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 2, 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 Jim Roberts FL SunCoast Orchids Myakka City, FL Speaking on "Orchid Hybridizing."

And please join us for our Mini Culture Class starting at 6 PM. Orchid Doctor Bill Overton will be talking about "Growing Phalaenopsis." All are welcome!

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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October 2014 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

November 6, 2014
Mac Rivenbark
Mac's Orchids
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

NEXT NOS BOD & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
October 16, 2014
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome.

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is October 25, Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

COLLIER MASTER GARDENERS' ANNUAL YARD & GARDEN SHOW/SALE
October 25-26, Collier Co. Ext., 14700 Immokalee Rd.
Info: http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu

ANNUAL NOS ORCHID SALE IS NOVEMBER 8TH !!!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
THIS IS OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!!!

Please note- East Everglades Orchid Society Show & Sale dates were incorrectly listed on some websites. See page 5 for more information on this & many more upcoming events.

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers—I was pleased to see 81 people turn out for our September 2014 meeting. And what a grand meeting we had! Our speaker, Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids in Lincoln, California, told us how to have "Cattleyas 365 24/7". *Cattleya walkeriana*, *Cattleya intermedia* and some of the Brazilian Laelias and their hybrids will bloom several times a year under the right conditions and that is a good start!! Lola Moncsko took home the Green Tag plant which was a blooming plant of *Potinara* Little Toshie 'Gold Country,' provided by Alan Koch. He said that was an actual division of the mother plant of that cross, one that he made himself (and normally sells for "lots of $$). Alan specializes in breeding compact to miniature orchids and he had a number of very nice seedlings for sale.

And, speaking of orchid hybrids—did you know that the first artificial ("man-made") orchid hybrid was created by John Dominy, a nurseryman working for Veitch Royal Exotic Nursery in Chelsea, England. In 1853 he crossed two species of *Calanthe*, *Cal. furcata* x *Cal. masuca*. In 1856 the first flowers from the cross opened, and guess what he named it—you got it, *Calanthe* Dominy!! Oh well, I guess he was pretty excited. Stay tuned for more enlightening tid-bits in the future.

Our speaker for October is Jim Roberts of Florida SunCoast Orchids in Myakka City (near Sarasota), speaking on "Orchid Hybridizing." Jim always has a good program and nice orchids for sale. As you all recall, Jim is also one of the vendors in our February Orchid Show.

Until next time—Keep you orchids happy. ***Dick***

Photos by Dick Pippen

Remembering Ruth Lawson

Ruth Lawson, a Naples resident and a long-time member of the Naples Orchid Society, passed away in August, 2014. She was 102 years old!! Some of the "old timers" remember her when she used to come to meetings, as a tall, distinguished, white haired lady. She had also been active in the Naples Garden Club and served for some time as president of that organization. Up until her passing, she maintained an orchid collection in a small shade house off the lanai of her house on Crayton Rd, and also a number mounted in trees beyond her patio. In her will she bequeathed her orchid collection to the Naples Orchid Society. She had about 50 plants, many of them orphans (without labels), but a number with labels. A group of us transferred her collection to the greenhouse where we maintain orchids for out plant sale and show. Many of Ruth's orchids will be in our plant sale; a number of the orphans will probably be donated to mount on trees. The Naples Orchid Society is very grateful for Ruth's bequest and we extend our condolences to her family.

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With all the rain we have had this week my plants are pretty saturated - which makes it very easy to get the overgrown ones out of their pots so they can be divided, trimmed and repotted. It is much easier than soaking the whole plant in a bucket of water.

A good way to keep track of your collection is to take a photo of the flower when it's in full bloom and keep some sort of file so you can record important info such as when the plant was purchased and from whom, price, when it spiked and when it bloomed. You can then add information such as feeding and repotting. Once you know how the plant behaved and what actions you took, you will have a better idea of what to expect from the plant and when.

The September issue of Orchids magazine has some great articles including one on the much-hated thrips and how to deal with them. For me it is a constant struggle with the nasty little buggers!

At our September 4 meeting 26 plants were brought in for judging and 39 of you voted. Give voting a try….it's fun and educational.

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE: 81 ***RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $260***

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
September 4, 2014
Submitted by Patrece Remmel for Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He then reviewed the emergency exit procedures, thanked the refreshment coordinator and providers. He reported that former member, Ruth Lawson, passed away at the age of 102. Ms. Lawson donated orchids to NOS, some of which will be available at the plant sale in November.

Dick announced that applications are now available for the Culture Class, to be held Jan 10 – Feb 14 on Sat from 9:30 – 12:30.

Dick announced the next Board of Director/Show Committee meeting is on Sept. 18th and is open to all.

The speaker for our Oct. meeting will be Jim Roberts, FL Suncoast Orchids, speaking on orchid hybridizing.

Newsletter Editor Kris Morton, subbing for Membership Chair. Nanett Boerner, welcomed our newest member. She reported that we now have 209 members.

Treasurer Bill Overton reported that all is well with finances.

Plant Sale Chair Sheila Demkovich called for more volunteers for the November Plant sale and circulated clipboards.

Director Norm Dolder introduced our speaker, Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids (CA) who spoke about Cattleyas 24/7/365.

Plant Table winners were announced. Raffle winners were drawn. The meeting adjourned.

Thank you to: Raffle Table workers Sue Roehl & Laura Stacell; Plant Table workers: Sheila Demkovich & Marilyn Moser; Refreshment volunteers: Kit Kitchen-Maran, Michelle Suppes, Amanda Borro, Connie Sims, Alice Thorne, Corrie VanCaulil, Ken & Joylett Davis, Elaine Gates & Joy Corritore. Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our October or November monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!

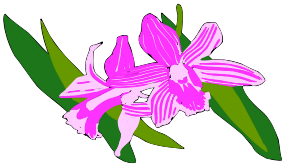
Please welcome our newest NOS member: Henry Piper.

October 3-5: South Florida Orchid Society Show & Sale, Coral Gables, FL.
October 4-5: FL West Coast Orchid Society Show, St. Petersburg, FL.
October 11-12: Ft. Pierce Orchid Society Show & Sale, Ft. Pierce, FL.
*****October 17-19: East Everglades Orchid Society Show & Sale, Homestead, FL.**
October 24-26: Delray Beach Orchid Society Show, Delray Beach, FL.

October 25-26: 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

November 15-16: Deerfield Beach Orchid Society 3rd Annual Show & Sale, Pompano Beach, FL.

*****Please note change of date from previously announced!!!**



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 be collecting your orchid donations at our October & November monthly meetings. This is our only fund raiser for the year & helps us cover the benefits of belonging to the NOS including rent, raffle plants, speakers, storage unit, trailer, insurance, greenhouse expenses & end of year Christmas Party with orchids for members. Contact orchid sale chair Sheila Demkovich at sdemkovich@aol.com Or 239-598-9647 for more information.

MORE REPOTTING FOR OUR UPCOMING NOVEMBER ORCHID SALE

Photos by Dick Pippen

We sincerely thank the NOS members who came to the NOS greenhouse to help repot (in the steamy heat) more orchids for our November 8 Orchid Sale. Hope to have the best sale ever!

WITH ALL OF OUR RAIN AND HUMITITY BE ALERT FOR DISEASES!

Black rot (Phytophthora cactorum & Pythium ultimum) appears as soft brown tissue on leaves & new shoots. Infections have a leading yellow margin which turns to brown & black as infection progresses. All diseased areas should be removed with sterile pair of clippers cutting one half inch into healthy tissue, then paste with powdered cinnamon straight from the spice jar to cut area (you can mix cinnamon with Elmers glue or cooking oil for better adhesion to cut. Dithane may also be mixed as paste for cut.) Infected parts should be properly disposed of. Drenching the affected plant with fungicide is also an option. Protectant fungicides such as Banrot, Terrazole, Thiomyl & Cleerys are recommended if disease is diagnosed early. Captan, Dithane M-45 & Physan 20 have also been recommended by some growers for control of black rot. For advanced cases use systemic fungicide such as Aliette or Subdue. Isolate infected plants & water sparingly. Black rot most often appears in crowded conditions where air circulation is poor & plants remain wet. It is easily transmitted by sloppy watering practices & can spread rapidly if not diagnosed quickly. Infected seedlings are often best discarded. (*from AOS & "Growing Orchids is Fun.")*

An Orchid Vignette—Little Golden Delights

When we think of orchid flowers most of us, myself included, think of the big, 6-7 inch, flamboyant, corsage Cattleya orchids. And they are beautiful and exciting. However the majority of orchids have much smaller flowers. Here are a few of my favorite "small-flower" orchids that are, at most, three inches across. I tend to gravitate toward the yellow and gold tones in these orchids, hence "my little golden delights."

Slc. Sierra Nugget (photo 1) is a cross between *Slc*. Precious Stones x *Slc*. Gold Nugget. It was created by Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids, California and registered by him in 2001. Alan specializes in "mini" or compact orchids. The sepals and petals are basically yellow, "blushed" with orange, with deeper orange on the edges of the lip. Several 2-2.5 inch flowers are produced on each spike and the plant flowers two or three times a year, and the flowers last for at least a month. Sierra Nugget has received three AM/AOS and one HCC/AOS awards, but it has not as yet been a parent in any crosses. With the new nomenclature in orchids, this grex is now a *Cattleya*.

Alan Koch of Gold Country does like his "Sierra orchids!" *Otaara* Sierra Fires (*Blc*. Sunday x *Ctna*. Why Not) (photo 2) was created by Alan and registered by him in 2004. These flowers, about the same size as Sierra Nugget are a little more vibrant in color. Sierra Fires has received one AOS award, a HCC and the flowers were described as being basically yellow with "raspberry/orange overlay." That seems to describe the color of this flower very well. Like Sierra Nugget, this grex has not been a parent in any crosses. With the new nomenclature, this orchid is now in the genus *Volkertara*!! (Where do they come up with these names!!

Another of my favorite "little golden delights is Volkertata Samantha Marko (*Ctna*. Why Not x *Blc*. Orange Nuggett) (photo 3). I received a division of this plant from Ralph Brand after the 2012 NOS Orchid Show (before he sold it to Jim Roberts of Florida SunCoast Orchids). Like Sierra Nugget these flowers are about 2-2.5 inches across and borne several on a spikes. The sepals and petals are basically yellow with a fuchsia blush; the lip is more distinctly yellow with just orange/fuchsia coloring at the tip. For me, so far, this plant has only bloomed once a year, in April. This grex was created by Ah Chat Orchids and registered in 2013 by Ng Joo Hiong of Singapore. The grex had not been registered when I first got my division, but it was exciting to see that someone has now given it an official name.

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

SEPTEMBER 2014 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleya
***Blc.* Mem. John Yee 'Halona'**

Small Cattleya
***C.* Kose's Sugar Plum**

Small Vanda
***Vandachostylis* Precious**

Oncidium Alliance
***Onc.* Tiger Brew**

Phalaenopsis
***Phal.* Chian Xen Pearl**

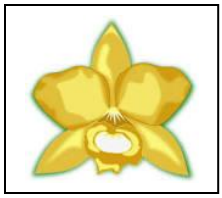
Dendrobium
***Den.* Blue Aridang**

PLANT TABLE AWARDS SEPTEMBER 2014

Photos by Sue Roehl

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Vandachostylis* Precious**
Owner: Lola Moncsko

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
***Vanda* coerulescens**
Owner: Lola Moncsko



Plant Table Results
September 4, 2014

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Mem. John Yee 'Halona'
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Small Cattleyas
First Place: C. Jose' Sugar Plum
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Large Vandas
First Place: Ascda. Tim Brooks
Owner: Eunice Walker

Small Vandas
First Place: Vandachostylis Precious
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: V. Alice Motes
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: Ascda. Marty Brick
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Blue Aridang
Owner: Barbara Crist

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. Chian Xen Pearl
Owner: Lorraine Thomas

Large Species
First Place: Vanda coerulescens
Owner: Lola Moncsko

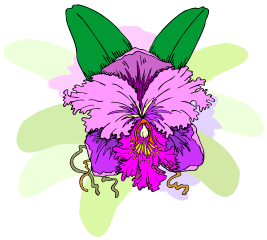
Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Onc. Tiger Brew
Owner: Mary Southall

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Vanda coerulescens
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Vandachostylis Precious
Owner: Lola Moncsko

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Pot. Little Toshie 'Gold Country'
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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