, and all those who brought in the tempting goodies and circulated a sign-up sheet for May, June, July and August refreshments.

NOS 2016 Orchid Show was Feb. 27 & 28 at the Naples Botanical Garden. The show was excellent and attendance was phenomenal!!! Kudos to all who participated. AOS judges were impressed. Four AOS awards were given for our members' plants.

Dick also thanked all the volunteers who worked at the Show and - in particular - David Orr for his work on set-up and take down. Plant holding area was extremely helpful. Dick also thanked Lanelle Bishop for the food that kept the volunteers going and thanked Norm Dolder and David Junka for putting together the raffle baskets, Jim Rawson for publicity, and Ramon Chapa for coordinating sponsors. Further Dick thanked Naples Botanical Garden. We had over 3,800 people attend our Show!

Gulfcoast Orchid Alliance is having its show on Mar. 11 & 12 at United Church of Christ on Seagate Dr. Please support their efforts.

Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids will be our speaker in April. He will speak on orchids of the Philippines.

Board meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 5551 Ridgewood Drive, Suite 300, starting at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

Membership Chair Veronica Catrombon reported that we have 187 members and 13 guests tonight!

Treasurer Nanett Boerner reported that we are in good financial shape but don't have report for the Show yet. Dick is meeting with Naples Botanical Garden tomorrow to get final report.

Lanelle Bishop reported that there is a bus trip to Redlands on Sat., May 14th. First come, first ride. Sign up to get on the bus: $30 includes admission + $5 to spend at the show.

Kit Kitchen-Maran reported that her scarf sales at the show were extremely successful. Sales totaled $707.28. These funds go to support the internship program for students doing research in the Fakahatchee Strand, doing DNA coding and re-introducing native species.

David Orr reported that the basket raffle at the Show raised over $2,000!

The vendors reported robust sales and all were happy with the results.

The Naples Botanical Gardens staff was extremely helpful to our efforts and we expressed our gratitude to them.

David introduced our speaker tonight, Mike Owen, biologist at Fakahatchee Strand.

Plant Table winners were announced and raffle winners were drawn.

NOS members Lanelle Bishop and Eunice Walker at March 19th NOS Orchid Doctor Clinic (@ Naples Botanical Garden.) It was a busy day with 32 folks stopping by to ask questions ☺!
Thank you to both ladies!!!
Photo by Dick Pippen

AOS CORNER
Bill Overton, AOS Rep.
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News from the AOS **--- NOS scores with a SPECTACULAR Orchid Show!!!**

If you were not able to attend the recently held Naples Orchid Society Show, then you missed a rather special event!

The two day show featured an incredible attendance figure of over 3,800 attendees. This easily surpassed last year's 800. Raffle tickets sold at an unheard of pace, and three of the four vendors nearly sold out of plants, or so I am told. I can only imagine that all four of our vendors had wonderful sales numbers! Sure, there may be some "bugs" to work out of the event to make it even better, but it was a spectacular beginning.

Several AOS judges I spoke to were very impressed with our choice of venue and they were very appreciative of us having the show closed completely during judging. The freedom to complete their work without public interference was really appreciated. The 10 am start time was a big hit as well. My judging team had the distinct pleasure of granting FOUR AOS awards and were impressed with the overall quality of the plants that they looked at. This was not only for AOS plants but all of the entries combined. You should all take pride in that! While the number of plant entries might have been down, the quality was not. For my part, I found the display area to be well laid out making for easy access to all of the plants. I can only imagine that as the "news" of our success spreads, the show will grow larger with each successive year.

This brings me to my last point - kudos to President Dick Pippen and David Orr who worked tirelessly on this event from beginning to end. They had the assistance of so many people - far too many for me to list here, but you all know who you are. Congratulations to all! I think that we may have laid the groundwork to see this show, in the new location, become the premier orchid show on the West coast of Florida. It may in fact be already there. In a few short years, it could become one of the biggest orchid events in all of Florida - perhaps even up and down the entire East Coast …. ***Bill Overton AOS Rep.***

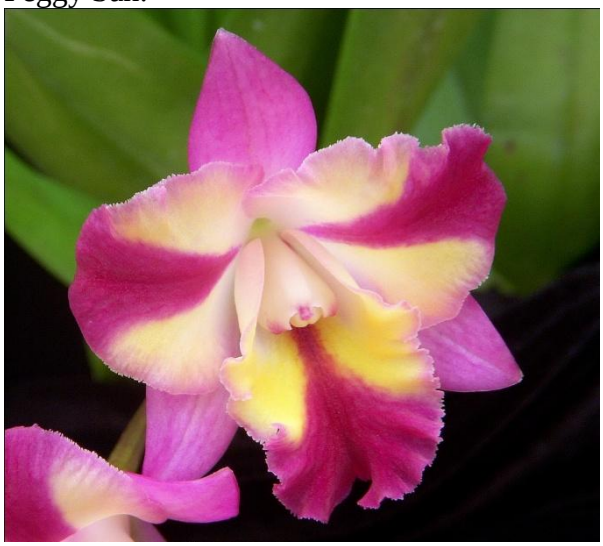
Our Mini Culture Class at the April 7th monthly meeting, conducted by Bill Overton will focus on orchid pests. The following is information from Better Gro's "Growing Orchids is Fun"…

What are some of the pests I should look for? **The most common are scale, mealy bugs, spider mites, & aphids. And remember, these pests can come from your other household plants. By far the most commonly seen pest today is the mealybug, which is a white, waxy creature about the size of a small ladybug. Because of their waxy coating they are particularly hard to get rid of, and often need several treatments. It often takes two, three or even four treatments, at seven to ten day intervals, of a nurseryman recommended product to kill all the various life stages of the pest. A wetting agent may sometimes be added to the pesticide solution to help penetrate the waxy coating. Be sure to identify your pest before treating. You will need to use a product specified for its control. The most commonly used insecticides for orchids are light horticultural oils and/or soap-based products.**

Bill's class will start at 6 pm.

An Orchid Vignette—Sacramento Splashes Sogo Doll

Here are a couple of really splashy flowers. Both are very bright, with multiple colors blended together. Although in separate genera, they do share one parent in common, *Laeliocatonia*. (*Lctna*) Peggy San.



Hawkinsara (*Hknsa.*) Sogo Doll is a cross between *Lctna*. Peggy San and *Slc*. Katsy Noda. It was created by Sogo Orchid Nursery in Taiwan (so that's where the "Sogo" comes from ☺), and registered by them in 1994. It has earned one AOS award, a HCC for the cultivar 'Little Angel.' The cultivar pictured here, is 'Little Doll' which received an AM from the Orchid Society of the Republic of China (Taiwan) which is not recognized by the AOS. The sepals are fuchsia-pink, the petals creamy white with a fuchsia flare from the center toward the edges. The deeper fuchsia lip has two yellow patches on the sides. The column is creamy white. The flowers are only about 2 to 2 ½ inches across, but several are clustered on each spike. The plants are compact, pseudobulbs and leaves together less than a foot tall. *Hknsa*. Sogo Doll has been used as a parent in seven crosses.

Lctna. Sacramento Splash is about the same sized plant as Sogo Doll, but has slightly larger flowers, about 2 ½ - 3 inches, with several produced in a cluster on each spike. The sepals are a pale pink. The petals are basically creamy white with a wider fuchsia flare from the center to the outside edge. The lip has the same pattern and colors as the lateral petals. The plant is about the same size as *Hknsa*. Sogo Doll. *Lctna*. Sacramento Splash is a cross between *Lctna*. Peggy San and *Cattleya* Little Dipper. It was created by Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids in California and registered by him in 2001. Since its creation it has "made a big splash" and has earned 19 AOS awards including nine AMs! However, it has only been used as a parent in one cross.

These two greges love to bloom! Sogo Doll blooms at least twice a year (usually in Aprill-May and December) and it seems Sacramento Splash always has one or two flowers (but actually it blooms about three times a year). So you can see that these are very rewarding plants, that don't take up a lot of space. I have them growing in a west-facing pool cage, both in 5 inch clay pots in a lava rock, charcoal, Hydroton mixture.

With all of the name changing in the orchid world one would hope that with a common parent, these greges would end up in the same genus. But that is not the case. Since their common parent, *Lctna*. Peggy San, is now a *Cattleytona*, Sogo Doll is now a *Guaricattonia* while Sacramento Splash joins Peggy San as a *Cattleytonia*. Go figure!

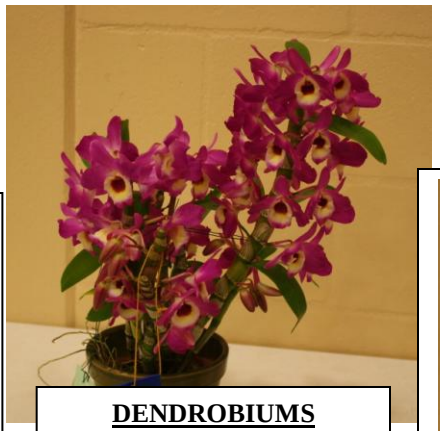
--*Contributed by Dick Pippen*

MARCH 2016 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser (with 20 plants brought in & 31 people voting)

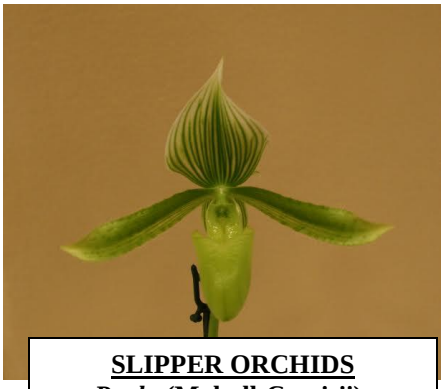
LARGE CATTLEYA
***Blc.* Fritz Nicholas 'Spring Dance'**

MEDIUM SPECIES
Schomburgkia undulata



DENDROBIUMS
***Den.* Country Girl**

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
***Oncidium* Sharry Baby**



SLIPPER ORCHIDS
***Paph.* (Makull-Curtisii)-Maudiae x *Paph.* Maudiae 'Napa Valley'**

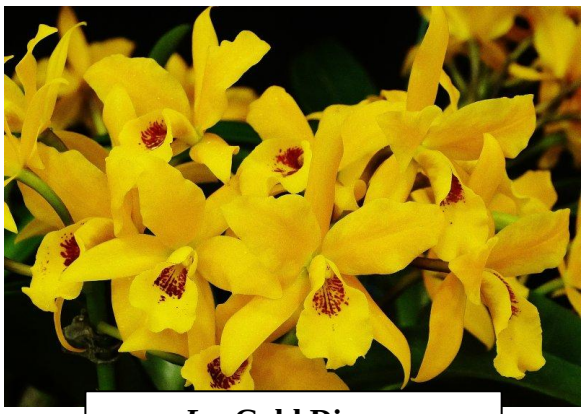
OTHER TRIBES
***Galeopetalum* Giant 'Rheim Moonlight'**

ORPHAN TABLE
Phalaenopsis

PLANT TABLE AWARDS MARCH 2016

Photos by Sue Roehl

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
2-way Tie



***Lc.* Gold Digger**
Owner: Joylett Davis

***Lc.* Gold Digger 'Orglades Mandarin'**
Owner: Karen Davenport

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Epi. denticulatum
Owner: Karen Davenport

Naples Orchid Society Monthly Plant Table Results—March 03, 2106

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Fritz Nicholas 'Spring Dance'
Owner: Alice Thorne

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Gold Digger
Owner: Joylett Davis
Second Place: Potinara Elizabeth Palmer
Owner: Roger Dunlap
Third Place: Lc. Gold Digger 'Orglades Mandarin'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Country Girl
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Medium Species
First Place: Schomburgkia undulata
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Species
First Place: Epi. denticulatum
Owner: Karen Davenport

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Oncidium Sharry Baby
Owner: Mark Hudak

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Paph. (Makull-Curtisii)-Maudiae x Paph. Maudiae 'Napa Valley'
Owner: Deborah Strohmayr

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

Orphan Table
First Place: Phalaenopsis
Owner: Erich Herath

Special Hybrid Award (2-way Tie)
Plant Name: Lc. Gold Digger 'Orglades Mandarin'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Plant Name: Lc. Gold Digger
Owner: Joylett Davis

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Epi. denticulatum
Owner: Karen Davenport

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Paph. King of Sweden x Paph. Pacific Shamrock
Winner: Kathryn Romine

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.

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GCOA ORCHID SHOW & SALE, MARCH 11-12

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