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 May Meeting Thursday May 2, 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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Featured speaker Carol Holdren, AOS Judge, will talk about "Ten Orchids You Cannot Live Without!"

Our Mini Culture Class starts at 6 PM. Bill Overton will talk about Latourea Dendrobiums. All are welcome!

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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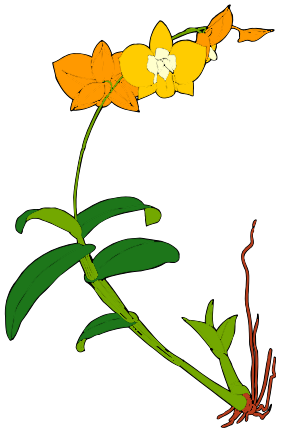
May 2013 NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

June 6, 2013
Brian Monk
From Blue Llama Orchids
"Tolumnias"

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

REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL
May 17-19
9 AM – 5 PM
Homestead, FL
Information:
www.redlandorchidfestival.org

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is May 25
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers—Ringling Brothers may be the Greatest Show On Earth in the circus world, but in the Orchid World it is The Redlands Orchid Festival!! Mark May 17-19 on your calendar and plan to go to Redlands Fruit and Spice Park for this not-to-be-missed-once-a-year event. Over 60 vendors from "across the country and around the world" (literally). If you love orchids, "ya gotta go!"

I am looking forward to hearing our speaker for our May monthly meeting, Carol Holdren. Carol is an AOS judge from the West Palm Beach Judging Center, and she is a "regular" (judge) at our annual shows. She has an effervescent personality as well as an excellent knowledge of orchids. She will entice you with "Ten Orchids You Cannot Live Without!"

Congratulations to Ralph Brand on the AM/AOS his *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum* earned at the West Palm Beach judging center recently!! A beautiful plant that those of you who were at the April meeting had a chance to see.

Repotting season is upon us now and as you repot your orchids this Spring, don't forget to set aside some divisions to donate to our Annual Sale coming up in November. I just recently divided and repotted one of my favorite orchids, *Blc.* Momiliani Rainbow 'The Gypsy,' a great fragrant, splash petal orchid. I have put aside several divisions for the sale. I hope to have more prepared in the coming weeks, I hope you will, too.

See you at Redlands. --Dick

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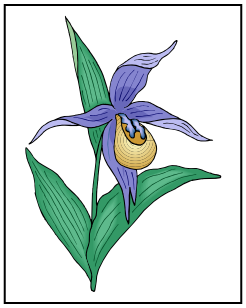

Had a fun trip to Flamingo Gardens in Davie for their Orchid & Bromeliad Show. Lots of vendors and it's a lovely park. Nice place to visit and very easy to get to. It took less than 90 minutes. This is where the monthly AOS judging is held.

Also took in the Englewood Orchid Society Show. Nine vendors and many nice floor displays. But not many attendees and this was on the first day.

We had a total of 48 plants entered for our monthly plant table awards at our April meeting. Most plants were entered in small Cattleyas. Only 40 of you voted and I still can't figure out why more of you don't participate in the voting. It's fun.

A bit of orchid hybrid trivia: the total number of grex names in the register is currently 154,660. The figure increases daily. Each year the International Orchid Register adds between 3,000 and 4,000 new hybrids. The most popular genera for hybrids are: Phals 31,382, Paphs 23,871, Cymbidiums 14,688, Dendrobiums 11,910. So far there are about 2,349 hybrid generic names but not all of these are in use. There are about 5,600 species included in hybridization.

ATTENDANCE AT OUR APRIL MEETING: 107

RAFFLE PROFITS FROM OUR APRIL MEETING: $232

THANK YOU TO OUR COOKIE BAKERS & BEVERAGE PROVIDERS IN APRIL:
Sheila Demkovich, Joy Corritore, Lois Doty, Laura Stacell & Mark Hudak

REMINDER TO MAY COOKIE BAKERS:
Lanelle Bishop, Midge Thomas, Nancy Kennelly & Debbie Starrett

THANK YOU TO OUR PLANT TABLE WORKERS;
David Orr, Kim Pendleton & Marilyn Moser

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

And thank you to Susan Payne for bringing all of those Amaryllis bulbs to share at the April meeting.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
Mary Greto Pierce, Terry Weinstein, Marilyn Kashmanian, Sandy Witherington, Anne Lynch & Robert Howard, & Paula Humphrey

CARE & CONDOLENCE
Get well cards were sent to Nancy Ginocchio & Gaby Hodgson while they both recover from surgery.
A sympathy card was sent to Ken & Joylett Davis for the loss of loved ones.

UPCOMING EVENTS
May 3-5, Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Rd., Merrit Island, FL; Contact: Dennis Gollehon, 321-427-6959; dennisgollehon@gmail.com
Volusia County Orchid Society "Garden of Orchids," Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E. New York Ave., Deland, FL; Contact: Joanne Stygles, 386-679-9853; vcosorchidshow@cfl.rr.com
Redland International Orchid Festival "America's Favorite Orchid Festival," Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Homestead, FL; Contact: Bill Peters, whimsy@bellsouth.net; Robert Randall, caribplants@att.net; www.redlandorchidfestival.org

Jade Orchids of Collier, Inc.
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Naples, FL 34114
Tuesday to Saturday **Owners:**
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM **Dave & Judy White**

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An Orchid Vignette—Kelly and The Brassy Bride

Stellamizutaara—where on earth did they come up with a name like that for a couple of really cute little orchids!! Actually Richard and Stella Mizuta, of Richella Orchids, Hawaii are long time orchid growers and hybridizers. This genus is named in honor of Stella Mizuta. Whenever a hybrid involves three or four or more genera, then the genus name is a person's name with '-ara' attached to the end. *Stellalmizutaara* is a combination of a *Brassavola, Broughtonia* and *Cattleya.*

Stellamizutaara (*Stlma.*) Kelly is a cross between *Brassavola nodosa* and *Cattleytonia* Keith Roth. It was created by Wilbur Chang of Hawaii and registered by Orchid World International in 1982. OrchidWiz claims that Kelly has earned one AOS award, a HCC for the cultivar 'Sentinal III' in 1987, but this is not verified by AQ+. However, if you search the Internet for *Stlma*. Kelly, the cultivar most often encountered is 'Lea' which was developed at Mickey's Orchids in Ft. Lauderdale, but it has never been awarded. Nor has *Stlma*. Kelly ever been used as a parent in any crosses.

Stlma. Kelly is a small, compact plant, pseudobulbs and leaves together only about eight to ten inches tall. The spikes produce two to three flowers each and the plant blooms two or three times a year with a blooming period that may last a month or more. The flowers are small, only about three inches across, but the combinations of colors is enticing. The sepals and petals are a lavender-fuchsia along the margins and yellowish-green along the midrib. The lip is deep fuchsia with white striations. I really like this grex.

Another *Stellamizutaara* that I like really well is an unregistered cross between *Brassavola nodosa* and *Cattleytonia* Maui Maid 'December Bride.' Since this is an unregistered cross we don't know who created it or when. It has been widely distributed by Sunbulb Orchids and many of you may have it in your collections because it was one of the plants available in some of our "April Potting Parties." The fascinating thing about this cross is the color of the flower—lavender-pink sepals and petals, and the same for the lip but with two large white spots on either side of the column. What is unusual about that? Well, as you know *B. nodosa* flowers are greenish with a white lip and *Ctna*. Maui Maid 'December Bride' is white flowered!! So, we get a lavender-pink offspring. Figure that one out!

This plant also reliably blooms about two times a year. The plants and flowers are about the same size as *Stlma*. Kelly. If I were to register this cross, my name for it would be *Stlma*. Brassy Bride.

Contributed by Dick Pippen

NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY
Minutes of the Meeting
April 11, 2013
Submitted by Joy Corritore
For 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. Two members shared their Orchid Stories.

Dick apologized to anyone who forgot our regularly scheduled meeting was postponed one week and showed up last week, seems like only one person came last week.

Membership Chair Nanett Boerner introduced the new members. Our total membership is now 206.

Treasurer Bill Overton was not available for his report since he was out of town, but expects to be at our next meeting.

Dick reminded us of the upcoming Redlands Show May 17, 18 & 19th as this is the largest orchid show in the world, admission is $10 and we really should not miss it.

Two baskets were donated to the society for Nancy Ginnochio to make more orchid baskets.

This was our annual re-potting meeting and Norm Dolder brought us lots of good plants and all the necessary materials for everyone as well as a power point presentation "Potting Cattleyas the NOS Way" by Norm Dolder and Patrece Remmel to show us how to re-pot and fun was had be all.

The plant table winners were announced. Raffle winners were announced.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Annual re-potting meeting, April 2013
Photo by Marilyn Moser

Growing Your Orchids Better
Dendrobiums – Part 2

By Bill Overton

As mentioned in my column last month, I am writing about growing Dendrobiums here in Southwest Florida. Last month it was all about the section Anosmum. This month's article will be about the Latourea section of the genus Dendrobium.

I really became aware of this group of orchids back in 1982 when I met my good friend Roy Tokunaga of H&R Orchids of Hawaii. It was at the second Greater New York Orchid Show at the Bronx Botanical Garden. He had several of these beautiful plants within his commercial display and on his sale tables. These relatively compact and floriferous plants were blooming from almost every pseudobulb! The flowers came in a variety of colors, several of which had rather intense markings. A great number of flowers were white but there were yellow and greenish ones as well. All were rather beautiful. Many of the flowers were almost three inches across & some were fragrant. I was intrigued and had to learn more about these plants. I purchased a couple of plants. One was Dendrobium atroviolaceum, another was Den. Roy Tokunaga and the third was Den. Andre Millar. The first two were basically white flowers with intense markings and the third was a smaller plant possessing green flowers with intense stripping in the lip.

Over the years I did some research and purchased a few more species and several more hybrids. Back on Long Island they seemed to grow all right and bloomed regularly. But after five years or so they seemed to suffer. And as it is fairly typical for an orchid grower, who at the time had almost 4,000 plants, I lost interest in these plants and never purchased any more. They just seemed to make smaller and fewer growths, producing fewer and fewer flowers. I never bothered to do any research as to why they did not thrive. I was easily able to find other orchids to grow. The Northeast was like Florida - there always seemed to be another meeting, another speaker or another show whereby I could purchase more orchids!

So what made me go back after some twenty years and try these again? Well, to be honest, I thought about Roy Tokunaga and what he might be up to with orchids. H&R was a wonderful nursery doing great things with Cattleya and Dendrobium hybrids as well as intermediate to warm growing species. I downloaded a price list in the fall of 2011 and have been growing his species and hybrids once again. My success down here has been nothing short of amazing!! I purchased a plant of Den. Roy Tokunaga (johnsoniae X atroviolaceum.) I had one years ago but it did not do much, blooming once in a while with a couple of flowers. Here it has doubled in size, growing to 18" tall. It makes several new growths per year and blooms on both the new bulbs and the older ones (typical for these plants.) The flowers are 4 inches across, on sprays with four to eight blooms, and have intense purple markings in the throat. They last for about four to five weeks. The plant never seems to be out of bloom. As some flowers fade, new buds are forming. This is my kind of orchid! The 'knock' against these orchids is that the flowers often face downward making them difficult to view and enjoy. Well I say, "Just hold the plant up and enjoy the flowers!!" Or hang the plant up just above eye level and when they bloom the flowers will be at eye level. It seems simple enough to me. True, some flowers may bloom facing upright making them easier to bloom. BUT you have to get them to bloom often enough for that to become an issue.

Now why are these plants growing better down in Florida that they did in New York? That is an easy question to answer. Obviously they like the warmer weather, the rainy summers and they probably enjoy the cooler and drier winters. Back on Long Island I probably could not give them enough warmth for a long enough period of time, and probably preferred a cool, dry rest period in the fall and winter. They more than likely did not enjoy the dull, cold winters up north. These orchids were much better suited for growing in Southwest Florida, which is a lot more like Hawaii than Long Island could ever hope to be unless "global warming" really goes crazy!!

Growing Your Orchids Better
Dendrobiums - Part 2
continued

Some of the latourea species include; atroviolaceum, finisterrae, forbesii, johnsoniae, macropyhllum, rhodostictum, sanderae, and spectabile. Some hybrids I have include Den. Little Atro (atroviolaceum X normanbyense,) Den. Hawaii Stripes (Den. Roy Tokunaga X Den. Hisako Haraguchi) and my favorite, Den. Silver Bells (Den. Alice Iwanaga X Dendrobium schuetzei.) The Silver Bells produces 4½ inch white flowers with gorgeous blood-red stripes in the throat. They last for over two months on the plant!

How do I grow them? Good thing you asked! Like most Dendrobiums these plants like to be 'tightly potted,' never over potted. They have slender or skinny roots and enjoy abundant water when growing. I put them in either clay or plastic pots using a mix or Aliflor or Hydroton, with charcoal and sponge rock. This mix dries out rather quickly, especially helpful during our rainy season, yet allows for the roots to absorb adequate moisture when needed. I fertilize with an even strength blend every other week during the summer and monthly from November to April. I give them light, which is less that Cattleya light yet more than I would give my Oncidiums - perhaps three hours or so a day of sunshine. So please, won't you try a few Latourea Dendrobiums? You will be glad that you did!

My mini-culture class before this month's meeting will be on these orchids.

Annual re-potting meeting, April 2013
Photo by Marilyn Moser

Flamingo Gardens
Photos by Dick Pippen

Englewood Orchid Society Show & Sale
Photos by Dick Pippen

APRIL 2013 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

Photos by Susan Roehl

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
Phal. Little Gem Stripes
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Ascocentrum ampullaceum
Owner: Kris Morton

Plant Table Results
April 11, 2013

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

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Tetratonia Dark Prince 'Akiikii'
Owner: Lola Monesko
Second Place: Guarcyclia Moon Shadow
Owner: Joylett Davis
Third Place: Epicattleya Florida 'Pine knot'
Owner: Gayle Dorio

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

Small Vandas
First Place: Ascda. Memoria Louis Hatos
Owner: Eunice Walker

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'
Owner: Gary Whitmore

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Dtps. Jiuhboa Fairy
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Second Place: Phal. I-Hsin White Swan
Owner: Twyla Leigh
Third Place: Phal. KV Beauty
Owner: Barbara Crist

Large Species
First Place: Den. atroviolaceum 'Pigmy'
Owner: Maria Davis

Medium Species
First Place: Den. farmeri
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil
Second Place: Onc. ampliata
Owner: Twyla Leigh
Third Place: Encyclia bractescens
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Small Species
First Place: Onc. sphacelatum
Owner: Joylett Davis
Second Place: Rdza. lanceolata
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil
Third Place: Den. secundum alba
Owner: Jim Longwell

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Onc. Space Race 'CoCo'
Owner: Twyla Leigh

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Ascocentrum ampullaceum
Owner: Kris Morton

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Phal. Little Gem Stripes
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil

Green Tag Winner:
Nanett Boerner

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.