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 October Meeting Thursday October 4, 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 Fred Clarke Sunset Valley Orchids Vista, CA

"Cynoches & Catasetums"

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

Upcoming Events

Next meeting November 1
Bill Fender
Fender Orchids, Venice, FL
Mini Cats

NEXT NOS SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
October 9, 2012
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
October 18, 2012
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date, October 27
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 meeting, October 4, and November 1, 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,

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Dear Fellow NOS Members,

At our last meeting we learned it's not too late to repot your orchids, so I have been trying to save my plants that are literally climbing out of their pots to get out of the bad root environments from rain and overwatering. It helps that the last several mornings have been cooler and more comfortable, humidity-wise. If you too, are still repotting, please don't forget that the annual sale will be on November 3rd. So, pot up those divisions, save one for yourself and give one to Norm Dolder or Patrece Remmel at the October 4th or November 1st meeting or bring them to the gym on Friday, November 2nd so they can help raise funds for NOS 2013.

Dick Pippen asks that you bring some suggestions for the February, 2013 Orchid Show theme to the next meeting. This will be the 40th time NOS has put on a show. There is a $50 prize for the winner of the theme title. In past years, sometimes the prize has been shared among the members who have submitted the same idea. Hint: winning ideas in the past have been themes that the exhibitors find easy to relate to and build their entries around.

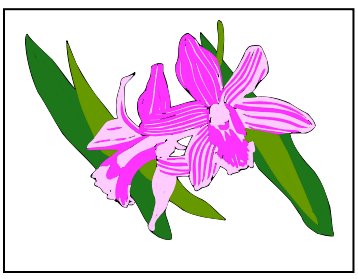
It's not too late to get on the bus! Send your checks to Deborah Gallagher (726B 95th Ave., Naples, 34108) or to the NOS, P. O. Box 7998, Naples, 34101, to save your seat for a fun-filled day on Saturday, October 6th. There will be visits to four orchid growers in Homestead!

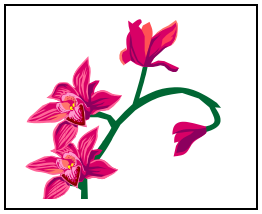
Look for David Genovese's orchid sale info in this newsletter and don't miss it! For more info call David at 239-598-2408.

Our October meeting promises to be exciting with our program by Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids in California. He will speak on Cynoches and Catasetums, and if you would like to order from him, he will bring your order that evening. He's the grower of the famous 'black orchid', Fredclarkeara After Dark (Mo. Painted Desert X Ctsm. Donna Wise.) http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the October meeting!

Take care, Kit





AOS CORNER

Marilyn Moser, AOS Rep. MM3purple@aol.com

I am reading "The Scent of Scandal" by Craig Pittman, a true story of greed, betrayal and the world's most beautiful orchid. It is the story of the discovery in Peru of Phrag kovachii. I remember reading about this find in the newspaper and how amazing it was. The book is filled with unique characters many of whom you will recognize. And Marie Selby Gardens plays a major role in the story. It is a fascinating book and I highly recommend it to you.

Our annual sale is coming up in November so please save those divisions. It is our only fundraiser of the year so we need as many orchids as possible.

For me, it is orchid culling time again. After scrutinizing my collection, 17 plants have been discarded…some rather large ones included. No blooms for quite a while, no new growth, just not very healthy looking. So why keep them ? Well, I don't. Makes room for new ones !

THANK YOU TO OUR SEPTEMBER COOKIE BAKERS:
Deborah Gallagher, Patrece Remmel, Maria Davis, Laura Stacell & Diana Lee

THANK YOU TO OUR SEPTEMBER BEVERAGE PROVIDERS:
Lanelle Bishop, Ken & Joylette Davis & Mark Hudak

REMINDER TO OCTOBER COOKIE BAKERS:
Deborah Gallagher, Twyla Leigh & Eunice Walker

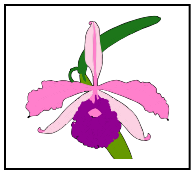
REMINDER TO OUR OCTOBER BEVERAGE PROVIDER:
Corrie Van Caulil

THANK YOU TO OUR PLANT TABLE WORKERS:
Marilyn Moser, Dave Orr & Kim Pendleton

THANK YOU TO OUR RAFFLE TABLE WORKERS:
Bertha Chinn & Denise Sapia

RAFFLE TABLE PROFITS FROM OUR SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING: $210
ATTENDANCE AT OUR SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING: 68

GET WELL CARDS WERE SENT TO ALICE THORNE AFTER HER BACK SURGERY & TO BOB LANG FOR A SERIOUS ILLNESS. A CONDOLENCE CARD WAS SENT TO DEBI JAYNES FOR THE LOSS OF HER MOTHER.



ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

ORCHID SALE!!! Saturday September 22, 10 am-2 pm, Sunday September 23, 11 am-2 pm, @ David Genovese's home, 147 Flame Vine Drive. Call 598-2408 for more information.

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.

Redlands Orchid Sale October 5-7 & 12-14, 9 am-5 pm. Info: @ www.orchidworks.com/redland.

Florida West Coast Orchid Society "Orchid Paradise," October 6-7. Info: jupchurch64@hotmail.com.

Ft. Pierce Orchid Society Show, October 13-14. Info: jbtozer@bellsouth.net.

East Everglades Orchid Society Show, October 19-21. Info: valda_900@hotmail.com.

SW FLORIDA YARD & GARDEN SHOW, Saturday October 27, 9am-4pm, Sunday October 28, 9am-3pm. Collier County University Ext. Office, 14700 Immokalee Rd., Naples. Over 30 vendors from around the state offering orchids, tropicals, herbs, palms, native plants, bromeliads & much more. Educational programs & demonstrations, presented by Collier County Volunteer Master Gardeners & Collier County University Ext. staff. Info: 353-4244.

Delray Beach Orchid Society Show "Orchids on the Square," October 26-28, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, 10am-5pm. Info: www.delraybeachorchidsociety.com or call Debbie @ 561-736-1017.

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.

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.

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

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).

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).

An Orchid Vignette—Alice's Orchids

There once was an Alice who had a restaurant, but another Alice had orchids! *Aliceara* is a nothogenus (manmade genus) in the *Oncidium* Alliance. It is a combination of species from *Brassia*, *Miltonia* and *Oncidium*. Whenever a hybrid is composed of three or more genera, the genus is typically the name of a notable person with '-ara' added to the person's name. *Aliceara* is in honor of Alice Iwanaga who was a well-known and excellent orchid breeder in Hawaii, and wife of Ernest Iwanaga, also a well-known and excellent orchid breeder. She passed away in 1991.

Like most oncidiums and brassias, these plants have fairly large ovoid pseudobulbs with long multi-flowered spike arising from within leaf-like bracts at the base of the pseudobulb rather than from the top. Two strap-shaped leaves emerge at the top. The pseudobulbs and leaves together are a little over a foot long. The leaves are thinner than those of the *Cattleya* group, so these plants prefer a little more shade and a little more moisture. I grow my plants in sphagnum moss in plastic pots and keep them in a west-facing pool cage. The stellate flowers with a flared tongue-like lip are usually 4-5 inches across.

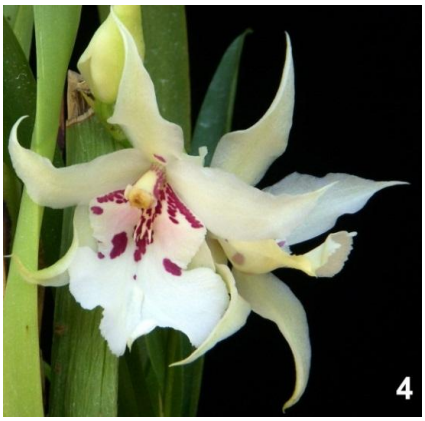
The most well-known *Aliceara*, at least to me, is *Alcra*. Sunday Best (Photo 1). It is a cross between *Brsdm*. Gilded Urchin and *Milt. spectabilis*, and was registered by Rod McLellan in 1981. It has received six HCC awards from AOS including 'Muffin' the best known.

As a result of the "name shuffling" in the orchid world and the transfer of many odontoglossums and some miltonias to *Oncidium*, several genera have been absorbed into *Aliceara*, notably most of *Degarmoara* and *Beallara*. Now *Aliceara* has 273 greges!!

Alcra. (formerly *Beallara*) Tahoma Glacier (Photo 2) a cross between *Brat*. Cartagena and *Onc*. Alaskan Sunset was created and registered in 1970 by W.W.G. Moir of Hawaii. It has garnered 17 AOS awards and been used as a parent in 39 crosses.

Alcra. (formerly *Beallara*) Peggy Ruth Carpenter (Photo 3) (*Alcra*. Tahoma Glacier X *Milt*. Purple Queen), was created and registered by Milton Carpenter of Everglades Orchids in 1980. It has earned two AOS awards. Photo 3 is of the cultivar 'J.E.M. which earned one HCC. Photo 4 is the cultivar 'Morning Joy' which earned an AM. The two are quite different. Peggy Ruth Carpenter has been used as a parent in two crosses.

Alcra. (formerly *Beallara*) Tropic Tom (Photo 5) is another of my favorites with a fascinating combination of colors. The flowers are basically chartreuse-purple with the sepals and petals heavily and irregularly blotched brown. The lip is purple, blotched dark purple toward the tip, but yellow near the base.



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The traditional genus *Degarmoara*, honors Lloyd DeGarmo, a very long time active member of the American Orchid Society, AOS judge, and recipient of the American Orchid Society's Achievement Award in 2005.

There are two delightful greges that were in this genus worth mentioning:

Degarmoara Flying High (Photo 6) has yellow flowers heavily overlain with mahogany "blotches." This grex is a cross between *Brat*. Jet Setter X *Odcm*. McNabianum. It was registered by Stewart Orchids in 1987 and has received seven AOS awards. 'Stars 'n Bars,' my cultivar, has earned most of the awards. Flying High has been used as a parent in five crosses.

Degarmoara Winter Wonderland (Photo 7) (*Mtssa.* Cartagena x *Odm.* Gledhow) was created by Bee Lian Orchid Nursery in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and registered in 1989. But it was 2008 before this grex earned an award from the AOS, a HCC to the cultivar 'White Fairy.' The star-shaped flowers with their broad lip are quite distinctive. I read in some advertisement that when the plant is in bloom "you can spot the flowers a mile away!" Alicearas are fascinating, rewarding and easy to grow orchids. Try some and I hope you will agree. -- *Contributed by Dick Pippen*

Growing Your Orchids Better- Understanding Orchid Nomenclature

By Bill Overton

There will be a few times when my monthly column will not be written about orchid culture. This is one such column. While working the Plant Table, and serving as the Orchid Doctor, I have noticed just how many of our members seem to have trouble understanding orchid nomenclature. What designation describes an orchid species such as Cattleya walkeriana? Why do the letters Dtps. mean that the plant is a hybrid? Dtps. is an abbreviation for Doritaenopsis, an artificial genus made when a Doritis (genus) is crossed or hybridized with a Phalaenopsis (genus). The names or orchid genera, species and hybrids are always capitalized such as Doritis, Phalaenopsis and Cattleya. The name of a species such as 'walkeriana' is always written in lower case, not capitalized. Furthermore, hybrid genera or genus's can be abbreviated, species names cannot!

When we deal with more complex hybrids, say those with four, five or six generations of parents, many people get flustered and confused even further. But, for the time being, let everyone just try to concentrate on a simple species versus a hybrid and the proper way to write each one. I really sympathize with everyone struggling to grasp the difference between the two and then again just why it makes any difference at all?! But cheer up everyone, I think I may have found a way to help everyone understand and hopefully grasp the difference between the two. I will use a simple analogy. Well, at least I hope you all find it simple. Let me use this as an example: we are all going into the kitchen and prepare some of our favorite recipes using basic ingredients. We are going to be using flour, sugar, yeast, baking soda, fruit fillings, water, milk, eggs, chocolate chips, cinnamon and maybe some vanilla. These are our ingredients or species. When we follow our recipes, we will be making breads, cookies, pies, pancakes, turnovers and muffins. Just how we combine these ingredients, and in what amounts, will determine just what kind of 'treat' we make. Think of these bakery treats as hybrids. If at a future meeting, when you ask me a question about parentage or hybrids, and I start talking about "ingredients and recipes", please try and remember this little article and also remember that I am not just simply crazy! Well not yet anyway.

Another point I wanted to reinforce with everyone at this particular time is this: just because a name appears on a label does not necessarily mean it is the truth or correct! "M's" can easily become "N's" when written over and over just as "C's" can become either "O's" or "A's"! A "V" can easily become a "W"! In a hybrid name like Rlc. (Rhyncholaeliacattleya), the "l" or the "c" could be left off the genus name making it either a Rc. (Rhynchocattleya) or a Rl. (Rhyncholaelia). These simple omissions can have a profound result when researching hybrid names. Growers and hybridizers may develop 'shortcuts' when it comes to writing out labels. They would naturally understand their abbreviations and shortcuts because it would be their own system or 'shorthand'. Just imagine for a second that we got an electric bill for $1,000,132 for the month of April. Now we all would probably realize that is a terrible mistake! At least we would after we have awakened from fainting when we first read the bill. But if we were really to be so silly as to believe what appeared on the bill by figuring it must be correct because it is written, we would just quietly go about our business and pay it. Why? Because if it is written, it must be correct. Now please, don't misunderstand me. I am not saying that any of us would pay this bill because you might just be an idiot but we must use common sense in matters such as this. Remember, this bill just had an extra "1" and a few zeros!!! All I am saying is simply this: just because a name appears on an orchid label, do not take it as the truth and nothing but the truth. Remember, common sense.

Happy baking everyone!

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
September 6, 2012
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

- **President Kit Kitchen-Maran called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.**
- **Kit announced that another request was submitted to the Community Foundation for website training. It was unfortunately denied. Sue Roehl has taken on the website management.**
- **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 volunteers and more donations of plants to sell.**
- **Deborah Gallagher reported that there will be a bus trip on Sat., Oct 6th to the Redlands Orchid Festival. We will go to Motes, Soroa, Whimsey, Caribe and last stop at RF Orchids. $40 for members and $45 for non-members. BYO lunch. Bus leaves at 8am, please arrive by 7:30am, from the Publix shopping center across from Coastland Mall. We get back around 5pm. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Make checks payable to NOS.**
- **Deborah also mentioned the suggestion box.**
- **Kit thanked the cookie bakers and drink providers. We need cookie bakers and drink providers for 2013. Please sign up.**
- **There will be a potluck for members in December. A sign-up sheet was passed.**
- **Dick Pippen announced the Orchid Show and Sale will be February 22-24th. Next show committee meeting is Sept 11th at 7pm in Classroom B of Moss Hall. Volunteers are welcome.**
- **Dick also mentioned the Culture Class. It will be 6 weeks for 3 hours each class, 9:30am-12:30pm, from Jan 12 to Feb 16th. Sign up at meetings. $50 for members and $60 for non-members.**
- **David Genovese announced that he is having a private sale Sept 22-23 at his home in Palm River. He distributed pamphlets.**
- **Ted Moore reported on the Orchid House project at the Collier county Museum. Installation is proceeding and Ted will be monitoring the progress.**
- **Norm Dolder reported that the speakers will be: in October, Fred Clarke, Sun Valley Orchids, on Cycnoches and Catasetums; in November, Bill Fender, Fenders Orchids on They're Breeding Mini Cats; in December, our Christmas Pot Luck Party & Broward Orchid Supply.**
- **Norm Dolder introduced the speaker, Segundo Cuesta, Quest Orchids on "New Growing Trends in Cattleyas."**
- **The plant table winners were announced.**
- **Raffle winners were announced.**
- **The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.**

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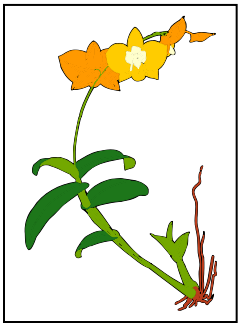
SEPTEMBER 2012 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD:
Pot. Egyptian Queen
'Black Diamond'
Owner: Ralph Brand

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD:
Trichoglottis bractiata
Owner: Jose Davila



Plant Table Results
September 6, 2012

Large Cattleyas
First Place: C. Lavender Ice
Owner: Ralph Brand
Second Place: Pot. Egyptian Queen 'Black Diamond'
Owner: Ralph Brand
Third Place: Blc. Fort Watson
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Eplc. Don Herman 'Gold Rush'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Bc. Binosa 'Kirk'
Owner: Ralph Brand
Third Place: Rth. Love Triangle
Owner: David Orr

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Samsri Gold v. Pachara
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Mok. Chack Kuan
Owner: Barbara Crist
Third Place: Prama. Nora Pinic
Owner: Ralph Brand

Small Vandas
First Place: Neostylis Lou Sneary
Owner: David Genovese
Second Place: Vasco. Pine River 'Pink'
Owner: Barbara Crist
Third Place: Ascda. Thai Gold
Owner: Barbara Crist

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Woo Leng
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil
Second Place: Den. Woo Leng
Owner: Leslie Costello
Third Place: Den. Mini Salaya Ministripe
Owner: Eunice Walker

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Dtps. OX Firebird
Owner: David Orr

Large Species
First Place: Den. antennatum
Owner: Wilma Swan

Medium Species
First Place: Chri. vietnamica
Owner: David Genovese

Small Species
First Place: Phalaenopsis equestris
Owner: Jose Davila

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Alcra. Sunday Best 'Muffin'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Colm. Wild Cat 'Blood Shots'
Owner: Barbara Crist
Third Place: Onc. Sharry Baby 'Tricolor'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Paph. phillippinense x Voodoo Magic
Owner: Ralph Brand
Second Place: Paph. Sand Dollar
Owner: Marilyn Moser
Third Place: Phrag. Cape Gold Nugget
Owner: Ralph Brand

Other Tribes
First Place: Cycd. Jumbo Canaan
Owner: Ralph Brand

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Trichoglottis bractiata
Owner: Jose Davila

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Pot. Egyptian Queen 'Black Diamond'
Owner: Ralph Brand

Green Tag Winner:
Eunice Walker