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, July 2, 2015, 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 have Dan Christensen, Dan & Margie Orchids Ft. Lauderdale, FL
damorchid@aol.com
"Common Sense Approach to Growing Orchids."

Members are encouraged to bring one plant for analysis & discussion.

Drs. Ernesto Mujica (Cuba) & Dr. Larry Zettler (IL College) will have a short presentation on "The Cuban Connection."

There will be no Mini Culture Class in July. Orchid Doctor Bill Overton will be back in August.

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Upcoming Events

August 6, 2015
Jerry Meola
www.OrchidsAmore.com
Pelican Coast Farms, Inc.
Ft. Myers, FL

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING & SHOW COMM. MTG.
September 24, 2015
Moorings Presbyterian,
6:30 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is July 25,
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—Sorry that I missed the June 2015 meeting—what was it subtitled—"Hot Summer Night?" Hopefully by our July meeting Moorings Presbyterian will have the air conditioners repaired in the Baker gym. I spent the week in Aruba, where it was also very warm, nice beaches, but alas, no orchids☹. I was pleased to hear that 92 orchid lovers showed up for that meeting and that they were rewarded with an excellent presentation by Tom Kuligowski, of Ft. Lauderdale, talking about Angraecums. I understand that part of his presentation included a video of pollination of *Angraecum sesquipedale* by a very elusive nocturnal moth with a 12 inch tongue (that doesn't like to have its picture taken ☺)!

Congratulations to our NOS Secretary, Cynthia Carlson, on her recent engagement and upcoming wedding early in the morning on July 4th! What an excellent way to celebrate Independence Day!! We wish her the very best!!

In the "For What It's Worth" department, did you know that it is thought that the first tropical orchid introduced into Europe was *Brassavola nodosa* (called *Epidendrum nodosum* at that time). It was shipped to Holland from Cuarcao and grown in the garden of Casper Fagel. It was mentioned in a botanical publication in 1698. (according to Reinikka, Merle A. in *A History of the Orchid,* 1972.)

I am looking forward to our July 2015 meeting where Dan Christensen of Dan and Marge's Orchids of Miami will be the featured speaker. Dan says his talk is entitled "Common Sense Approach to Growing Orchids" and encourages you to "bring in troubled plants" so he can tell you how to care for them. Should be an interesting and informative presentation. I have seen Dan & Marge's booth at several orchid shows. They appear to specialize in Vandas, but also have other orchids. Hope you can all make it, just two days before our Independence Day celebration.

Until then—Happy Orchiding. ***Dick***

PHOTOS FROM OUR JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

By Marilyn Moser

PHOTOS FROM OUR JUNE MONTHLY MEETING, CONT.

By Marilyn Moser

June monthly speaker
Tom Kuligowski

AOS CORNER
Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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With all the rain we have been getting, now is the perfect time to do some major repotting of those large, hard-to-remove, overgrown Cattleyas. With the medium nice & wet the plants will come out of the pot quite easily. This beats soaking the plant in a big bucket of water to loosen the plant. If roots have grown onto the side of the pot, just use your fingernail to gently release them. And remember, if you are dividing the orchid, please save a division for our fall plant sale. It is our only fund raiser of the year and we need as many plants as possible for it to be successful.

The American Orchid Society holds a unique position in the orchid world as no other organization devotes its entire business and resources to serving orchid growers with a mission of education, conservation and research. The AOS is essentially the parent organization for all local societies and is the place to go for any orchid information and questions. You will be doing yourself a big favor by joining AOS.

At our June 4th meeting a whopping 70 plants were brought for judging and it made for a beautiful display of color. I am happy to say that 45 of you voted which is a bit of an increase from previous months. Keep it up! This time the category with the most orchids was medium species with 14 followed by small Cattleyas with 11.

JUNE MONTLY MEETING ATTENDANCE: 92

JUNE MONTHLY MEETING RAFFLE PROFITS: $190

CARE AND CONDOLENCE: A get well card was sent to NOS member & Publicity Chair Laura Stacell after her surgery.

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.

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.

<u>Thank you to:</u> Refreshment volunteers Alice Thorne, Veronica Catrombon, Debbie Starrett, Joy Corritore, Vickie Grieco, Marilyn Moser, Roberta Ury, Ralph Brand and "anyone that might have been missed." Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our July-August monthly meetings.
Raffle table workers: Sue Roehl and Corrie van Caulil.
Plant table workers: Lanelle Bishop, Mike Brewer and Rose Anthony.

<u>PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST NOS MEMBERS:</u> Bill & Ann Taylor Tansey and Mark & Pamela Callis.

<u>Ghost Busters Provide Double Feature at July NOS Meeting</u>

By Kit Kitchen-Maran

With the month of July come our researchers from Illinois College to seek answers to the conservation and preservation of Southwest Florida's native orchids. Dr. Larry Zettler will be bringing his students, Shannon Skarha and Justin Mably, and also Dr. Ernesto Mujica, a well-known Ghost Orchid specialist from Cuba, to our July 2nd meeting.

You may recall that NOS awarded a grant to Dr. Mujica to come from Cuba last year, but he was not able to get a U.S. visa. With the thawing of U.S.--Cuba relations, a visa was granted and he will spend July at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge working with Zettler and his students on *Dendrophylax lindenii* (Ghost Orchid) populations.

Dr. Mujica has prepared a special slide presentation just for us about his research on the population of Dendrophylax lindenii in Cuba, projection modeling the impact that hurricanes might have on this species. Without this work, the species could become extinct within a relatively short time.

Dr. Mujica

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
June 4, 2015
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

Dick Pippen was absent, but sent his greetings.
Vice President David Orr called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures. He announced and thanked the refreshment providers.
Plant Table needs volunteer workers. If you would like to volunteer at the plant table, please see Sheila.
The NOS Show will now be held at the Botanical Gardens. Planning is in progress.
Next board meeting is June 25th. Next monthly membership meeting is July 2, speaker is Dan Christensen of Dan & Margie Orchids.
Membership Chair Veronica Catrombon reported that we have 18 guests. Membership is 207.
Treasurer Nanett Boerner had no report.
First Vice President Lanelle Bishop had no report.
Bill Overton reported that the Redlands trip was wonderful. Next year will be more fun. There will be no culture class next month (July.)
David introduced our speaker, Tom Kuligowski, speaking on Angraecums.
Plant Table winners were announced. Raffle winners were drawn. The meeting adjourned.

JULY TASKS FOR YOUR ORCHIDS

(from "Florida Orchid Growing, Month by Month" by Martin Motes, PhD)

- **Dry plants hard once or twice during the month.**
- **Apply liquid fertilizer instead of water during dry patches.**
- **Watch for *Thrips* when rain has been sparse for several days.**
- **Finish top cutting and planting of vandaceous genera.**

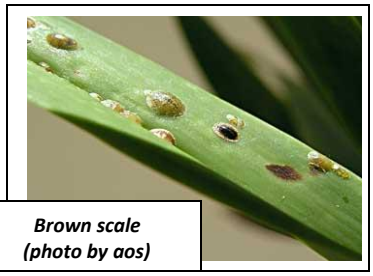
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(from "Growing Orchids is Fun")

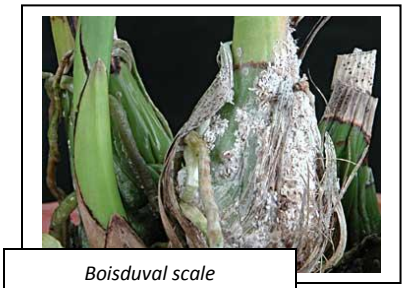
My plant looks off color, yellow & weak. If I have overwatered it what should I do?
Shake it out of the pot, check the roots for signs of root rot. If roots appear rotten remove them & allow plant to dry out slightly. Repot into the smallest possible container (sized appropriate to the remaining root mass) & keep medium on the dry side while providing increased humidity in the atmosphere.

I cannot seem to get rid of scale – what should I do?
One treatment of anything will not rid your plants of pests. It often takes two, three or even four treatments, at seven to ten day intervals, of a nurseryman recommended product to kill all the various life stages of the pest.

Overwatered orchid (photo by aos)



Brown scale (photo by aos)



Boisduval scale (photo by aos)

An Orchid Vignette—Everything Nice

Ok, if I don't like green flowers, why do I keep acquiring them? When a greenish-yellow-whitish flower is called "Everything Nice" how can you resist it? This is *Blc.* (*Brassolaeliocattleya*) Everything Nice and this particular cultivar is 'Showtime.' Everything Nice is a cross between *Blc.* Memoria Helen Brown and *Brassavola perrinii*. It was created by Stewart Orchids, when they were in California, and registered in 1981.

I find this cross interesting because of the *B. perrinii* parent. (shown here in the photo on the right). Usually it is *Brassavola nodosa* that gets all the fun of being used as a parent in hybridizing (with over 850 "kids), but its "cousin" *B. perrenii* has been used as a parent in only 87 crosses. *B. perrenii* has smaller, more numerous flowers per spike and the leaves are much longer, more slender and more rounded than *B. nodosa*. The fragrance, though "citreous," is not as intoxicating as that of *B. nodosa*.

My Everything Nice plant stand about a foot to a foot and a half tall. The spikes, which stand about level with the foliage, bear 3-5 flowers that are about four inches across. The flowers are long lasting, about a month. For me the plant usually only blooms once a year, in June. Unfortunately there is no fragrance. *B. perrinii* flowers are a pale greenish-white while *Blc*. Memoria Helen Brown flowers are green, usually with some purple in the lip. In some of the other cultivars, particularly 'First Love' and Exquisite' the Helen Brown purple lip is present. My plant appears to do well in a clay pot in a mixture of lava rock, charcoal and coconut husks. I keep it in a west-facing pool cage and fertilize it weakly about once a week.

Blc. Everything Nice has earned 12 AOS awards including eight HCCs, three AMs and one CCM. The cultivar, 'Showtime,' earned a HCC in 1985 (a plant exhibited by Fred Stewart himself!). It has been used as a parent in four crosses, but has yet to have any "grandkids." As you might guess, this grex is also a victim of the name changing game in the orchid world and the correct genus is now *Rhynchobrassoleya* (*Rby*.).

So if you like "chartreusey" colored orchids for a change of pace, try *Blc*. Everything Nice.

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

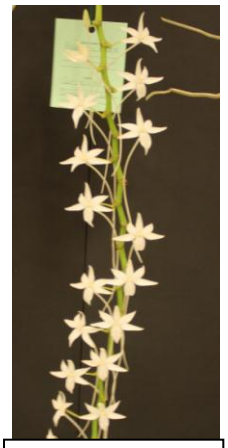
JUNE 2015 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser

LARGE CATTLEYA
Bc. Morning Glory

SMALL CATTLEYA
Encyclia Cindy

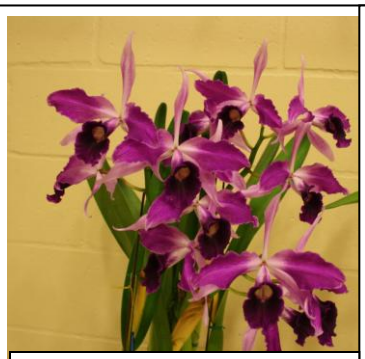
LARGE VANDA
V. June Simpson 'David's Purple Passion' AM/AOS



SMALL VANDA
Aerangis Elro

DENDROBIUM
Den. White Grace

SLIPPER ORCHID
Paph. Psyche 'Krull Smith'



LARGE SPECIES
L. purpurata v. flamea 'Nancy'

SMALL SPECIES
Rhynchostylis retusa v. alba

MEDIUM SPECIES
Den. unicom

PHALAENOPSIS
Phal. Taisuco Micky

OTHER TRIBES
Ctsm. Jumbo Longan

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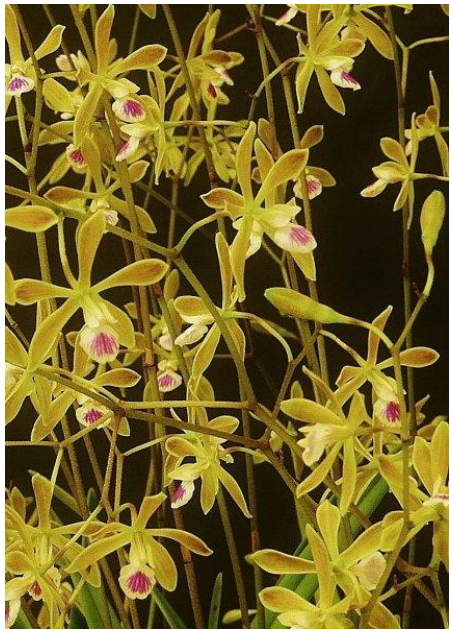
Photos by Sue Roehl

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Lc.* Canhamiana v. coerulea**
'Azure Skies'
Owner: Lola Moncsko



SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Encyclia tampensis
Owner: Elaine Gates

Naples Orchid Society Monthly Plant Table Results
June 04, 2015

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Bc. Morning Glory
Owner: Kris Morton
Second Place: Lc. Canhamiana v. coerulea 'Azure Skies'
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: Blc. Willette Wong 'The Best'
Owner: Joylett Davis

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Encyclia Cindy
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Yam. Queen Adelia 'Kiilani'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Brm. Jamaica Fire
Owner: Joylett Davis

Large Vandas
First Place: V. June Simpson 'David's Purple Passion' AM/AOS
Owner: David Genovese
Second Place: V. Suzanne Rutzke 'Classy Lady' AM/AOS
Owner: Kris Morton
Third Place: V. Rasri Gold x V. Dr. Anek 'No, 2'
Owner Jan Cabana:

Small Vandas
First Place: Aerangis Elro
Owner: Elaine Gates
Second Place: V. Vinita
Owner: Kris Morton
Third Place: Rnst. Bangkok Beauty
Owner: Jan Cabana

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. White Grace
Owner: Barbara Crist

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. Taisuco Micky
Owner: Mary Southall
Large Species
First Place: L. purpurata v. flamea 'Nancy'
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: C. leopoldii
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: B. nodosa
Owner: Jan Cabana

Medium Species
First Place: Den. unicom
Owner: Twyla Leigh
Second Place: Encyclia tampensis
Owner: Elaine Gates
Third Place: Aerides houlletiana
Owner: Elaine Gates

Small Species
First Place: Rhynchostylis retusa v. alba
Owner: Elaine Gates

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Miltassia Shelob
Owner: Jan Cabana
Second Place: Onc. Hula Halau 'Volcano Queen'
Owner: Barbara Crist
Third Place: Alcra. Flying High 'Stars & Bars'
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Paph. Psyche 'Krull Smith'
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Other Tribes
First Place: Ctsm. Jumbo Longan
Owner: Carolyn Booker

Orphan Table
First Place: ??
Owner: Rose Anthony

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Encyclia tampensis
Owner: Elaine Gates

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Lc. Canhamiana v. coerulea 'Azure Skies'
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Angraecum
Winner: Elaine Gates

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.