Naples Orchid Society

N E W S L E T T E R

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 June Meeting Thursday June 6, 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 Brian Monk, Blu Llama Orchids "Tolumnias – We Were Once All Weeds"

Our Mini Culture Class starts at 6 PM. Bill Overton will talk about growing orchids in baskets. All are welcome!

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

Upcoming Events

July 11, 2013
Please note that our July meeting will be on the second Thursday of the Month
Our speaker will be Dr. Larry Zetler
Diseases on native orchids & introducing NOS scholarship students

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
June 20, 2013
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is June 22
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers—May 1st marks the beginning of mosquito season, I am told, and June 1st marks the beginning of the rainy season—the first makes me unhappy, but the second is supposed to make my orchids happy, so grow, grow, grow and bloom, bloom, bloom!

The 98 or so people who attended our May Society meeting learned from our special guest speaker, AOS Judge Carol Holdren, about 10 orchids that you "just gotta have" in your collection. They are: *Epidendrum ciliare*, *Phalaenopsis* Baldan's Kaleidoscope, *Lc*. Santa Barbara Sunset, *Cattleya lueddemanniana*, *Schomburgkia splendida* v. *cauca*, *Brassavola nodosa*, *Bl*. Yellow Bird, *Catasetum*—especially *Fredclarkeara* After Dark, *Psychopsis* Kalihi and *Paphiopedilum* St. Swithin. How many do you already have? I have five out of the ten. Hmmm—thank goodness for Redlands Orchid Festival, maybe I can fill in a few gaps there.

A couple of congratulations are in order—first CONGRATULATIONS to our Membership Officer, Nanett Boerner, and her husband Michael, who, on April 25, became citizens of the United States! And second CONGRATULATIONS to Ralph Brand for his plant of *Paphiopedilum* Quasar which earned a FCC (First Class Certificate, the highest award the American Orchid Society gives) with 92 points (out of 100), at the April 27th West Palm Beach Judging Center meeting. Ralph gave it the cultivar name of 'Ralph's Favorite'. (*Paphiopedilum* Quasar 'Ralph's Favorite' FCC/AOS.)

And an apology to Linda Shockley who called to my attention that she and her *Phal. schilleriana* were not included in the list of Awards from our 2013 NOS Orchid Show. Linda's *Phal. schilleriana* won the Sandy Mikesell Award for the Best First Bloom Phalaenopsis Seedling. Sorry Linda, and thanks for telling me.

And a request— it seems that we have a shortage of refreshment providers and Mark Hudak, our Refreshments Chairman, is looking to expand the cadre of cookie bakers—apparently the same few have been kind enough to come through for us month after month (and provide excellent tasty delights.) He would like some others to volunteer also. So, if you have some kitchen time—give him a call—or we even like refreshments from Publics, Wynns, Whole Foods. . . ☺ Mark's telephone number is 239-682-4921.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our June 6th meeting when our guest speaker will be Brian Monk, who will tell us all about "Tolumnias—We Were All Weeds Once." That should be special.

--Orchidly, *Dick*

AOS CORNER

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I want to thank David Shapiro at rePotme.com for letting me use his article on new orchid care. It is a fun website to visit. I thought it a rather timely article because of all the new plants we will be bringing home from the Redlands Orchid Festival !! I hope you are as excited about going to this once-a-year event as I am.

It has been just over a year since the West Palm Beach Judging Center moved from its home at the AOS Headquarters in Delray to the new location at Flamingo Gardens. Judging is held the fourth Saturday of the month. If you think you have a plant worthy of consideration, take a drive over. It's only 90 minutes away.

THANK YOU TO DAVID SHAPIRO FROM rePotme.com for allowing us to reprint this article.

This helpful information is taken from the rePotme.com website concerning new orchid care.

Acquiring a new orchid is a pleasure. If it is in bloom, we can expect to enjoy the flowers for many weeks. A new orchid is also an unknown. Here are some things to keep in mind:

****Keep the new orchid isolated from the rest of your collection for a few days on the off chance that it has something wrong with it that could harm your other plants. Sometimes bugs or disease travel on new orchids and before we know it the entire collection is affected. Simply keeping a new orchid away from the others for a while will guard against this.**

****Even in the best of conditions, new orchids need time to adjust to their new home. Invariably the light, humidity, water, etc. is different than the greenhouse where they were grown. They may not rebloom at the same time the following year due to the different conditions. If an orchid was acquired in bloom, the next bloom may not be the same exact color as color can be affected by light and temperature in some orchids.**

****After a new orchid blooms we like to repot it. This accomplishes a few goals. First, we can get a good look at the roots and assess the general health of the plant. Second, we can move it into an orchid mix that is consistent with our other orchids. Finally we can put it in a larger pot if appropriate.**

****An orchid comes potted in the media or mix that works best for the grower and not necessarily the one that will work best in the orchid's new home. For example, a new orchid may come potted in very tightly packed sphagnum moss. This may be because the grower has very hot, arid conditions with a lot of are movement and the tightly packed sphagnum allows the plant to hold enough moisture between waterings in their greenhouse. Sphagnum is very light to ship and plants potted in it often do well in transit. Unfortunately, in some cases these plants may become sodden and then the roots rot. The answer is that the orchid needs to be potted in a way that is consistent with its new environment, not its former one.**

****Moving a new orchid from one type of mix to another can be stressful for the plant as the roots may take a little time to adapt. An orchid can usually be moved between various media with good results. There is one exception to this rule which involves moving an orchid from sphagnum to fir bark. Better results can be obtained if the first repotting is 50/50 sphagnum and fir mix before moving exclusively fir mix. On the other hand, moving from fir to sphagnum doesn't seem to be an issue.**

****In some cases a newly acquired orchid will be in a fresh mix that is suitable for your environment and is not outgrowing its pot. It will be just fine for another season. Orchids cannot stay in the same mix indefinitely though and eventually the mix breaks down and smothers the roots.**

THANK YOU TO OUR COOKIE BAKERS & BEVERAGE PROVIDERS IN MAY:
Lanelle Bishop, Debbie Starrett, Nancy Kennelly & Mark Hudak

REMINDER TO JUNE COOKIE BAKERS:
Deborah Gallagher, Nancy Kennelly & Norm Dolder

REMINDER TO OUR JUNE BEVERAGE PROVIDER:
Sheila Demkovich

THANK YOU TO OUR MAY PLANT TABLE WORKERS;
David Orr & Kim Pendleton

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

Norm Dolder would like to thank Patrece Remmel, Ken & Joylett Davis, David Orr, Lanelle Bishop & Elaine Gates for helping to pot up remaining bare root orchids at the NOS orchid house. These will be available for purchase at our annual fundraiser NOS Orchid Sale in November.

And thank you to Joy Corritore for taking the May meeting minutes!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
Madeline Sugerman, Michael & Terri Mentes & Mary Foley

CARE & CONDOLENCE
Get well cards were sent to Cynthia Carlson & Dave White.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Byrd's Orchids will be having their going out of business sale June 8-15 (closed Sunday, June 9.) All 6" pot Cattleyas will be $15 & under, 4" pots will be $7 dollars & 2 ½- 3" pots $3.50 each. Many other items for sale too. The Ridge Orchid Society and the African Violet club will be here on Saturday June 8. The orchid society will have hot dogs and hamburgers for sale. Bill Byrd, Byrd's Orchids, 6302 Green Rd., Lakeland, Fl 33810, 863-859-5060.

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An Orchid Vignette—Cattleya Walkerinter

A clever name for a neat orchid, because the grex name is a combination of the species names of the two parents. *Cattleya* Walkerinter is a cross between *C. walkeriana* and *C. intermedia*, two very well-known species that have been used extensively in hybridization. So, it is natural that at some point they would be "put together." Both *C. walkeriana* and *C. intermedia* have many different color forms, so you would expect a lot of variation in the hybrid. The Walkerinter pictured at left has white flowers so this was most likely a cross between two "alba" forms of these parents. I have seen some *C.* Walkerinter that were pink, with a darker, fuchsia lip, and others that were pink with darker magenta flares on the petals, and pictured below is a coerulea (blue) form that was the result of crossing a *C. walkeriana coerulea* with a *C. intermedia coerulea.*

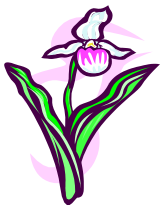
One disadvantage with this bifoliate *Cattleya* is that it takes after its *C. walkeriana* parent and has the "wanderlust," thus it becomes a rather unruly grower in a pot. The attractive, 3- 4-inch-across flowers, with an elegant rose-like daytime fragrance, make up for its growth habit however. The alba form of my *C.* Walkerinter, with slender pseudobulbs each with two leaves atop, stands about a foot tall. The coerulea *C.* Walkerinter is much shorter, only about 6-8 inches tall. My plants generally flower about twice a year, often with two to three flowers per spike. The flowers last a good three weeks to a month.

This hybrid was created by Akinori Hamasaka in Japan and registered by Tadashi Goshima, of Japan in 1985. *C.* Walkerinter has earned only three AOS award, the first HCC in 1996, and then, finally, an AM and another HCC in 2010 and 2011 respectively. This is sort of surprising since both of the parents have been much more successful. *C. walkeriana* has earned 68 AOS awards (a total of 201 when international awards are considered) and *C. intermedia* has garnered 107 AOS awards (a total of 126 when international awards are added). Of course they have been around a lot longer (and to get an AOS award, the grex has to be better than either parent). *C.* Walkerinter has been used as a parent in only 15 crosses, whereas *C. intermedia*, the old stud, has been used in 384 registered crosses and *C. walkeriana* in 349 registered crosses (Both of these have "grandkids" numbering in the thousands!!)

Like both its parents this grex prefers lots of bright light and freedom to grow. I divided my original unruly alba plant and have some growing in pots (in a lava, charcoal, Hydroton mix), others mounted. I keep them in a west-facing pool cage with bright filtered light. I water and fertilize with a weak solution about once a week.

The alba form is available at Jade Orchids. *--Contributed by Dick Pippen*

NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY
Minutes of the Meeting
May 2, 2013
Submitted by Joy Corritore
For Cynthia Carlson, Secretary



President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., then reviewed the emergency exit procedures and thanked the cookie bakers and drink providers. We are looking for more cookie bakers for the next couple of months.

We only had one Orchid Story this month, by Kim Pendleton.

Eastfork Orchids is here selling their orchids.

Brian Monk from Blue Llama Orchids will be at our June meeting to talk about "Tolumnia Orchids"

Dick once again 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.

Congratulations to Ralph Brand for his plant of Paphiopedilum Quasar 'Ralph's Favorite' getting a FCC (First Class Certificate) with 92 points at the recent West Palm Beach AOS Judging Center.

Membership Chair and our newest U.S. citizen, Nanett Boerner, introduced the newest members, bringing our membership to 219. ***No, we didn't ask her to sing the National Anthem.***

Treasurer Bill Overton gave his report as "status quo"

Our speaker this month, Carol Holdren, AOS Judge from the West Palm Beach Judging Center, gave a wonderful presentation on "Ten Orchids You Cannot Live Without" ***How many do you have in your collection*****?**

The plant table winners were announced. Raffle winners were announced.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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.

***Paph.* Quasar 'Ralph's Favorite' FCC/AOS**
Owner: Ralph Brand
Photo by Greg Allikas

***Paphiopedilum* Quasar 'Ralph's Favorite' FCC/AOS**
Owner: Ralph Brand
Photo by Rhonda Heide

May monthly meeting speaker AOS Judge Carol Holdren
Photos by Dick Pippen

Congratulations to our Membership Chair Nanett Boerner & her husband Michael. New US Citizens!!!!

NOS Members at Redlands Orchid Festival 2013
Photos by Dick Pippen

MAY 2013 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

Photos by Sue Roehl

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
Tolumnia **Robsan 'Orchid World' AM/AOS**
Owner: Dick Pippen

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Trichoglottis faciata
Owner: David Scott

Plant Table Results
May 02, 2013

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Crownfox Sweetheart
Owner: Lola Monesko

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Encyclia Orchid Jungle
Owner: David Scott
Second Place: Iwanagara Appleblossom 'HR Yellow Star'
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Third Place: Eplc. Pixie Charm
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Doctor Anek
Owner: Lola Monesko

Small Vandas
First Place: Vascostylis Bonbon
Owner: Debbie Starrett

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. David Copperfield 'Gold Mine'
Owner: Barbara Crist

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. Be Tris x Phal. Brother Little Amaglad
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: Dtps. Brother Little Hatter s Phal. Fairy Tales
Owner: Susan Vicedomini
Third Place: Dtps. Taida Wonder
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil

Large Species
First Place: Cattleya intermedia v. orlata 'Crownfox' AM/AOS
Owner: Dick Pippen

Medium Species
First Place: Maxillaria tenuifolia
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil

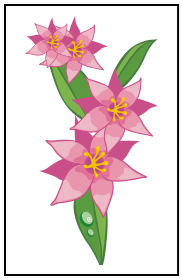
Small Species
First Place: Aerides flabellata v. alba
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Tolumnia Robsan 'Orchid World' AM/AOS
Owner: Dick Pippen

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Paph. Makuli curtisii Maudiae
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Trichoglottis faciata
Owner: David Scott

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Tolumnia Robsan 'Orchid World' AM/AOS
Owner: Dick Pippen

Green Tag Winner:
Deborah Gallagher

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.