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 July Meeting Thursday
July 10, 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 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."

And please join us for our Mini Culture Class starting at 6 PM. Orchid Doctor Bill Overton will talk about growing Dendrobium phalaenosis. All are welcome!

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Upcoming Events

August 7, 2014
John Budree
Sunrise, FL
"Growing Modern Cattleyas"

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

NEXT NOS BOD & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
September 18, 2014
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

(See page 5 for more events)

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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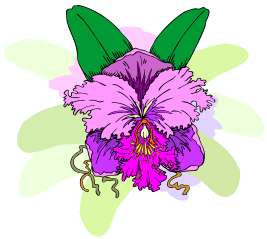
A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DICK PIPPEN, RPIPPEN@COMCAST.NET

Greetings Orchid Lovers—Louis del Favero, from Tampa, our guest speaker at the June meeting has been growing orchids for over 40 years. His favorites are miniature orchids and he had several examples to show us as he extolled their virtues. For those of us who like larger orchids, he also had an excellent selection for sale. If you attended the meeting, I hope you had a chance to enhance your collection.

You won't want to miss our July meeting which will be a "Sweet Summer Double Header." Our featured speaker will be Dr. Fernando Miranda, of Miranda Orchids, an expert on the orchids of Brazil. He will tell us all about the Cattleyas of Brazil. In addition we are once again this summer sponsoring an intern from The Orchid Recovery Program of Dr. Lawrence Zettler, Illinois College. Miss Ellen Radcliffe will be working in the National Panther Preserve during the month of July studying the Ghost Orchid. Along with her will be Dr. Ernesto Mujica, from Cuba, whom we are also sponsoring. Dr. Mujica is an expert on the Ghost Orchid in Cuba. With the data they gather this summer they will then be able to compare populations of Ghost Orchid here and in Cuba. Both Ellen and Dr. Mujica will both be at our meeting and Dr. Mujica will talk to us briefly about his studies of the Ghost Orchid in Cuba. So, this is a meeting you won't want to miss. In the meantime, enjoy your orchids. --- *Dick*

Louis del Favero, June speaker
Photo by Marilyn Moser

PLEASE NOTE: JULY MONTHLY MEETING DATE WAS INCORRECTLY LISTED IN JUNE NEWSLETTER AND ANNOUNCED AT LAST MEETING. OUR JULY MONTHLY MEETING IS JULY 10.



AOS CORNER

Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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I wish the afternoon summer rains would start coming more often. We have too many days go by with no rain and we all know that our orchids love rain water. It's always a delight to see a plant bloom that you forgot about…like maybe it hasn't bloomed in a while and gee…look how pretty it is !!

Enjoyed our June speaker, Louis del Favero. He likes small species and so do I. 46 plants were brought in for judging and 40 of you voted. Remember, it's fun to vote and it's a good learning experience.

Now is the time of year to be increasing the feeding of your hungry plants. For orchids in particular, this is the time of year when they are entering their growth phase. This is a critical time to be giving them the food they use to create the energy that makes for new leaves and robust roots. Once that is done, your plants will reward you with spectacular blooms !

And at our June BOD meeting we voted to adjust cash awards for the year end Plant Table awards given in December at our Holiday Party and at our 2015 NOS Show for the Education Exhibits:

- **2014 End of Year Plant Table cash awards will be $250, $150, $100, plus adding 3 more cash awards at $50 each. 2015 End of Year Plant Table cash awards will be $400, $300, $200, $100, $50 & $50.**
- **Education Exhibit cash awards at 2015 NOS Show in 2015 will be $100, $75, $50 & $25.**

*****Member Claire Legris is needing someone to tend her orchids for 2 weeks in July while she is away. She has about 90 plants and you only need to go twice a week. If you are interested please call her at 793-2345 or email louieclair@gmail.com.**

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
June 5, 2014
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, then reviewed the emergency exit procedures and thanked the refreshment providers. He called for a moment of silence in memory of Nancy Ginocchio.

Sheila Demkovich has agreed to chair our November sale.

The July meeting is our sweet summer double header! Dr. Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids will be on hand to speak about Cattleyas of Brazil. We will also have an intern from Dr. Larry Zettler's program, Ellen Ratcliffe, who is studying the ghost orchid in the Panther Preserve. Dr. Ernesto Mujica from Cuba will also be here to talk about the ghost orchid and Cuban orchids.

Membership director Nanett Boerner reported that we now have 203 members.

Treasurer Bill Overton had no report.

Norm Dolder introduced the speaker, species expert Louis del Favero.

The Plant Table winners were announced.

Raffles winner were announced.

NEWS RELEASE—NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY AWARDS GRANTS FOR 2014 *by Kit Kitchen-Maran*

The Naples Orchid Society has awarded an Intern Scholarship to Ellen Radcliffe, a senior at Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL. Ms. Radcliffe will be supervised by Larry Richardson, Wildlife Biologist at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and by Dr. Lawrence Zettler, Director of the Orchid Recovery Program at Illinois College. Her research will include collecting samples of native orchid tissues and testing them for virus.

This year's work will build on the research in the refuge, supported by NOS in past years, by Illinois College interns. They have discovered scale pests on native orchids and possible biological solutions to control them. Last year, they found a virus in a leaf sample of *Encyclia tampensis*, one of the native orchids. Further research will help answer the question of whether the virus infection is more widespread in the refuge and hopefully will lead to finding ways of dealing with it. Southwest Florida is an area that supports a huge population of the U.S.'s native orchids.

The Society also has given a grant to assist in bringing Dr. Ernesto Mujica, a leading Cuban ghost orchid (*Dendrophylax lindenii*) authority, to Southwest Florida to establish ways of long-term monitoring of ghost orchid populations in the refuge so that this information can be compared to the populations of the orchid in Cuba. Hurricanes, pests and diseases, plus poaching and loss of habitat can all affect the numbers of these orchids remaining in the wild. This work is important to help conservationists understand orchid reproduction and the ability of these plants to survive in nature. Radcliffe also hopes to work with Dr. Mujica to establish transects to identify known ghost orchid locations and locate new locations using GPS technology for monitoring.

Another NOS grant has been given to Mike Owen, Park Biologist for the Fakahatchee Strand State Park, to have his field notes on ghost orchids transcribed into a data base that can be used to demark the population in the park and merged with the information collected in the refuge. It is hoped this will expand the area of ghost orchid monitoring.

The Naples Orchid Society looks forward to their Thursday, July 10th meeting when Ellen Radcliffe, Dr. Zettler and others working on this important project will be present to meet with the membership and discuss their goals. Dr. Mujica's visa application is still under consideration in Cuba. If he is unable to be here in July, he will hopefully come at a later date to work with our native ghost orchid populations.

The July meeting will take place at the Baker Center gym at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive, Naples on Thursday, July 10th instead of the regular first Thursday of the month, due to the 4th of July celebrations. Activities start at 6:00pm and the presentation by Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids about Brazilian orchids will begin at 7:30pm. The meeting is free to guests, memberships are available. For more information: 239-775-5220 or www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org.

Intern Ellen Radcliffe

Dr. Ernesto Mujica

Thank you to: **Raffle Table workers Linda Wood & Laura Stacell; Plant Table workers: Sheila Demkovich & Dave Orr; Refreshment volunteers: Deborah Gallagher, Wes Robinson, Laura Stacell, Sheila Demkovich, Corrie van Caulil, Rose Anthony and Michelle Suppes. Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our July or August monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!**

GET WELL CARDS WERE SENT TO DICK PIPPEN & SUE MAGRANE.
ATTENDANCE AT JUNE MEETING: 76 RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $226

Please welcome our newest NOS members: Doris Fiddes, Lisa Hill, Wendy Mazuk and Anne Thomas. Welcome back Vicki Grieco & Rebecca Troop.

Saturday, July 12: NOS member Carol Sweat is having a huge bromeliad sale. Pups are $5 or buy 4 & get one free. A few plants are larger & are $10 – Aechmeas, Neoregelias, Quesnelias, Cryptanthus & many more - for both sun & shade. Cash or check. Info: casweat@comcast.net (Please! No phone calls!)
Place: 2244 Royal Lane, Kings Lake off Davis Blvd. Time: 9am – 1 pm or sold out.

From Odom's Orchids, Inc. - join us for our Cattleya Symposium, Aug. 8 - 9th at the Indian River Research and Education Center in Fort Pierce, Florida from 8 am – 5pm. Nine speakers, orchid sales, auction. Lunch will also be provided on both days for everyone. Cost of the symposium is $150.00 per person. Due to the limited seating capacity. Registration by August 5. Info: http://www.odoms.com/cattleya-symposium.html.

Saturday, August 16: NOS Member Ralph Brand's annual orchid sale, 9am – 12noon, 443 Dundee Court. Info: 239-649-1325.

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.

(With permission from Frank we include this lovely dedication to Past President Nancy Ginocchio)

From the artist, Nancy Smythe, in a condensed email to Frank:
This orchid growing in my region has been painted in memory of a dear friend Nancy Paget Ginocchio. She was my Alpha Phi sorority sister at Northwestern University and was the former President of the Naples Orchid Society. The paintings are still wet, hence some glare.

Hairy Shadow Witch (ORCHIDACEE Ponthieva racemosa)
By artist Nancy Smythe (in memory of Nancy Paget Ginocchio)
Oil on Canvas 6"x 6" Gallery wrapped, no frame needed.

This oil will be exhibited in "Flor 500", Florida International University's exhibition. Five hundred Floridians were invited to depict 500 native wildflowers. FLOR500 worked with scientists across the state to identify 500 native wildflowers that were around when Ponce de Leon landed and named the state Florida. The artwork, along with information about each flower, will be posted on the project website (www.FLOR500.com Go online and look for #355.)

An Orchid Vignette—Some of My Favorite Summer Orchids

Since most orchid shows are in February, March or April, many collectors "gear their collections" towards plants that bloom that time of year, let's call that "Winter." But what about Summer?? There are a number of delightful orchids that bloom in the Summer (well, including late Spring). Here are some of my favorites, two species and two hybrids that are "summer bloomers."

Cattleya harrisoniana (1) is a great orchid that usually flowers for me in May and June. The flowers are only about four inches across, but usually each spike bears 3-4 or more flowers that make a very nice display. The flowers are a deep rose pink with a lip that is same color as the petals on the outside, but white and yellow on the inside. The plants tend to get tall, about a couple of feet, and each pseudobulb produces two leaves. This species has won at least 32 awards from AOS and international orchid societies and has over six hundred kids and grandkids. It is often confused with another species, *C. loddigesii*, to which it is very closely related.

Another species which is my all-time favorite is *Laelia purpurata f. schusteriana* (2) which usually blooms for me in May/June. *Laelia purpurata* is a very well-known Brazilian species with many, many varieties, but *forma schusteriana* is very dramatic with its 5-6 inch flowers with pure white sepals and petals and deep, deep purple lip. These are also rather large plants with the pseudobulbs and their single leaves over two feet tall. The species, *L. purpurata* has won at least 272 awards, but *forma schusteriana* itself, has won only six.

A hybrid orchid that I also like very much that blooms in May and June is *Lc. Canhamiana*, (3) created by crossing *L. purpurata* with *Cattleya mossiae*. The plants are about a foot and a half tall, producing spikes of three to four flowers extending above the foliage. The flowers are basically lavender blue, with more intense color toward the edges. The lip is darker lavender blue with a "touch" of yellow deep in the throat. Canhamiana has earned at least 35 awards and has over 5,000 kids and grandkids!! This cross was actually first made in 1885 by J. Veich & Sons of England.

Laeliocattleya Big Dipper (4) which usually booms in June/July, is another delightful "summer bloomer." This grex is a cross between *Cattleya* Little Dipper and *Laelia sincorana*. It was created by H&R Orchids of Hawaii and registered by them in 1996. This is a more compact plant, usually no taller than 10-12 inches but the flowers are about four inches across. The sepals are pink, the petals and lip white with pink and lavender markings toward the edges. This grex is not as well-known as the others mentioned here, having earned only one AOS award. (P.S. These "laelias" are now *Cattleya*)

Any of these will brighten your summer. I have other favorite summertime orchids, but I'll save those for another time. --*Contributed by Dick Pippen*

JUNE 2014 FIRST PLACE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleya

Small Cattleya

Large Vanda

Dendrobium

Large Species

Medium Species

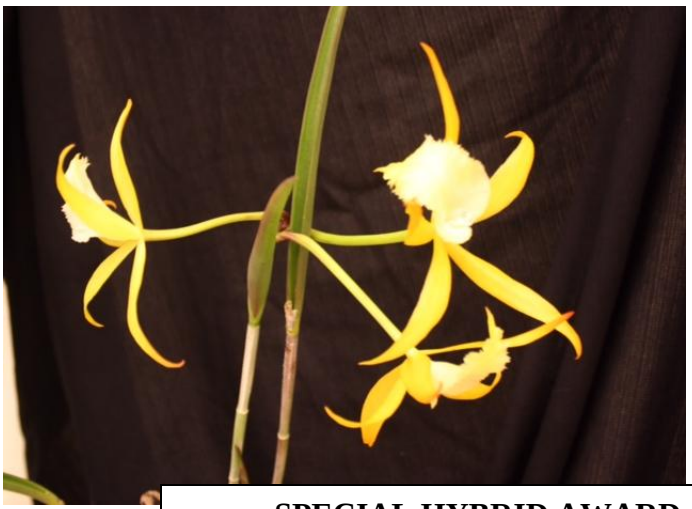
Oncidium

Other Tribes

JUNE 2014 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

Photos by Marilyn Moser

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Encyclia rufa
Owner: David Genovese



SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Bc.* Fringed Delight**
Owner: Barbara Crist

Plant Table Results
June 5, 2014

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Kimberly Federighi 'Nichole'
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Lc. Canhamiana v. coerulea 'Azure Skies' CCM/AOS
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: Lc. Canhamiana v. coerulea 'Azure Skies' AM/AOS
Owner: Kris Morton

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Tanya Duncan 'Seattle Blues'
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Amoena 'Sparky'
Owner: David Genovese

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Burana Jade
Owner: Amanda Borro

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Dtps. Sogo Gotris
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Second Place: Phal. Brother Enigma
Owner: Lori Van Buskirk
Third Place: Phal. Gan Lin Pearl
Owner: Lorraine Thomas

Large Species
First Place: Paph. lowii
Owner: David Genovese
Second Place: Grammatophyllum scriptum
Owner: Deborah Gallagher

Medium Species
First Place: Den. amabile
Owner: Elaine Gates
Second Place: Cymbidium aloifolium
Owner: Lois West
Third Place: Bro. sanguinea 'Star Splash'
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Small Species
First Place: Den. wasselli
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Second Place: Rhyncostylis retusa v. giganta
Owner: Elaine Gates

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: OncidiumTropic Breeze
Owner: Deborah Gallagher
Second Place: Brassia Edavh Loo
Owner: Sheila Demkovich
Third Place: Maclellanara Yellow Star
Owner: Barbara Crist

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Paph. Billy Cardalino
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Other Tribes
First Place: Zygopetalum Everspring
Owner: Mike Brewer

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Encyclia rufa
Owner: David Genovese

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Bc. Fringed Delight
Owner: Barbara Crist

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Laelia purpurata v. roxo violeta
Winner: Kris Morton

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.