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 November Meeting Thursday November 1, 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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CHANGE OF SPEAKERS
Mickey Carnell
Blue Pagoda Orchids
"Paphiopedilums (or Lady Slippers)"

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

Upcoming Events

Next month will be our Christmas pot luck dinner December 6, 2012 Broward Orchid Supply will also be there. Order forms will be available at the November meeting.

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
November 15, 2012
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date, November 17
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

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

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 one more monthly meeting, November 1, when you may bring orchids for donation. You may also bring them in the evening before our sale. 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

Dear Fellow NOS Members,

I hope your orchids and you are enjoying the turn of the season. Summer is over and the nights are starting to cool, humidity is beginning to drop. I'm still repotting, and am happy to see the Cattleyas blooming again as well as the Dendrobiums. So are the crazy Bulbos. Now is the time to apply a seasonal preventative dose of systemic pesticide and fungicide to protect against the bugs that prefer the drier, cooler air of our winter. Take precautions for your safety.
Our elections will take place next meeting. The board has put forth a slate of competent candidates and I encourage you to support them with your approval. Thanks to the Board of Directors for all the time and effort they have put in over the past months to make your Society one of the very best. They are truly dedicated members.

We on the board appreciate your approving the change in By-laws to allow the AOS Representative and Webmaster to be elected voting members of the board. The members in these positions are required to attend meetings of the board and have responsibly done their work well.

Kudos to Dick Pippen! Not only has he provided exciting, informative articles and photos for use on the NOS website (which have been noticed internationally), but now his work has been translated into Spanish and is also being used by the newsletter editor of the North of England Orchid Society, in "English" English, in the United Kingdom! (See www.orchid.org.uk.)

We are gearing up for our fundraiser, the Fall annual orchid sale November, 3rd at the church. Please help out as much as you can. Thanks to Sue Roehl (404-1916) for chairing the event and to Norm Dolder and Patrece Remmel for all the nurturing care they have provided to the orchids in the greenhouse. Also thanks to Norm and Nancy Ginocchio for being the traveling selection committee that will bring blooming orchids back for the sale. If you can't come and help, then please come and buy!

Thanks too, to Deborah Gallegher for arranging for the Fall bus trip to Homestead for a whirlwind orchid buying trip. The next event Deborah is arranging is the Christmas potluck on December 6th at the church. Norm will have supply order forms from Broward Orchids at our November 1st meeting so that you can preorder supplies to be delivered at our December party meeting.

Happy Orchiding!
Kit

After helping at the plant table during meetings, I would like to share some interesting information from the October meeting. There were a total of 66 plants entered for competition, 26 of which won ribbons. The category with the largest number of entries was Dendrobiums with 14 plants. Next was small Cattleyas, with 12 entries. All in all it was a beautiful display of orchids.

With all the rain we have been having, my orchids are certainly wet. All my plants, except for my Phals and Paphs, are under my pool cage, so I am at the mercy of the elements. I repotted a few yesterday, and as I pulled the plant from the pot the medium was quite wet. Actually, now is a good time to repot as the plants come out of the pots very easily. I'm sure that next month we will be wishing for rain. But I know that these plants need a good drying-out period.

Last year I decided to put all my Nobile type Dendrobiums in under the lanai where they would get very little water, as is recommended for good flower production in the spring. I usually never did this. Well, they didn't do very well. So this Fall I am leaving them out in the elements and so far I have lovely new growth and they all look healthy. I guess what works for some growers doesn't work for me.

I have been experiencing an influx of Cuban wildlife in my garden lately. Last week I had a 12" long Cuban green Anole. Quite a remarkable critter! I so enjoyed watching him. Also had a Cuban tree frog nestled in one of my Bulbophyllums. And although not Cuban, I watched a 3' long black snake slither along my side yard as I watched from my kitchen window. Some neat Florida wildlife !!

<u>AND THANK YOU TO LEAH RAY FOR SUBMITTING PHOTOS OF OUR NOS BUS TRIP TO REDLANDS OCTOBER 6, 2012</u>

DEB & MARTIN MOTES

LUNCH AT RF…WHAT A GREAT GROUP!

TOUR OF RF ORCHIDS PRIVATE GARDENS

THANK YOU TO OUR COOKIE BAKERS & BEVERAGE PROVIDERS IN OCTOBER
Twyla Leigh, Deborah Gallagher, Eunice Walker, Alice Thorne, Corrie Van Caulil, Sue Roehl

NOVEMBER REMINDER TO:
Cookie bakers: Deborah Gallagher, Kathy Akenson; Beverage providers: Deborah Gallagher

THANK YOU TO OUR PLANT TABLE WORKERS
Marilyn Moser, Lanelle Bishop, Dave Orr

THANK YOU TO OUR RAFFLE TABLE WORKERS
Bertha Chinn, Denise Sapia

OCTOBER RAFFLE PROFITS: $180 ***OCTOBER ATTENDANCE: 72***

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
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Bob Rode, 20470 Chapel Trace, Estero, FL 33928, bobrode@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS
SW Florida Yard & Garden Show, October 27, 9am-4pm, October 28, 9am-3pm, UF/IFAS Collier Ext. Office, 14700 Immokalee Rd., Naples, FL Info: 353-4244 or http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu

Naples Orchid Society Orchid Sale, Saturday, November 3, 12noon-3pm, Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Dr., Naples, FL

Collier Fruit Growers Fruit Sale, Saturday, November 3, 9am-2pm, Freedom Park, Naples

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Sale, Saturday December 1, 9am-5pm, Sunday December 2, 10am-4pm, Terry Park, 3451 Marion St., Ft. Myers, FL Info: Larry Giroux 239-997-2237

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.

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ORCHID NAMES CAN LITERALLY BE "ALL GREEK MYTHOLOGY" TO SOME.

Latin Lovers

**Have you ever wondered how the Latin names of many things came to be?
Here is the answer to one particular orchid name:-
The Paphiopedilum.
Paphiopedilum orchids are also known as lady slipper orchids, this common name has been handed down through the generations,
but where does it come from?**

The Latin title is obviously derived from the Ancient Roman's own language.

As they travelled and conquered many lands they were appreciative of the stories and legends of the people they encountered, in particular the Greeks and their mythological adventures.

They were especially enthralled by a Greek Goddess - Aphrodite, whose concept they "borrowed" and renaming her Venus she became a Roman Goddess also.

Here is where the story begins..... On the beautiful island of Cyprus, which lies at the Eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea there is a town which is called Paphos, it was close to here that according to Greek Mythology, the Greek God of Wine, Bacchus held his court.

**Amongst his entourage he had many beautiful young hand-maidens, and one day a minor god who happened to be called Orchis had a little too much of his friends hospitality and was unwise enough to pay more than a passing interest in one of the young maidens present.
Bacchus took exception to the young mans impertinence, and promptly had him chopped into little pieces, which were scattered far and wide, where-ever a piece of the unfortunate Orchis landed, an orchid grew.**

Eventually the final portion of the poor young mans masculinity (which to this day bears the Latin medical description of orchis) was thrown into the sea, and from this union with the foaming waves Aphrodite was born, stepping out of the ocean close to the town of Paphos, which derives its own name from Paphinia, which is just another Greek name for Aphrodite.

This now gives us the interesting play on words of "Paphio" for Aphrodite, or if you wish Venus, and "Pedilum" the Latin word meaning foot, which when translated would roughly mean the slipper of Venus, or Venus (lady) slipper orchid.

The twist in the tale of this particular story is of course the fact that the lady in question was the daughter of the father of all Orchids, and as such the Paphiopedilum orchid is just one of the 30,000 or so various genera of orchids in the world today.

If you find yourself in Paphos take a look at the Roman ruins, in particular the "House of Dionysus" located on a small hill overlooking the town. There you will find a mosaic floor which amongst its many murals has one depicting the god of wine Bacchus, and whilst in that area, if the season happens to be springtime, take a look around the meadows, and try to locate some of Aphrodite's sisters.
By George Barnes, VP of North of England Orchid Society

Article originating from "The North of England Orchid Society Website" **www.orchid.org.uk**

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
October 4, 2012
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

***President Kit Kitchen-Maran called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.**
***Treasurer's Report: checking $6,535,82; Vanguard $14,792.42**
***Kit announced the contest to pick a name for the orchid show (Feb 22-23). Winner will be announced at Christmas potluck. Entries can be submitted at any meeting.**
***Director Dick Pippen announced the next show committee meeting and encouraged members to enter the show and to submit entries for the show theme. The winner fo the show theme will win $50.**
***Dick also mentioned the Culture class, Jan 12 to Feb 15 (6 weeks, 3 hours each). A great program is planned. If you have taken it before, we encourage you to take it again. There are new presenters and updated material, and of course, at least 5 blooming-size plants for all attendees.**
***Amendment to the bylaws was read into the minutes. The amendment makes the AOS representative and the *Webmaster elected board members. La Raw Maran moved to approve the amendment, Ralph Brand seconded. Passed unanimously.**
***Nominating committee announced the slate of officers for 2013 as follows:**

Pres: Dick Pippen

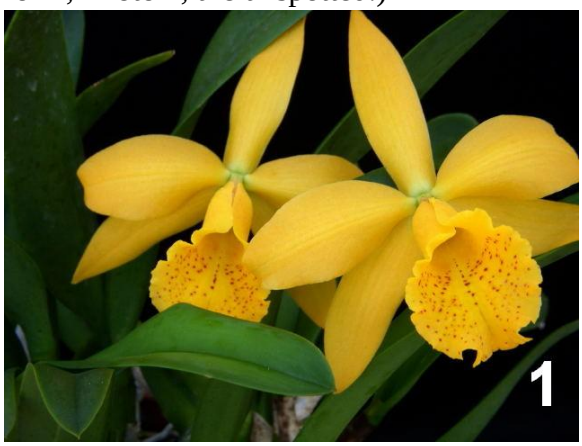
First VP: Norm Dolder
2nd VP: Deborah Gallagher
Treasurer: Bill Overton
Secretary: Cynthia Carlson
Publicity: Patrece Remmel
Newsletter: Kris Morton

Membership: Nanett Boerner
1 Year Director: Kim Pendelton
2 Year Director: Ralph Brand
3 Year Director: Lanelle Bishop
AOS Representative: Marilyn Moser
Webmaster: Sue Roehl

***Nanett Boerner announced 1 new member and 3 renewals.**
***Orchid sale on November 3rd, noon to 3pm. Sue Roehl announced that she is passing out sign-up sheets for volunteers. We are still accepting orchid donations. You can bring them on Nov 2nd or on the day of the sale.**
***Deborah Gallagher announced the bus trip on sat., Oct 6th. Bus is almost full. Going to 5 different vendors: Whimsy, Caribe, RF, Soroa, Motes. Meet at shopping center across from coastland in front of Office Depot. Bus leaves at 7:30 am.**
***Deborah also passed a sign-up sheet for food for the Christmas dinner.**
***Deborah also announced that there is a member's suggestion box for your suggestions to improve the society.**
***Kit thanked the cookie bakers and drink providers: Deborah Gallagher, Twyla Leigh, Eunice Walker, Susan Payne, Alice Thorne, Corrie van Caulil.**
***Kit announced that to receive the Moorings Presbyterian Church calendar of events, send an email to info@moorings-presby.org**
***Jimene Reinhart of Friends of Fakahatchee announced that they are selling calendars and raising money to support their projects. They are $20 each and the money will be used to support the restoration project.**
***Kit announced that the Master Gardeners Yard and Garden Show & Sale is Oct 27 & 28 at the Collier extension office on Immokalee road. Adult admission is $3.**
***Eastfork Orchids has a new storefront at 24951 Old 41 in Bonita Springs.**
***Kris passed out sign-up sheets for the show in February. Volunteers are needed.**
***Kit announced that there is a danger when using spaghnum moss. Wear gloves. There are organisms in the moss that can cause serious infections if they get into an open wound.**
***Norm introduced Fred Clarke of Sun Valley Orchids.**
***The plant table winners were announced.**
***Raffle winners were announced.**
***The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.**

An Orchid Vignette—Golden Tang

This is one of my favorite orchids. *Blc*. Golden Tang is very well named because the color of the older flowers make me think of that "old" orange drink, *Tang*. What first attracted me to *Blc*. Golden Tang was a picture of the flowers on the Internet that had a very nice spotted lip (and I was in my spotted phase at the time—still am, actually). But the plant I bought, in bud, turned out NOT to have any spots in the lip! A pretty yellow flower, but no spots! So I went in search of one with a spotted lip. Now I have both, one spotted and one unspotted, equally nice in its own way! (Photo 1 is the spotted form, Photo 2, the unspotted.)

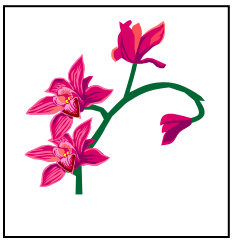


Golden Tang has traditionally been known as *Blc*. (*Brassolaeliocattleya*) Golden Tang, and its parents are *Blc*. Waikiki Gold (Photo 3) and *Brassolaelia* (*Bl*.) Richard Mueller (Photo 4). This grex was created by H&R Nurseries in Hawaii and registered by them in 1989. It has received 17 AOS awards, nine HCCs and eight AMs. The grex has been used as a parent in 28 crosses, more often as a seed parent than a pollen contributor.

The flowers are more-or-less star-shaped, with narrow sepals and petals and a nice trumpet-shaped lip (traits inherited from its grandparent), and about *B. nodosa* across. When they first 3 ½ inches open they are a peachy or pink or greenish color, but after a few days the color changes to yellow-orange, nice daffodil colors that remind many of us of our "northern days." Plants that are offspring of *Bl*. Richard Mueller often change their color as they age. The long-lasting flowers also have a very nice fragrance.

Blc. Golden Tang is a compact plant with leaves and pseudobulbs less than a foot tall and it flowers at least three times a year. My plants are currently growing in clay pots in a mixture of lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton, in a west-facing pool cage. They are fertilized weakly about once a week. A very rewarding plant, so consider it for your collection. Both spotted and unspotted forms are available at Jade Orchids.

Name-wise this is one of those plants that got caught up in the recent spate of orchid name changes, and now the correct name is *Rhynchobrassoleya (Rbc.)* Golden Tang**,** and the parents are now *Rlc*. Waikiki Gold and *Bc*. Richard Mueller. But in the "trade" it is still know by the old name, so for practical purposes I still call it *Blc*. Golden Tang. -- *Contributed by Dick Pippen*



Growing Your Orchids Better #5
By Bill Overton

A Hard Lesson Learned! **I am reporting to everyone about a lesson I have learned over the past two years. It has to do with the proper time to repot your orchids. Up North my decision was based on climate and season. Most of my repotting was done from May 1st through September 1st. The prevalent theory was to repot plants when the weather was as close to ideal as possible. Repotting earlier would give the plants time to adjust and start to put on growth before the shorter, cooler, and darker days of fall and winter. I always tried to repot as much and as quickly as I could, sometimes doing fifty plants a week! Some years featured a milder April, or it was warmer well into September, so I could stretch out the repotting schedule. But by in large, it was a four month potting season.**

I imagined that when I retired to Florida, this climate would be wonderful for repotting my orchids! Since it was relatively warm year round, I figured I could repot basically any time I wanted. Man, was that ever wrong! My first summer down here in 2010 was uneventful. I repotted things without any problems. I thought, "Wow, isn't this great!" Big mistake, in fact huge. The next two summers of 2011 and 2012 would see my plant collection suffer several losses due to black rot. I was literally losing plants in a couple of days. I was puzzled as to why these two summers were different from what I had seen in 2010, or what I had always figured would happen; I could repot with immunity. Last year I lost about fifteen plants, mostly Cattleyas. I fared a little better this summer but still lost perhaps 10 to 12 plants. But herein lies the hard lesson - I lost two of my favorite plants that were relatively new additions. One was a C. leopoldii and the other was a C. Portia. Both were large, vibrant plants and I watched them rot in about forty-eight hours! I was heartbroken! To lose plants that I was very fond of so quickly, was quite a blow to my 'orchid ego.' I thought that this should not have happened to me. Both were dead inside of two days! Door nails had more life than they did!

Then I started to think about the reasons why this might have happened. I looked at the weather of the three summers in question. (This was another example of why good record keeping can be helpful. I had three years of detailed records as to rainfall and dates.) The summer of 2010 was relatively normal, but both 2011 and 2012 were quite different. Oh they were both wet and they were both warm but it really has more to do with WHEN THEY GET WET!! Both summers featured these "tropical lows" as the 'weather people' like to refer to them. I had four or five days in a row of cloudy, wet weather. Sunshine was missing for 4 or 5 days in a row. These prolonged wet periods, with very limited sunshine, were most likely the cause of my rot problems. Evidence to support my theory can be seen in the fact that perhaps eighty to ninety percent of the plants that I lost were ones that were recently repotted. Recently repotted plants are under more stress and more susceptible to rot. Plants that were established seem to weather the dull days much better. I have decided to change my thinking on repotting. I am going to avoid repotting plants from May 1st through September 1st. I am going to try and avoid repotting during the 'rainy season.' I am hopeful that come next year, my casualty list of rotted plants will be much shorter.

Up North, there was no repotting due to cold weather, and down here there will be no repotting due to warm and wet weather. If I could ever have imagined myself even thinking that on Long Island, I would have thought myself to be crazy! Too wet and too warm, preposterous!!! Nonsense!!! But after losing so many plants due to rot, I think that a change is in order. If I lost thirty plants to rot down here, that figure easily surpasses the entire number of plants that I ever lost due to rot up North! Up there I thought cold weather meant to be careful with my repotting, down in Florida I thought it never would matter. Consider this a lesson learned!

For those of you who don't even bother to repot your plants, forget everything that I just said. Your plants might be in more trouble that you realize. However, if you have lost plants to black rot, try what I am going to try, no repotting from May through September. I will try to remember to report back to everyone on my success and let me know if you are having better results too.

OCTOBER 2012 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Owner: Eunice Walker

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
Asca. Motes Burning Sands
Owner: Lola Monosko

Plant Table Results
October 4, 2012

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Eplc. Mae Bly
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil
Second Place: Blc. Patricia Purves
Owner: Jose Davila
Third Place: Blc. Kerrich Carnival 'Ralph Brand'
Owner: Ralph Brand

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Hawaii Stars
Owner: Pam Hoctel & Mary Wise
Second Place: Bc. Yellow Bird
Owner: Kathy Akenson
Third Place: Blc. Gulfshore's Brooke Vickerman
Owner: Jose Davila

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Pachara Delight
Owner: Cynthia Carlson
Second Place: V. Fuchs Cheers x V. Boonchoo
Owner: Ralph Brand
Third Place: V. Doctor Anek
Owner: Lola Monosko

Small Vandas
First Place: Ascda. Motes Burning Sands
Owner: Lola Monosco
Second Place: Mokara Michael Coronado 'Fuchs Spots'
Owner: Jose Davila
Third Place: V. Native Dancer
Owner: Freddie Brantley

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Halawa Beauty
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil
Second Place: Den. Burana Sunshine
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Third Place: Den. Woo Leng
Owner: Barbara Crist

Large Species
First Place: Catasetum macrocarpum
Owner: Wilma Swan
Second Place: Cattleya bowringiana
Owner: Jose Davila
Third Place: Cattleya medelli coerulea
Owner: Jose Davila

Medium Species
First Place: Catasetum candida
Owner: Wilma Swan

Small Species
First Place: Aerides quinquevulnera v. calayna
Owner: Eunice Walker

Oncidium Alliance
First Place:Brassia Eternal Wind 'Summer Dream'
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Phrag. Nicole Tower
Owner: Ralph Brand

Other Tribes
First Place: Bulb. Adoribil Upwind
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: Bulb. Jim Clarkson
Owner: Dick Pippen
Third Place: Cynoches Jean Monnier
Owner: Freddie Brantley

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Owner: Eunice Walker

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Ascda. Motes Burning Sands
Owner: Lola Monosko

Green Tag Plant
Suzanne Fundingsland