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

Our Mini Culture Class starts at 6 PM. Bill Overton will talk about repotting and growing Paphiopedilums.

NOS Annual Orchid Sale November 9
Moorings Presbyterian Church. Noon–sell out. Info: www.naplesorchidsociety.org

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Upcoming Events

October 3, 2013
Speaker Mike Polen from Art Stone Orchids will speak on "Mounting Orchids."

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 September 28
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

67th Miami International Orchid Show, October 11-13, sponsored by SFOS.
U. of M. Bank United Center
Coral Gables, FL
Info: www.sforchid.com

East Everglades Orchid Society Show & Sale, October 25-27 in the gardens at RF Orchids
Info: www.orchidseeos.com

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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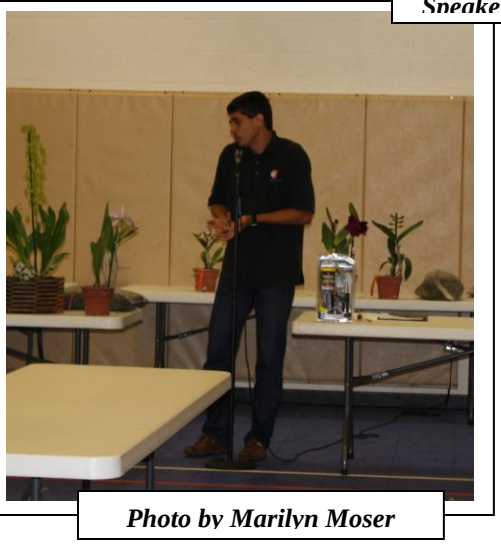
Greetings Orchid Lovers—Stalite is a natural volcanic slate rock, that is mined, rotary kiln fired to over 2000 degrees, then made into small sterile granules that are porous and pH neutral. Axel Cahiz, who runs Amazonica Orchids in Homestead, FL, our featured speaker at our August meeting, introduced us to, and shared his experience and success with Stalite. He says that he uses a mix of Stalite 50/50 with charcoal (with Styrofoam peanuts in the bottom, of course), and has found that to be the "ideal" orchid potting medium for many orchids. And he brought along several examples to "prove his point." Axel has been using this medium for over 20 years. Needless to say Axel brought along several bags of Stalite to sell and I don't think he took any back home ☺. And Norm Dolder added a footnote that unlike Hydroton or Aliflor, which is marble-round and can roll into your pool and clog up the motor, Stalite is flat and stays in place!

Deborah Gallagher took us all by surprise at our August meeting when she announced her resignation as NOS's 2nd Vice President, effective immediately. Deborah has held this position since before I became a member of NOS, so "she has always been 2nd Vice President!!" She has done an excellent job of organizing bus trips, setting up for our Holiday Dinner Parties, and many other projects. As someone pointed out at the August meeting, "No one passes around a clipboard like Deborah!" We all wish her well and hope that her busy schedule will still allow her to attend meetings—without all the "official responsibilities."

Pam Hoctel asked me to make a plea for all you ladies-out-there-with no-longer-usable panty hose (preferably neutral color) to bring them to the next meeting. Pam's project of mounting orchids in trees at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs was highlighted in our August Newsletter, and she needs more "tree wrapping panty hose."

Our featured speaker for our September 2013 meeting will be Dr. Ruben Sauleda of Ruben in Orchids, Miami area. Ruben has been growing orchids since 1959 and is a well-known grower, breeder, flasker-of-seedlings, and orchid taxonomist (take a look at his excellent website, www.rubeninorchids.com). He will be talking about one of my favorite plants—*Brassavola nodosa* and its Hybrids. This is one "not to be missed." Hope to see you all there, then.

Dick



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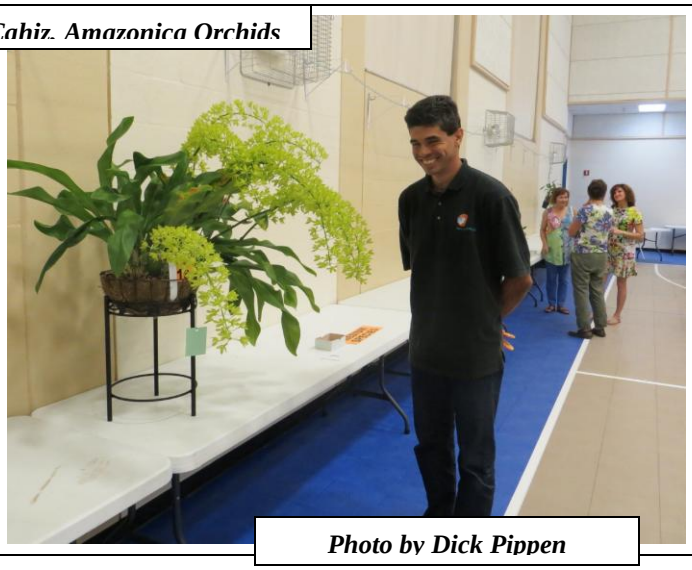
Speaker Axel Cahiz, Amazonica Orchids



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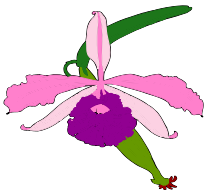

AUGUST PLANT TABLE WORKERS: **Dave Orr & Marilyn Moser**
AUGUST RAFFLE TABLE WORKERS: **Bertha Chinn & Sue Roehl**
AUGUST COOKIE BAKERS: **Deborah Gallagher, Eunice Walker, Lanelle Bishop, Barbara Crist, Nanett Boerner, Norm Dolder, Rose Anthony & Kris Morton**
REMINDER TO SEPTEMBER COOKIE BAKERS: **Lanelle Bishop, Deborah Gallagher & Elaine Gates**

WE NEED MORE COOKIE BAKERS! PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING IN SOME BAKED GOODS PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE SUPPES IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING SOMETHING FOR SEPTEMBER OR LATER ON. EMAIL justsaynoalways@mac.com OR PHONE # 216-0025.

THANK YOU TO OUR AUGUST REFRESHMENT PROVIDERS: **Michelle Suppes & Rose Anthony**

AUGUST ATTENDANCE: 64 ***RAFFLE PLANTS: $169*** ***SPECIAL RAFFLE: $30***

CARE AND CONDOLENCE

A get well card was sent to member Jan Kadet's husband, Irving. A condolence card was sent to member Joylett Davis and her family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2: Sarasota Succulent Soc. & Experimental Gardens Labor Day Sale. Info: http://sarasotasucculentsociety.org
September 20-21: FL W. Coast Bromeliad Society & FL Bromeliad Societies are having a "Bromeliad Extravaganza" sale with seminars & rare plant auction. Info: http://floridabromeliads.org
September 21-22: Int. Aroid Society Show & Sale, Fairchild Tropical Garden, Coral Gables, FL. Info: www.fairchildgarden.org
October 11-13: 67th Miami International Orchid Show "Falling In Love with Orchids," sponsored by SFOS. University of Miami Bank United Center, Coral Gables, FL. Info: www.sforchid.com
October 25-27: East Everglades Orchid Society Show in the gardens at RF Orchids, Homestead, FL. Info: www.orchidseeos.com
October 26-27: Collier County Master Gardeners' annual YARD & GARDEN SHOW, UF/IFAS Collier Extension Office, 14700 Immokalee Rd. Info: call 239-353-4244 or visit website at http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu

And our annual orchid sale will be held on Saturday, November 9 (change of date.) 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.

AOS CORNER

Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep.
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August heat is especially hard on some of our orchids, especially paphs. Touching the leaves of our plants during the heat of the day can give a good indication of whether the temperature is too much. The best defense is abundant air movement. Orchids can take more heat when the air is moving well around them than if the air is still. Abundant air movement also helps dry out tender crowns where water tends to accumulate and where rot can settle in.

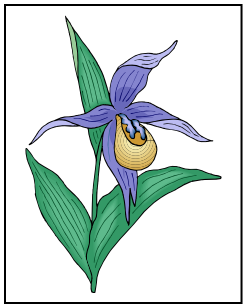
Numbers for July plant table awards were 26 plants entered and 30 people voted. For August 35 plants were entered and 31 people voted. As usual, the most number of orchids entered were the Cattleyas. Please give voting a try…it's fun !!

A popular benefit of AOS membership is participation in the Reciprocal Garden program of the American Horticultural Society. Many members report that they save more than the cost of AOS membership annually by using this program. Just show your AOS membership card and get in free at many gardens throughout the U.S.

WOW! *Gram. scriptum v. citrinum,* Owner: Barbara Crist 1st Place Medium Species, photo by Marilyn Moser

Heavenly fragrance! Norm Dolder's *Stanhopea tigrina*, brought to last BOD meeting, photo by Kim Pendleton

***Vandas* at August meeting, photo by Marilyn Moser**



Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
August 1, 2013
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
Dick reviewed the emergency exit procedures.
Dick offered $1 for orchid stories.
Dick thanked the cookie and beverage providers.
Condolence chair Alice Thorne sent get well to Alida Baum.
Ralph Brand will be having his annual orchid sale on Aug. 31, 9 am to noon at his home.
Dick announced that we have been asked for a pantyhose donation to put orchids in trees at Hospice.
Sept. meeting will feature Ruben Saleda of Ruben in Orchids. He will speak on Brassovola Nodosa and its hybrids.
Membership Chair Nanett Boerner introduced new members & reported that membership is currently 229.
Treasurer Bill Overton reported that finances are good. Audit is well under way, report to be submitted next month.
Deborah Gallagher announced the new raffle. Each month we will have a special item to raffle. This month's item is a blow torch for sterilizing implements. Future items will be items such as a free membership and other interesting items.
Deborah Gallagher also announced her resignation as 2nd VP board member of NOS.
Dick thanked Deborah for her long service to NOS and expressed our hope that she would still come to meetings.
Sue Roehl announced that the sale will not be on Nov. 16 due to conflict with Naples Botanical Gardens. Sale will now be on Nov. 9th.
Norm Dolder called for donations of plants for the sale. He or Patrece will accept them.
Norm Dolder introduced our speaker, Axel Cahiz from Amazonica Orchids in Homestead, FL, who spoke on "The Care of Orchids Grown in Stalite."
The plant table winners were announced.
Raffle winners were announced.
The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

We have started mini Culture Classes at monthly NOS meetings, conducted by Bill Overton, AOS Judge and NOS Treasurer. These are <u>open to all</u> and start at 6 PM. They usually run approx. 30 minutes, but may run longer depending on questions. The classes are becoming quite popular and have turnouts of more than 25 per class. This next class will cover repotting and care of Paphiopedilums. Come early and enjoy friendship, refreshments and get some knowledge along with having some fun. Bring a friend too! ☺

FROM THE EDITOR

Do you ever wonder how to convert measurements to smaller amounts from confusing directions? Sometimes you only want to make up a small amount to spray just a few orchids. This is taken from "An Introduction to Orchids" by the South Florida Orchid Society.

LIQUID CONCENTRATE PER 100 GALLONS	*PER 1 GALLON*
2 gallons	5 Tbs.
1 gallon	7.5 tsp.
2 qt.	3.75 tsp.
1 qt.	2 tsp.
1 pt.	1 tsp.
8 oz.	0.5 tsp.
4 oz.	0.25 tsp.

DO YOU HAVE HEAT STRESS (IN YOUR ORCHIDS?)

With these high temperatures during our summer months in SW Florida our orchids can also suffer from the heat. Watch out for sunburn, esp. with sensitive orchids such as Phals & Paphs. See Marilyn's note on page 4. Also watch for yellowing of plants & leaves, withered leaves, shriveled pseudobulbs, leathery leaves & dried up roots, if mounted or in baskets. An orchid's need for water increases & decreases with ambient temperature. Make sure your orchids have continuous air movement if possible. This will also help keep at bay any rots from fungi & bacteria. If you suspect heat stress use fertilizer sparingly & flush medium with clean water between applications to prevent salts in fertilizers from dehydrating plants any more than necessary & watch for pests. For more information go to the AOS website or go to our website, www.naplesorchidsociety.org & click on the AOS link. This information was taken from an article by Susan Jones - Reprinted from the JULY 2004 issue of *Orchids* -- The Bulletin of the American Orchid Society. Copyright American Orchid Society -- www.aos.org

WHAT DOES THAT TERM MEAN?

Room permitting in future Newsletters we will have definitions to some of the sometimes confusing terminology of the orchid/plant world. Here are a few:

Intergeneric hybrid **- a hybrid between two or more genera. Such hybrids are rare in most plant families, but orchids are famous for their promiscuity. Some artificial crosses involve as many as six genera.**
Terete **– of a leaf, cylindrical, round in cross-section. The term is usually applied to the swollen leaves of drought-adapted orchid species.**
(these were taken from "Understanding Orchids" by William Cullina)

And then we have the "Revised Glossary for Orchidists" by Elaine Cantwell:

Easy to grow **- almost sure to bloom at least once during your lifetime.**
A challenge **– will probably never flower but will survive if given a special diet, a vacation in Tahiti and its own valet.**
Fussy **– only a masochist would buy this one! ☺**

An Orchid Vignette—Am I a Marmaid, or a Mermaid??

"I'm confused," says this orchid. "Am I a Little Marmaid or am I a Little Mermaid?" Well, when I first got my plant of *Bc*. (*Brassocattleya*) Little Marmaid (photo 1) (in 2008) and read the label I told myself "No, that is a misspelling," but when I looked it up, guess what, Marmaid was the correct spelling. Now it appears that "the authorities" have agreed that "Marmaid" must have been a typographical error and all the "official records" (from RHS to OrchidWiz) show that "Little Mermaid" is now the official name. I know that a lot of you already have this plant in your collection because it was one of the plants "given out" in several "potting party" sessions and has been available in several of the Fall Orchid Sales. This little plant is a cross between *C*. (*Cattleya*) *walkeriana* and *Bc*. Maikai

Bc. Maikai (photo 2) (*B. nodosa* x *C. bowringiana*) has a distinct "brassavola look" with narrow petals and sepals, a flared heart-shaped lip and no fragrance. *C. wakeriana* (photo 3) has broader sepals and petals, but a narrow lip, and an elegant fragrance. This grex is a nice combination of its parents—from *Bc*. Maikai the deeper rich color, and the broader lip with some spotting—from *C. walkeriana* the broader sepals and petals and a delightful fragrance.

Little Mermaid was created by Dogashima Orchid Center, Japan, and registered by them in 1997. *Bc*. Little Mermaid has won three awards, an AM/AOS for the cultivar 'Janet,' and two awards from the Taiwan Orchid Grower's Association, to the same cultivar. This grex has been used as a parent in five registered crosses.

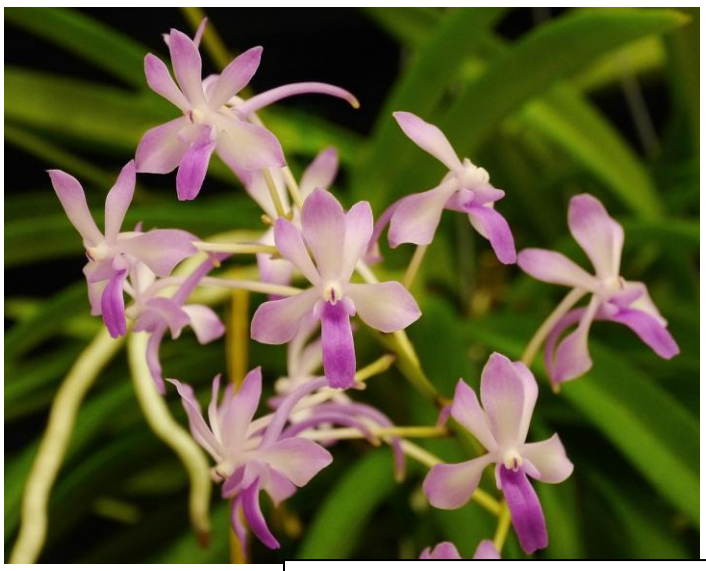
The plants are relatively compact, the pseudobulbs and leaves together less than a foot tall. Interestingly on my plants some pseudobulbs bear two leaves, others only one. The flowering spikes appear to be more frequently associated with the one-leaf pseudobulbs, but not always. The flowers are about 4 inches across and usually 3-4 flowers are produced on a spike. The sepals and petals are a lavender-pink, the lip is the same color toward the edges, but white in the center with darker purple spots that radiate out from the center. This is a very striking pattern. The flowers produce the most elegant rose-like aroma.

Little Mermaid flowers about twice a year and stays in bloom for at least a month to six weeks; on specimen plants, even longer. I grow my plant in clay pots in a mix of lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton, in a west-facing pool cage. It is fertilized "weakly-weekly.

When you get a complex hybrid it is almost impossible to avoid the name changing syndrome and *Bc*. Little Mermaid is no exception. Because "grandpa" *C. bowringiana* is now a *Guarianthe*, *Bc*. Little Mermaid is in the genus *Brassocatanthe*. One smell of the flower will make you want to add this to your collection whether it is a mermaid or a marmaid. ☺ *Contributed by Dick Pippen*

AUGUST 2013 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

Photos by Sue Roehl



<u>Special Hybrid Award</u>
***Neostylis* Lou Sneary**
Owner: David Genovese

<u>Special Species Award</u>
Prosthechea cochleata
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Plant Table Results
August 1, 2013

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Doris Louise Capen
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: Blc. Memoria Crispin Rosales
Owner: Lola Monesko
Third Place: Lc. Featherae 'Misty Blue'
Owner: Lola Monesko

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Yen Corona 'Green Genie'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Eduardo Marcellini
Owner: Patrece Remmel
Second Place: V. Chia Kay Heng
Owner: Nanett Boerner
Third Place: V. JVB Varututh 'Purple'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Small Vandas
First Place: Neostylis Lou Sneary
Owner: David Genovese
Second Place: Ascda. Ladda Gold
Owner: Jim Longwell

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. TCS 410
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Species
First Place: Prosthechea cochleata
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Second Place: Cattleya bicolor
Owner: Lola Monesko
Third Place: Psychopsis papilio 'Lindley'
Owner: Perfay

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

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Bak. Clownish 'Cotton Candy
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'
Owner: Lois West
Third Place: Brat. Olmec
Owner: Nanett Boerner

Other Tribes
First Place: Cyc. Swan Delight
Owner: Bill Overton

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Prosthechea cochleata
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Neostylis Lou Sneary
Owner: David Genovese

Green Tag Winner:
Lola Monesko (Lc. San Gregorio)

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.

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
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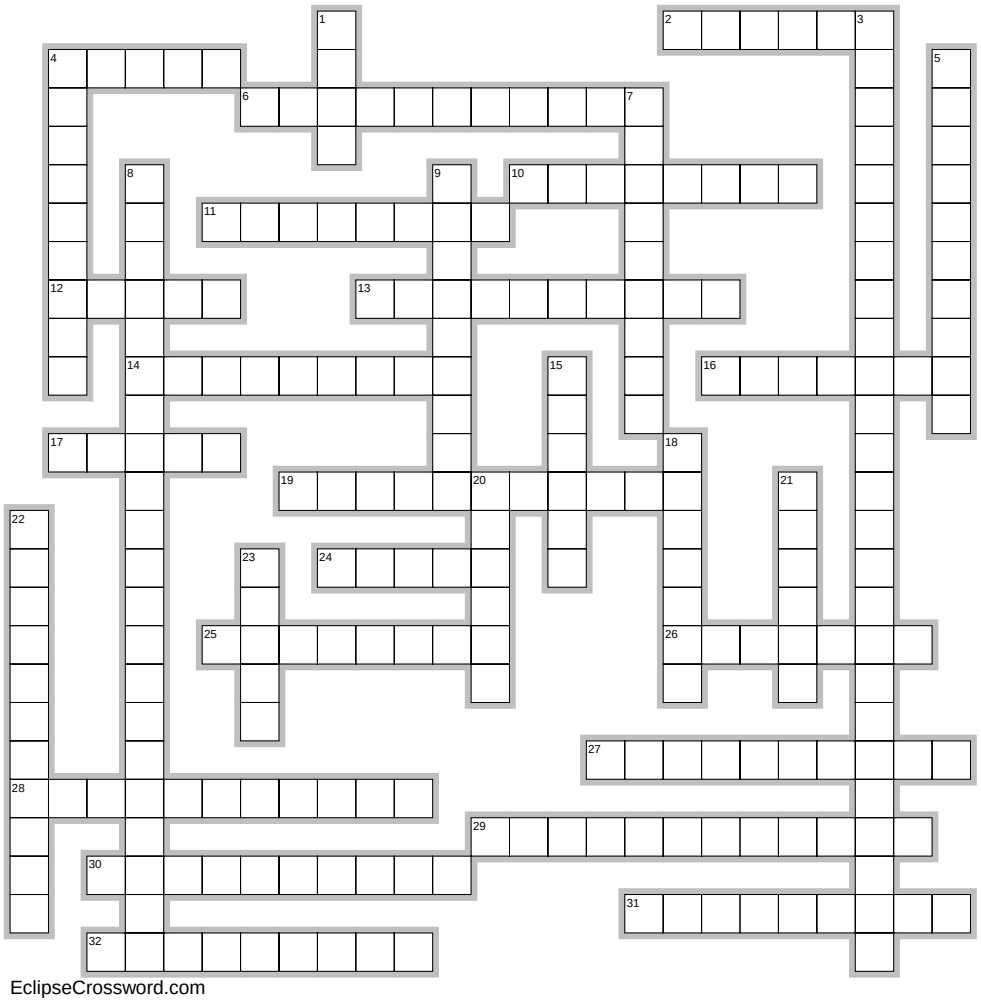

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Across

2. male orchid organ
4. spider
6. anchor
10. Digbyana
11. Growth fertilizer
12. number bulbs needed for division
13. author of Orchid Fever
14. Dry sheathing
16. The land of flowers
17. tesselata
19. Ground dwelling
24. plantlet
25. lip
26. never forget
27. Nodosa
28. Leaf Spot
29. two species crossed from different genera
30. aggregatum
31. Tree dwelling
32. buds growing from horizontal rhizome

Down

1. coconut fiber
3. RHS
4. author of Orchid Territory
5. buds on single upright stem
7. Root growth fertilizer
8. largest orchid society
9. plant identical to the original
15. cross of two species
18. Propagation
20. female orchid organ
21. never handle spagnum moss w/out
22. family name
23. bugs