Naples Orchid Society

N E W S L E T T E R

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 August Meeting Thursday August 1, 2013 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 featured speaker will be Axel Cahiz Amazonia Orchids Homestead, FL "Care of Orchids Grown in Stalite"

Our Mini Culture Class starts at 6 PM. Bill Overton will be the orchid doctor. Bring in a plant or two & he will evaluate what might be wrong & then make recommendations All are welcome!

An exciting new raffle will start at our next monthly meeting!

August 2013 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

September 5, 2013
Speaker Ruben Sauleda from Ruben in Orchids will speak on "Brassavola and nodosa hybrids."

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
September 19, 2013
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is August 24
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

Orchid Sale @ Ralph Brand's, Aug. 31. See pg. 3 for more info.

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,

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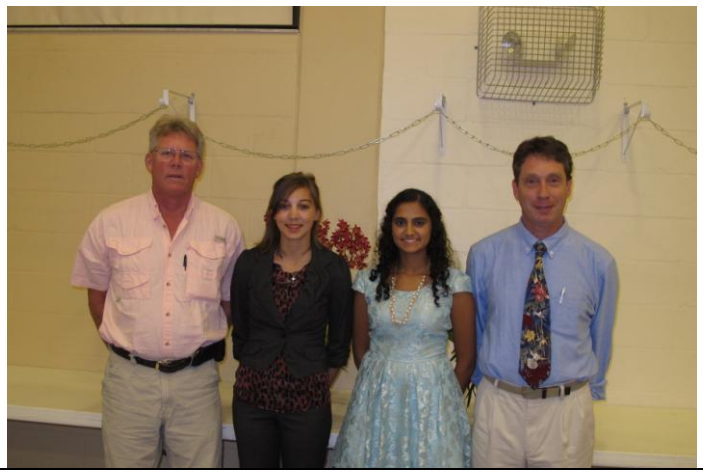
Greetings Orchid Lovers—what a treat to have Dr. Lawrence Zettler, of Illinois College as our guest speaker at our July meeting. Dr. Zettler told us about his Orchid Recovery Program, a long range research program at Illinois College that since 1996 has involved 72 undergraduate Illinois College students helping in original research aimed at conserving rare orchids in the Midwest, Hawaii, Florida and now Madagascar. Dr. Zettler's research focuses primarily on collecting the fungi that are necessary for orchid seeds to germinate in the wild, growing the fungi in the lab and then introducing orchid seeds into the culture. Once the seedlings have successfully grown, they reintroduce the young plants back into the "wild" habitat. The National Panther Refuge and the Fakahatchee Strand have been major sites of his ongoing research. Very exciting projects. And the two interns that we are supporting to help Dr. Zettler in his research this year, Kavita Patel and Korrie Edwards, were introduced at the meeting, too. (P.S. Not only were Dr. Zettler and his family at the meeting but also his mother and father—Dr. William Zettler, retired Professor of Plant Pathology from University of Florida).

We were also excited to have Mr. John Brady say a few words about his efforts to "adapt" the Everglades Wonder Garden in Bonita Springs into a botanical garden. He described his efforts and put in a request for us to donate some orchids that he can put into the trees.

Our efforts to help Barbara Gallipeau sell her husband George's orchid collection at the end of June, was quite successful. Barbara was quite appreciative and she has sent a very nice thank you note and a donation to the Society for $300. Following the "Gallipeau experience," the Board of Directors has created the "Benevolence Committee" to take charge in situations like this when a member's collection becomes available and the spouse or family needs assistance. Bill Overton and Ralph Brand have agreed to head up this committee.

We are looking forward to welcoming Axel Cahiz, Amazonica Orchids of Homestead, FL as our August speaker. Axel has been hybridizing and growing orchids for a number of years. He will be speaking about "Growing Cattleyas in Stalite." See you all there!!

Dick



Larry Richardson (FL Panther Refuge,) interns Korrie Edwards, Kavita Patel & Dr. Larry Zettler
Photo by LaRaw Maran

John Brady from Everglades Wonder Gardens Bonita Springs, FL
Photo by Dick Pippen

THANK YOU TO OUR JULY PLANT TABLE WORKERS: **Dave Orr, Sheila Demkovich & Joy Corritore**
THANK YOU TO OUR JULY RAFFLE TABLE WORKERS: **Bertha Chinn & Denise Sapia**
THANK YOU TO OUR JULY COOKIE BAKERS: **Deborah Gallagher, Eunice Walker, Lanelle Bishop, Barbara Crist & Laura Stacell**
REMINDER TO OUR AUGUST COOKIE BAKER: **Deborah Gallagher**
WE NEED MORE COOKIE BAKERS! PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING IN SOME BAKED GOODS
THANK YOU TO OUR JULY REFRESHMENT PROVIDERS: **Patrece Remmel, Lanelle Bishop & Deborah Gallagher**
REMINDER TO OUR AUGUST REFRESHMENT PROVIDER: **Michelle Suppes**

JULY ATTENDANCE: 72 ***RAFFLE PLANTS: $154***

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW NOS MEMBERS
Angela Mintier, Jim Borre & Debra Addams

NOS is taking orchid donations for John Brady as he restores the historic Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs on Old 41. Other area plant societies are also participating. Orchids & bromeliads are now being attached to trees throughout the gardens which are open to the public. Please bring any donations to our monthly meetings.

CORRECTION TO ADDRESS/PHONE # LISTED IN NOS DIRECTORY
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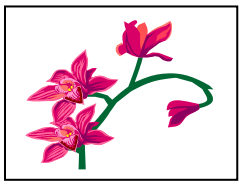
CARE AND CONDOLENCE
A get well card was sent to Alida Baum & her husband.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Don't forget to put this date on your calendar. Our "Catt Man," Ralph Brand, is having another orchid sale. Ralph has Cattleyas & Paphiopedilums for sale at reasonable prices. When: Saturday, August 31, 9 am – 12 noon. Where: 443 Dundee Court, Naples. Info: 239-649-1325

And our annual orchid sale will be held on Saturday, November 2. We need donations from members to increase the number of orchids on our sales tables. We will start collecting at our September 5 monthly meeting & then again at our October 3 meeting. Contact Sue Roehl at 404-1916 for more information. donations.



AOS CORNER

Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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What an informative meeting we had on July 11. I am so proud of our society for funding two scholarships to students from Illinois College to continue with the Orchid Recovery Program. Dr. Larry Zettler presented a very informative program.

To say I am getting a little tired of all this rain is an understatement. I guess we are making up for all of the months when we had no rain at all. At least I am using all of this nice rainwater to water my Phals & Paphs, especially because the water department is cleaning the system & the water smells & tastes like bleach, which I'm sure is not good for the orchids.

The AOS Fall Members and Trustees meetings will be held between the Courtyard Miami Coconut Grove and the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens November 15-17. A link for registration for the meeting should be on the AOS website shortly, as well as more information on the featured speakers and vendors.

Photos by Marilyn Moser

Rhynchostylis coelstris **Owner: Debbie Starrett**

Encyclia tampensis **Owner: Joylett Davis**

Dendrobiums

Small Cattleyas

FROM THE EDITOR

This is such a nice story that I just had to pass it on. One of our NOS members, Pam Hoctel, started a project three years ago & was assisted at that time by Nancy Ginocchio, past NOS President. Pam wanted to honor her mother who had been a patient at JoAnne's House (Hope Hospice on Imperial Road in Bonita Springs.) Nancy donated some orchids then as did RF Orchids. Last year Eastfork donated orchids. This year Eastfork's Paula Humphrey (also a member of NOS) donated over 50 orchids. Paula's husband had also been taken care of by JoAnne's House. Pam has been assisted by a friend & NOS member, Marilyn Dunlap, whose husband was also a Hospice patient. They place the orchids in Sabal palms & live oaks around the pond & fountain area for the patients & family members to enjoy. Pam would like to thank Paula & Eastfork for their donations. She would also like to request donations of panty hose for them to use attaching the orchids. Pam sent me the photos shown below. Thank you Pam, Marilyn, Paula & Eastfork. ***Kris***

Orchids from RF

GROWING TIPS FOR AUGUST

This rain is really getting old. Even though I have been adding SD 20 to my fertilizer application I still felt the need to spray with fungicide & insecticide again last week. I also sprayed at the orchid house at NBG where I volunteer every week. Most of my orchids are hanging in trees behind our home so they have been getting soaked almost daily. I have not watered those in weeks. At the Garden we are under cover with an irrigation system & we add the SD 20, along with Excel 15-5-15 weekly/weakly. We spot spray for insects & fungus but I have also been spraying a mixture of Banrot & Orthene every 4-6 weeks this summer. At home I use a mixture of Thiomyl/Dithane/Orthene. With all of this rain watch out for fungus & insects. I do not plan on repotting anything until later on this summer. There is just too much chance of black rot with all of this humidity. When you do re-pot be sure to clean off all of the old medium. It helps to spray roots with a mixture of SD 20/Physan, Superthrive & water. Paste any open wounds with sealer, such as Dithane or cinnamon. Set aside & let the roots dry off. Dry your orchids 'hard' once or twice during the month. Watch out for snails & treat with snail pellets. They love this weather. Every orchid hobbyist has his/her own way of growing. Do what works best for you, whether be it potting mixes, chemicals or natural ingredients. Come to our meetings & talk to members. We love sharing what works for us. Still lots to learn always. ☺ Email me with comments or questions. ***Kris***

PHOTOS FROM THE GEORGE GALLIPEAU ORCHID SALE

June 29, 2013

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
July 11, 2013
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.
Dick reviewed the emergency exit procedures.
Dick offered $1 for orchid stories. Kit and Cynthia told their orchid stories.
Dick thanked the cookie and beverage providers (and Lanelle for the cake).
Dick introduced the NOS scholarship interns, Korrie and Kavita.
Dick reported that the Gallipeau orchid sale was very successful. The proceeds were given to Mrs. Gallipeau and she donated $300 to NOS and sent a nice thank you note which Dick read to the membership.
Dick reported the creation of a Benevolence Committee – Bill Overton and Ralph Brand will co-chair.
Ralph Brand will be having his annual orchid sale on Aug. 31, 9am to noon at his home.
Next month's speaker is Axel Cahiz from Amazonia Orchids in Homestead, FL. He will speak on the care of orchids in stalite.
Kris Morton introduced John Brady, who is trying to revive the Everglades Wonder Gardens. He is trying to preserve the trees and natural landscape. He would like some orchids and native plants to put in the trees. John invited NOS members to come visit the park and he thanked us for our support.
Membership Chair Nanett Boerner introduced new members & reported that membership is currently 228.
Treasurer Bill Overton reported that finances are good. $14,815.88 in saving and $9,040.18 in checking.
Norm Dolder yielded the floor to allow Dick to introduce our speaker, Dr. Larry Zettler, who spoke on "The Orchid Recovery Program at Illinois College including projects in SW Florida, Hawaii and Madagascar."
The plant table winners were announced.
Raffle winners were announced.
The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Larry, Korrie, Kavita & Dr. Wm. Zettler

Dr. Larry Zettler & family

An Orchid Vignette—Gold In Waikiki

This is an old time beauty; one of what I call "heirloom orchids." It is *Blc.* (*Brassolaeliocattleya*) Waikiki Gold, and it is a cross between *Blc.* Pink Surprise and *C. forbesii*. It was created by M. Miyamoto Orchids of Hawaii and registered by Dr. A. G. Tharp of Lakewood, CA in 1978. Surprisingly enough it has garnered only 6 AOS awards in all that time, but recently it has also earned six awards from the Brazilian Orchid Society.

The plant is medium sized, standing about a foot tall. The flowers, about four inches across, start out greenish-yellow, but the yellow becomes more dominant as the flowers age. The tubular lip, with its pale peach-lavender color, is inherited from its *C. forbesii* parent. The flowers have a very nice delicate daytime fragrance. It usually only blooms once a year, in the early summer, and the flowers last for about three weeks. This has not been one of the easiest plants for me to grow, but finally, after a couple of years, it appears to be responding and flowering. The plant that has flowered for me is in a 5" clay pot in a lava, charcoal, Hydroton mix. I also have a couple of divisions, that have struggled, but are now doing better in plastic pots in a sphagnum moss coconut chunk mix.

Waikiki Gold is probably best known because of its use in hybridizing. It has been used as a parent in 199 crosses, and its registered "grandchildren" number 853!

Some of the crosses I like include: *Blc*. Golden Tang, (x *Bl*. Richard Mueller) (photo left). This grex has narrower sepals and petals with spots in the throat. It was created by H&R Orchids of Hawaii and registered by them in 1989. This grex has earned 16 AOS awards and has been a parent in 31 crosses.

Blc. Erin Kobayashi, (x *Blc*. Meditation) (photo upper right) was created by Wilbur Chang, of Hawaii and registered by him in 1980. It has earned seven AOS awards and has been used as a parent in 128 crosses. It also has 58 "grandkids." The flowers are about the same size as Waikiki Gold, and are a nice yellow color with a "hint of green."

Blc. Junka Gold (x *C. luetola*) (photo lower right), registered by our good friend, and AOS Judge, David Junka in 1991. This is about half the size of Waikiki Gold, due to influence the miniature *C. luteola*. This grex has earned one AOS award and been a parent in two crosses.

Naturally these greges have not escaped the name changing exercise. The new genus for Waikiki Gold and Junka Gold is *Rhyncholaeliocattleya*, and for Golden Tang it is *Rhynchobrassoleya*. Oh well. . .

Contributed by Dick Pippen

JULY 2013 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

Photos by Susan Roehl

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
Vanda Violetta
Owner: Barbara Crist

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Neofinetia falcata
Owner: Debbie Starrett

Plant Table Results
July 11, 2013

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. King of Taiwan 'Splendiferous'
Owner: Lanelle Bishop
Second Place: Blc. Pali Polka Dot 'Nalo'
Owner: Twyla Leigh
Third Place: Brassavola David Sander
Owner: Deborah Gallagher

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Loog Tone 'African Beauty'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Violetta
Owner: Barbara Crist

Small Vandas
First Place: Ascda. Memoria Louis Hatos
Owner: Eunice Walker

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Palolo Sunshine 'Ito'
Owner: Lanelle Bishop

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. equestris
Owner: Barbara Crist

Large Species
First Place: Neofinetia falcata
Owner: Debbie Starrett

Medium Species
First Place: Encyclia tampensis
Owner: Joylett Davis

Small Species
First Place: Rhynchostylis coelstris
Owner: Debbie Starrett

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Alcra. Pacific Nova 'Hilo Stars'
Owner: Lois West

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Neofinetia falcata
Owner: Debbie Starrett

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: V. Violetta
Owner: Barbara Crist

Green Tag Winner:
Barbara Crist

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.

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