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 next meeting Thursday
June 4, 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 Tom Kuligowski, an official AOS photographer & avid orchid collector, Ft. Lauderdale, FL "Angraecums"

The June Mini Culture Class with Bill Overton starts at 6 PM. Bill will show you how to put orchids in trees. All are welcome!

JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

JULY 2, 2015
Dan & Margie Orchids
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
damorchid@aol.com

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING & SHOW COMM. MTG.
June 25, 2015
Moorings Presbyterian, 6:30 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is June 27,
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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Online edition will have additional pages of photos from Redlands Orchid Festival 2015.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers -- At our May monthly meeting we got a taste of the tropics which gave us a chance to experience the kind of weather our orchids like—that is to say, the air conditioning was not working in Baker Gym!! However, being great "orchidphiles" we "suffered through" and enjoyed an excellent presentation on some sweet, and not-so-sweet smelling Bulbophyllums by Guillermo Salazar from Miami. A very enthusiastic speaker, he told us that this is the largest genus of orchids and they occur worldwide. One of their main features is a "teeter-totter" lip that moves with the slightest touch. Many of them don't smell so good because they are pollinated by carrion seeking flies. He also had some excellent bulbos for sale.

Immediately following our "sweltering" meeting, your Board of Directors held a special meeting to discuss the venue for our 2016 Orchid Show. The Board voted unanimously to hold our 2016 Orchid Show during the last week of February at the Naples Botanical Gardens. We are very excited at this opportunity and the potential that it offers. More information will be forthcoming later.

Through the kind generosity of Lake and Connie Sims we will be able to support a third intern to work on native orchids in the Fakahatchee Strand. We want to thank them very much for their donation of $1000 to our Scholarship/Internship Fund. We also want to thank Caroline Booker who has made a "challenge" gift of $500 toward the support of another Internship applicant. So, we are looking for one or more generous people to step up for the additional $500 needed.

Our next meeting, June 4th, will feature Tom Kuligowski as our guest speaker. Tom, from the Ft. Lauderdale area, is an AOS official photographer and a "specialist" in *Angraecum* orchids. I think he will have an excellent presentation and I am sure you will want to be there. Hopefully the air conditioning will be working by then ☺. Until next time—Happy Orchiding. *Dick*

MAY MONTHLY MEETING ATTENDANCE: 95 ***MAY RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $218***

We need volunteers to assist with the green tag plant registration, vote tallying and ribbon awards, along with assisting at the raffle table each month. This is a great way to learn more about orchids and support NOS and the members. Please see Sheila at the next meeting if you would like to help out.

May speaker Guillermo Salazar (center)

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.

AOS CORNER
Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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At our May 7 meeting 48 plants were brought in for judging and only 35 of you voted. Please give voting a try….it's fun and not difficult and you are sharing your opinion of the orchids that are shown.
The May issue of Orchids magazine has many great articles which you may have already seen if you are a current AOS member. But for those of you who are not here is some of what you will find inside this issue which should entice you into becoming a member. As usual there are many beautiful pictures.
***Sarchochilus - gives an in depth look at the new and exciting colorful hybrid in this Australian genus.**
***In Brazil with Francisco Miranda - is a wonderful article that showcases Brazilian orchids in their native habitat.**
***Selecting a Pot - is a great tutorial on how to select the perfect pot for your plant and for your own growing conditions.**
***Growers Profile - a new series of articles highlighting a different grower each month that includes questions and answers.**

PASSWORD FOR MEMBERS ON OUR NOS WEBSITE:
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CARE AND CONDOLENCE:
A get well card was sent to NOS member Connie Brennan after her surgery.

PHOTOS FROM OUR MAY MONTHLY MEETING
Photos by Dick Pippen

PHOTOS FROM MAY MONTHLY MEETING, CONT.

Photos by Dick Pippen

Mini Culture Class on Dendrobiums at our monthly meeting, May 7, given by AOS Judge Bill Overton. Bill will be demonstrating how to successfully put orchids in trees at the NEXT monthly meeting, June 4! The class starts at 6 PM. All are welcome!

(photo by Dick Pippen)

<u>Thank you to:</u> Refreshment volunteers Alice Thorne, Jennifer Gustason, Marlene Vienneau, Wes Robinson, Caroline Booker, Ralph Brand, Elaine Gates, Rose Anthony, and "anyone that might have been missed." Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our June-July monthly meetings. Raffle table workers: Laura Stacell and Sue Roehl. Plant table workers: Lanelle Bishop, Sheila Demkovich and Rose Anthony.

Thank you notes from NOS President Dick Pippen to NOS members Lake & Connie Sims –

On behalf of the Naples Orchid Society I want to thank you for your very generous donation of $1000 to our Scholarship/Internship Program. Your donation will allow us to support an Internship to Kylie Bucalo, a graduate of Columbus State University, who is working with the Atlanta Botanical Gardens to do DNA barcoding of the orchids in the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park here in Southwest Florida during the month of October, 2015. Hopefully we will all have a chance to meet here when she is here in SW Florida. One of the main goals of the Naples Orchid Society is to help preserve the wild orchids indigenous to Southwest Florida through research and education. You are major contributors to help us continue this goal. Again our GREAT BIG THANKS to you.

***And to NOS member Caroline Booker* – On behalf of the Naples Orchid Society I want to thank you for your very generous donation of $500 to our Scholarship/Internship Program. One of the main goals of the Naples Orchid Society is to help preserve the wild orchids indigenous to Southwest Florida through research and education. Through our "regular funds" we have been able to provide internships to two students from Illinois College to continue studies of native orchids in the Fakahatchee Strand in July 2015. From another generous donor we have been able to support a third intern from the Atlanta Botanical Gardens in October 2015. We now have a fourth applicant for an internship and your contribution will most likely make it possible to support that person as well. We appreciate your interest in and support of our educational goals. Again our GREAT BIG THANKS to you.**

This lovely orchid basket was made by NOS member & past 1st VP Norm Dolder and was placed on the head table at the Florida State Conference of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution.)

Photo submitted by Cynthia Carlson.

<u>Please help welcome our newest NOS members:</u> Kelly & John Delfino.

Dick Pippen's *Bulbo*. Tonya Jacobs

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
May 7, 2015
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures. He announced and thanked the refreshment providers. The Plant Table needs workers. If you would like to volunteer at the plant table, please see Sheila.
Dick announced that Bill Overton is resigning as Treasurer, thanked him for his excellent job and announced that Nanett Boerner will now be Treasurer. Veronica Catrombon is taking over as Membership Chair.
Dick announced that we have another applicant for an intern. Lake and Connie Sims have donated funds for her internship. NOS will now have 4 interns benefiting from our Scholarship/Internship funds.
Dick has called a special board of directors meeting after this meeting. All are invited.
Regularly scheduled board meetings are now on 4th Thurs of the month. Next meeting is 5/28.
Next weekend is Redlands Orchid Festival.
June meeting is 4th of June. Speaker is Tom Kuligowski speaking on "Angraecums."
Membership Chair reported that we have guests and new members. Membership is 205.
Treasurer was absent. Second Vice President had no report.
Bill Overton reported that the bus trip is going to Redlands on May 16th. $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,) returning 2pm (arriving in Naples at 4pm.) Please talk to Bill to reserve a spot.
First Vice President David Orr introduced our speaker, Guillermo Salazar, Miami, FL, AOS student judge for the FL Caribbean Judging Center, speaking on "Bulbophyllums."
Plant Table winners were announced. Raffle winners were drawn. The meeting was then adjourned.

Winners of the Ghost Orchid Scarf

Alex Bristol and Tere Camacho from Miami held the winning ticket for the hand-painted silk scarf featuring the Ghost Orchids of Fakahatchee Strand. The raffle finished April 18 at the Friends of the Fakahatchee sponsored *Cuban Connection* event at the Naples Botanical Garden. The raffle ran almost a year and tickets were sold at meetings of both the Naples Orchid Society and Friends of the Fakahatchee. While the winners were both thrilled, Tere will be the one who wears the scarf and she had many questions about how the raffle came about. The scarf, created by Kit Kitchen-Maran, was donated for a raffle prize to benefit the new boardwalk project of the Friends, and netted $512 for the organization. Their project will include a new parking area, an additional boardwalk which will join with the existing boardwalk and interpretive exhibits. Kit has been named chair of the committee for the planned "Ephiphyte Trail."

An Orchid Vignette—Robert Strait's Memorial

This is definitely one of my favorite orchids. It was one of my earlier acquisitions, from Sanctuary Orchids in 2006, and one that really got me hooked on collecting orchids. The 4 – 5 inch flowers are so dramatic. The petals and sepals are basically white, with a pinkish-purple blush, and a distinct purple stripe running along the mid line and flared at the tips. The lip is intensely colored maroon to bluish with a white or yellowish area under the column. The flowers are very fragrant after they have been open about three days, and the flowers last for at least 2-3 weeks. The plant is relatively compact, the pseudobulbs and leaves together no more than a foot long and it is a vigorous grower.

The traditional name of this plant is *Lc*. (*Laeliocattleya*) Memoria Robert Strait. The person who created the cross is not known, but it was registered in 1990 by guess who—Robert Strait! So it is a memorial to himself! The grex is a cross between *Cattleya walkeriana* and *Lc*. Wayndora. However, as a result of the recent reshuffling of names in the orchid world, *Lc*. Wayndora is now *Cattleya* Wayndora, so Memoria Robert Strait is officially *Cattleya* Memoria Robert Strait. It is still best know "in the trade" as *Lc*. Memoria Robert Strait and that is what I continue to call it.

There are eight cultivars that have earned AOS awards. The one I have, 'Islander Delights,' received an AM (Award of Merit) in 1994. This cultivar has also received three awards from the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association. There is another cultivar I have seen "on the market" called 'Lakeland,' but as far as I know it has not been officially recognized by an award. In all of the cultivars, the flower has the same basic pattern but the degree of maroon varies. 'Blue Hawaii' is more "bluish."

Laeliocattleya Mem. Robert Strait has been used as a parent in 52 crosses. Some of the more notable include: *Blc* Hawaii Stars (x *B.* Little Stars) which I have written about before in the NOS Newsletter, *Blc*. Windward Flare (x *B. nodosa*), Blc. Llory Ann (x *Lc*. Jungle Flare) and *Blc*. Mem. Anna Balmores (x *Blc*. Good News) which looks very much like Mem. Robert Strait. Mem. Robert Strait also has 18 "grandkids."

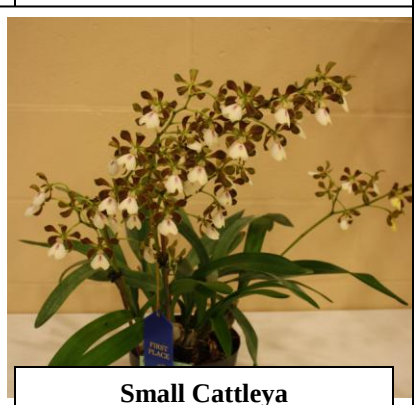
Under the correct conditions this plant will flower twice a year, in the Fall and again in the Spring. I grow my plant in a mix of lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton, in a clay pot in a west-facing pool cage, in an area receiving a "goodly amount" of filtered light most of the day. I have also mounted a division on a "piece of cypress" and have it outdoors hanging on a rack. It is happy there and flowering at the present time. I fertilize with a weak fertilizer solution about once a week. If you like fragrant orchid flowers with a flare (no pun intended) I am sure you will like *Laeliocattleya* Memoria Robert Strait.

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

MAY 2015 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser

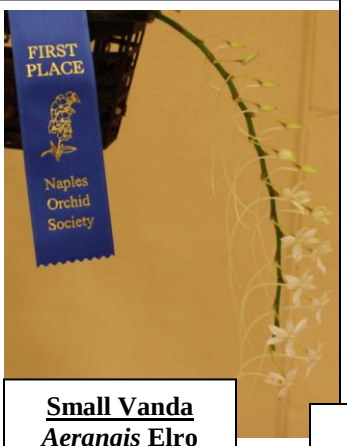
Large Cattleya
***Rlc.* Digbyano-Purpurata**



Small Cattleya
***E. cordigera* x *E.* Paula Gross**

Oncidium
***Brsdm.* Golden Gamine**

Large Vanda
***Ascda.* Ken Slump**

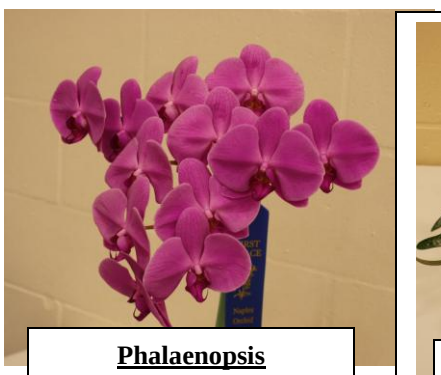


Small Vanda
***Aerangis* Elro**

Small Species
Rhynchostylis retusa v. gigantea

Large Species
Brassia giroudiana

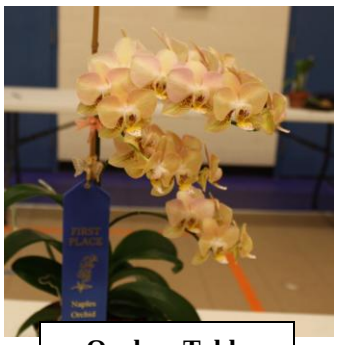
Medium Species
Neofinitia falcata



Phalaenopsis
***Dtps.* Oriental Gem**

Slipper Orchids
***Paph.* Lalita**

Dendrobium
***Den.* Palolo Sunshine**



Orphan Table

PLANT TABLE AWARDS MAY 2015

Photos by Sue Roehl

<u>Special Hybrid Award</u>
Paph.* St. Swithin x *Paph.
Gary Romagna
Owner: Jim Longwell

<u>SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD</u>
Grammatophyllum stapeliiflorum
Owner: Barbara Crist

Plant Table Results
May 07, 2015

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Rlc. Digbyano-Purpurata
Owner: Twyla Leigh

Small Cattleyas
First Place: E. cordigera x E. Paula Gross
Owner: Connie Sims
Second Place: E. Nursery Rhyme
Owner: Lois West
Third Place: E. tampensis
Owner: Mary Southall

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

Small Vandas
First Place: Aerangis Elro
Owner: Twyla Leigh

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Palolo Sunshine
Owner: Sheila Demkovich

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Dtps. Oriental Gem
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Species
First Place: Brassia giroudiana
Owner: Joylett Davis

Medium Species
First Place: Neofinita falcata
Owner: Elaine Gates
Second Place: Rl. digbyana
Owner: Twyla Leigh
Third Place: Onc. sphacelatum
Owner: Barbara Crist

Small Species
First Place: Rhynchostylis retusa v. gigantea
Owner: Elaine Gates
Second Place: Ascocentrum garayi
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Seidenfadenia mitrata
Owner: Sheila Demkovich

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Brsdm. Golden Gamine
Owner: Marilyn Moser

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

Other Tribes
First Place: Zygopetalum Advance Australia 'HOF' AM/AOS
Owner: Jennifer Gustason

Orphan Table
First Place: Phalaenopsis
Owner: Jim Rawson

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Grammatophyllum stapeliiflorum
Owner: Barbara Crist

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Paph. St. Swithin x Paph. Gary Romagna
Owner: Jim Longwell

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Mother's Day Phalaenopsis
Winner: Barbara Crist

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.

REDLANDS INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL 2015

Photos by Dick Pippen

REDLANDS INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL 2015 (cont.)

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