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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Our September monthly meeting is Thursday,
September 1, 2016,
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 program will feature Dennis Giardina Everglades Region Biologist, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Division of Habitat & Species Conservation "Reestablishing SW Florida's Lost Orchids"

Our Mini Culture Class (with Bill Overton) who will discuss "Repotting." The class starts at 6 PM. All are welcome.

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

(*Bulbophyllum pachyrachis* Zapata Swamp)

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6, 2016
NOS monthly meeting
Roy Tokunaga
H & R Orchids
Hawaii
www.hrnurseries.com
Topic - TBA

FLORIDA WEST COAST ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW & SALE "ORCHIDS IN OZ"
September 10-11, 2016
Pinellas Park, FL

NEXT NOS BOD & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
September 22, 2016
All are welcome.

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

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DICK PIPPEN, RPIPPEN@COMCAST.NET

Greetings Orchid Lovers—Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, Lincoln California, featured speaker at our August meeting says that *Cattleya walkeriana* is his favorite species—but so is *Cattleya intermedia*, but then so are *Cattleya luteola, Laelia anceps, Laelia sincoriana*—and maybe some others. And the reason he likes these so well is that they have wide tolerances in growing conditions and make good "breeding stock" for hybrids that also have wide tolerances and thus allow us to have Cattleyas 365 24/7. So he introduced us to a number of species and their hybrids that are "controllable size and should bloom more than once a year. All of this was delivered with lots of enthusiasm and some humor.

Speaking of *Cattleya walkeriana*—in the "for what it's worth department—did you know that according to OrchidWiz this species has received over 300 AOS and international Society awards; has been used as a parent in 372 crosses; and has amassed a total of over 2000 "grandkids and great grandkids." It is one of my favorite species as well as one of Alan's.

There has been a correction in the order of our upcoming speakers. I announced at the August meeting that Jerry Meola of Pelican Coast Farms of Ft. Myers was our September speaker. It turns out the Jerry will be our November speaker and Dennis Giardina, Everglades Region Biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, will be our September speaker. His topic will be *Reestablishing SW Florida's Lost Orchids*. Dennis has been involved in studying rare and endangered orchid species in Florida and Cuba for several years and his latest efforts involve "reintroducing" some "lost orchids of the Everglades" using plant material from Cuba. This should be a very interesting presentation and an excellent follow-up to Dr. Zettler's presentation that we heard in July.

Then a very special treat for October, Roy Tokunaga of H & R Orchids of Hawaii will be our featured speaker. Roy is an excellent speaker and also grower of some very exciting orchids. Several of us have been hoping to "snag" him as a speaker for one of our meetings for a long time. I am sure you will want to be at all of these future meetings. Until then, keep your orchids happy. *Dick*

AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING PHOTOS BY MARILYN MOSER

PHOTOS FROM OUR AUGUST 4, 2016 MONTHLY MEETING

Photos by Dick Pippen

Thank you to: **Raffle table workers Marilyn Moser & Alice Thorne; Plant table workers Lanelle Bishop & Sheila Demkovich; August refreshment contributors Karen Davenport, Susan Greco, Joylett Davis, Corrie van Caulil, Lanelle Bishop, Dick Thorne, Michelle Suppes & Mary Jo Shively. Please contact Mary Jo Shively @ maryjoshively@gmail.com if you would like to bring refreshments for our September-October monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!**

August monthly meeting attendance: 74 Raffle table proceeds: $210 Vanda sales proceeds: $60

CARE AND CONDOLENCE: A sympathy card was sent to NOS member Veronica Catrombon for the loss of her father. A care card was sent to NOS member Liz Pedersoli.

September 10-11: **Florida West Coast Orchid Society Show & Sale, Pinellas Park, FL; Info: sfraser0326@aol.com.**
September 30-October 2: **South Florida Orchid Society Show "Orchid Celebration," Coral Gables, FL; Info: Dan Christensen, 954-252-8116; damorchid@aol.com.**
October 8-9: **Ft. Pierce Orchid Society Show, Ft. Pierce Shrine Club, 4600 Oleander Ave, Ft. Pierce, FL Info: Rita Zeblin, 772-879-6108; rita2zfpos@gmail.com.**
October 14-16: **East Everglades Orchid Society Show & Sale "Slough of Orchids," 28100 SW 182 Ave., Homestead, FL; Info: Valerie Leonard, 305-903-0630; valda_900@hotmail.com.**
October 22-23: **SWFL Yard & Garden Show, UF/IFAS Collier Co. Extension, 14700 Immokalee Road.**
October 28-30: **Delray Beach Orchid Society Show "Orchids on the Square," Old School Square Gymnasium, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL; Info: Christine Folks McGraw, 352-443-0302; mcgrawcf@gmail.com.**

TASKS FOR SEPTEMBER

From Florida Orchid Growing – Month by Month by Martin Motes, Ph.d.

- ***Space plants to permit more air circulation.***
- ***Trim trees to permit more light & lessen the wind load on them.***
- ***Clean up growing area, removing any dead leaves or other organic matter.***
- ***Tidy up old pots or other objects on the ground.***
- ***Apply snail bait; lightly, frequently.***
- ***Spray quaternary ammonium chloride (ex. Physan, Green-Shield, SA 20, pool algaecide, etc.)***

AOS CORNER

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The New AOS Web Site-continued

I started talking about the new updated AOS website in last month's column. I have a couple of more things to share.

If you go to the section entitled Recent AOS Awards, there you can find a new section or page. On this page are photographs and descriptions for the last two months of AOS Awards. This is a very wonderful feature to browse. As you scroll down the page you can go back through the most recent awards chronologically. As I checked them out the other day the awards posted went from August 8th back to June 8th, 2016. There are incredible images of all the awarded plants as well as great descriptions. One can now stay current with everything that is new or current with AOS awards. You can learn what hybrids might be 'hot' or what people are growing throughout the orchid world. That is really cool!

Another thing I found was under the section on orchid culture. There is a rather extensive list of the most commonly asked questions on how to grow orchids. Where do I cut the spike? What media shall I use? There even is a place to type in your own question and someone from the AOS will get back to you with an answer. Now there is a very nice feature which could be helpful to a large number of our members.

So if you get a chance please take a look at the new web site at www.aos.org. …….*Bill*

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
August 4, 2016
Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.
He reviewed the emergency exits and procedures.
Dick announced and thanked the refreshment organizers, Mary Jo Shively and all those who brought in the tempting goodies.
He said that we still have a number of books of Martin Motes Month-by-Month Guide to growing orchids for sale for $15.
Membership chair Veronica Catrombon was absent but Dick announced that we have 210 members. Please pick up your new Membership Directory.
Treasurer Nanett Boerner announced that we have $6,100 in the bank, small surplus.
Kit Kitchen Maran announced that we have received a letter of thanks from IL College for our support of Dr. Mujica's and the intern's work in identifying ghost orchids in the wild in the Panther Refuge. Their work has produced a bumper crop of blooming ghost orchids. Kit also updated us on the "Orchidgami" which is being printed and supported by NOS and the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society. Students who have been working on the orchid garden at the Collier County Museum have put in many orchids and the garden is looking better.
Norm Dolder announced that Pottery Barn in Bonita has 40% off clay pots.
Mary Jo sent around a sign-up sheet for more refreshments.
David Orr introduced our speaker, Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids, who spoke on Cattleya breeding.
Plant Table winners were announced and raffle winner tickets were drawn.

An Orchid Vignette—Little Toshie A Bright Little Mini-Catt

Blc. Toshie Aoki (*Blc*. Faye Miyamoto x *Blc*. Waianae Flare) (photo below) is one of my all time favorite orchids. It was created by Masatoshi Miyamoto, M. Miyamoto Orchids of Hawaii and registered by Dr. A G Tharp, of Lakewood, California in 1980. It has won at least 14 AOS awards and seven international awards. Best known among the cultivars is 'Pazzaz' which earned an AM/AOS in 1983. Toshie Aokie has been a parent in over 200 crosses and has over 500 "grandkids."

When Toshie Aoki was crossed with *Sc*. Beaufort (*S. coccinea* x *C. luteola*), a very popular "small" orchid plant used to produce more compact plants (mini-catts), *Potinara* Little Toshie came into the world. This is a compact plant with 3-4 inch bright yellow or "orangish" flowers with a red lip. Often the lip has two yellow "eyes." Little Toshie was created by Nuuanu Orchids and registered in 1994 by R. Takafuji of the Orchid Center, both in Hawaii.

Not only has Little Toshie been very popular on the "award circuit" where it has garnered 19 awards, but also in the hybridizing arena where it has been used as a parent in 81 crosses. In 43 of those crosses it was the seed parent and a pollen parent in 38. I have had four cultivars of Little Toshie in my collection, three of which had awards.

'Gold Country' (photo 1) which probably has the most awards with a HCC and an AM from the AOS, a 2 HB1s (1st place, Hybrid Category) from the CAOB (Orchid Society of Brazil) in 2009 and 2011, and a HCC from the South African Orchid Society.The two AOS awards to the cultivar 'Gold Country' were for plants exhibited by Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids of California in 1996 and 1997 respectively.

The cultivar 'H & R' (photo 2) earned an AM/AOS for a plant exhibited by Shane Okamoto in Hawaii in 1997, and 2 HB1s from the CAOB in 2010. Unlike 'Gold Country' this cultivar has heavy orange overtones and looks quite different from the other cultivars. *Continued on page 7*

An Orchid Vignette—Little Toshie A Bright Little Mini-Catt *cont.*

The cultivar 'Yellow Rose' (photo 3) earned a HCC/AOS for a plant exhibited by Don and Joy Prince at an Orlando Show in 2005, and has also won two awards, an 3rd place in 2005 and a Trophy in 2009 from TOGA (Taiwan Orchid Growers Association) This cultivar is very similar to the cultivar 'Gold Country.

'Mini Flare' (photo 4) is similar to both 'Gold Country' and 'Yellow Rose' but with a solid red lip and with nice distinct, reddish flares on the sepals and petals. I have also noted some flaring in 'Gold Country,'' H. R.' and 'Yellow Rose' so flares are not unique to this cultivar.

Of course the names have changed. Toshie Aoki and Little Toshie are now in the genus *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* (*Rlc*.). These are great little orchids, especially if space is a problem. Give some or all of them a try.

--*Contributed by Dick Pippen*

Some information about our September speaker, Dennis Giardina

In the autumn of 2012, Florida biologists Mike Owen and Dennis Giardina attended an orchid conservation conference at Orquideario de Soroa Botanical Garden in Artemisa Province, Cuba. There they presented a paper on their efforts to experimentally increase the populations of *Cyrtopodium punctatum* and *Prosthechea boothiana*, two rare, native orchid species at Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park in collaboration with Dr. Jenny Cruse-Sanders and Matt Richards of Atlanta Botanical Garden and Dr. Hong Liu of Florida International University. During the conference, they initiated a collaborative effort with Cuban botanists Dr. Rolando Pérez and Leyaní Caballero-Tihert to experimentally re-introduce two of Fakahatchee Strand's extirpated orchid species, *Bulbophyllum pachyrachis* and *Epidendrum acunae* and two of the Eastern Everglades extirpated orchid species, *Brassia caudata* and *Macradenia lutescens*, using genetics from the nearest extant populations of these four species in western Cuba. This presentation will recount a bit of the odyssey to find Florida's "lost orchids" and bring them back.

AND NOT TO BE MISSED…OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKER!!!

We are fortunate to have Roy Tokunaga, the "R" in H & R Orchids, Hawaii. He is one of the top breeders in the world of Latourias, aka New Guinea Dendrobiums, as our speaker October 6, 2016.

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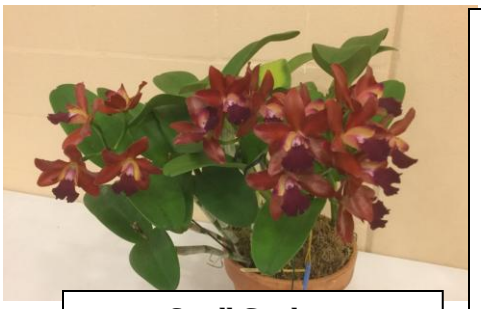
AUGUST 2016 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser (with 29 plants brought in & 42 voting)

Large Cattleya
***Blc.* Fort Watson 'Mendenhall'**



Small Cattleya
***Lc.* PharaNaKhan Khiri x *C.* Netrasiri Beauty 'Lakeview'**

Large Vanda
***Vanda* Wattana Pink**

Small Vanda
***Aeridv.* Tzen-Wen Happy**

Dendrobium
***Den.* Blue Fox Tail**

Large Species
Epi. ciliare

Small Species
Den. bursigerum

Oncidium Alliance
***Mtssa.* Kauai's Choice 'Tropical Fragrance'**

Apologies to Eunice Walker for not having photo of her "Other Tribes" winner Clowesetum Sandy Kasner

PLANT TABLE AWARDS AUGUST 2016

Photos by Marilyn Moser

BEST SPECIES
Grammatophyllum scriptum v. citrinum
Owner: Cassandra Druffus

BEST HYBRID
***Clowesetum* Black Jade**
Owner: Kris Morton

Naples Orchid Society
Plant Table Results
Aug 4, 2016

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Fort Watson 'Mendenhall'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Phara NaKhan Khiri x C. Netrasiri Beauty 'Lakeview'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Vandas
First Place: Vanda Wattana Pink
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Vanda Samsri Gold
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vandas
First Place: Aeridv. Tzen-Wen Happy
Owner: Ann Marie Fox

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Blue Fox Tail
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Species
First Place: Epi. ciliare
Owner: Eunice Walker

Medium Species
First Place: Grammatophyllum scriptum v. citrinum
Owner: Cassandra Duffus
Second Place: Trichoglottis philippinensis
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Third Place: Phal. cornu-cervi
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Species
First Place: Den. bursigerum
Owner: Barbara Crist

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Mtssa. Kauai's Choice 'Tropical Fragrance'
Owner: Alice Thorne
Second Place: Brassidium Gilded Urchin
Owner: Mary Southall

Other Tribes
First Place: Clowesetum Sandy Kasner
Owner: Eunice Walker

Best Species
Plant Name: Grammatophyllum scriptum v. citrinum
Owner: Cassandra Duffus

Best Hybrid
Plant Name: Clowesetum Black Jade
Owner: Kris Morton

Green Tag
Plant Name: Pot. Little Toshie 'Gold Country'
Owner: Karen Davenport

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
Offering 10% discount on plants for NOS members.

AND THIS FROM NORM DOLDER:

Looking for someone to care for your orchids while you are away on vacation? Need help with repotting? This gal is available, reliable and knowledgeable: Gloria Restrepo can be reached at 239-293-8083.