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 1, 2014 At the Moorings Presbyterian Church

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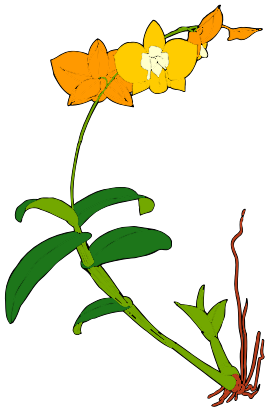
Flower Registration 6:30 PM
Flower Judging 7:10 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Program 7:45 p.m.
Our program will be David Junka Junka Bear Orchids "Divide & Conquer"

And please join us for our Mini Culture Class, which starts at 6 PM. Orchid Doctor Bill Overton will feature "Questions & Answers." See page 4 for more information. All are welcome!

MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

June 5, 2014
Mark Edlund
Orchid Acres, Inc.
Lake Worth, FL

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
May 15, 2014
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

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

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is May 24, Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

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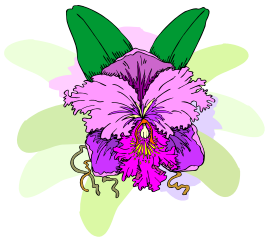
A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DICK PIPPEN, RPIPPEN@COMCAST.NET

Greetings Orchid Lovers—What a Great turnout for our excellent "Potting Exercise" at our April 2014 meeting. One hundred twenty four people showed up to "learn how to pot," and learn they did, thanks to Norm and Patrece's excellent demonstrations. Welcome to the many newcomers that we had for this meeting. Great fun!! Also those attending were very generous with their donations to Collier Harvest. Kit Kitchen-Maran said that the "barrel was overflowing!" Speaking of Kit, did you all notice the fluorescent pink "orchid-pole-banner" that was outside, in front of the gym, the one that read "Orchids?" Kit made that! Thanks Kit. We also had a significant increase in the number of plants that people brought in for the "plant tables." Some really nice orchids to "ooo" and "aaaaah" over. Now that it is "Spring" lots of orchids are in bloom! Keep bringing 'em in!!

Still looking for someone to take on the Fall Orchid Sale. If you are interested in supporting your organization by volunteering for this endeavor, please contact me.

Hope to see all of you again next month for our May 2014 meeting when David Junka will tell us how to "Divide and Conquer." Hmmm—I know he is talking about orchids ☺. So, if you want to know more about how to divide and repot your orchids, kind of a continuation of what we learned at the April 2014 meeting, be sure to show up on May 1st and bring your friends. David is an excellent speaker and I know he will also have some nice plants to sell. So, until then—Happy Orchiding! ------- *Dick*

Photos by Dick Pippen



AOS CORNER

Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
mm3purple@aol.com

What a great meeting we had on April 3. Our potting meeting is always a popular one but it was exciting to see so many people there. And we had so many beautiful orchids. There were 64 plants brought in for judging. We sure are lucky to have so many wonderful growers. And I am happy to say that 53 people voted!!

Save your $$ and get geared up for the Redland Orchid Festival next month. It is such a worthwhile sale to go to…..a zillion vendors from all over the world….so many orchids it takes your breath away. It is always a spring highlight for me.

Lots of orchids in bloom now. And also time to do some dividing. Don't forget to save those divisions for our November plant sale. They should be in good shape by then ! ----- *Marilyn*

Photos by Marilyn Moser

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE MINI CULTURE CLASS BEFORE OUR MEETING "QUESTIONS & ANSWERS" at 6 PM May 1st

Do you have an important and specific question that you would like to have Bill answer? Well - now is your chance. This next month (May) Bill will accept one written question, submitted on paper, per attendee. Due to fairness and a time limit, only one question please! In lieu of a written question, a member could submit a leaf or a flower that has a problem in order to have the problem diagnosed (no actual plants please.) This has been a very popular extra from NOS. Below are some photos from the April class submitted by Dick Pippen & Lanelle Bishop. Hope you can attend!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 2-4: Platinum Coast Orchid Society Show, Merritt Island, FL. Info: dennisgollehon@gmail.com
May 10-11: Volusia County Orchid Society Show, DeLand, FL. Info: vcosorchidshow@cfl.rr.com
May 16-18: 2014 Redland Int. Orchid Festival, Homestead, FL. Info: www.redlandorchidfestival.org
May 24-25: Orchid Mania, S. Miami, FL. Info: www.orchidmania.org

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GOING TO REDLANDS FOR THEIR UPCOMING ORCHID FESTIVAL:

Remember to isolate your new plants from your collection for 1-2 weeks & do not put them out in direct sun yet. If you buy any bare root you do not need to pot them up immediately, but you will need to keep them moist. And now is the time to repot your other orchids, esp. if you have them in sphagnum. Cattleyas can be allowed to overgrow their container by 1-2 growths without affecting their performance. If you are not sure about whether the potting medium is decomposing use the thumb test. If it is too mushy repot. Medium that has broken down will remain waterlogged & "suffocate" the live roots & promote root rot. If you are using aggregate (such as Aliflor, lava rock, etc.) watch out for salt accumulation from water & fertilizer. Water copiously to wash out all of the minerals every few weeks/month. If the buildup does not wash out just dump mix in the potting bed of your garden & repot in fresh mix.

Thank you to those that brought in refreshments/baked goods in April – Maria Davis, Michelle Suppes, Susan Vicedomini, Alice Thorne & Sally Pippen. We need refreshment volunteers for 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 Sheila Demkovich.
Plant Sale Table: Marilyn Moser and Kit Kitchen-Maran.

Welcome to our new members – Aaron Malek, Jean Shuey, Joyce Ferrera, Marion Ungrich, Stacee Burton and Alice Wolf.

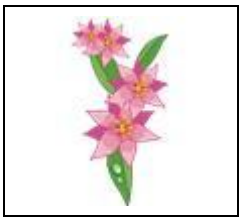
***APRIL MEETING ATTENDANCE*: 124 RAFFLE: $255 PLANT SALE: $1030**

CARE AND CONDOLENCE:

Get well & support cards were sent to Sue Magrane and Nancy Ginocchio.

Minutes of the monthly meeting
April 3, 2014

Submitted by Secretary Cynthia Carlson

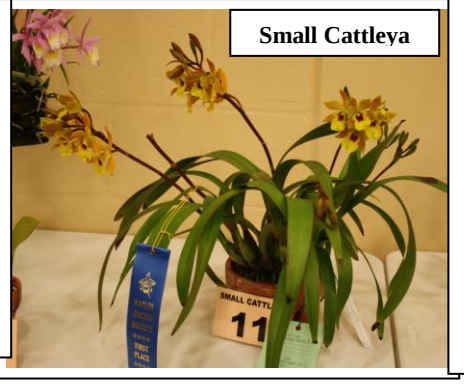


President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. He reviewed the emergency exit procedures and thanked the refreshment committee.
Dick reported that we still need a chair for our November plant sale. Please contact him if you are interested.
He reported that our speaker for May is David Junka from St. Petersburg. David will be speaking on "Dividing and Conquering."
Membership Chair Nanett Boerner introduced the new members and reported that membership is now 185. Membership Directories are available for pick up.
Treasurer Bill Overton reported that our cash position is good.
Norm Dolder took over and conducted the re-potting portion of the meeting.
Plant Table winners were announced.
Raffle winners were announced.

APRIL 2014 PLANT TABLE FIRST PLACE WINNERS

photos by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleya



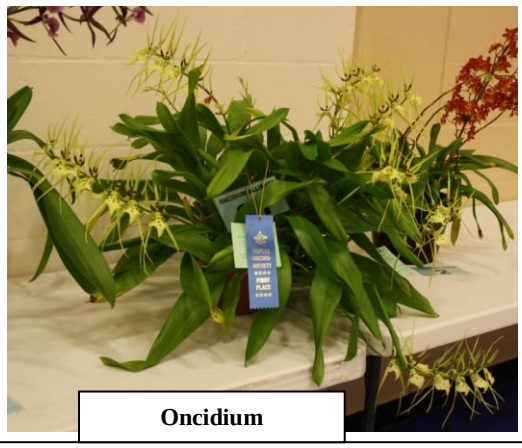
Small Cattleya

Small Vanda

Dendrobium

Phalaenopsis

Large Species



Oncidium

Small Species

FLAMINGO GARDENS ORCHID SHOW

Photos by Dick Pippen

Oncidium First Place winner Deborah Gallagher
Photo by Lanelle Bishop

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.

Orchid Vignette—Green Hornet, A Clam Shell Orchid

Many orchids have flowers that are flamboyant, brightly colored, or large and suitable for corsages. Some, on the other hand, are of interest because they are bizarre in appearance, or tell an interesting story. Green Hornet, one of the Clam Shell or Octopus Orchids (picture left), belongs to this second group. It is certainly not what you would call a "beautiful" flower, but it is fascinating because of its resemblance to a little octopus or a clam shell. The official name of this plant is *Prosthechea* Green Hornet, a hybrid between *Prosthechea cochleata* (pictured below) and *Prosthechea trulla*. (You might know these plants better by their old genus name which is *Encyclia* or *Epidendrum.*) *Prosthechea cochleata*, one of Green Hornet's parents, is very common in Mexico and Central America, and one form is also native to South Florida, but it is rare here, and currently listed as endangered. In addition to Green Hornet, *Psh. cochleata* has been a parent in 31 other crosses. You can see how similar Green Hornet is to its *Psh. cocholeata* parent.

Psh. Green Hornet was created by H & R Nurseries of Hawaii and registered in 1995. It has earned three AOS awards including an AM to the cultivar 'Wedding Day' in 2011. Green Hornet has been a parent in one cross, a back-cross to its parent, *Psh. cochleata* to produce *Psh*. Exotic's Leprechaun (love that name!!).

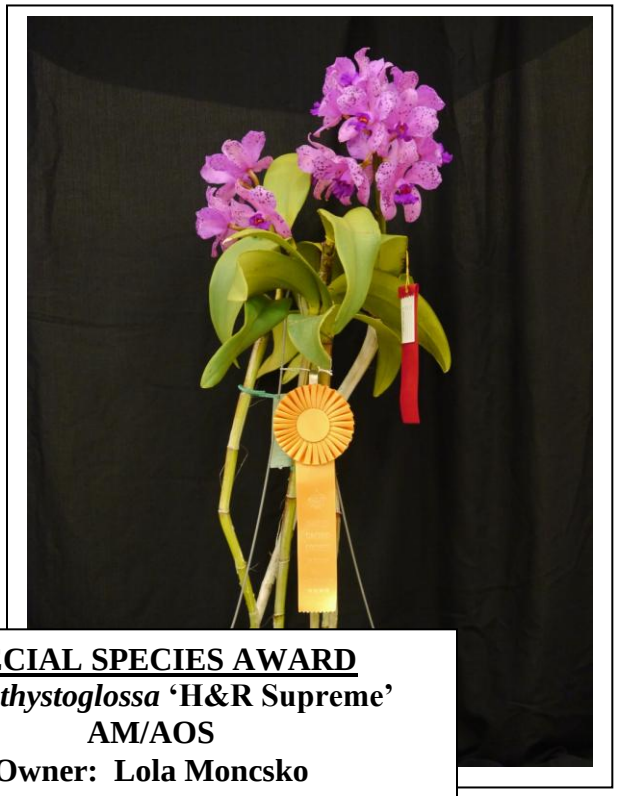
The Green Hornet plant has shiny ovoid pseudobulbs about 3 inches long and an inch thick. From the top arise two thin strap-shaped leaves up to a foot long. The flowering spike, arising between the two leaves at the tip of the pseudobulb, is about a foot or more tall and extends well above the leaves. The flowers, about 2-3 inches long, are produced sequentially with usually only 3-4 flowers open at any one time. However, each spike continues to produce flowers for a long time, several months in fact. The sepals and petals are green but the lip is dark purple-green with gold stripes. In most orchids the lip is on the bottom of the flower, but in this plant the lip stays on the top of the flower forming a "hood" and the sepals and petals hang down, forming a "skirt" of "tentacles", making the "octopus-look." The flowers often have a faint "honey-like" fragrance during the daytime.

I grow my Green Hornet in sphagnum, and keep it moist all the time. I keep it in a more shaded area of a west-facing pool cage and I water the plant with a weak fertilizer solution every week or so, depending upon when the sphagnum feels damp instead of wet. I have been told that the Green Hornet is easier to grow than its parent, *Prosthechea cochleata*, and mine has certainly not been difficult. I got my plant in February, 2009 and it has produced spikes and flowers almost continually since then! (Well, with occasional short sabbaticals.) Although not a beautiful flower, the Green Hornet Clam Shell orchid is certainly a welcome addition to a collection as a "conversation piece."

Contributed by Dick Pippen

APRIL 2014 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

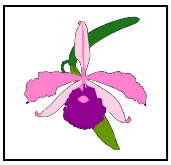
Photos by Susan Roehl



SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
***C. amethystoglossa* 'H&R Supreme'**
AM/AOS
Owner: Lola Moncsko

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
Bc. North Miami
Owner: Dick Pippen

Plant Table Results
April 03, 2014



Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Orglade's Happy Face
Owner: Marilyn Moser
Second Place: Cattlianthe Jose's Sugar Plum
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: Cattleya New Dawning
Owner: Barbara Crist

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Enanthleya Jackie Bright
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Cattleya guatamalensis
Owner: Corrie van Caulil
Third Place: Epic. Florida 'Pine Knot'
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Amy Glynn Creekmur
Owner: Gary Whitmore

Small Vandas
First Place: Vasco. Memoria Gabriel Piedrahita Uribe
Owner: Sheila Demkovich
Second Place: Asco. Fat Tuesday
Owner: Gary Whitmore
Third Place: V. Vaewravee Gold
Owner: Debra Addams

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'
Owner: Gary Whitmore
Second Place: Den. Nestor
Owner: Alice Thorne
Third Place: Den. nobile Maechan Tsueden x Den. Ashani Tomoflake
Owner: Susan Vicedomini

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. Orchidom Dancing Leopard
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Large Species
First Place: Den. nobile
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: C. amethystoglossa 'H&R Supreme' AM/AOS
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: C. intermedia v. orlata 'Crownfox' AM/AOS
Owner: Dick Pippen

Medium Species
First Place: Maxillaria tenufolia
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Den. aggregatum
Owner: Barbara Crist
Third Place: Den. farmeri
Owner: Corrie van Caulil

Small Species
First Place: Onc. sphacelatum
Owner: Joylett Davis

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Brassia Rex
Owner: Deborah Gallagher
Second Place: Tolumnia Jairak Rainbow 'Freckle Face'
Owner: Dick Pippen
Third Place: Alcra. Mem. Jay Yamada 'Kauai'
Owner: Lois West

Special Species Award
Plant Name: C. amethystoglossa 'H&R Supreme' AM/AOS
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Bc. North Miami
Owner: Dick Pippen

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Blc. Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle' FCC/AOS
Winner: Marilyn Moser