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 June Meeting Thursday June 5, 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 Species expert Louis Del Favero speaking on "Species – A Special Addition to your Orchid Collection."

And please join us for our Mini Culture Class, which starts at 6 PM. Orchid Doctor Bill Overton will talk about growing beautiful Cattleyas. All are welcome!

June 2014 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

July 3, 2014
Francisco Miranda, Miranda Orchids, "Brazilian Orchids." Short presentation by Dr. Larry Zettler, IL College, Dr. Ernesto Mujica, Cuban horticulturist, & Ellen Radcliffe, NOS Scholarship intern - "Orchid Recovery Programs."

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
June 19, 2014
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is June 28, 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—From what I have heard about our May meeting, David Junka successfully "divided and conquered" some big orchid plants with finesse and humor (and even shared some of the divisions with some of the attendees!) David is an excellent speaker and orchid grower, and a very good friend to the Naples Orchid Society. Perhaps we should consider giving him an honorary membership. I was sorry to miss the meeting due to a battle with a staph infection trying to settle in the thoracic region of my spine that caused me to spend a week in the hospital. I am home now and continuing the battle as an outpatient, going daily for two hour antibiotic infusions for the next eight weeks. Thanks to all of you at the May meeting who signed that very nice "get well" card. It is really appreciated.

Regrettably I missed the Redlands Orchid Festival on the 16th to 18th of May at the Homestead Spice and Fruit Park, which is an event I hope the rest of you did not miss. If you have been there, you know what a treasure trove of orchids it is. If you have not been there, well—GO next year! Over fifty orchid vendors from (literally) all over the world, have a great selection of orchids. It is the not-to-be-missed orchid event of the year (well, next to our Annual Orchid Show, of course ☺).

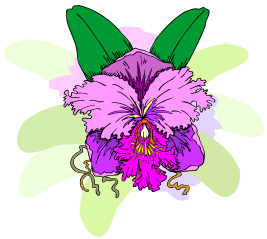
I am so pleased with the interest in and attendance to Bill Overton's "Mini Culture Classes" held at 6 PM every month before our regular meeting. These have become so very popular with many, many people attending. That is great. If you haven't experienced a session, be sure to give it a try next month.

And speaking of next month's meeting I am looking forward to hearing Louis Del Favero, from Louis Del Favero Orchids in Tampa, speaking on species. He is a good speaker and I know he will have some beautiful & unusual orchid species for sale. Hope to see you all there on June 5.

Dick Pippen

Photos by Marilyn Moser

NOTE: If you received an orchid at our potting meeting in April please check to see if it says SunBulb #520. The full correct name is Pot. Elizabeth Palmer x Slc. Tutankamen 'Pop.'



AOS CORNER

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The Redlands Orchid Festival was as exciting as ever. I hope many of you got to attend this feast for the orchid lover. But now it's time to pot up all those bare root plants we bought and revel in our purchases.

At last month's meeting members brought 38 plants for judging…and it was a beautiful display of orchids to behold. And 40 of you voted. I encourage you to vote for your favorite plant and talk to other members about what they look for in a quality orchid. You can learn so much by asking questions.

REDLANDS ORCHID FESTIVAL
Photos by Marilyn Moser

Congratulations to NOS member Linda Shockley for her HCC award at the April AOS W. Palm Beach Judging Center!
***Phal.* Sogo Lit-Sunny 'Charlette Roman' HCC.**

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.

Last summer the board agreed to donate unnamed orchids from our shade house to the Everglades Wonder Gardens to place in their trees. John Brady, who has leased the Wonder Gardens and is reviving it, had come to our July meeting with the request. So on April 26, Kris & Marilyn met Norm & Dave at the shade house and loaded up the plants. We delivered about 40 orchids. ***Photos by Marilyn Moser.***

<u>Naples Orchid Society Announces Two Named Orchid Show Awards</u>

The Naples Orchid Society Board of Directors is pleased to announce that it has approved two additional named awards for the annual spring orchid show. The show features a number of exhibits of floral arrangements using cut orchid flowers, containers of orchid plants and table top displays of a variety of orchids. In addition, individual pots of orchid plants also are given awards by American Orchid Society judges.

The Nancy Ginocchio Grand Champion Award for Best Flower of Show will honor past president of the society, Nancy Ginocchio. She had led the Society for a number of years, helping the organization make the transition from the Conservancy auditorium to the Moorings Presbyterian Church. She also had initiated a number of innovative projects including putting 'orphaned' and donated orchids in trees at the Naples Zoo and in the Garden of Hope and Courage, also at several hospices. Nancy began the scholarship program and encouraged many individuals to participate on her board of directors who had contributed greatly to the success of the Society.

The Dr. Richard Pippen Award for Best Hybrid with Brassavola nodosa Breeding in the Show will honor current president Dick Pippen for his contributions over the years. Dick has developed and conducted the annual Culture Class on orchids. This is an annual six-week workshop that teaches participants about caring for orchids and the cultural needs of popular genera of hybrid orchid plants. Dick also has served as chair of the annual orchid show and sale for a number of years.

The Naples Orchid Society has lost a truly wonderful woman. NOS Past President Nancy Ginocchio passed away on Mother's Day, May 11, after an eight month battle with cancer. Her husband Frank has indicated that the family will have a private, family only, celebration of life at a later yet to be determined date, and that in lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Nancy's name to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Naples. You can donate online. Nancy – we will miss you so. And to the Ginocchio family we send our thoughts and prayers.

And several years ago Nancy and NOS member Pam Hoctel placed many orchids in trees at the Hope Hospice garden for all to enjoy. Here is one now in bloom…

An Orchid Vignette—Voo Doo Orchids—A Naples Legacy

Voo Doo Orchids—what an exotic, mysterious name for an orchid nursery. This was an orchid nursery right here in Naples, Florida during the 1950's to 1970's, and the site of the first meeting of the Naples Orchid Society, in May, 1962. Voo Doo Orchids was located at 11150 E. Tamiami Trail, and Claude Timmons was the owner. He was also an avid orchid hybridizer and created at least 40 orchid greges (hybrid crosses) and registered 30. Although his hybrids were diversified, he liked to work with *B. nodosa* and its hybrids. As the name of the nursery suggests, Claude had an eye for the unusual and all of the crosses discussed below were registered by him in 1974, a good year, indeed!

***Blc*. Empress Worsley (*Bc*. Bill Worsley x *Lc*. Red Empress) (photo 1) has received one AOS award, a HCC for 'Roman Holiday' and it has been used as a parent in ten crosses. I got my plant at a NOS Fall Sale a few years ago and have been "nursing it along." It is not a big bloomer, but does bloom twice a year, in the late Fall and again in late Spring.**

***Blc*. Merry (*Lc*. Antonia Federicks x *Bc*. Bill Worsley) (photo 2) has two AOS awards, a HCC and an AM. Merry is a "bachelor" and has not been a parent in any crosses. This grex is an excellent bloomer, developing flowers at least twice a year and the flowering period lasts several months. The flowers tend to go from a "burnt orange" to yellow as they age. It is definitely one of my favorites.**

Where does B. *nodosa* come in? Well, *Bc*. Bill Worsley, a parent in both of the hybrids above, is a cross between *B. nodosa* and *C. aurantiaca*. And *Bc*. Maikai, the parent of *Blc*. Royal Harbor, mentioned below is a cross between *B. nodosa* and *C. bowringiana*).

***Blc*. Royal Harbor (*Lc*. Ronselensis x *Bc*. Maikai) (photo 3) earned one HCC/AOS to the cultivar appropriately named 'Polka Dot.' Yes, Royal Harbor is named for that neighborhood of Naples on the east side of the Gordon River. Apparently Claude Timmons lived there. Royal Harbor also is "a good bloomer," usually producing several spikes and flowering in the late Fall for about two to three months. I grow all three of the above in either clay or plastic pots in a mixture of lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton. Both *Blc*. Merry and *Blc*. Royal Harbor are available at Jade Orchids.**

***Bepi*. (*Brassoepidendrum*) Pseudosa (*B. nodosa* x *Epi. pseudoepidendrum*) (photo 4) earned one AM/AOS in 1978 and has been a parent in seven crosses. I think this grex is most interesting. It is a relatively small plant, up to about a foot tall and its growth pattern is more like a reed *Epidendrum* than a *Brassavola*. Even the flowers, which are small, about 2+ inches across, with green sepals and petals and yellow lip, are more "Epidendrum-like". My plant is**

An Orchid Vignette—Voo Doo Orchids—A Naples Legacy – cont.

small and growing in a 4 inch plastic pot in Sphagnum moss. I got my "start" from Jim Longwell.

Timmons not only created "Cattleya alliance" hybrids, but also worked with other orchid "alliances" including Dendrobium. *Den*. Minapac (*Den*. bicaudatum x *Den*. bigibbum) (photo 5) is a "smallish" dendrob, with "big ears," due to the two larger lateral petals. The plant does not get as big and tall as many of the other dendrobs, but it does keiki frequently, and if they are not removed they also will bloom, giving the plant a "bushier" appearance. It is a good bloomer, producing several flowering spikes and the flowering period will last several months. It has not been an award winner, but it has been used as a parent in two crosses. It grows well in a hanging basket. This is also available locally at Jade Orchids.

Some other of his crosses that I find intriguing, but very elusive because I have not been able to locate them, but would like to, are: *Blc*. Bonita (*Blc*. Yellow Imp x *C. aurantiaca*), *Blc*. Naples Night (*B. nodosa* x *Lc*. Zada Fields), *Tolu*. Naples (*Tolu. pulchella* x *Tolu. quadriloba*) and *Lc*. Pippin (*C. luteola* x *Lc*. Ronselensis (now why would I be interested in that last one!! ☺).

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

<u>Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting</u>
<u>May 1, 2014</u>
<u>Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary</u>

Due to the absence of President Dick Pippen, Vice-President Norm Dolder called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, thenNorm reviewed the emergency exit procedures and thanked the refreshment providers.
Next month's speaker is from Orchid Acres speaking about Dendrobiums.
(*NOTE FROM EDITOR: DUE TO FAMILY ILLNESS MARK EGLUND FROM ORCHID ACRES IS UANBLE TO SPEAK AT OUR JUNE MEETING. SPECIES EXPERT LOUIS DEL FLAVIO, FROM LOUIS DEL FLAVIO ORCHIDS, TAMPA, FL, HAS KINDLY AGREED TO BE OUR JUNE SPEAKER.*
Membership Chair Nanett Boerner introduced new members & reported membership is now 197.
Treasurer Bill Overton reported that we have $17,765.81 in checking and savings had $14,898.98.
Norm Dolder introduced our speaker, David Junka from St. Petersburg. He spoke on "Dividing and Conquering."
Plant Table winners were announced. Raffle winners were announced.

May monthly meeting attendance: 87 ***Raffle profits from May monthly meeting: $235***

<u>Please welcome our newest members:</u> Micah and Dr. Aubrey Bishop, Jim Goehler, Jeanne Ardoin, Peter Zimmermann and Larz Spangberg.

<u>Thank you to:</u> Raffle Table workers Gayle Dorio & Kit Kitchen-Maran; Plant Table workers: Sheila Demkovich & Kim Pendleton; Refreshment volunteers: Gordon and Diane Burnette, Bernice Tomasso, Elaine Gates, Ken and Joylett Davis, Rose Anthony and Michelle Suppes, Lanelle Bishop and Merle Payne. Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our June or July monthly meetings.

A CARE CARD WAS SENT TO DICK PIPPEN. A CONDOLENCE CARD WAS SENT TO THE GINOCCHIO FAMILY FOR THE LOSS OF THEIR BELOVED NANCY.

MAY 2014 PLANT TABLE - FIRST PLACE

Photos by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleva

Small Cattleya

Large Vanda

Small Vanda

Phalaenopsis

Medium Species

Small Species

Oncidium Alliance

Other Tribes

MAY 2014 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

Photos by Marilyn Moser

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Owner: Gayle Dorio

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Paph.* Lalita**
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Plant Table Results
May 01, 2014

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Angel Love
Owner: Lola Mincsko

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Guarcyclia Moon Shadow
Owner: Joylett Davis
Second Place: Cattleytonia Maui Maid
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: Cattleytonia Why Not
Owner: Lola Monckso

Large Vandas
First Place: Ascda. Ken Slump
Owner: Eunice Walker

Small Vandas
First Place: Papilionanda Batram
Owner: Debra Addams

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Dtps. Taiwan Red Cat
Owner: Corrie von Caulil
Second Place: Phal. I-Hsin Sun Beauty
Owner: Corrie von Caulil
Third Place: Phal. Gold Tris
Owner: Amanda Borro

Large Species
First Place: Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Second Place: C. intermedia Alba 'Penn Valley'AM/AOS
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Medium Species
First Place: Encyclia bractescens
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran

Small Species
First Place: Ascocentrum ampullaceum
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Seidenfadenia mitrata
Owner: Sheila Denkovich

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Brsdm. Gilded Urchin 'Ontario'
Owner: Susan Vicedomini
Second Place: Bak. Clownish 'Cotton Candy'
Owner: Barbara Crist
Third Place: Brassia Rex 'Waiomao Spotless' AM/AOS
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Paph. Lalita
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Other Tribes
First Place: Bulb. Stars and Stripes
Owner: Patrece Remmel

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Paph. Lalita
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Bc. Sunny Delight 'Junka Bear'
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.