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 September Meeting Thursday September 6, 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 Speaker will be Yolanda Cuesta Quest Orchids Miami, FL

"New Growing Trends in Cattleyas"

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter is the 15th of the month, 3 pm.
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September 2012 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Next meeting October 4
Fred Clarke
Sun Valley Orchids
Cynoches and Catasetums

NEXT NOS SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
September 11, 2012
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
September 20, 2012
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date, September 22
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

NOS FALL BUS TRIP
Redlands Fall Festival Open House, Saturday, October 6,
$40 NOS members, $45 guests
Contact Deborah Gallagher @
deborahsgourmetgarden@comcast.net

WE NEED YOUR ORCHID DONATIONS

Our annual orchid sale will be held on Saturday, November 3. We need more donations from members to increase the number of orchids on our sales tables. We have two more monthly meetings, September 6 and October 4, in which you may bring orchids for donation. All will be welcome. Contact Sue Roehl at 404-1916 or Norm Dolder at 594-3520 for more information or if you have orchid donations.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, KIT KITCHEN-MARAN,

KACHINUSA@AOL.COM

Hello, and here we are in the last dog days of August already.

It's just too hot for many of my orchids to bloom. I hope yours are doing better. Even the ones that supposedly like the summer are holding out for cooler times. We have had good intermittent rains and that, plus the clouds that accompany them, have helped a little bit with the heat. Here's to a very calm late summer and fall...

David Orr has come up with a great suggestion to help with the transition to the new plant table competition procedures: You know those mailing labels that you get loads of in the mail? Dave says just use those in the name line on both the green tags we've asked you to fill out on each plant you enter in the monthly contest. This idea has a twofold benefit! First, you don't have to write as much on the entry tags, and second, the folks who are doing a great job of running the plant table can easily read who the plants belong to! What a wonderful suggestion. Meanwhile, Dick Pippen and Eileen Davison are working on a three-part or other form of green tag to make the competition flow smoothly. Any other ideas you might have would be greatly appreciated.

You might also notice that the newsletter is slightly changing as Kris Morton updates her skills in creating it. She has done a fantastic job of bringing out a newsy, nice looking newsletter each month, donating a lot of her time and effort to provide a carefully crafted and informative piece. She's bringing it out now in a form that you can scroll through to easily read online.

A new proposal for a grant from the Community Foundation has gone in for the month of August. It is for help with training on use of the MailChimp and other features that our website uses.

Our next meeting is September 6th. It's not too early to start bringing plants for the annual November 3rd orchid sale. It's our major fundraiser of the year and NOS would benefit from any help you could give toward stocking the sale with nice orchids.

If you would like to go on the orchid tour with Deborah in October, please make sure she has your check or cash to reserve your seat on the bus!
Here's to your orchid growing!
Kit

AOS CORNER Marilyn Moser, AOS Representative, mm3purple@aol.com

How wonderful are the August rains drenching our orchids in the afternoon. I haven't watered my orchids for ages. And the dreaded black rot has not taken hold. I have lost a few leaves but nothing like last year. And the Vandas seem especially happy. I'm still finding a phal or two that need to be repotted….a never-ending chore.

I encourage you, for your own benefit, to join the American Orchid Society. Your membership more than pays for itself. You get an amazing monthly magazine full of beautiful photos, advice on growing and on pests…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. And don't forget the free and discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens throughout North America. If you love orchids then AOS membership is for you!!

We welcome new member Pat Davenport, 3055 Rivera Dr., Naples, FL 34103, phone 239-331-6000, email address: patdavenport1@gmail.com.
Change of email for Susan Payne: susan4naples@gmail.com
Change of email, address, phone for Kim Pendleton: P. O Box 366254, Bonita Springs, FL 34136, phone 239-821-8856, email address: pkpendleton@gmail.com
Correction to information for Connie Brennan: phone 239-573-5294

To our August cookie bakers: Monica Higgins, Deborah Gallagher, Freddie Brantley, and Wilma Swan; and to our beverage providers: Deborah Gallagher and Mark Hudak.
REMINDER TO OUR SEPTEMBER COOKIE BAKERS: Deborah Gallagher and Pat Rogers;
AND TO OUR SEPTEMBER BEVERAGE PROVIDERS: Ken and Joylette Davis.

Thank you to our plant table workers: Kim Pendleton and Dave Orr. Thank you to our raffle table workers: Denise Sapia and Bertha Chinn. *RAFFLE TABLE PROFITS: $171*

ATTENDANCE AT AUGUST MEETING - 62

CARE AND CONDOLENCE CARDS: Get well cards sent to Marcella Coe, who was in the hospital with pneumonia, and Nancy Ginocchio who had gall bladder surgery.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS: South FL Orchid Society "Autumn Festival of Orchids" Oct. 5-7, 2012, Admission $10. Speaker's Day Oct. 7, 8am - 4pm, $45. Coral Gables, FL. Info: www.sflorchid.com.

An Orchid Vignette—Jaquelyn Thomas, Hawaii's Leading Lady

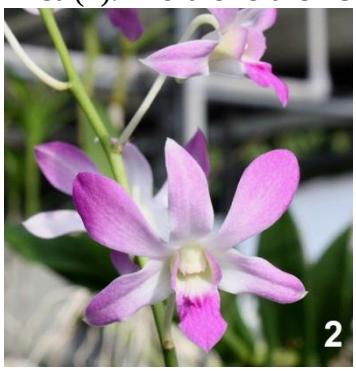
Hawaii—islands of enchantment, sandy beaches, active volcanoes, hula, luau, and Dendrobiums. Yes, that's right. Since the 1940s Hawaii has been a leader in growing Dendrobiums for cut flowers and for leis.

Dendrobium Jaquelyn Thomas has been a very active player in this story. It was created by Rolla K. Thomas of Honolulu and registered by him in 1949. The grex was probably named in honor of his wife. It has garnered 11 AOS awards including one FCC, three AMs and five CCMs. It has been used as a parent in 136 registered crosses and the total number of registered "kids and grandkids" is over 1,700!!

Den. Jaquelyn Thomas is a cross between *Den. gouldii* X *Den. phalaenopsis*. *Den. gouldii* is in the "Antelope" Section of Dendrobium and *Den. phalaenopsis* is in the Phalaenopsis Section. You may recall that in the "Antelope" Section the two lateral petals are long, slender, sometimes twisted and turned up, resembling antelope horns. Section Phalaenopsis has large rounded lateral petals. Most of the Jaquelyn Thomas plants I have seen are a good "in between" in lateral petal formation.

Beginning in the '50s the University of Hawaii, launched a major project of *Dendrobium* breeding primarily to develop "a better product" for the *Dendrobium* cut flower market. They developed a number of cultivars of *Den*. Jaquelyn Thomas which they named--all starting with 'Uniwai' for University of Hawaii. Of particular significance were 'Uniwai Blush,' 'Uniwai Supreme,' 'Uniwai Prince,' and 'Uniwai Princess and *Den*. Jaq-Hawaii 'Uniwai Pearl.' These cultivars, developed during the '70s, became the foundation of the *Dendrobium* cut flower business in Hawaii! They formed long, many-flowered spikes, long-lasting flowers and were virus free.

Jade Orchids has several of these clones which have quite different flowers. Above is 'Uniwai Mist (1).' To the left is 'Uniwai Supreme' (2) and 'Uniwai Prince' (3) to the right. Interesting to me is that, though very important in "the trade," none of these 'Uniwai' clones has ever been awarded by any orchid judging body.

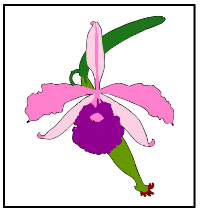


Like most dendrobiums, *Den*. Jaquelyn Thomas can quickly become a large plant, the canes easily reaching a height of three feet or more with flowering spikes to at least two feet long. Given the proper growing conditions, the flowering period can last for several months and the flowers last for two to three months. The plants frequently produce kiekies toward the distal end.

So if you like dendrobiums, long-lasting flowers and a plant with in interesting history—consider *Dendrobium* Jaquelyn Thomas.

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

Growing Your Orchids Better



By Bill Overton

A Safer Way to Control Insects

Over the many years I have been growing orchids, I can't begin to tell you how many orchids I have seen flowering on a plant table or brought to me as the "Orchid Doctor." Over the years it must number in the tens of thousands! Many of these were plants that were blooming and therefore thought to be doing quite well by their owners. When I told people "that their plants were actually not real healthy", many gave me a rather awkward stare. I am sure that they thought "he is crazy - it is in bloom so it must be healthy!" Let me assure you, as I tried to tell them, "Not all that blooms is healthy!"

So much of what I see in terms of orchid culture could be made more effective with just a little effort on the grower's part. When we fail to repot our orchids in a timely fashion - if we even repot them at all - we are just asking for trouble. Orchids that are not repotted on a regular basis have weaker and shorter growths that carry fewer and fewer flowers. These flowers are often undersized and misshapen. The root system of these plants is often dead or diminished because they have 'drowned' in a broken down media. The growths that are produced under these conditions are often weaker, shorter and thinner. These growths really bring me to the point of my article. Plants with weaker and thinner growths are more vulnerable to insect and disease attack. Think of a hungry pack of wolves - do they attack the stronger, healthier, faster animals or do they target the weak, the sick, and the injured? They attack the weak, the injured, the sick, and the old of course! When you do not repot your plants regularly, think of them as the 'prey animal', primed for insect and disease attack. You are in no small way leaving them to the 'wolves!'

When you grow stronger, healthier plants, they are able to better fight off disease and insect attacks. Mealybugs and scale are drawn to plants with softer tissues that are easier for them to pierce with their mouthparts. Eventually, with better culture, they might bypass your healthy plants looking for an easier target. And I can tell you from firsthand experience - my plants are even more capable of fighting off pests and diseases here in Florida than they were in New York. My Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, and such are better suited to our warmer climate. I changed my culture to account for the change in climate. Over my 37 years of growing orchids, I have rarely resorted to spraying my plants with an insecticide. I have been fearful of what damage I would do to myself in my attempt to save some plants! Besides, I have always had pet cats with access to the growing area and I would be heartbroken if they were ever adversely affected by the sprays I might use. My weapons against insects and disease consist of Neem Oil, alcohol, and an old toothbrush. That, and the desire to be ever vigilant and aware of what was going on in my collection.

When I moved to Florida, along with my orchids, many were afflicted with Boisduval scale. Up North, I could never get rid of it much less keep it under control. But now I can honestly say that with regular repotting and better culture (along with Florida's warm climate,) most of these scale critters have 'hit the road!' I firmly believe my move here has allowed me to grow better orchids. So the next time you bring out your Orthene and mix it up in a sprayer, and you cover yourself from head to toe in a protective suit, why not give better culture a try? Your body might like it and I am sure that your orchids will too.

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

- **President Kit Kitchen-Maran called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.**
- **Kit thanked Bill Overton for managing the plant table. Kit also explained the new processes for the plant table to count votes and give awards. Kit also asked that those who are leaving early to please leave by the rear entrance, so as not to disrupt the meeting. We need someone with a truck to help take down the stands and move them to the trailer. AOS judge, David Junka, is selecting the Gold Ribbon Special Award winners tonight. Kit thanked graphic artist for the design of our new business cards. July AOS had Norm Dolder's orchid on the cover. Dick Pippen has been asked by Selby Gardens to use one of his photos.**
- **Membership Director, Nanette Boerner reported one new member, total membership is now 240.**
- **Plant Sale Chair Sue Roehl reported that the Plant Sale is Nov 3rd from noon to three. She passed volunteer sign-up sheets. Sue also announced that we still need more donations of plants to sell.**
- **Deborah Gallagher reported that there is a suggestion box at the front for members to make suggestions or comments. She also reported that the Oct. 6th bus trip is on, going to 5 different orchid houses: Motes, Soroa, Whimsey, Carib, and RF. We will eat our lunch at RF. 8am to 5pm, please arrive at 7:30am. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Raffle on the bus. Cost is $40 for members and $45 for non-members. Deborah circulated a sign-up sheet.**
- **Ted Moore reported on the progress of the restoration of the orchid house behind the Collier County Museum. Still needs more plants, about 100 more.**
- **Ralph Brand is having his orchid sale this Sat. 9am until noon.**
- **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.**
- **David Junka announced that the encyclia Judy Ross that was brought last month was taken to judging and got an AS.**
- **Norm Dolder reported that the speaker next month will be Yolanda Cuesta, Quest Orchids on New Growing Trends in Cattleyas, in October, Fred Clarke, Sun Valley Orchids, on Cynoches and Catasetums, in November, Bill Fender, Fenders Orchids on They're Breeding Mini Cats, and in December, our Christmas Pot Luck Party & Broward Orchid Supply.**
- **Norm Dolder introduced the speaker, Joe Hayden from Sun Bulb Orchids, who spoke about phaleanopsis.**
- **The plant table winners were announced.**
- **Raffle winners were announced.**
- **The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.**

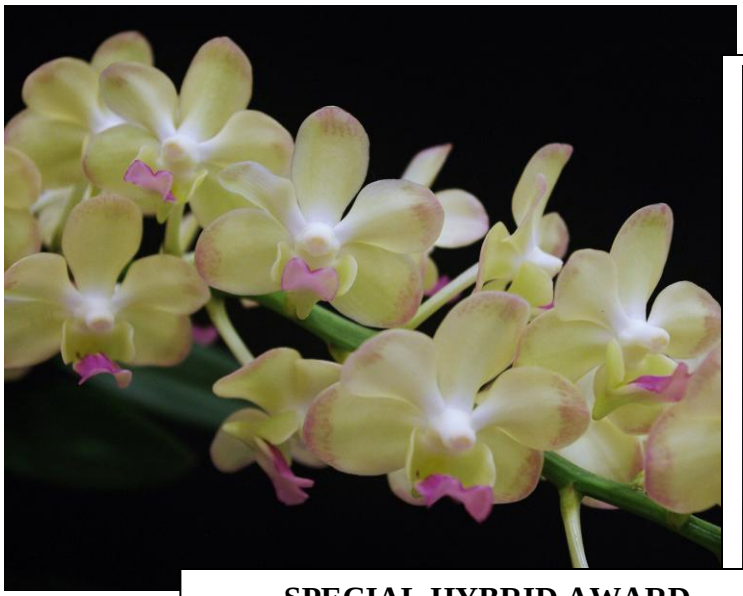
Jade Orchids of Collier, Inc.
285 Morgan Road
Naples, FL 34114
Tuesday to Saturday **Owners:**
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM **Dave & Judy White**

Email: JadeOrchids@embarqmail.com
Offering 10% discount on plants for NOS members.

AUGUST 2012 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

Photographer: Susan Roehl

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Miltonia spectabilis var. moreliana
Owner: Jose Davila



SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
Christieara Dodie Briskey
Owner: Kim Pendleton

Plant Table Results
August 2, 2012

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Taiwan Queen 'Golden Monkey'
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: Rlc. Fort Watson
Owner: Linda Shockley
Third Place: Blc. Marita 'Golden Queen' x Blc. Goldenzelle 'Wistful'
Owner: Jose Davila

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Cattleya Mark Jones
Owner: Ralph Brand
Second Place: Cattleya Bactia 'Grape Wax'
Owner: Jose Davila
Third Place: Schmbc. Keith Goldson 'Lydia'
Owner: Ralph Brand

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Emma Van Deventer 'Flamingo'
Owner: Monica Higgins

Small Vandas
First Place: Christieara Dodie Briskey
Owner: Kim Pendelton
Second Place: Aeridovanda Kinnaree
Owner: Lola Monesko
Third Place: V. Mimi Palmer
Owner: Jose Davila

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Burana Sunshine
Owner: Leslie Costello

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Dtps. Taida Wonder
Owner: David Orr

Large Species
First Place: Milt. spectabilis v. moreliana
Owner: Jose Davila
Second Place: Cattleya violacea
Owner: Ralph Brand
Third Place: V. tricolor 'Merrelli'
Owner: David Orr

Medium Species
First Place: Grammatophyllum scriptum
Owner: Corrie VanCaulil
Second Place: Trichoglottis brachiata
Owner: Jose Davila
Third Place: Aerides lawrenceae
Owner: David Scott

Small Species
First Place: Rhyn. coelestis v. coerulea
Owner: Jose Davila

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Bak. Clownish 'Cotton Candy'
Owner: Barbara Crist

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Paph. (Makuli Curtisii Maudiae)
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil
Second Place: Phrag. Les Dirouilles
Owner: Ralph Brand
Third Place: Phrag. Cape Gold Nuggett
Owner: Ralph Brand

Other Tribes
First Place: Schombocatonia Fire Fly
Owner: Ralph Brand

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Miltonia spectabilis var. moreliana
Owner: Jose Davila

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Christieara Dodie Briskey
Owner: Kim Pendelton

Green Tag Winner:
Ralph Brand
Gayle Dorio

Amendments to the By Laws:

The following amendments to the Naples Orchid Society By-Laws were approved by the Board of Directors at their July, 2012 meeting, and the Board is recommending that these Amendments be approved by a vote of the general membership which will be held at the October, 2012 regular meeting, after a 30 day posting in the NOS September, 2012 Newsletter.

Amendment 1. To make the Webmaster and A.O.S. Representative elected officers of the Society. (See Exhibit A below)

The AOS Representative is the liaison between the American Orchid Society and the Naples Orchid Society, an affiliate organization. As such this position is an integral part of the Board of Directors and should be an elected, voting member.

The Webmaster is responsible for the Society's website which provides information not only for the members but for the "world-at-large," and is equivalent in significance as the Newsletter Editor, and therefore should be an elected, voting member.

Amendment 2. To make the necessary changes in the By Laws resulting from the approval of Amendment 1 above.

a. To change the number of officers from eight to ten and the number of Directors from eleven to thirteen wherever listed in the By Laws (See Exhibit A below)

b. To delete the following statement from Section 13 (p. 5), #1: **The A.O.S. Representative shall be present at board meetings as liaison between the American Orchid Society and the Naples Orchid Society** (because that person will now be an elected officer). (See Exhibit B below)

c. To delete the following statement from Duties of the Officers, Section 7 (p 9), #1: He/she shall appoint . . . **an A.O.S. representative** (because that person will now be an elected officer). (See Exhibit C below)

Exhibit A
(p. 9 of By Laws, new wording)

OFFICERS

Section 1. Enumeration of Offices. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, a newsletter editor, a publicity director, a membership director**, a webmaster and an A.O.S. representative**. All **ten** officers are also members of the board of directors. Additional officers may be added by appropriate amendments to these bylaws.

(p. 2 of By Laws, new wording)
Section 3. Number and Election of Directors:

Amendments to the By Laws cont:

(1) The board of directors shall consist of no less than **thirteen** individuals, **ten** of whom are officers, and three directors, who are not officers, who serve staggered terms.
(2) The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by the amendment of these by-laws.
(3) The **ten** officers elected for one (1) year terms in accordance with Article V, Sections 2 & 3 shall also serve as directors during said year.

(p. 11 of By Laws, new wording)

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 2. Procedure. This committee shall draw up a slate of **ten** officers who will also be directors and one director who is not an officer to be presented to the membership at the October meeting. At the November annual meeting, all nominations from both the nomination committee and any from the floor shall be properly approved and the nominations will be closed after all nominations have been made. Following this, the election of the officers and director shall occur by ballot cast at the meeting, or by acclamation if there is only one candidate for a position.

Exhibit B
(p. 5 of By Laws, new wording)
Section 13. Other Attendees.

(1) ~~The A.O.S. Representative shall be present at board meetings as liaison between the American Orchid Society and the Naples Orchid Society~~. The Show Chairperson shall be present to report progress on the upcoming show and to receive approval of unusual show costs or changes from previous shows. For the two meetings prior to the Orchid Sale, the Sale Chairperson shall be invited to the Board Meeting to explain the procedures. These members come to board meeting for information purposes only and have no vote on board matters.

Exhibit C
(p. 9 of By Laws, new wording)
Section 7. Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows

(1) President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors and all annual, regular, or special meetings; shall see that orders and resolutions of the board are carried out; shall co-sign all written instruments and promissory notes; shall perform all duties incident to the office of the president as may from time to time be assigned by the board of directors; and have general supervision over the affairs of the society and to see that the by-laws are enforced. He/she shall appoint all committee chairs, ~~an A.O.S. representative~~ and an annual show chairperson. He/she along with the treasurer shall be the only officers empowered to sign checks.