Naples Orchid Society

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Our August monthly meeting is Thursday,
August 3, 2017,
At the Moorings Presbyterian Church
Baker Gym
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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 speaker will be
Jim Roberts
FL SunCoast Orchids
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Bill's Mini Culture Class in July will be "How to properly water your orchid."

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.

AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7 MONTHLY MEETING
Roy Krueger
Sarasota, FL
"Orchids we all should grow."

NEXT NOS BOD MTG.
Sept. 28, 2017
6:30 PM
NOS SHOW COMM. MTG. will follow after the BOD mtg.
All are welcome.

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is August 26,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

NAPLES YARD & GARDEN SHOW
October 21-22,
UF/IFAS Collier Ext.
14700 Immokalee Rd.
http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers—Our July meetings are usually devoted to learning about the study of native orchids in Southwest Florida and this past meeting was no exception. Seventy-nine brave souls battled the rain and hot weather to hear Dr. Larry Zettler, Director of the Orchid Recovery Program at Illinois College in Jacksonville Illinois, and two of his students Adam Herdman and Conner Melton, whom we are supporting on internships, report on their on-going research on the Ghost Orchid in the Panther Preserve and Fakahatchee Strand here in SW Florida and the extension of their project with Dr. Ernesto Mujica in Cuba. It was very exciting to learn about the great progress they are making in understanding this fascinating and elusive orchid. We were also treated to a report by David Riera from Florida International University, Miami, whom we also supported to study several threatened and endangered orchids, in Florida, specifically, the cow horn orchid and its seed propagation. He has developed a method for protecting the tiny orchid seeds while maintaining their genetic viability through freezing (cryogenetics). The Naples Orchid Society is very pleased to continue our mission to support research on local orchids through the efforts of these fine students.

Your Board of Directors has made several major decisions to better serve the Society. The first one involves the Plant Table Awards at the end of the year. We have decided to "streamline" the awards, down from the six currently given to three: First Place $300; Second Place $200; and Third Place $100, effectively immediately for this 2017 year. It has been very exciting to see so many plants brought in for our "friendly competition" and we hope that you will continue to share your beautiful orchids with us each month.

Also, regarding the Plant Table—"due to popular demand," and an increase in the number of "miniature" Phalaenopsis brought in for competition, beginning in January 2018, we will modify the Phalaenopsis category to "Large Phalaenopsis" (flowers 3 inches or larger) and "Small Phalaenopsis" (flowers smaller than 3 inches).

The third decision involves the Annual Fall Plant Sale. In the past several years we have seen a continual and significant decline in the number of people attending the sale and at the same time we have encountered significant increase costs in putting on the sale. As a result, our "surplus" from the sale has dropped to not much more than our expenses, so the Board has decided NOT to have an Annual Fall Sale for a while. This also is effective immediately for the 2017 year. We hope, as a result, that more effort can be put into our Annual Winter Orchid Show.

I am looking forward to our August meeting when Jim Roberts of Florida SunCoast Orchids, Sarasota, will be our featured speaker. Jim and Florida SunCoast, as you know are "regulars" at our Annual Orchid Show. Jim always has very interesting and informative presentations and also a fine selection of orchids for sale. Hope to see you all there. Until then, keep you orchids happy. …… *Dick*

JULY MONTLY MEETING ATTENDANCE: 79 RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $144
SCARF & RUM RAFFLE PROCEEDS FOR OUR NOS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: $40

Winner of the scarf & rum raffle was Caroline Booker!!! Thank you to Caroline & congrats.!!!

Announcing the Kick-off of the 2018 Scholarship Fund Challenge!

You can contribute to NOS's most important program, get a tax deduction and have your gift doubled! A small group of NOS members is challenging you to give a donation to assure that the critical 4th year of the Ghost Orchid research data will happen. Why? Because our NOS annual sale, usually held in October or November will not take place this year. The sale has been our main fundraiser through the years.

Why is next year so important for the Scholarship program to be funded? Because four years of data are necessary for the software program to use to be able to predict the future populations of Ghost Orchids in SWFL. The crucial fourth year (2018) of data collection is needed for this research. So what is NOS doing about it?

We are holding a Matching Contributions Challenge. For each donation you give to this restricted fund for 2018 scholarships, it will be matched, dollar for dollar, until the matching funds are gone. Think BIG! The Challenge will run through December, 2017. Please send your checks to NOS, P.O. Box 7998, Naples, FL 34101 and mark on the envelop and your check: for the 2018 Scholarship Fund. Or give your donation in a marked envelop to Nanett Boerner, treasurer or Dick Pippen, president. Arrangements can also be made to donate by credit card.

No contribution is too small, but we are hoping you will give generously. This program sets NOS above most other societies that do not place an importance on research and education and are this successful. Please consider giving. NOS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your gift will be tax-deductible.

An update from Kit:

Here is a link to Dr. Zettler's interview at WGCU (National Public Radio.) It was made possible by Jim Rawson, Publicity Chair. Thanks Jim!

Dr. Mujica will be arriving in Miami tomorrow and will begin his research/data collection at the FPNWR. Dr. Gonzalez will arrive July 20th and join the research efforts (barring flooding rains- even then I expect that the data collection will go on with kayaks and canoes, plus swimming.)

Donna McGinnis, CEO of NBGarden, has invited them to discuss Cuba, Soroa Garden and ways that mutual benefits may occur. Donna has also accepted an invitation to come to our August meeting. I sincerely hope that 5-10 minutes can be spared at that meeting for our Cuban guests to thank our members for their support and for Adam and Connor to elate updates to the 2017 research.

Thanks for all your support, I think it speaks very well for our Society that we will be mentioned in Dr. Zettler's interviews and also his presentation to the World Orchid Conference meeting in November in Ecuador. Even though native orchids are not the most showy and well known, the research on them is becoming important and Dr. Zettler and his collaborators are on the cutting edge of it. Also cutting edge is the relationship with Cuba, hopefully this may expand with interest at NBG.

Good morning. The WGCU (NPR) radio interview on the Ghost Orchid research effort in S Florida apparently has aired. The link is below in case you'd like to hear it. Hopefully this will generate more positive publicity for orchid conservation in our part of the world.

http://news.wgcu.org/programs/gulf-coast-live-wgcu

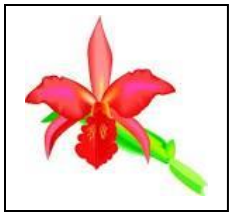
Dr. Lawrence W. Zettler
Hitchcock Professor of Biology
Illinois College

PHOTOS FROM OUR JULY 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

Photos by Dick Pippen

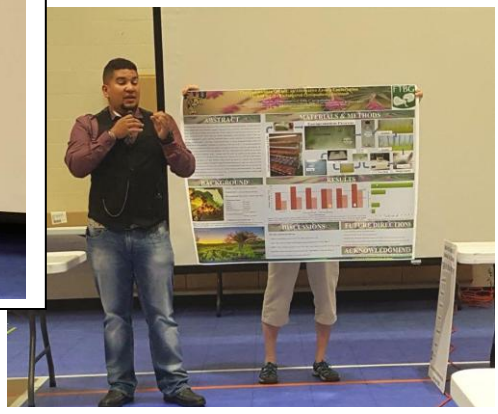
Bill's Mini Culture Class

Dr. Larry Zettler with Adam & Conner



NBG CEO/President Donna Mc Ginnis with Kit

David Riera from FIU



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Expanded e-version will have more information about our sponsors.

TASKS FOR AUGUST

From Florida Orchid Growing – Month by Month by Martin Motes, Ph.D.

- **Finish cutting teretes & reed stem epidendrums early in the month.**
- **Reset strap leaf vandas early or not at all.**
- **Dry hard once or twice.**
- **Continue anti fungal spray program.**
- **Apply snail bait lightly twice, ten days apart.**

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
July 6, 2017
Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm and reviewed the emergency exits and procedures. He thanked Mary Jo Shivley and all those who made and brought in the refreshments.
Eunice Walker is having a private plant sale, on July 22 from 9am to 12 noon, on her lanai. (107 Warwick Hills Dr. (off Rattlesnake by Hibiscus.)
Dick introduced Donna McGuiness, Pres. & CEO of Naples Botanical Gardens, and Rich Ackerman, Allan Fogar and Craig Barry from Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society.
Dr. Larry Zettler and his interns (Adam and Connor), from the Orchid Recovery Program at Illinois College are also visiting and will be speaking later; and Grant Morton, a former student of Dr. Zettler now working on his Ph.D at University Wisconsin, studying Vanilla orchids. Also David Riera from FIU whose research we have supported.
Our August meeting will feature Jim Roberts from Florida SunCoast Orchids.
Membership chair Veronica announced that we have 214 members and 215 Facebook likes. New website will be out soon.
Kit Kitchen-Maran announced that this is the 7th year of the internship program. We have almost 20 interns. Kit presented a poster illustrating the projects they have done. Kit thanked the Board for approving the request for additional funds ($5k) and Bill Overton for donating funds to reach our goal. The studies work on the ghost orchid in the Fakahatchee Strand. We have provided over $26k in support of these projects. We are one of the few societies supporting such research. Kit announced a matching challenge for the 2018 scholarship fund and asked for members to donate.
David Orr introduced our speaker, Dr. Larry Zettler and his interns, who updated us on their project in the Fakahatchee Strand, re-introducing native orchids.
Kit introduced David Riera who is researching orchid seed viability. David reported that his research focuses on orchids: threatened and endangered orchids, specifically, the cow horn orchid and its seed propagation. He has developed a method for protecting the tiny orchid seeds and duplicating them while maintaining genetic viability. David thanked NOS for its support.
Kit introduced Dr. Larry Zettler, Illinois College, head of the orchid recovery program. He and his students have carried out research here in SW Florida on the native Florida orchids. Dr. Zettler thanked the members for supporting his projects. He spoke about his projects.
Plant Table winners were announced and raffle winners were drawn.

NOTES FROM YOUR AOS REP. AND THE ORCHID DOCTOR

Bill Overton

Two Opportunities Coming Up

For all beginners and novice growers I want to make you aware of a couple of opportunities that you may want to take advantage of in the near future.

Next month's culture class will be on "How to Properly Water Your Orchids." There will be a brief instructional period followed by questions and answers. I will provide a hand out to the first 20 people who attend the class prior to the meeting. There unfortunately is no sure fire easy formula that I can give you due to all of the variables but we will really discuss how to best water your orchids. So perhaps this is a class you do not want to miss!

The second thing is we at NOS are trying to schedule a Repotting Workshop for sometime this fall, perhaps early November. It will be a single 2 hour class at the Naples Botanic Garden. The first hour will be detailed demonstrations on just how I repot different types of orchids, then you can give it a try. All attendees should bring an orchid that they want to repot along with a pot and media. I will personally guide each and every attendee through the process of repotting. The class is limited to a maximum of ten (10) people. There is a form that you can pick up and fill out to reserve your place in the class. Fee: $20 for non-members, $10 for members, but you need to sign up. As of this moment I have just a single person signed up. I need more - otherwise it will be rescheduled for another time. Please see me for the form. So for all our members who have asked me about scheduling something like this, here is your chance. Speak now or forever hold your media!! …….. Bill

Thank you to our July refreshment providers: Karen Davenport, Marilyn Moser, Barbara Crist, Eunice Walker, Cheryle Daniel, Sharron Abrams, Ralph Brand & Lanelle Bishop; to our Raffle Table worker: Sue Roehl; to our Plant Table workers: Karen Davenport, Sheila Demkovich, & Eunice Walker. Please contact Mary Jo Shively @ maryjoshively@gmail.com if you would like to bring refreshments for our August or September monthly mtgs.

September 9-10: Florida West Coast Orchid Society Sale & Exhibition, 4951 78th Ave. N, Pinellas Park, FL; Contact: Stuart Fraser, 727-7420461; sfraser0326@aol.com.
September 16-17: Ridge Orchid Society Show "Orchid Jamboree," IFAS Stuart Center, 1702 US Highway 17-96 South, Bartow, FL; Contact: Glen Gary, 863-686-3590; glengary54@yahoo.com.
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October 27-29: East Everglades Orchid Society Show & Sale, RF Orchids, 28100 SW 182 Ave., Homestead, FL. Contact: Valerie Leonard, 305-903-0603, valda.900@hotmail.com.

An Orchid Vignette—I Only Have Eyes for You

There are a number of fascinating orchid flowers that have an unusual color pattern in the lateral petals—a lighter colored area, usually white or yellow, creating "eye-like" or mask-like illusions. Here are a few that look back at you, some smiling, some frowning.

Laeliocatonia. Quest's Sexy Eyes (1). I think this is a great name for this orchid! It reminds me of a masquerade ball mask. *Lctna*. Quest's Sexy Eyes is a cross between *Lc*. Shellie Compton and *Cattleytonia* Capri. It was created by Quest Orchids of Miami and registered by them in 2003. The same year it was registered Quest entered it for judging in the Jacksonville Orchid Show and the grex earned an AM/AOS and they called the cultivar 'Cuesta.' I got my plant at the 2010 NOS Orchid Sale and it has been blooming twice a year for me. The flowers are about 3-4 inches across and varying shades of lavender. The plant stands about 10 inches tall. Because *Lc*. Shellie Compton is now a *Cattleya*, Quest's Sexy Eyes is now a *Cattleytonia*.

Cattleytonia Capri (2) is a Masquerade Ball mask with "eyes." Since this is one of the parents of Lctna. Quest's Sexy Eyes you would expect it to have "eyes." *Ctna*. Capri is a cross between *Cattleytonia* Jamaica Red x *Cattleya intermedia*. This grex was created by the Orchid Center in Hawaii and registered by H & R Orchids, also of Hawaii, in 1988. It has earned two AOS awards, a HCC and an AM, both to the cultivar 'Lea.' In addition to *Lctna*. Quest's Sexy Eyes, Capri has been used as a parent in 73 registered crosses and is "grandparent" to 92 registered crosses. You can see why it is so popular with the "mask face" flower in subtle shades of lavender and white. Like most Cattleytonias this plant has narrow leaves and stands only about eight to 10 inches tall. It flowers about twice a year.

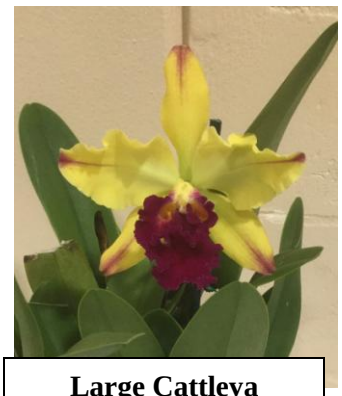
Brassolaeliocattleya Fran's Fantasy's flowers (3) also have a nice "Masquerade Ball Mask", but with "yellow cheeks" in the lip. The sepals are a creamy-white to pale green color in contrast to the lavender petals. This grex is a cross between *Lc*. Hawaiian Fantasy x *Blc*. Waikiki Gold. It was created by Benjamin Kodama of Hawaii and registered by Francis Aisaka, also of Hawaii, in 1986. It has received two AOS awards, a HCC and an AM, both to the same cultivar, 'Blanche,' exhibited by RF Orchids. The grex has not been used as a parent in any crosses. Because the generic names of the parents have changed, this orchid is now a *Rhyncholaeliocattleya*.

So if you don't mind your orchids "looking back at you," try adding one or more of these visual delights to your collection.

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

JULY 2017 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser (with 55 orchids entered & 37 voting)

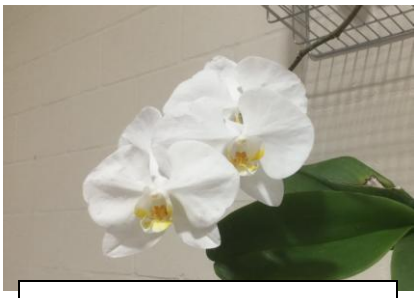


Large Cattleya
***Blc.* Taiwan Ruby 'Orchis'**

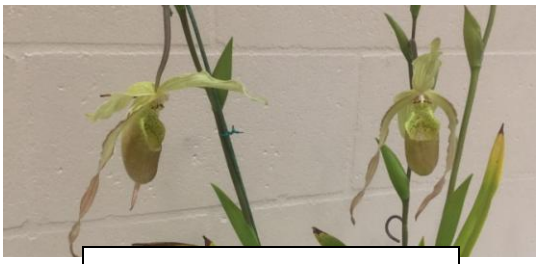
Large Vanda
***V.* Wattana Pink**

Small Vanda
***Prra.* Bangkok Sunset**

Dendrobiums
***Den.* Sonia**



Phalaenopsis
***Phal.* Sogo Yukidian**



Large Species
Paph. rothschildianum

Medium Species
Enc. tampensis alba

Oncidium Alliance
***Aliceara* Sunday Best "Muffin'**

Slipper Orchids
***Phrag.* After Glo**

Other Tribes
***Clowesetum*Sandy Kasner**

Orphan Table
Dendrobium

PLANT TABLE AWARDS JUNE 2017

Photos by Sue Roehl

BEST HYBRID
***Otaara* Hidden Gold**
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran

BEST SPECIES
Dendrochilum filiforme
Owner" Jim Longwell

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results
July 06, 2017

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc Taiwan Ruby 'Orchis'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Otaara Hidden Gold
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran
Second Place: Epy. Laura Meyer
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Encyclia Cindy
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Wattana Pink
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vandas
First Place: Prra. Bangkok Sunset
Owner: David Genovese
Second Place: V. Rose Gem x V. Korb Fah
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: V. denisoniana x V. Suksamran Spots
Owner: Karen Davenport

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Sonia
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Den. Green Lantern
Owner: David Genovese
Third Place: Den. Thangchai Gold
Owner: Karen Davenport

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. Sogo Yukidian
Owner: David Orr
Second Place: Dtps. Purple Rain
Owner: David Orr
Third Place: Dtps. Jiaho Cherry
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran

Large Species
First Place: Paph rothschildianum
Owner: Jim Longwell

Medium Species
First Place: Enc. tampensis alba
Owner: Eunice Walker

Small Species
First Place: Dendrochilum filiforme
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: Cirrhopetalum cummigii
Owner: Barbara Crist
Third Place: Chiloschista parshii
Owner: Elaine Gates

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Aliceara Sunday Best 'Muffin'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Bratonia Kauai Choice
Owner: Elaine Gates
Third Place: Mtssa. Estrelita 'Sweet Senorita'
Owner: David Orr

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Phrag. After Glo
Owner: Barbara Crist

Other Tribes
First Place: Clowesetum Sandy Kasner
Owner: Eunice Walker

Orphan Table
First Place: Dendrobium
Owner: Karen Davenport

Green Tag
Plant Name: "Rain Check"
Owner: Barbara Crist

Best Species
Plant Name: Dendrochilum filiforme
Owner: Jim Longwell

Best Hybrid
Plant Name: Otaara Hidden Gold
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran

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