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 May monthly meeting is Thursday,
May 5, 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 AOS judge and NOS member David Junka, Junka Bear Orchids "Divide and Conquer"
See page 3 for more info.

The Mini Culture Class will be Bill Overton discussing Catasetinae and growing and potting these lovely orchids. 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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MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2, 2016
NOS monthly meeting
Speaker & topic TBA.

NOS BOD MEETINGS
April 28, 2016
May 26, 2016
All are welcome.

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

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is May 27,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

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

Greeting Orchid Lovers—There are many species of Vandas and their relatives that are native to the Philippines and Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids, Ft. Lauderdale told us about a number of these in a delightful and entertaining presentation at our April monthly meeting. He even showed us some pictures taken on an underground river trip into a cave. Of course those were a little dark ☺. We had a good crowd of 93 people in attendance including four new members and eleven guests. And the largest number of plants entered in the Plant Table Competition that I can remember!! It was great to see so many beautiful orchids in bloom around the room. I couldn't believe all the Dendrobium aggregatum that were there. Thanks everyone for bringing in so many lovely orchids!

We are very saddened about the passing of two of our oldest members, Marcella Coe and Anne Levi Knox, within a day of each other at the end of March. Both Anne and Marcella were very long time members of our Society. When I first joined the Society Marcella was in charge of the Plant Table and would read off the ribbon winners at the end of every meeting. She continued to be active up until the end of this last year. Anne will always be remembered not only for her love of Cattleytonias but also for her interest in cut orchid flower arrangements. I remember her as always doing the cut orchid flower arrangement demonstrations before our shows. They were both delightful ladies and will be missed

At our March Board of Directors meeting we created a Student Member Category for high school or college students. They can join the Society and "enjoy all the rights and privileges thereof" for a mere $10 per year. If you know of any young people that would be interested please let them know. Also at the same meeting we formally created an Educational Committee to "more officially" support the educational goals of the Society. Kit Kitchen-Maran agreed to chair the committee and Sheila Demkovitch and Carolyn Booker volunteered to serve on this committee.

Repotting orchids is always a major concern for many orchid growers, so we have "just the thing for you." "Divide and Conquer" will be the topic of David Junka's presentation at our May meeting—and I am pretty sure he means orchids. This is one you definitely will not want to miss. Hope to see you all there—and until then—enjoy your orchids. *Dick*

**April monthly meeting speaker Mac Rivenbark.
Photos by Dick Pippen & Marilyn Moser.
More photos from April meeting will be found in e-version of May 2016 Newsletter.**

SOME INFORMATION ON OUR MAY MONTLY MEETING SPEAKER:

From our May speaker, AOS Judge and NOS member David Junka: My "Divide and Conquer" program will cover many genera that many people in the society are currently growing! I will be bringing examples of various genera that would usually be problems for the average orchid growers, I will then show how to divide and go into a hands-on demonstration with each. Along with this I will also discuss when to divide and why to divide. This program is an actual hands-on and we will get down and dirty with each plant!

I have been growing orchids for about 55 years (started when I was about 13) with one Cattleya on a windowsill. I grew up in Fairview Park Ohio and went to Cleveland State University where I graduated from a two year study of Landscape Horticulture. I then moved to Columbus, Ohio and studied Botany and Horticulture at the Ohio State University. I became Curator of the Franklin Park Conservatory, a botanical garden, for many years, starting their orchid collection. At home I had 3 greenhouses packed with orchids as well as several other rare plant collections.

I started as an American Orchid Society Judge in 1979 and have been active now as a Senior Judge still showing plants from my personal collection as well as judging shows.

I moved to Florida back in 1993 and found many challenges including growing LARGE plants that lead to this program!

Please welcome our newest NOS members: Brenda & Mike O'Neill, AnnMarie Fox & Salima Givens.

Thank you to: Raffle table workers Sue Roehl & Laura Stacell; plant table workers Sheila Demkovich, Lanelle Bishop, Salima Givens & Stacee Burton; April refreshment contributors Marilyn Moser, Roberta Ury, Nancy MacLeod & Harriet Nolan. 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!

April monthly meeting attendance: 93 Raffle table proceeds: $265

CARE AND CONDOLENCE: A get well card was sent to Mike Brewer after his surgery. Sympathy cards were sent to the families of long time NOS members Marcella Coe and Anne Levi Knox.

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

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News from the AOS **--- Just recently my latest issue of Orchids magazine arrived in the mail. It is the single issue that I look forward to the most during the year! It is the issue that features all of the National Awards from the latest calendar year - in this case: 2014.**

What happens is all AOS Judging Centers forward their entries for each and every National Award to AOS headquarters. There is one award for the best Bulbophyllum, the best Phalaenopsis, and the best Cattleya and so on. At the fall Trustees Meeting of the AOS, these nominations from the various centers are screened and voted on producing the best Cattleya, the best Phalaenopsis, etc. It is naturally quite an honor to have one of your plants considered for one of these awards. You first need to have it judged and get awarded and then it must be nominated by the center in which it was judged and then voted on at the trustees meeting. This is quite a feat to be sure!

Two awards however are truly special! One is the Ann and Phil Jessup Botanical Trophy which recognizes the most outstanding species each year. This year the prize went to *Cattleya percivaliana* 'Xavier' CCE/97 points exhibited by Jeff Morris. The plant was an exceptional clone with what appears to be at least fifty flowers on an immaculate plant. The photograph is just phenomenal! The second award that I love to see each year is the Butterworth Prize given to the grower of the most outstanding winner of a CCM or CCE from the AOS. This year's winner is David Mellard for his *Pterostylis curta* 'Mello Spirit,' which scored 99 points for its' CCE. That is as close as one can get to orchid growing perfection! The photograph of the plant looks like a large shallow pan filled with dozens of erect inflorescences. It resembles a thick green forest in miniature. This plant was truly outstanding in every aspect.

Now I realize that all of you cannot see these images or perhaps appreciate these awards, but all of them were well deserved and beautiful to see. So please consider joining the American Orchid Society where you can get your copy of Orchids and enjoy the many wonderful articles and breathtaking images. You will no longer 'be in the dark' so to speak.

I have been a member for 40 years and have never regretted it for even one second! We are a bunch of 'orchid crazies' and need to stick together. Won't you please consider joining @aos.org? Or if you would like, see me at the next meeting and I would be happy to discuss the benefits of membership in the AOS.

……*Bill*

Our Mini Culture Class at the monthly meeting, conducted by Bill Overton, will focus on growing and potting of the lovely Catasetinae group of orchids. Time: 6 pm, May 5. All are welcome!

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.

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
April 7, 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 thanked the refreshment organizers, Michelle and Rose and all those who brought in the tempting goodies. Dick circulated a sign-up sheet for May, June, July and August refreshments. He announced that Marcella Coe, a long-time member, passed away at age 95. She will be missed. David Genovese shared his story of receiving a cutting of one of Marcella's plants nine years ago - *Dendrobium crumenatum* 'Marcella Coe.' The flower resembles a little white dove. It only blooms for one day a year. Divisions of this plant have been donated to NOS.

Dick shared that Naples Botanical Gardens has provided us with our share of the income from the show, $10,000.

At the March board meeting the board voted to create a "Student" category of membership. We can now welcome students into our membership for $10. Kit is working with students on the display at Collier County Museum.

The board also voted to create an educational committee with Kit Kitchen-Maran, Chair, and Sheila Demkovich and Carolyn Booker as members. First event: potting workshop on Sat., Apr. 16 from 9 am to 10:30 am at the greenhouse. A sign-up sheet was circulated and participants will meet at a location to be determined and car-pool to the greenhouse.

Dick reported that at the May meeting, David Junka will give a hands on presentation called "Divide and Conquer."

He reported on behalf of Membership Chair Veronica Catrombon that we have 4 new members, for a total of 194 members and 11 guests tonight!

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

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. So far 16 people are signed up, room for 4 more.

David Orr introduced our speaker, Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids speaking on "Vandas & Vandaceous Type Orchids." Plant Table winners were announced and raffle winners were drawn.

THRIPS ARE BACK!!!!

Thrips are back with a vengeance! They often appear during drier conditions in spring & fall. These small narrow bodied insects are approx. ¼" long & are very fast moving, so can be difficult to spot. They can be black, brown or yellow in color. They attack flowers & buds and sometimes leaves & roots. They can also be a vector for viruses! They can easily be controlled with a pesticide such as acephate, azadirachtin, bifenthrin, carbaryl, fenoxycarb, imidacloprid, malathion, permethrin or spinosad. Follow all directions & ot spray early morning or dusk. Photos from ufl.edu, Missouri Botanical, SAOS & AOS.

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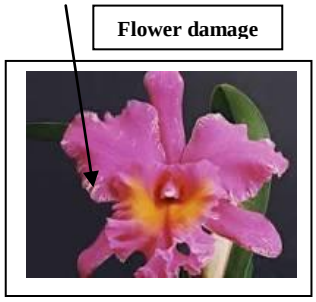


Flower damage

Bud damage

Root girdling

An Orchid Vignette—White With a Purple Lip

There are sssssssoooooooo many orchid flowers that are basically white with a purple lip, but it is probably my favorite combination. Most of them are Laeliocattleyas (a combination of *Laelia* with *Cattleya*). Here are a few of my favorites.

Lc. Mildrid Rives (*Lc*. Rita Renee X *Lc*. Bou Philippo) was created by Joe Rives of Miami, Florida and registered by him in 1976. I am guessing that Mildred was his wife. *Lc*. Mildred Rives has received eleven AOS awards, including a FCC, and five awards from the Brazilian Orchid Society. It has been used as a parent in 66 crosses. Mildred Rives had no choice but to be white with a purple lip since both parents had the same color combination. As you can see from the photo (left), the lip is basically white with yellow at the base of the throat then a big "dash" of purple and trimmed with white on the leading edge (picotee); a very nice combination. This is a medium sized plant with 2-3, 5" flowers produced on a spike. In addition to great color, the flower has a pleasant fragrance.

One of Mildred Rives' "kids" is *Lc*. Tetsuro Obara, a cross between *Lc*. Mildred Rives and *C. walkeriana*. (Any plant with *C. walkeriana* is a favorite of mine!! ☺). As you can see, one would be hard-pressed to see any *C. walkeriana* in this cross (except perhaps for the fragrance), Mildred Rives dominates, although the yellow in the throat is "just a dash" and the purple is not as intense, but the white "picotee edge still persists. This cross was created by Kokusai Nursery, in Japan and registered by Wallace H. Otaguro of Honolulu Hawaii in 1992. It has earned two AOS awards and has been a parent in only one cross.

Another of my favorite "white with a purple lip" is *Lc*. Leonard Walker. This grex was created by Hausermann Orchids in Villa Park, Illinois and registered by them in 1990. It is a cross between (*Lc*. Carla Off X *Lc*. Hausermann's Gala). This cross has a slight variation in the flower structure in that the basal portion of the lip is folded over so that the edges touch and the color of the outside base of the lip-throat over the column is pink instead of white. Leonard Walker has received two awards, including a "First Place Hybrid" to the cultivar 'Karen' (which is the one I have) by the Brazilian Orchid Society, and has been a

An Orchid Vignette—White With a Purple Lip *continued*

parent in only one cross.

And last, but not least, yet another favorite of mine is *Lc*. Nancie Thomas. This is a cross between *Lc*. Stephen Oliver Fouraker X *C*. Bess Truman. Bess Truman, you say—I've heard of her!! This is a much older cross, created by Lines Orchids of Signal Hill, Tennessee, and registered by Nathan Thomas of Miami, Florida in 1969. (Again, I am guessing that Nancie was Nathan's wife.) This grex has received only one AOS award and has been a parent in only three crosses. Flower wise, the colors are the "basic" white with purple lip, yellow throat, and slight white picotee on the edge of the lip. Also, like Tetsuro Obara the two edges of the lip do overlap at the base to form more of a "trumpet-like" shape. Lines Orchids of Signal Hill, Tennesse is also the originator of both of the parents of this cross., Stephen Oliver Fouraker in 1961 and Bess Truman in 1962. I acquired this plant from a friend of mine about a year ago and it has just flowered this Spring. This grex was "featured" in the 2014 Naples Orchid Society Fall Sale with over 20 divisions for sale, so many of you may have this one also. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Oh yeah, I should mention that with the transfer of all the Brazilian laelias to *Cattleya*, now all of the above greges are *Cattleya* instead of *Laeliocattleya*. Oh well, still unbeatable flowers, whatever you call them, right?

Contributed by Dick Pippen

MAY GROWING TIPS
From "Florida Orchid Growing" by Martin Motes

- **Space plants properly for good air circulation.**
- **Trim excessive foliage on trees and shrubs.**
- **Repot *Phalaenopsis* out of sphagnum.**
- **Finish repotting of various genera.**
- **Reset vandaceous plants, remove keikies.**
- **Water heavily early in month, more guardedly later.**
- **Initiate preventive spray maintenance program.**

ORCHID TERMS – WHAT DOES THAT MEAN???
From "Orchid Genera"

Grex: **The offspring of multiple crosses involving the same set of parents that assures they display variation reflecting their similar, but not identical, genotypes.**
Ciliate: **Fringed with hairs.**
Epiphyte: **A plant that grows on another larger plant but does not parasitize that plant.**

APRIL 2016 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser (with 83 plants brought in & 47 people voting)

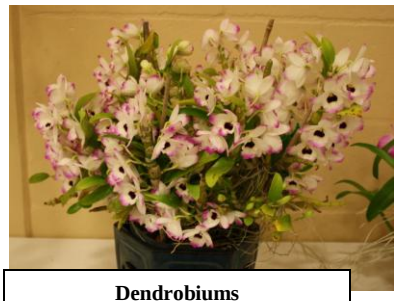
Large Cattleyas
***Rth.* Love Passion**

Small Cattleyas
***Enanthleya* Jackie Bright 'Hilo Stars"**

Large Vanda
***V.* Kulwadee Fragrance**

Small Vandas
V. Cathy Crosby-Day

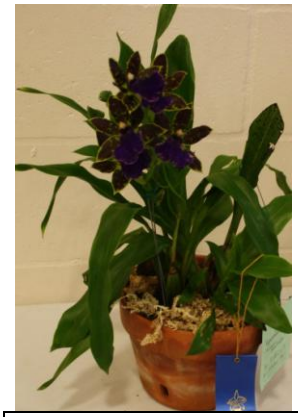
Phalaenopsis
***Phal.* Chih Shang's Stripes**



Dendrobiums
***Den.* Love Memory 'Fizz'**

Medium Species
Den. lindleyi

Small Species
Ludisia discolor



Other Tribes
***Zygopetallum* Advance Australia**

Slipper Orchids
***Paph.* Chou-Yi Angel**

Orphan Table
Phal. mini

PLANT TABLE AWARDS APRIL 2016

Photos by Sue Roehl

<u>Special Species Award</u>
Cattleya skinneri
Owner: Karen Davenport

<u>Special Hybrid Award</u>
***Tolu.* Golden Sunset 'Sparky'CCM/AOS**
Owner: David Genovese

Naples Orchid Society Monthly Plant Table Results—
April 07, 2016

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Rth. Love Passion
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Enanthleya Jackie Bright 'Hilo Stars'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Lc. Rojo 'Fireworks'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Lc. Fire Dance 'Patricia'
Owner: Rose Anthony

Large Vandas
First Place: Vanda Kulwadee Fragrance
Owner: Twyla Leigh

Small Vandas
First Place: V. Cathy Crosby-Day
Owner: David Genovese

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Second Place: Den. Spring Bird 'Kurashiki'
Owner: Roger Dunlap
Third Place: Den. Yellow Song 'Canary'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. Chih Shang's Stripes
Owner: David Orr
Second Place: Phal. Long Pride Show Crane
Owner: David Orr
Third Place: Phal. Cherry Blossom
Owner: Kris Morton

Large Species
First Place: Cattleya skinneri
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Coel. pandurata
Owner: Kris Morton

Third Place: Gur. aurantiaca 'Chinese Red'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Medium Species
First Place: Den. lindleyi
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: Den. canaliculatum
Owner: David Genovese
Third Place: Maxillaria tenuifolia
Owner: Roger Dunlap

Small Species
First Place: Ludisia discolor
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Dendrobium aggregatum
Owner: Mike Brewer
Third Place: Onc. sphacelatum
Owner: Joylett Davis

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Tolu. Golden Sunset 'Sparky' CCM/AOS
Owner: David Genovese
Second Place: Rdm. Flirtation
Owner: Erich Herath
Third Place: Ilo. Diablo Heart
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Paph. Chou-Yi Angel
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran
Second Place: Paph. Demetria 'Sarah Robbins' HCC/AOS
Owner: David Genovese

Other Tribes
First Place: Zygopetallum Advance Australia
Owner: Kathryn Romine

Orphan Table
First Place: Phal. mini
Owner: Kathryn Romine
Second Place: Dendrobium
Owner: Mary Jo Shively
Third Place: Vanda
Owner: Mary Southall

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Cattleya skinneri
Owner: Karen Davenport

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Tolu. Golden Sunset 'Sparky' CCM/AOS
Owner: David Genovese

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Dtps. I-Hsin Sesame
Winner: Eunice Walker

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.

MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

Photos by Dick Pippen & Marilyn Moser

MORE PHOTOS - APRIL MONTHLY MEETING *continued*

Photos by Dick Pippen & Marilyn Moser

And Marilyn was "visited" by the Easter bunny, shown here munching on one of her bromeliads!