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.

www.naplesorchidsociety.org

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Come to the August Meeting Thursday August 2, 2012 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.

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The Program will be Joe Hayden Sun Bulb Orchids Arcadia, FL

"Phaleanopsis Culture" Failsafe Phals

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter is the 15th of the month, 3 pm.
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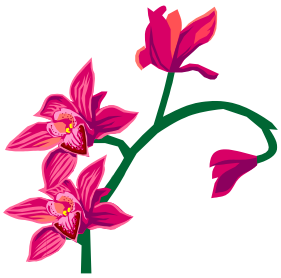
Upcoming Events

Next meeting September 6
Yolanda Cuesta
Cuesta Orchids
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
August 16, 2012
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date, August 25
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

NEXT NOS SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
September, 2012
Date to be announced later
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Kit Kitchen-Maran
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Dear NOS Members,
Here's to a pleasant summer, wherever you are! Naples has been getting loads of rain every day and has been relatively comfortable in comparison to other places. Hope you are able to keep (your plants) ahead of the fungus and pests.

Thanks so much to Patrece Remmel and her friend Lisa Rebele for the beautiful new business card for NOS. Be sure to pick up several at the August meeting so you can invite those you meet who are interested in orchids to come to our meetings, sale or show. They are available at the membership table. FYI: the Fall sale will be on November 3rd this year.

Thanks too, to Kris Morton who was instrumental in getting the Naples Botanical Garden to purchase Jim Connell's orchid collection. Now everyone who goes to the Garden may be able to enjoy seeing this prize-winning collection!

NOS is now part of the 1%FOC (For Orchid Conservation). This organization has the goal of urging orchid societies to contribute 1% of their budgets for activities which promote orchid conservation. 1%FOC does not accept funds or have any other requirements for membership.

Our Board agreed in June that our scholarships and goal of a grant to the Corkscrew Swamp education program qualifies us. The logo is on the homepage of our website and is a link that will take you to their website. Another benefit is that NOS can use and contribute educational materials to promote awareness of the importance of conserving orchids.

There's a new book out called *The Scent of Scandal* by Craig Pittman. It's about Selby Garden's involvement with the illegal Phragmipedium kovachii in 2002. Haven't read it yet, but it was just reviewed in the Naples Daily News. Maybe something to do on a rainy day?

We are in the process of hopefully simplifying the plant table competition process so that volunteers who work to help us win our ribbons can also enjoy the meeting and program. Volunteers already give part of their time for this valuable tradition so that all members can benefit. Let's think about them too.

See you at the August meeting on the 2nd!
Kit

NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY'S 2012 Scholarship Winners Speak at July Meeting: Biological Control for Scale Insects to Come from Field Research???

Submitted by Kit Kitchen-Maran

Scholarship recipients Crystal Elliott and Adam Zindel and their professor, Dr. Larry Zettler from Illinois College at Jacksonville, Illinois, were introduced at the July meeting of the Naples Orchid Society. Dr. Zettler's sister, Dr. Jennifer Zettler, an entomologist, accompanied them. Research work they will be involved with may have benefits for Florida's wild native orchids as well as domesticated hybrid plants grown by hobby and commercial growers.

Elliott and Zindel will be stationed at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge for the month of July and will be working with Larry Richardson, biologist with the refuge, and with Mike Owen, biologist with the Fakahatchee Strand State Park. They will be continuing field research on armored scale insects begun last year by Dr. Zettler's students, Haleigh Ray and John McCormick., who were recipients of 2011 scholarships from the Naples Orchid Society. Results of that research were published in *Florida Entomologist* and can be read on the NOS website at www.naplesorchidsociety.org at the link to the Florida Orchid Conservation Conference.

NOS's mission is to promote the appreciation and cultivation of orchids as a hobby as well as dedication to preserving native Florida orchids and their habitats. "We are very glad to have a part in supporting this important study." said Dr. Richard Pippen, member of the NOS Board and Scholarship Committee chairperson, "Results will be very meaningful to the orchid community, for both those who love their potted hybrid orchids and those who appreciate orchids in the wild. Last year, a small parasite was discovered in some of the scale insects' bodies. This may have great implications for biological controls of the armored scales." He added, "Dr. Zettler has urged NOS to be aware that SW Florida is a crucial area for the huge number and diversity of species of America's native orchids in the wild. The research that is going on here will have an impact on orchids on an international level."
For more information about the Naples Orchid Society, go to www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Kit Kitchen-Maran, NOS President, Crystal Elliott, Intern, Adam Zindel, Intern, Jennifer Zettler, Entomologist, Larry Zettler, Research Advisor, Dick Pippen, Chair, NOS Scholarship Committee, at the July meeting of the Naples Orchid Society.

THANK YOU TO OUR JULY COOKIE BAKERS
Deborah Gallagher, Mark Hudak, Walter and Trudy Dehmel, Eunice Walker and Pam Fowler

AND TO OUR BEVERAGE PROVIDER
Mark Hudak

REMINDER TO COOKIE BAKERS FOR AUGUST
Monica Higgins, Deborah Gallagher, Freddie Brantley and Wilma Swan

THANK YOU TO OUR PLANT TABLE WORKERS
Dick Pippen, Marilyn Moser and Dave Orr

THANK YOU TO OUR RAFFLE TABLE WORKERS
Bertha Chinn, Denise Sapia and Carol Talanian

RAFFLE TABLE PROFITS FROM OUR JUNE 2012 MEETING: $225
ATTENDANCE AT OUR JUNE MEETING: 110

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ralph Brand will have his annual orchid sale Saturday, August 4, from 9 am – 12 noon, @ 443 Dundee Court. He will have Cats., and Paphs. for sale at very reasonable prices. For more information contact Ralph @ 649-1325.

South Florida Orchid Society "Autumn Festival of Orchids"
October 5, 6 & 7, 2012, Coral Gables, FL
For more information contact: www.sflorchid.com

NOTE: If you are interested in a NOS bus trip to the Orchid Fall Festival in Redlands in October please contact Deborah Gallagher @ deborahsgourmetgarden@comcast.net.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Connie Brennan, 1208 NW 13th Place, Cape Coral, FL 33993, 239-473-5294, cbrenz@sbcglobal.net

CARE AND CONDOLENCE CARDS

Get well card to Marilyn Moser after her knee replacement surgery and sympathy card to Bill Overton for the loss of his father.

CHECK OUT THE COVER OF THE JULY "ORCHIDS" MAGAZINE

***Rodrumnia* Flirtation 'Nan-Nor,' AM/AOS. Grower: Nancy and Frank Ginocchio!**

Growing Your Orchids Better

By Bill Overton, digicatpaw@yahoo.com

Cattleya aclandiae

Ever since I started growing orchids, my first love was always the Cattleyas. I enjoyed species in particular with the large flowered unifoliates presenting huge blooms on large plants with huge pseudobulbs and a single leathery leaf. But the bifoliate cattleyas, with smaller, more intensely colored flowers and often blooming with clusters of six or more flowers per inflorescence, were amongst my favorite plants!

Many Cattleyas proved difficult for me to grow successfully back on Long Island, New York. I had limited success with such species as C. labiata, C. intermedia, and C. bowringiana, but in general had poor results with this genus. Now having lived in southwest Florida for three years, my Cattleyas have found new vigor and my excitement abounds! Plants like Cattleya bowringiana always grew and flowered up North, but here the growths are larger and the flowers are bigger and more numerous. These are the results I had expected all those years ago. A plant of mine even flowered last year for seven months in a row rather than just a single time in October.

But in this genus, Cattleya aclandiae had always been my favorite. The plants are rather compact in size with slender two and a half to three inch pseudobulbs topped by one or two three to four inch flowers. Their fragrance is wonderfully spicy in nature. The sepals and petals range in color from green through bronze with several purple-brown blotches or spots. The lip is white with a marvelously colored dark magenta apical lobe often creating a striking color contrast! Over the years, I had become an expert at killing them. Florida has given me another chance to succeed. Here in southwest Florida they are thriving! Why? Well you have to understand where they come from in Brazil, their country of origin. They are found in the state of Bahia, growing in a climate very similar to our own desert southwest. The last time I checked, the desert southwest was difficult to mimic on Long Island! But here, it is relatively warm year round with our cooler winters providing the plants a much needed rest period. The heat and summer rains are ideal for maximum growth. Since they grow on rocky outcroppings in Brazil, I use clay pots here. Rocky outcroppings, I imagine, dry out very quickly in the Brazilian sunshine so here I use a mix of aliflor (baked clay,) charcoal and sponge rock. My plants seem to love it. My aclandiaes are blooming three times a year with two, or even three flowers, per spike.

My success with this species has also encouraged me to try other spotted hybrids and species as well. Things like C.schilleriana, C. leopoldii, and C. guttata and their hybrids. I am having more success here as well. One such hybrid is C.Waianae Leopard. It is readily available and often inexpensive. I purchased a small plant from a vendor three years ago and it bloomed in 2009 with four flowers. It is currently in flower now, but the inflorescence has eleven spotted blooms with an interesting spicy fragrance. It is flowering on a rather compact plant in a six inch plastic pot. It is also growing in the aliflor based mix.

So remember to do your research and attend meetings, and ask questions. If you see someone growing and flowering a plant you like, ask them how they do it. The results can often be rewarding! And you can always ask me a question anytime!

An Orchid Vignette—A Mystery—*B.* nodosa x *Lc.* Wailea

Brassavola nodosa **has been used as a parent in over 800 registered crosses.** ***Lc.*** **Wailea has nine registered offspring and 32 registered "grandkids." So what plant do I end up with?? One that is NOT registered, of course, but too "neat" to ignore. As I have mentioned before I don't think I like green orchids, but I keep acquiring them. What I do like is** ***Brassavola nodosa*** **and her hybrids. That is why I "latched onto" this one.**

I got my plant of ***B. nodosa*** **x** ***Lc.*** **Wailea from Jade Orchids in July of 2010. I like the "nodosa" character of narrow sepals and petals, green in color, and the flared, white lip. There are even "little" lines of purple spilling out from the center of the lip. It has a slight spicy fragrance during the daytime. The plant itself is has narrow upright leaves, that stand about eight to ten inches tall. So far my plant has been blooming twice a year.**

The "mystery" is where did this cross come from? Who created it? Why didn't they register it? For now there are no good answers to those questions. I asked Dave and Judy White at Jade Orchids if they remembered where they got the plant and they thought that it originally came from the collection of one of their old clients, that they had had the plant for a long, long time.

A second mystery surrounds ***Lc.*****Wailea.** ***Brassavola nodosa*** **is well known, and there are many photos and lots of information available about this species.** ***Lc.*** **Wailea, however appears to be quite "reclusive." This grex has won no AOS awards, or any others that I have been able to find, and I have been unable, so far, to find any photographs of the flower. The grex was created by Kathy & Mariano Reyes and registered by them in 1977. Little is known about the Reyes except that they registered two other greges, and are from Maui, Hawaii (hence the name Wailea).**

Lc. **Wailea is a complex hybrid, a cross between** ***Lc.*** **Little Don and** ***Lc.*** **Adelaide Waltman. There are many shades of greens, yellows and purples in the family background, so I am assuming that** ***Lc.*** **Wailea is some combination of green and purple.**

It has been a parent in nine crosses, and as mentioned before, has 32 "grandkids." One of the offspring is ***Blc.*** **Hawaiian Passion which is a cross between** ***Lc*** **Wailea and** ***Blc.*** **Waikiki Gold (the latter is another oldie-but-goodie that I like really well). This grex has flowers that have chartreuse sepals and petals and a cream colored lip**

Of course if this combination was ever to be registered, instead of a ***Blc*** **(*Brassavola x Laelia x Cattleya*), it would be a** ***Brassocattleya*** **since all of the laelias involved in** ***Lc.*** **Wailea are now** ***Cattleya.*** **If I were to register this grex and give it a name, I think it would have to be** ***Brassocattleya*** **Little Green Apples ☺**

Contributed by Dick Pippen

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
July 5, 2012
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

- **President Kit Kitchen-Maran called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.**
- **Treasurer Bill Overton was absent.**
- **Deborah Gallagher reported that there will be a bus trip on Oct 6th to the Redlands Orchid Festival. We will go to Motes, Soroa, Whimsey, Caribe and last stop at RF Orchids. $40 for members and $45 for non-members. BYO lunch. Bus leaves at 8am, please arrive by 7:30am. We get back around 5pm. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Make checks payable to NOS.**
- **Kit thanked the cookie bakers and drink providers. We need additional cookie bakers and drink providers. Please sign up.**
- **Kit mentioned the Macy's Shop for a Cause fundraiser.**
- **Ted Moore announced that he is working on outreach. He has contacted Collier County Museum to hang orchids in their gazebo. Please consider donating an orchid.**
- **Membership Chair Nanett Boerner reported the new members. Total of 237 members.**
- **Kit introduced Dr. Larry Zettler who supervises the students to whom NOS has given scholarships. Links to their scholarly papers are on our website. Two of the students were introduced, Crystal Elliott and Adam Zendell.**
- **Dr. Zettler briefly described the studies being done in the Fakahatchee Strand on scale in native orchids and thanked NOS for its support.**
- **Norm Dolder reported that the speaker next month will be Joe Hayden from Sun Bulb Orchids speaking on phaleanopsis.**
- **Deborah Gallagher introduced the speaker.**
- **Speaker Thomas Hecker of EcoBotanic Designs presented on "The Birds, the Bees and Sexy Orchids in the Trees."**
- **Raffle winners were announced.**
- **The plant table winners were announced, but ribbons will be awarded at August meeting.**
- **The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.**

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.

!!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR AUGUST 2nd MEETING COMPETITION !!!

NOS members who want to enter plants in the monthly meeting competition will be required to FILL OUT TWO GREEN CARDS COMPLETELY FOR EACH PLANT ENTERED on Thursday night.

1. Tie one correctly filled out green card to your plant as usual.

2. Get a second green card *without a string* and fill it in completely like you did for the green card on your plant. ON THIS DUPLICATE CARD, WRITE THE CATEGORY ENTERED AND THE NUMBER YOU HAVE PUT ON YOUR PLANT FOR VOTING ABOVE THE FOLD LINE ON THE CARD.

Categories are:

- ***. Large Cattleya**
- ***. Small Cattleya**
- ***. Large Vanda**
- ***. Small Vanda**
- ***. Dendrobium**
- ***. Phalaenopsis**
- ***. Large Species**
- ***. Medium Species**
- ***. Small Species**
- ***. Oncidiums**
- ***. Slippers**
- ***. Other Tribes**

C. harrisoniana
Owner: Dick Pippen

3. TAKE THIS DUPLICATE CARD TO THE PLANT TABLE AND HAND IT TO THE VOLUNTEER

4. Please vote for your favorites as usual.

Please follow these instructions to have a chance for your orchid to win. The ballots will be counted as usual and ribbons will be awarded. Winning plants and their owners will be published in the September newsletter. Gold ribbon plant award photos will be taken at the August meeting. The Green Tag Plant will be awarded at the August meeting.

Your assistance and cooperation in this valuable and fun traditional part of our monthly meeting will be gratefully appreciated. We are trying to make the plant table procedure less time consuming and problematic for the volunteers who graciously and generously have given up enjoying the program in the past so that all members can enjoy this competition.

JULY 2012 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

Photographer: Susan Roehl

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Dendrobium secundum
Owner: Jose Davila

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
Lc. Loog Tone 'African Beauty'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Plant Table Results
July 5, 2012

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Lorraine Shirai 'Ray'
Owner: Jose Davila

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Loog Tone 'African Queen'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Sbmca. Garnet Glory
Owner: Jose Davila
Third Place: Blc. Waianae Leopard
Owner: Barbara Crist

Small Vandas
First Place: V. Fuchs Sunrise
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Ascda. Mem. Louis Matos
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Ascda. Wasana Delight
Owner: Leslie Costello

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Emma White
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil
Second Place: Den. Mini Stripes
Owner: Eunice Walker

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Dtps. Taida Wonder
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil

Medium Species
First Place: Grammatophylum scriptum v. citrinum
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: Grammatophylum scriptum
Owner: Freddie Brantley
Third Place: Grammatophylum scriptum
Owner: Jose Davila

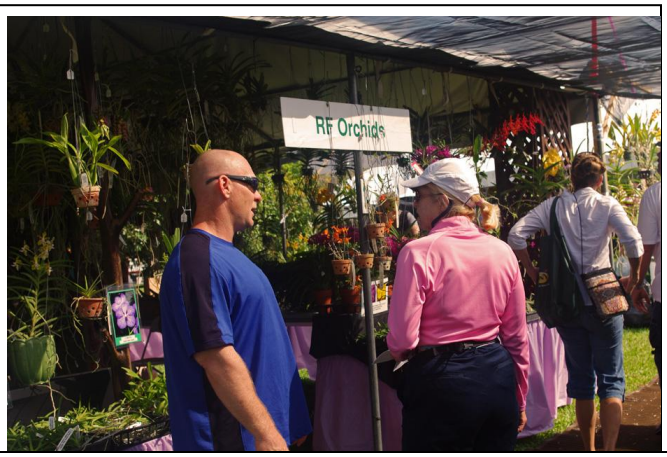
Small Species
First Place: Dendrobium secundum
Owner: Jose Davila

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Alcra. Sunday Best 'Muffin'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Mtdm. Kings Baby
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Dendrobium secundum
Owner: Jose Davila

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Lc. Loog Tone 'African Beauty
Owner: Eunice Walker

Green Tag Winner:
Corrie Van Caulil



Nancy Ginocchio speaking to Ken @ RF Orchids during Redland International Orchid Festival

Marilyn and Kris @ Redlands with "the one that got away!"