# 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.**

www.naplesorchidsociety.org

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**Come to the next meeting Thursday**
**MAY 7, 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 have Guillermo Salazar, Miami, FL, AOS student judge for the FL Caribbean Judging Center, speaking on "Bulbophyllums"**

**The May Mini Culture Class with Bill Overton starts at 6 PM. Bill will show you how to successfully grow Dendrobiums. All are welcome!**

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## Upcoming Events

**JUNE 4, 2015**
**Tom Kuligowski**
**"Angraecums"**

**NEXT NOS BOD MEETING & SHOW COMM. MTG.**
**May 28, 2015**
**Moorings Presbyterian, 6:30 pm**
**Classroom B upstairs**
**All are welcome.**

**AOS JUDGING**
**WPB Judging Center next judging date is May 23,**
**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—"Pot that Orchid!" That is what most of the 78 people who attended our April Monthly Meeting (on March 26) did during our annual "Potting Exercise." Some very nice orchid divisions were available and "a good time was had by all!" A great big thank you to all the volunteers who "de-potted the orchids" to make the orchid potting possible (and then "repotted" the "left-overs" to use in our Annual Fall Sale).**

**It was nice to see all those name tags at our April meeting. We are fortunate to have so many new members and visitors that we are now giving everyone a name tag so that we will have a better chance to see "who is who" and get to know everyone better. New members will have a "little flower sticker" on their name tag. Please be sure to welcome both the new members and visitors and tell them "what we are all about." We want to be known as the "Friendly Orchid Society."**

**We are once again supporting two interns from Dr. Lawrence Zettler's Orchid Recovery Program at Illinois College. Shannon Skarha and Justin Mably will be working in the Fakahatchee this July continuing the study and restoration of native orchids there. Each one will be receiving $1,000. Also Dr. Ernesto Mujica, a botanist from Cuba and expert on the Ghost Orchid, whom we supported to come to the US to work with Dr. Zettler and his "crew," last year but was unable to obtain a visa in time, will be here this July. Hopefully Shannon, Justin and Dr. Mujica will be here to meet you at our July meeting.**

**We have another applicant from the Atlanta Botanical Gardens seeking an internship, but alas, we are not sure that we enough available money to support her. Sooo we have instituted a "donation jar" at each monthly meeting for people interested in donating to a Scholarship Fund. At the April meeting Connie and Lake Sims pledged $500 toward this fund. They own Wild Flower in the Venetian Bay Shoppes. We thank them very much for their generosity and urge you to visit their store. Anyone else interested in "stepping forward" for this good cause??**

**Our good friend, Bill Overton, who has been Treasurer of the Naples Orchid Society for three plus years has decided that it is time for someone else to be "guardian of the treasury." He created a very good system of budget record keeping and reporting and has "watch-dogged" our treasury very carefully. He also initiated a change in our savings accounts to better our interest rate. We thank Bill for his role and efforts in this position. Nanett Boerner, currently our Membership Chair, has agreed to take over as Treasurer and Veronica Catrombon has agreed to "join the Board of Directors" as Membership Chair (and both of these appointments were approved at the Board of Directors' meeting on April 16, 2015). I thank both of them for agreeing to assume these responsibilities. Our Treasury and Membership will continue to be in "good hands!"**

**Our May Meeting will be on the 7th of May. The featured speaker will be Guillermo Salazar from Miami, a student AOS judge in the Florida Caribbean Judging Center. As I understand he will be speaking on Bulbophyllums—a fascinating group of orchids, and another of my favorite groups of orchids ☺. See you all there and until then—Happy Orchiding.** ***Dick***

***ATTENDANCE AT OUR APRIL MEETING (MARCH 26): 78 RAFFLE PROFITS: $115***
***POTTING EXERCISE PROFITS: $720***

***CARE OR CONDOLENCE CARDS: Get well cards were sent to NOS member Alice Thorne and former NOS member Tony Donzello.***

**AOS CORNER**
**Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.**
**mm3purple@aol.com**

**It is such a pleasure to live in southwest Florida where it is green all the time. And it is appreciated even more when you visit the 'north' in March where everything is brown. What a gloomy sight! To come home here and see so much green is a wonderful sight. Why, there are even days, occasionally, when I have to remember what month it is because they are all green!!**

**The April issue of Orchids magazine has some incredible photos. The AOS Special Judging Awards for 2013 are shown as are the 2014 First Class Certificates….some amazing plants! To join the American Orchid Society just go to www.aos.org.**

**PHOTOS FROM OUR APRIL MONTHLY MEETING (March 26, one week early)**
***Photos by Dick Pippen***

**NOS member Barbara Crist at the Orchid Plant Clinic table April 4 at the Naples Botanical Garden.**
***Photo by Lanelle Bishop***

**Thank you to:** **Refreshment volunteers Rae Jean Walker, Joylett Davis, Cassandra Duffus, Lola Moncsko, Debra Adams and Eunice Walker. Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our May-June monthly meetings.**
**Raffle table worker: Sue Roehl.**
**Plant table workers: Sheila Demkovich and Rose Anthony.**

**The Plant Table needs 2 volunteers to assist with green tag plant registration, vote tallying and ribbon awards each month. This is a great way to learn more about orchids and help contribute to the NOS and members. See Sheila at the next meeting.**

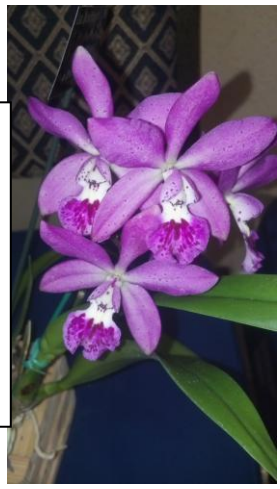
**Please help welcome our newest NOS members:** **Tom & Phyllis Shaeffer, Renata Bouterse, Karen Davenport and Doris Corey.**

**April 29 – May 3:** **Portland Orchid Society & Cherry City Orchid Society host AOS Spring Members Meeting & Show, Portland, OR. Info: susanheuer1@gmail.com.**
**May 2 – 3:** **Platinum Coast Orchid Society "52nd Annual Show," Merritt Island, FL. Info: show@platinumcoastorchidsociety.org**
**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**

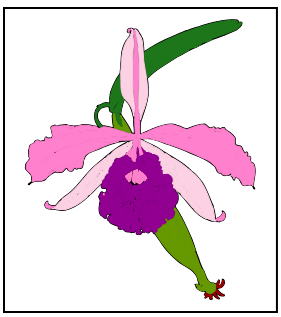
**Email: JadeOrchids@embarqmail.com**
**Offering 10% discount on plants for NOS members.**

**From Jim Roberts, Florida SunCoast Orchids:**
**This orchid is named after NOS President Dick Pippen (Lsu. Dick Pippen's SunCoast) & just received 81 AM points! Jim is now trying to come up with a clonal name.**



## POTTING UP THE REMAINING BARE ROOT ORCHIDS FOR OUR ANNUAL NOVEMBER NOS ORCHID SALE

**On April 11 some of our NOS members met up at the NOS orchid house to pot up the remaining bare root orchids for the upcoming November NOS Sale. Photos were contributed by Dick Pippen.**



## Minutes of the NOS April Monthly Meeting
## March 26, 2015
## Submitted by Kris Morton for 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 we have started a new procedure of name tags for those who do not have one. Those with flower stickers on the tag are new members.**

**NOS has awarded scholarships again this year to two interns from Dr. Lawrence Zettler's Orchid Recovery Program at Illinois College. Each one will receive $1,000. And we have another applicant from Atlanta Botanical Gardens for a scholarship. NOS members Connie and Lake Sims, Wildflower Boutique, Venetian Village Shops, have pledged $500 toward this scholarship fund.**

**The May 7 monthly will have Guillermo Salazar, Miami, FL, and student AOS Judge in the Florida Caribbean Judging Center, will be speaking on Bulbophyllums.**

**Membership Chair Nanette Boerner reported that we have four new members tonight and welcomed them. Our membership now stands at 204!**

**Bill Overton 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 on Beck Blvd.,) leaving Redlands 2 pm (arriving in Naples at 4 pm.) Please talk to Bill to reserve a spot.**

**Vice President David Orr announced the procedures for potting exercise.**

**Plant Table winners were announced, raffle winners were drawn and the meeting was adjourned.**

**The NOS has received two thank you notes from Illinois College.**
**From Melissa Pantier, Dir.of Coorporate, Foundation & Govt. Relations:**
***Dear Members of the Naples Orchid Society – Thank you so much for your support of summer internships for Illinois College Students Justin Mably & Shannon Skarha. Through your donation these excellent students have the opportunity to experience life-changing internships. They – and we- appreciate it more than words can say!***
**From Justin & Shannon:**
***We wish to sincerely thank you for awarding us the Naples Orchid Society Scholarships. We are ecstatic to be continuing our research this summer at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge. Through our research we strive to promote the conservation of endangered and threatened orchids while expanding upon the knowledge of the world's most diverse family of flowering plants. We cound not hope to attain such endeavors without your financial support. We hold your generosity in the highest regard and we are deeply appreciative.***

**Mini Culture Class on potting orchids at (April) monthly meeting, March 26, given by AOS Judge Bill Overton. Bill will be demonstrating how to successfully grow Dendrobiums at the NEXT monthly meeting, MAY 6! The class starts at 6 PM. All are welcome!**

**(photo by Dick Pippen)**

**An Orchid Vignette—What's in a Name Anyhow!!**

Bold Tapestry!! What a great name for an orchid!! It really makes a statement—hopefully the flower would be worthy of the name! I think *Potinara* Bold Tapestry (photo 1) is worthy of the name and makes a statement with that fuchsia band, around the base of the yellow throat. This grex is a cross between *Blc*. Memoria Benigno Aquino and *C*. Batemanniana. It was created by Carmela Orchids of Hawaii and registered by Charles Alford, of Vera Beach, Florida in 1997. It has received one AOS award, a HCC in 1996, awarded to Alford's plant (which prompted him to register it during the next year). The parents of *Blc*. Memoria Benigno are *Blc*. Toshie Aoki and *Blc*. Waikiki Gold (two more of my favorite orchids). The parents of C. Batemaniana are *C. intermedia* and *Sophronitis coccinia.* The lip shape shows the Waikiki Gold and *C. intermedia* influence. The flowers are about 4 inches across, and the plant is compact, less than a foot tall.

An equally neat plant with a pretty flower, but an unusual name is *Lc*. Cloud's Poison Elf (photo 2). I have yet to fathom why such a pretty flower has such an "unusual" and unflattering name. Poison Elf is a cross between *Lc*. Jungle Elf and *Blc*. Toshie Aoki. Interesting that *Blc*. Toshie Aoki played a prominent role in the parentage of both these greges. This grex was created by Mr. Claudio Rossi, of Cloud's Orchids, Jordan Station, Ontario, and registered by him in 2007. There are 27 other orchids registered as "Clouds –something or other" and five of these with Jungle Elf as a parent, but those other names: Beached Elf, Gutsy Elf, Tricky Elf are not as "severe" as Poison Elf. Like Bold Tapestry, Poison Elf produces yellow flowers with fuchsia/pink in the lip. The plants are compact, less than foot tall. The grex has not earned any AOS awards, but it has been used as a parent in four crosses.

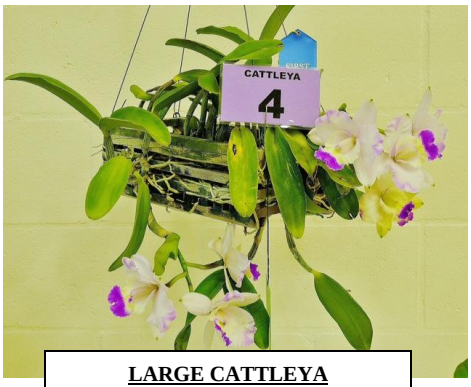
A third orchid with a descriptive name is *Blc*. Solar Flare (photo 3), a cross between *Blc*. Hawaiian Passion X *Blc*. Sakurahime. This grex was created by Long Life Orchids and registered in 2006 by Hawaiian Orchids Lie, both in Hilo, Hawaii. The flowers are basically white with yellow "flares" on the tips of the sepals and petals, and on the lip, where it is more pronounced. An appropriate name, I think. Solar Flare has not earned any awards nor been used as a parent in any cross. The flowers and plants are about the same size as the other two greges mentioned above.

Like many orchids, the genus names have changed. Solar Flare is now a *Rhyncattleanthe* while both Bold Tapestry and Cloud's Poison Elf are in the genus *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* Oh well, still neat, and after all, what's in a name, anyhow!!

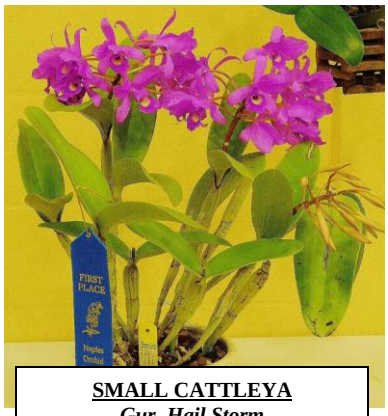
*--Contributed by Dick Pippen*

# APRIL 2015 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

***Photos by Sue Roehl***




**LARGE CATTLEYA**
***C.* Memoria Jerome Shultz**



**SMALL CATTLEYA**
***Gur. Hail Storm***

**LARGE SPECIES**
***C. skinneri***

**PHALAENOPSIS**
***P.* Amabius**

**LARGE VANDA**
***V.* Kultana Gold Spot**

**ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE**
***Bllara.*Tahoma Glacier**

**SLIPPER ORCHIDS**
***Paph.* Saint Swithin**

**DENDROBIUMS**
***Den. RoyTokunaga***

**MEDIUM SPECIES**
***Oncidium spaecelatum***

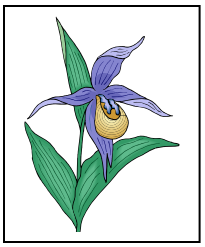
**ORPHAN TABLE**

# PLANT TABLE AWARDS APRIL 2015

***Photos by Sue Roehl***

**Special Species Award**
***Den. goldschmidtianum***
**Owner: Barbara Crist**

**Special Hybrid Award**
***V.* Bonbon**
**Owner: Debbie Starrett**



**Plant Table Results**
**Mar 26, 2015 (April Meeting)**

**Large Cattleyas**
**First Place: C. Memoria Jerome Shultz**
**Owner: Lola Moncsko**

**Small Cattleyas**
**First Place: Gur. Hail Storm**
**Owner: Twyla Leigh**
**Second Place: Jackfowlieara Apple Blossom 'Eunice'**
**Owner: Eunice Walker**
**Third Place: Bc. North Miami**
**Owner: Rose Anthony**

**Large Vandas**
**First Place: V. Kultana Gold Spot**
**Owner: Jan Cabana**
**Second Place: V. Kenny Bunga**
**Owner: Gary Whitmore**
**Third Place: V. Cathy Crosby-Day**
**Owner: David Genovese**

**Small Vandas**
**First Place: V. Bonbon**
**Owner: Debbie Starrett**

**Dendrobiums**
**First Place: Den. Roy Tokunaga**
**Owner: Barbara Crist**

**Phalaenopsis**
**First Place: Phal. Amabius**
**Owner: Jennifer Gustason**
**Second Place: Phal. White King**
**Owner: Sharon Abrams**
**Third Place: Phal.(Golden Peoker x Mount Lip)**
**Owner: David Genovese**

**Large Species**
**First Place: Cattleya skinneri**
**Owner: Joylett Davis**

**Second Place: Cattleya skinneri alba 'Debbie'**
**Owner: Debbie Starrett**
**Third Place: Encyclia cordigera**
**Owner: David Genovese**

**Medium Species**
**First Place: Oncidium sphaecelatum**
**Owner: Joylett Davis**
**Second Place: Maxillaria tenuifolia**
**Owner: Eunice Walker**
**Third Place: Den. aggregatum**
**Owner: Barbara Crist**

**Small Species**
**First Place: Den. goldschmidtianum**
**Owner: Barbara Crist**
**Second Place: Ascocentrum garayi**
**Owner: Eunice Walker**
**Third Place: Den. secundum v. alba**
**Owner: Sheila Demkovich**

**Oncidium Alliance**
**First Place: Bllara. Tahoma Glacier**
**Owner: Rose Wos**
**Second Place: Odcdm. Irene Maman**
**Owner: Sheila Demkovich**
**Third Place: Tolu. Jairak Rainbow**
**Owner: Lola Moncsko**

**Slipper Orchids**
**First Place: Paph. Saint Swithin**
**Owner: Jennifer Gustason**
**Second Place: Paph. Demetria 'Sarah Robbins' HCC/AOS**
**Owner: David Genovese**
**Third Place: Paph. Makuli Curkisii Maudiae**
**Owner: Corrie van Caulil**

**Orphan Table**
**First Place: Jim Rawson**
**Second Place: Joan O'Conner**
**Third Place: Joan O'Conner**

**Special Species Award**
**Plant Name: Den. goldschmidtianum**
**Owner: Barbara Crist**

**Special Hybrid Award**
**Plant Name: V. Bonbon**
**Owner: Debbie Starrett**

**Green Tag Winner:**
**Plant Name: Phal. Sogo Yukidian**
**Winner: Jennifer Gustason**

**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.**

## Flamingo Gardens 34th Annual International Orchid and Bromeliad Show
## April 4, 2015

***Photos by Dick Pippen***

## Flamingo Gardens Show - cont.