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 August Meeting Thursday
August 7, 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 John Budree, Sunrise, FL "Growing Modern Cattleyas."
Also - Cattleya seedlings will be given out for a "Cattleya Growing Contest."

And please join us for our Mini Culture Class starting at 6 PM. Orchid Doctor Bill Overton will be "The Orchid Doctor." Bring your troublesome plants and questions. All are welcome!

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Upcoming Events

September 4, 2014
Alan Koch
Gold Country Orchids
Lincoln, CA
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Orchid Sale @ Ralph Brand's Aug. 16. See pg. 5 for more info.

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is August 23,
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 4 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—Our July "Summer Double Header" was great fun. Eighty five people showed up to hear Larry Richardson, from the Panther Preserve report on latest events on the native orchids there, and Ellen Radcliffe, from Illinois College, the "Summer Intern" that we are sponsoring report on the work being done with the ghost orchid in the Panther Preserve and Fakahatchee this summer. Dr. Ernesto Mujica, from Cuba, unfortunately was not at the meeting. He has not yet obtained his visa to come to the US. Hopefully he will be coming later in the year.

Our main event was Francisco Miranda from Miranda Orchids who had most of us "drooling" over the pictures he showed all of our favorite Cattleyas in their natural habitat in Brazil. Oh, if only I could grow them that way. It was exciting to see *C. labiata* growing on a bare granite rock in full blazing sun, and *C. nobilor* growing in very dry forests with roots going all the way to the ground!! The "secret Miranda said, was that the wind blows constantly. Good air circulation is VERY important!!

So, from Cattleyas in the natural habitats in Brazil we go to "Growing Modern Cattleyas" which will be the topic of next month's featured speaker, John Budree from Sunrise, FL. John also indicates that he will be bringing some Cattleya seedlings for us to have a "Cattleya Growing Contest." That should be interesting!!

On behalf of Norm Dolder and myself, we want to thank the NOS Board of Directors for designating us as Lifetime Members of the Naples Orchid Society at their last Board meeting. It is an honor that we hope we can continue to live up to. Until next time, happy "orchiding" and keep that air circulating during this wet season!! ***Dick***

Photos by Marilyn Moser

AOS CORNER

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At our July meeting 24 plants were brought in for judging and some were quite spectacular. 31 of you voted. I sure wish more of you would give the voting a try.

I encourage you, for your own benefit, to join the American Orchid Society. Your membership more than pays for itself. You'll get an amazing monthly magazine full of beautiful photos, advice on growing and on pests & diseases and lots of how-to's. There is coverage of international events most of us can only dream of attending. AOS brings you a glorious world of orchids. With all the info on the website, AOS.org, you will gain more skill and confidence in maintaining your orchid collection. Also you get free or discounted admission to more than 200 botanical garden throughout North America including our own Naples Botanical Garden. If you love orchids then AOS membership is for you !

REMEMBER When you are repotting and dividing, please save those divisions for our annual plant sale in November.

JULY ATTENDANCE: 85 RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $194

A GET WELL CARD WAS SENT TO NOS MEMBER MERLE PAYNE

This lovely *Miltonia spectabilis var. moreliana* 'Lizzie' AM/AOS was brought to our July meeting for show by Eunice Walker.

Thank you to: Raffle Table worker Sue Roehl; Plant Table workers: Sheila Demkovich & Kim Pendleton; Refreshment volunteers: Debbie Starret, Eunice Walker, Barbara Crist, Lanelle Bishop, Kris Morton, Veronica Catrombom & Sally Pippen. Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our August or September monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!

Please welcome our newest NOS member: Bob Hall

Aug. 8-9: Cattleya Symposium 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.

August 16: Our "Catt Man," Ralph Brand, is having another orchid sale. Ralph has Cattleyas & Paphiopedilums for sale at reasonable prices. Where: 443 Dundee Court, Naples, 9am - 12noon. Info: 239-649-1325

October 3-5: South Florida Orchid Society Show & Sale, Coral Gables, FL.

October 11-12: Ft. Pierce Orchid Society Show & Sale.

October 24-26: Delray Beach Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale.

October 25-27: East Everglades Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale.

And our NOS annual orchid sale will be held on Saturday, November 8. We need donations from members to increase the number of orchids on our sales tables. We will start collecting at our August and thru October monthly meetings. Contact orchid sale chair Sheila Demkovich for more information.

Last month Larry Zettler (IL College) and his sister Jennifer, along with some colleagues, collected samples of Boisduval scale and mealy bugs in several orchid collections, including Kit Kitchen-Maran's and at the Naples Botanical Garden. They are looking at the genetics of these plant pests to work on possible solutions for their control. This is part of the "Orchid Recovery Program" NOS helps to support with our scholarships. Here are a few photos of the collection process.

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
July 10, 2014
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and reviewed the emergency exit procedures and thanked the refreshment providers. He announced that Ralph Brand's annual sale is on August 16th at his home from 9am to noon. He then announced that our speaker at August's meeting will be John Budree from Sunrise, FL who will present "Growing Modern Cattleya."
Treasurer Bill Overton reported that we are financially sound.
Kit Kitchen-Maran showed two beautiful scarves which she made and has donated to be raffled off. One will be for NOS members and support NOS. The second one will be used to raise funds for the Friends of the Fakahatchee. Drawings will be held respectively at the holiday party and at the April 2015 meeting.
Kit reported that Dr. Ernesto Mujica from Cuba was unable to get a visa to visit us tonight. We hope that he will be here at a later time to talk about ghost orchid and Cuban Orchids.
Larry Richardson from the Panther Preserve thanked NOS for its support and introduced Ellen Radcliffe, an intern from Dr. Larry Zettler's program of orchid recovery, who is studying the ghost orchid in the Panther Preserve. Ms. Radcliffe made a short presentation about orchid recovery in the Panther Preserve and her plans for research in Cuba this January with Dr. Mujica.
Norm announced that we need donations of plants for the annual plant sale. Please contact Norm to arrange to get them to us.
Norm Dolder introduced the speaker, Dr. Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids, who spoke about Cattleyas of Brazil.
The Plant Table winners were announced. Raffles winner were announced.

AUGUST IN YOUR ORCHID COLLECTION

We've had a lot of rain this summer. Continue your anti-fungal spray program & make sure your collection has ample air circulation. If you see any fungal problems isolate those orchids & treat with appropriate anti-fungal product. (AOS has an excellent website for identifying different types of pathogens - www.aol.org.) The infected areas must be pruned back when the disease first appears, well below the blackened tissues. Treat cut with paste made with fungicide (or with cinnamon) & place in well ventilated area allowing time for tissues to heal. Prior to repotting spray plant with fungicide effective against this disease & spray adjacent plants with same fungicide.
Your phals should already be repotted by now.
Finish cutting teretes & reed stem epidendrums early in the month.
The snails have been having a feast on my orchids & plants. They love to hide inside my bromeliads. Apply snail bait lightly & frequently where needed.

An Orchid Vignette—A Summer Blue Valentine

A strange name for a summer flowering orchid, but this delightful pale blue flower is *Cattleya* Valentine v. coerulea. Yes, it should bloom in February, but it usually blooms in August and September. *C.* Valentine is a cross between *C. loddigesii* and *C. warneri*, two old time classical *Cattleya* species. Well, at least I am pretty sure that is what this plant is. You see, there are three *C.* Valentines, one registered in 1900 by Lager/Hurrell, another in 1937 by McBean's Orchids of Great Britain and a third in 1954 by Rivermont Orchids of Tennessee. However, before all the name changes in orchids the 1937 grex was an *Lc*. and the 1954 one was an *Slc*. The 1900 one is the only one that is "truly" a *Cattleya* and always has been! If you check OrchidWiz you see them referred to as: *C.* Valentine (1900), *C.* Valentine (1937) and *C.* Valentine (1954).

Well, now that that is out of the way—*C.* Valentine (1900) produces 3-5 flowers per spike that have pale, but distinctly blue, sepals and petals including the outside of the lip, but on the inside the lip has a "touch" of yellow in the throat, a band of white and at the very tip, a "blotch of purple." The flowers are 4+ inches across and the bifoliate plants are about a foot tall. *C.* Valentine received four AOS awards between 1980 and 2003 and has been a parent in 38 crosses. I am sure that this grex has been "recreated" several times after the original Lager/Hurrell cross, but of course, the first registrant always get the credit.

The pod, or seed, parent of this cross, *Cattleya loddigesii* (picture right) has long been a favorite species to use for breeding because of the excellent shape of the flower and the relatively small size. *C. loddigesii* has been a parent in 422 registered crosses and has a whopping 7,500++ grandkids and great grandkids!! It has received at least 83 AOS and international awards. The pollen parent, *C. warneri* (photo below, "borrowed from OrchidWiz, photo by M. Rosim) is another popular "breeder," having been a parent in 139 crosses, but, are you ready for this—the total progeny for this species exceeds 14,500!!! Wow!! C. warneri has earned 46 AOS and international awards. The pictures shown of the two parents are of the "typical" color. Both parents "come in" coerulea forms and those were most likely used to create our *C.* Valentine v. coerulea.

A nice thing about this grex is that it has not been affected by the name changes. Whew!! There is another very nice blue Cattleya—*Blc*. Volcano Blue—but that is a story for another time. *–contributed by Dick Pippen*

JULY 2014 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

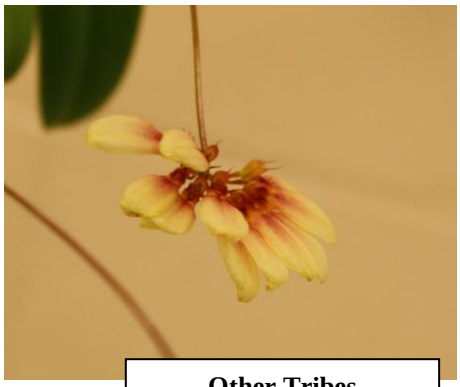
Large Cattleya

Small Vanda

Large Species

Small Species

Oncidium



Other Tribes

Phalaenopsis

JULY 2014 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Rlc.*Waianae Leopard**
Owner: Lola Moncsko

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Gram. Scriptum v. citrinum
Owner: Barbara Crist

Photos by Sue Roehl

Plant Table Results
July 10, 2014

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Keowee 'Mendenhall'
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Rlc. Lawless Walkure
Owner: Bob Lang

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Rlc. Waianae Leopard
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Lc. Crownfox Sweetheart 'Paradise'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Epc. Plicaboa 'Dancing Queen
Owner: Eunice Walker

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

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. tetrapsis x Phal. lueddemanniana
Owner: Joy Corritore

Large Species
First Place: L. purpurata var. Flammea 'Nancy' FCC/AOS
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Medium Species
First Place: Gram. scriptum v. citrinum
Owner: Barbara Crist

Small Species
First Place: Den. secundum v. alba
Owner: Sheila Demkovich
Second Place:

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Alcra. Sunday Best 'Muffin'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Other Tribes
First Place: Bulbophyllum umbellatum
Owner: Barbara Crist

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Gram. scriptum v. citrinum
Owner: Barbara Crist

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Rlc. Waianae Leopard
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Den. moschatum
Winner: Lola Moncsko

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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