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 June Meeting Thursday June 7, 2012 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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The Program will be David Junka

Junka Bear Orchids

"Divide and Conquer"

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Upcoming Events

Next meeting July 5
Thomas Hecker
"Birds, Bees & Sexy Orchids in Your Trees"

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
June 21 , 2012
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

NEXT NOS SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
September, 2012
Date to be announced later
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter is the 15th of the month, 3 pm.
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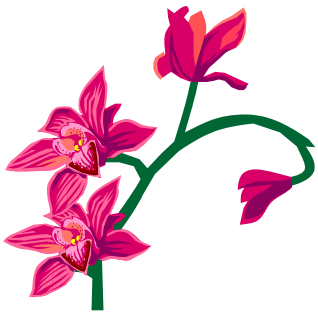

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
From Kit Kitchen-Maran
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Ahhhh, summer is here, at least it feels almost like summer. The rains aren't dependable yet, but they're coming. This is the primo time of the year that orchids thrive on the weather, whether we do or not. The sun hasn't traveled north enough to zap the leaves with sunburn, temperatures are not exceptionally hot and the evenings provide a little cool-down. Humidity is up and the roots and shoots are really active. It's the best time to divide and repot so that the plants have the summer to get reestablished in order to bloom when it's time.

Redlands is right around the corner (May 18, 19 and 20) and it's always fun to window shop and see what's new in one of the biggest vendor fests in Homestead, at the Redland Fruit and Spice Park. If you are low on supplies or *really, really need* more orchids, this is the sale to go to.

Elsewhere in the newsletter, look for the article on the scholarship recipients. We actually get two interns for the price of one scholarship and the students are top-notch. They will be working at the FL Panther Wildlife Refuge and the Fakahatchee Strand State Park. Hopefully they will give us an update at our July meeting. Last year's students published a journal article on the research on the invasive scale that is damaging wild native, as well as our 'domesticated' hybrid, orchids.

Sue Roehl is doing a great job on the website! Be sure to visit www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org and look at the updates. Dick Pippen has contributed beautiful photos and a story that may have you looking for 'spots' at Redlands. Look at the photo gallery while you're at the site too. Plus there is more information in the Members Resources section, like minutes of meetings and back copies of the newsletter.

Kris Morton is creating a very informative newsletter every month for us. That's a lot of work and Kris is very conscientious about it. If you read it online, you get to enjoy the color photos that Sue is taking of the table competition at monthly meetings.

Thank you too, to Maria Davis. She contributed a beautifully decorated cake for the May meeting which coincided with the May 3, 1962 first meeting and founding of the Naples Orchid Society. (SEE PAGE 4 FOR A PHOTO OF THE CAKE – KRIS)

Summer is take it easy, slow down time. Enjoy the beautiful outdoors that Florida provides if you are here. If you have gone north, and your orchids are travel companions, let your plants acclimate to the outdoor weather too. Don't forget to save a division from your plants for the fall sale. 'Til our June meeting or when we see you again, take care!
Kit

AOS CORNER
Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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I sure am looking forward to those daily afternoon rains. This constant watering of the Vandas every day is getting tiresome. I have been repotting on a regular basis these days. Just when I think I am done, I spy another one that needs to be repotted. And I've been repotting my Phals as soon as the flowers fade, soaking the roots well so they will bend nicely into the new pot. I carefully clean each leaf with alcohol to get the dirt and the critters off. Nothing looks nicer than a freshly potted Phalaenopsis.

My small collection of Bulbophyllums is doing well. I have been following Bill Thoms' advice and giving them lots of water and they are rewarding me with nice new growth and best of all, flowers! I am taking my "wish list" to the Redlands next week and hope to increase my collection. There is one person who is going with us who has never been to the Redlands Orchid Festival and we can't wait to see the look on his face when he sees the huge amount of vendors and so many wonderful orchids. It's jaw-dropping !

While you are dividing & repotting, don't forget to save those extras for our annual plant sale. Happy growing !!

TIPS FROM MARILYN
I found these 2 little helpful hints from old newsletter....they are from Mac of Mac's Orchids and are timely as many of the plants at Redlands are bare root....

After purchasing a bare rooted plant soak it in the following solution for one week before mounting or planting: 5 gallons water, 5 oz Super-Thrive, 4 oz fish emulsion and 1 cup sugar.

When planting a bare root, use dry sphagnum moss on slabs, secure and create a humid environment by placing the plant in a box with a bowl of water and covered mostly with saran wrap until new roots appear.

Don't give up on those non-flowering plants until you have tried everything.
***Find out the conditions the plant likes and try to provide those conditions.**
***Fertilize the plant on a regular basis and try a bloom booster.**
***Change its location gradually, either increasing or decreasing the light. The leaves should be the color of a lime.**
***Repot the plant and be patient.**
***Vendors force plants into bloom for a specific show because buyers like to purchase plants in bloom. Because of this it might take the plant a year or two to acclimate to its new growing environment.**

THANK YOU TO OUR COOKIE BAKERS IN MAY
Patrece Remmel, Sue Magrane, Wes Robinson, Roberta Ury, Nancy MacLeod, and Norm Dolder

AND TO OUR BEVERAGE PROVIDER
Sheila Demkovich

REMINDER TO COOKIE BAKERS FOR JUNE
Ruth Bethem and Deborah Gallagher

THANK YOU TO OUR RAFFLE TABLE VOLUNTEER
Carol Talanian

THANK YOU TO OUR PLANT TABLE WORKERS
Bill Overton, Kim Pendleton, and Joy Corritore

AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MARIA DAVIS FOR MAKING SUCH A BEAUTIFUL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE FOR OUR MAY 2012 MEETING

ATTENDANCE AT MAY 2012 MEETING: 85
RAFFLE PROFITS FROM OUR MAY 2012 MEETING: $166

CARE AND CONDOLENCE CARDS SENT

A get well card was sent to Harold Davison after his heart surgery.
A get well card was sent to Kris Morton after her surgery.
A sympathy card was sent to Steve Tynski for the loss of his father.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST NOS MEMBER
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UPCOMING EVENTS
Ralph Brand will have his annual orchid sale Saturday, August 4, from 9am – 12 noon. He will have Cats. and Paphs. for sale at very reasonable prices. 443 Dundee Court. For more information call Ralph @ 649-1325.

South Florida Orchid Society "Autumn Festival of Orchids"
October 5, 6 & 7, 2012, Coral Gables, FL
For more information contact: www.sforchid.com

REMINDER
Our NOS website *member* password has changed. New password is *NOS2012*.

Our NOS Ghost Orchid pin will be for sale at our next monthly meeting in June.

Cost: $5.00

See Marilyn Moser

Naples Orchid Society Membership Meeting--May 3, 2012

President Kit started off the meeting offering $1.00 each for two stories about orchids.

Then Kit announced Carol Holdren, an AOS judge has invited Naples Orchid Society members to AOS judging at the Flamingo Gardens on the East Coast. Judging is held the fourth Saturday of every month except November and December. Go to www.wpbjudging.org for details

-There will be a plant sale through Mother's Day at Pelican Coast Farms.
Go to www.orchidsamore.com for details.

-Dick Pippen will be making a presentation on orchids to the Gulfcoast Garden Club. Information is on the NOS website.

-Dick Pippen reminded all about the Orchid Wiz Raffle and that this was the last chance to buy a ticket. Later in the meeting, the winning ticket was drawn and the winner was Earl Lightcap III.

-Susan Roehl said to go to the NOS website and click on "about the show" to see NOS show winners and awards. The monthly meeting minutes are now on the website as well as the Board of directors meeting minutes. If you would like to email Sue some orchid photos, she will post them on the website.

-Cookie Bakers and beverage providers were announced by Deb Gallagher. Mark Hudak will be the new refreshment chair.

-Deb G. also asked about bus trips and if any members were interested. There was a positive response, so she will research and present info for a fall bus trip.

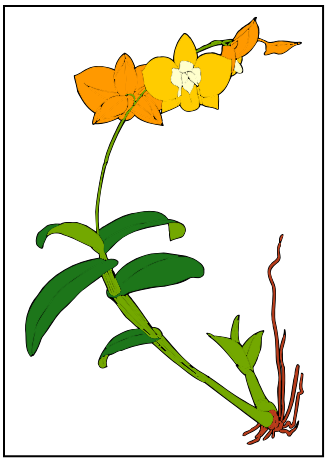
-Ted Moore is in charge of the outreach program which places orchids in trees at places like the zoo. He said the Collier Co. Museum is interested in having orchids placed in their trees. If you have orchids you would like to donate to the CC Museum project, please contact Ted.

-Nanett Boerner announced new members

-Norm Dolder announced our speaker next month will be David Junka, an AOS judge. His presentation is called "Divide and Conquer".
Then Norm introduced this month's speaker, Larry Richardson, who is in charge of the SW FL Panther Reserve. He spoke on Native Florida orchid Conservation.

-Bill Overton read the winners of ribbons
-The plant raffle was held
-Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Patrece Remmel for Cynthia Carlson, Secretary



Naples Orchid Society Scholarship/Internship

Dr. Lawrence Zettler, Professor of Biology at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois, has an ongoing research program called The Orchid Recovery Program. The goal of the program is to propagate and reintroduce North America's rarest orchids by studying their biology and ecology. They currently have continuing research projects in S. Florida (at the Panther Refuge and the Fakahatchee Preserve, as well as in Hawaii. One of their thrusts has been trying to grow native orchids from seeds without the mycorrhizae (fungal) associations needed in the wild.

Dr. Zettler and his students are also pursuing another project involving native orchids in SW Florida—the infestation of Biosduval Scale insects on the native orchids in the Panther Refuge and the Fakahatchee Preserve. This is the same nasty scale that we get on the orchids in our collections. In 2011 the Naples Orchid Society provided Internship support for two students, John McCormick and Haleigh Ray, to explore the extent of the outbreak and ascertain, for certain, the identity of the insect pest. They were quite successful in their project and have submitted a manuscript to the *Florida Entomologist* (a scientific journal) reporting their findings (and acknowledging the Naples Orchid Society's support).

Now, again this year, Dr. Zettler has found two worthy students to continue and expand this project, Crystal Elliott and Adam Zindel. At their April 19th meeting, the Naples Orchid Society Board of Directors approved awarding Naples Orchid Society Internships of $1,000 each to Crystal and Adam to pursue this project during July, 2012. Their internships will be at the Panther Refuge in SW Florida where they will be provided lodging and working facilities.

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An Orchid Vignette—Jimminey Cricket – A Tale of Two Orchids

Brassavola nodosa, The Lady of the Night Orchid (1), and—

Brassavola digbyana, Digby's Beaked Orchid (2), are two of my favorite orchids Not because their flowers are so spectacular like many cattleyas, because they are not. Not because they bloom all the time, because they don't. But they are fascinating in their own right. Both are extremely fragrant at night. *B. nodosa* has a very jasmine-like aroma and *B. digbyana*, very citreous-like. Both have big-pale-colored lips which, along with the aromas attract their night-flying pollinators. *B. nodosa* has pale green sepals and petals and a large heart-shaped lip. *B. digbyana* has greenish flowers but the lip—oh that lip—is so delightfully fringed. The big, fringed lip of B. *digbyana* is responsible for all the "big-lipped" *Blc*. orchids (the "B" being *B. digbyana*). But that is not the point of this story.

Stewart Orchids, when they were in California, crossed *B. nodosa* with *B. digbyana* and in 1974 they registered *Brassavola* Jimminey Cricket (3). As long as those two species have been around I am surprised no one thought of this earlier, maybe they did, but Stewart got the credit.

And such a neat little plant this is! It combines the features of both parents, though, as you can see from the photos, *B. nodosa* is more dominant, both in the leaf structure as well

as in the flower color. The sepals and petals are pale green and the lip is white, and only slightly fringed along the edges, not "heavily bearded" like the *B. digbyana* parent. The flowers are closer in size to *B*. digbyana, usually about 4-5 inches across. Some spikes bear three or four flowers while others produce only one. *B*. Jimminey Cricket enthusiastically flowers at least three times a year. The fragrance, produced only after dark, is distinctive, but bears some resemblance to both parents.

B. Jimminey Cricket has received only three AOS awards, all HCC's (Highly Commendable Certificate), and all from 1977-1981. It has been used as a parent in 12 registered crosses

B. Jimminey Cricket grows well in Cattleya-like conditions, high light, good air, adequate moisture. I grow mine in a clay pot in a mixture of lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton a west facing pool cage. I fertilize weakly about weekly. Give it a try, I think you'll like it.

Alas, *B*. Jimminey Cricket has not been immune to the name changing game in the orchid world. Quite some time ago *B*. digbyana was transferred to the genus *Rhyncholaelia*, so that puts Jimminey Cricket in the genus *Rhynchovola* (*Rcv.*). In the "trade" it still goes by the old name which is good enough for me.

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

MAY 2012 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
Ascda. Mem. Louis Matos
Owner: Lola Moncsko

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Encyclia bractescens
Owner: Wilma Swan

Photographer: Susan Roehl

MAY PLANT TABLE AWARDS

Date: May 3, 2012

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Kristina
Owner: Ralph Brand

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Epilc. Serena O'Neill
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: Blc. Waianae Maiden
Owner: Dick Pippen
Third Place: Lc. Mem Robert Strait
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Emma Van Deventer 'Flamingo'
Owner: Monica Higgins

Small Vanda
First Place: Ascda. Memoria Louis Matos
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Ascda. Memoria Louis Matos
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Ascda. Memoria Louis Matos
Owner: Vince Giunta

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Green Wonder
Owner: Barbara Crist

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Dpts .Sogo Gotris
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Second Place: Dtps. Taida Wonder
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil
Third Place: P. amabilis x P. Taisuco Hilo
Owner: Freddie Brantley

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Ascda. Mem. Louis Matos
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Large Species
First Place: Laelia purpurata
Owner: Bill Overton

Medium Species
First Place: Encyclia bractescens
Owner: Wilma Swan
Second Place: Maxillaria tenufolia
Owner: Ralph Brand
Third Place: Dendrobium unicum
Owner: Wilma Swan

Small Species
First Place: Oncidium sphacelatum
Owner: Barbara Crist

Oncidiums
First Place: Aliceara Clownish
Owner: Sue Magrane

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Paph. Lalita
Owner: Marilyn Moser
Second Place: Phrag. Grande
Owner: Ralph Brand
Third Place: Paph. Temptation
Owner: Bill Overton

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Encyclia bractescens
Owner: Wilma Swan

Green Tag Winner:
Freddie Brantley