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 June monthly meeting is Thursday,
June 2, 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 Tom Kuligowski, official photographer for the American Orchid Society's West Palm Beach Judging Center, discusses "Buy It, Grow It, Bloom It."

The Mini Culture Class will be Bill Overton discuss Phalaenopsis care and repotting. The first 20 attendees will receive a "care sheet."
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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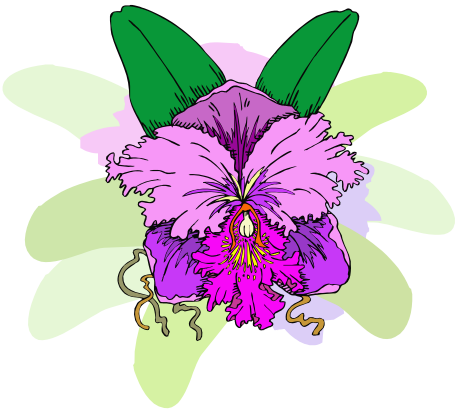

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2, 2016
NOS monthly meeting
Meet our new NOS sponsored interns.

NOS BOD MEETINGS
June 23, 2016
All are welcome.
(NOS Show committee meetings will resume September 22, 2016.)

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is June 25,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

Photos from Redland Orchid Festival will be in the e-version of the June Newsletter

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers: At our May meeting David Junka presented a most delightful and informative (as well as entertaining) program entitled "Divide and Conquer." However, I am not sure who conquered whom ☺. David "took on" a giant Cattleya which he successfully unpotted and divided (throwing away the beautiful flowers, much to the oooohhhs of the audience,) but then he tackled a "gianter" Dendrobium. By the time he got that one apart he was working hard and sweating up a storm—but he managed. He also gave lots of good pointers about what to do and not to do when dividing and repotting orchids. Thanks very much David!!!

Can you believe that with this newsletter, June, that the year 2016 is almost half over!!! And so many more orchids to pot. The weekend of May 13-15 was the second most important orchid event of the year (out NOS Orchid Show is, of course, the most important ☺)—Redlands Orchid Festival. What an overwhelming event!! Over 60 orchid vendors from literally all over the world and what an exciting array of orchids to temp the orchid palate (and the pocketbook.) I was there on the first day—along with thousands of others, including quite a few from Naples. I couldn't believe all the people walking out with huge *Grammatophyllum* plants, all in bloom!! Well, they also walked out with lots of Vandas, *Phalaenopsis* and many other orchids. I hope that many of you had a chance to experience this event.

Don't forget that the Rainy Season starts June first so you need to watch out for pests that follow all the rain. And also it is the beginning of Hurricane Season - have a plan for your orchids in the event of a storm.

I am excited about our June Meeting when Tom Kuligowski will once again be our featured speaker. You'll recall he was here last year and talked about Angraecums—with a excellent Power Point presentation. This year he will tell us how to "Buy It, Grow It, Bloom It." I am sure you won't want to miss this one. Tom is also the official AOS photographer for the West Palm Beach Judging Center. Until I see you there—keep your orchids happy. *Dick*

Photos by Jim Rawson

PHOTOS FROM OUR MAY 2016 MONTHLY MEETING

Photos by Dick Pippen & Marilyn Moser

Please welcome our newest NOS members: George & Marcia Norberg, Ketty & Matthew Wilson, Denise Hofer, Dianne Mieras and Adam Shope.

Thank you to: Raffle table worker Sue Roehl; plant table workers Lanelle Bishop & Mike Brewer; May refreshment contributors Kathleen Lunday, Nancy Kier, Joan Kitromilis, Elaine Gates, Sharron Abrams, Sue Magrane, Roberta Ury & Mary Jo Shively. Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you would like to bring refreshments for our June-July monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too! Mary Jo Shively will be subbing for Michelle this summer. Thank you Mary Jo.

May monthly meeting attendance: 81 Raffle table proceeds: $138 Vanda sales proceeds: $170

CARE AND CONDOLENCE: A get well card was sent to NOS Member Diane Dahl after her knee surgery.

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

TASKS FOR JUNE

From Florida Orchid Growing – Month by Month by Martin Motes, Phd.

- **Careful watering this month often means no watering at all. Arise early to enjoy the cool & water only when truly necessary.**
- **Space plants amply. Good air circulation is essential across the coming months.**
- **Re-pot Phals & re-set Vandas. Make sure that plants are firmly set in their new abodes.**
- **Begin or continue a disease prevention program with the prophylactic application of thiophanate methyl, Aliette or Banrot.**
- **Clean up growing area & plants. Remove dead leaves from plants & the ground. Pull weeds.**
- **Prune trees & shrubs to increase light & air circulation.**
- **Apply snail bait lightly early in the month & again lightly in mid-month.**

Bill Overton's *AOS CORNER* will be back in July's monthly Newsletter. His next mini culture class for the June 2 monthly meeting will feature Phalaenopsis care. He will provide his own version of a Phalaenopsis "culture sheet" to the first twenty attendees. Members may contact him at digicatpaw@yahoo.com for a PDF verion after the 20 sheets are gone & he will email them to you. You can also bring a problem Phalaenopsis for diagnosis and suggested remedy. Come early!
Time: 6 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Bill's May Mini Culture Class on the lovely Catasetinae group of orchids.

Catasetum Donna Wise

MORE FROM POTPOURRI OF ORCHID FACTS

From Growing Orchids is Fun

- **Dried stems of Dendrobiums are the materials used for weaving pocketbooks in Malaysia.**
- **Catasetums and cyrtopodiums are used to produce glue in South America.**
- ***Schomburgkia thompsoniana* pseudobulbs are shaped for smoking pipes in the Cayman Islands.**

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.

AND THIS FROM NORM DOLDER:

Looking for someone to care for your orchids while you are away on vacation ? Need help with repotting ? This gal is available, reliable and knowledgeable: Gloria Restrepo can be reached at 239-293-8083.

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
May 5, 2016
Submitted by Veronica Catrombon, substituting for 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 Suppes and Rose Anthony, and all those who contributed to the table this month.

Veronica Catrombon, Membership Chair, announced that we now have 200 members, including two new members, Denise Hofer, Dianne Mieras who joined that evening. Our Facebook page has 196 likes. Veronica mentioned that all NOS events and meetings are posted on Facebook (Naples Orchid Society), as well as on our website, www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org. A draft copy of the new Membership Directory was circulated so that those in attendance could review their personal information before printing. The new Directory will be available at the June meeting.

Nanett Boerner, Treasurer, has received the proceeds from our Annual Show at the Naples Botanical Garden, in the amount of $10,000. In addition, donations have been received, including support for interns.

Lanelle Bishop, Second Vice President for Activities, announced that there is one spot open for the bus trip to Redlands International Orchid Festival on Saturday, 14 May.

David Orr, First Vice President, introduced our Speaker for the evening's program, David Junka, from Junka Bear Orchids. David brought his torch, saw and mallet and demonstrated the delicate surgery required for un-potting and dividing very mature orchids in a presentation entitled "Divide and Conquer." Many of the divisions were then donated to our raffle plants!

Plant Table winners were announced and awarded. Raffle tickets were drawn.

Orchid Terms
From Flora's Orchids

- ***Tetraploid* – (of a hybrid or cultivar) one with double the normal set of chromosomes of its diploid wild relatives, i.e., with four matching sets of chromosomes instead of two sets. Tetraploids are sometimes created artificially by plant breeders and tend to be larger in all their parts.**
- ***Rhizome* – a stem that runs horizontally along or below the soil surface, putting out roots along its length and sending up erect shoots at intervals; it may be swollen and behave as a storage or overwintering organ.**
- ***Mericlone* – a plant resulting from the division of a selected cultivar's meristem tissue into minute pieces and culturing them in a sterile medium in a laboratory, using auxins to initiate root and shoot development. Mericloning allows rapid production of large numbers of identical and disease-free plants.**

An Orchid Vignette—A Real Gem of an Orchid –Hoku Gem

This is really one of my favorite orchids (I know, I say that every month ☺) and definitely one of the most rewarding. Although the flowers are 'smallish' (only about 3 or so inches across) they make up for it in their abundance and long blooming period. The traditional name is *Potinara* (*Pot*.) Hoku Gem and it was created by crossing *Slc.* (*Sophrolaeliocattleya*) Tangerine Jewel x *Bl.* (*Brassolaelia*) Richard Mueller.

Bl. Richard Mueller (*Brassavola nodosa* x *Laelia milleri*) has been used in a lot of orchid crosses. It carries many of the *B. nodosa* traits resulting in compact plants, long "roundish" leaves and flowers that have narrow sepals and petals and a flared or trumpet-shaped lip, usually with spots.

Potinara Hoku Gem was created by H & R Orchids of Hawaii and registered by them in 1988, so it's been around awhile. Hoku Gem has received seven AOS awards and four international awards. 'Freckles' is the cultivar with the most awards. The one I have is 'Sun Spots' which, alas, has no awards—yet. The grex has been used as a parent in eight crosses (including one x *Bc*. Maikai called *Pot*. Neapolitan Cutie created and registered in 2002 by Leban and Jean LeBuff of Naples).

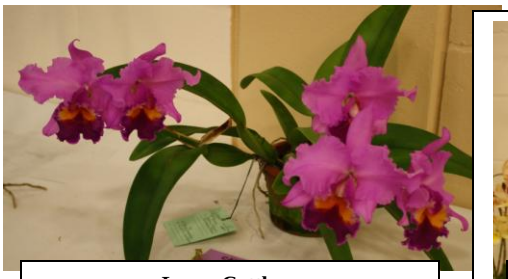
When the flowers first open the sepals and petals are a distinct bright orange-red and the spotted lip is yellow, but the sepals and petals quickly turn to yellow, which matches the color of the spotted lip. This plant is almost constantly in bloom. Occasionally it takes a few weeks "sabbatical," but then it comes back with vigor. Mark Reinke of Marble Branch Farms (an orchid nursery in South Carolina) wrote that he has a plant of *Pot.* Hoku Gem in a six inch basket in his greenhouse that has more or less been blooming continually for the past five years!! How much more rewarding can you get than that!

The plant is a compact grower with semi-rounded leaves that are about six inches long, and prefers a lot of light. In 2009 I put mine in a six inch wooden basket with Osmunda fiber and a bit of sphagnum, hanging in a west facing pool cage and it has bloomed almost continually! I water it almost daily and fertilize "weekly weakly." I am sure that the plant would grow equally well in a pot with other orchid media.

Potinara Hoku Gem has gotten caught up in all the recent name changes among orchids. Hoku Gem is no longer a *Potinara*, nor is it a *Rolfeara* where it was transferred for awhile. Now the correct name is *Bc*. (*Brassocattleya*) Hoku Gem, and the parents are *Cattleya* (formerly *Slc*.) Tangerine Jewel and *Brassocattleya* (formerly *Bl*.) Richard Mueller. But in the "trade" it is still know by the old name, *Potinara* Hoku Gem, and that is what I call it! So, regardless of the name, if you like lots of bright flowers, almost always in bloom, and don't mind it if they are only about 3 inches across, then you cannot go wrong with *Potinara* Hoku Gem! *Contributed by Dick Pippen*

MAY 2016 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser(with 51 plants brought in & 45 people voting)



Large Cattleya
***C.* Irene Holguin 'Brown Eyes'**

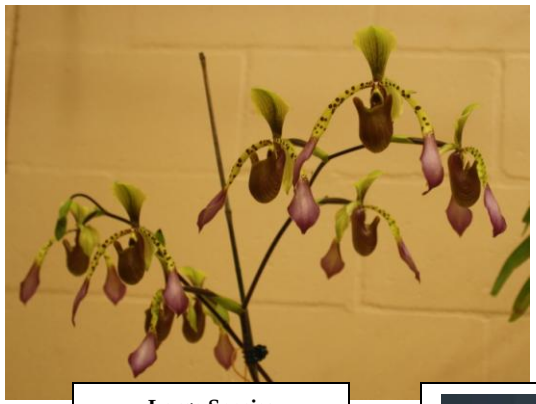
Small Cattleya
***Tetratonia* Gulf Shorese Little Ruby x *Ctna.* Why Not**

Large Vanda
***V.* Doctor Anek**

Small Vanda
***Renanthera* Kalsom 'Red Dragon'**

Dendrobium
Den.* Burana Charming x *Den. lisantheriana

Phalaenopsis
***Phal.* Malibu Heart 'Bonnie Vasques'**



Large Species
Paph. lowii

Oncidium Alliance
***Brs.* Rex**

Small Species
V. curvifolium v. luteum 'RF Orchids'
AM/CHM/AOS

Orphan Table

PLANT TABLE AWARDS MAY 2016

Photos by Sue Roehl

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Ctsm.* Jamie Lawson XOXO**
Owner: Mary Southall

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Den. aphyllum
Owner: Jim Longwell

Naples Orchid Society Monthly Plant Table Results—May 05, 2016

Large Cattleyas
First Place: C. Irene Holguin 'Brown Eyes'
Owner: Sharon Abrams

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Tetratonia Gulf Shorese Little Ruby x Ctna Why Not
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: Guarcyclia Moon Shadow
Owner: Joylett Davis
Third Place: Jackfowlieara Apple Blossom 'Eunice'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Vandas

First Place: V Doctor Anek
Owner: Kris Morton
Second Place: V Alexandra Amiami
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: V Fuchs Delight
Owner: Jim Longwell

Small Vandas
First Place: Renanthera Kalsom 'Red Dragon'
Owner: Joylett Davis
Second Place: Renanthera Scarlet Yuka
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: V Marty Brick 'Rose Blush'
Owner: David Genovese
Dendrobiums
First Place: Den Burana Charming x Den lisantheriana
Owner: David Genovese

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. Malibu Heart 'Bonnie Vasques'
Owner: Sharon Abrams
Second Place: Phal. Yu Pla Panda
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Species
First Place: Paph. lowii
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: V. tricolor
Owner: David Orr

Medium Species
First Place: Den. aphyllum
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: E. bractescens
Owner: David Genovese
Third Place: Maxillaria tenuifolia 'Coconut Pie'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Species
First Place: V. curvifolium v. luteum 'RF Orchids' AM/CHM/AOS
Owner: David Genovese
Second Place: Ascocentrum garayi
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Ascocentrum ampullaceum
Owner: Eunice Walker

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Brs. Rex
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Other Tribes
First Place: Ctsm. Jamie Lawson XOXO
Owner: Mary Southall

Best Species
Plant Name: Den. aphyllum
Owner: Jim Longwell

Best Hybrid
Plant Name: Ctsm. Jamie Lawson XOXO
Owner: Mary Southall

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Den. Gatton Sunray
Winner: Kathryn Romine

20th REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL, MAY 13, 2016

Photos by Dick Pippen

20 REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL PHOTOS, CONT.

Photos by Dick Pippen

PLEASE CHECK OUT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VERONICA CATROMBON'S WONDERFUL AND MUSICAL VIDEO FROM THE REDLAND ORCHID FESTIVAL ON OUR NOS FACEBOOK PAGE.