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 November monthly meeting is Thursday, November 3, 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.
Jerry Meola
Pelican Coast Farms, Inc.
www.OrchidsAmore.com
"Potting methods to handle excessive rain & organic vs. chemical fertilizer."

Our Mini Culture Class
The class starts at 6 PM.
AOS Judge Bill Overton
"Beginners Class on Dendrobiums." See pg. 5 for more info.
All are welcome.

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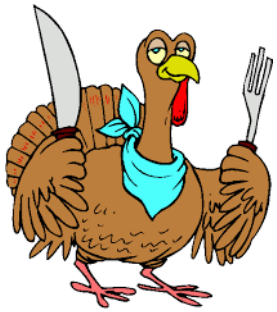
NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 1, 2016

Our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner for NOS members & family.
Broward Orchid Supply will be there with pre-orders and supplies. Food donations will also be collected for Collier Harvest.

ANNUAL NOS ORCHID SALE
November 12, 2016
Moorings Presbyterian Church
12 noon – 3 pm.

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is November 19,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

NEXT NOS BOD & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
January 26, 2017
All are welcome.

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Large Cattleya Blue Ribbon
Photo by Jim Rawson

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

Greetings Orchid Lovers—We were so lucky to be spared Hurricane Matthew! In its wake 57 brave souls braved the winds and showers to make it to our October monthly meeting to greet and hear Roy Tokunaga of H&R Orchids tell us all about Dendrobiums—and have the opportunity to buy some choice orchid plants which he brought along from Hawaii. We called upon Roy to award the two Gold Ribbons to the best species and best hybrid on display. He was very excited about a couple of the Dendrobiums that were brought in, Den. Sonia and Den. Jaquelyn Concert. He commented on how he would liked to have awarded golds to both, but he chose Jaquelyn Concert (while the Den. Sonia took a blue ribbon). He spoke specifically to Eunice Walker and Barbara Crist (the owners and growers of these plants respectively) and commented on what a great job they had done with these outstanding specimens! Congrats to Eunice and Barbara!!

As a reminder, October and November are the months that we put on our thinking caps and come up with creative suggestions for the theme of our show (2017 Show, Feb. 25, 26.) The Suggestion Box was available at the October meeting and will be again in November, so come up with some great ideas (the person who submits the winning theme will receive $50.) Our first "themed" show was in 1978—Neapolitan Orchid Exploration. The Show Chair was Jean LeBuff, with Laban LeBuff as Co-Chair. It was so nice that both Jean and Laban were in attendance at our October 2016 meeting! How neat is that!

Also a reminder—November is our "official annual meeting" at which we elect our officers and Board of Directors for the next year. The "slate" presented by the Nominating Committee appears elsewhere in this newsletter. And speaking of November, our featured speaker will be Jerry Meola of Pelican Farms in Ft. Myers. Jerry is always interesting and will have some nice orchids for sale, as well as some worm tea (I am sure.) Hope you all can make it. Until then—keep your orchids happy and Happy Thanksgiving. …… *Dick*

THE ANNUAL NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY ORCHID SALE IS COMING UP SOON!!!

It will be held November 12, a Saturday, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. This is one of our largest fundraisers for our group and we need everyone to help in order to make this a successful event!
How can I help, you might ask? There are many ways to help and I will mention a few here:

- **Donate plants that no longer please you. Or - donate something too big, that needs someone to divide it - we can do that! Or repot a plant, save a division for us and donate it for the sale. Or - give us your orchids that just won't bloom!**
- **You can help us clean and groom the plants for our sale! This will be done at the shade house location on the weekend before the sale, November 5 and 6.**
- **Help us move the plants! We need help moving the 800 plants from the shade house to the church. If you have a truck, you can help!**
- **Help us set up for the sale! Set up will be Friday afternoon from 12:00-5:00. We will move the plants from the trucks and cars onto tables and get everything looking nice for the sale.**
- **You can help by potting a plant for someone! This is something new, which we will offer in conjunction with Joanna's Orchid Pots and Clay Baskets.**
- **You can help during the sale! We need hosts and hostesses to welcome buyers, clerks and cashiers, sweepers and cleaners at the end of the sale.**
- **You can help by bringing some snacks or drinks for all the worker bees!**

At the November 3 meeting I will have sign-up sheets for the many jobs we need filled. Let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to a great sale!
…… Sheila Demkovich, NOS Orchid Sale Chair and 2 year Director

PHOTOS FROM OUR OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

Photos by Dick Pippen

(More photos from East Everglades Orchid Society Show Nov. 14 will be included in e-version of this Newsletter)

Raffle table workers Sue Roehl & Laura Stacell; Plant table workers Lanelle Bishop & Sheila Demkovich; October refreshment contributors, Lanelle Bishop, Joylette Davis & Sharron Abrams. Please contact Mary Jo Shively @ maryjoshively@gmail.com if you would like to bring refreshments for our November monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!

October monthly meeting attendance: 57 Raffle table proceeds: $187 Proceeds from Vanda sales: $30

CARE AND CONDOLENCE: A get well card was sent to NOS member David Genovese after his back surgery.

Please welcome our newest NOS members Jennifer Day & William Thomas.

November 4-5: Fall Orchid Sale @ Plantio La Orquidea, Sarasota, FL. Info: 941-504-7737.
November 5: 18th International Slipper Orchid Symposium, Highland Manor, Apopka, FL. Info: www.slippersymposium.com; 407-886-4134. Hosted by Krull-Smith.
November 12: NOS annual fundraising orchid sale, 12 noon-3pm, Moorings Gym.
November 19-20: Deerfield Beach Orchid Society 5th Annual Orchid Show & Sale, Pompano Beach, FL. Info: 954-946-4951; www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org.

A BUS TRIP TO TAMIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL

We are joining up with SWF Orchid Society, Sanibel, and GCOA for a BUS TRIP Saturday, January 14, 2017, to the Tamiami International Orchid Festival. $30 includes admission and bus ride! There will be room under the bus for purchases. Pick up is at Island Draperies, Exit 101 on I-75, at 8:30 and leaving Miami at 3:30 to return to Naples by 5:30 pm. Checks or cash should be paid at November or December meetings and will be First Come - First Riding!
Contact Lanelle at 239-250-8291, 239-352-1860 or lbishop52@gmail.com.
Show information: www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com.

TASKS FOR NOVEMBER

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

- **Prepare for cold.**
- **Reduce fertilizer.**
- **Apply extra potassium & magnesium.**
- **Segregate dormant genera in bright dry area.**
- **Repot plants after flowering.**
- **Groom plants & flower spikes for holiday display.**

AOS CORNER

Bill Overton, AOS Rep.
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What a wonderful presentation Roy Tokunaga gave at our last meeting! I hope that everyone enjoyed his presentation as much as I did.

These Dendrobiums, as well as other plants, were especially picked by Roy to grow well here in Southwest Florida. I have been growing many of his plants now for 8 years and many are doing very well. A little mini-Dendrobium, called Micro Chip, blooms well twice per year. My clone, right now at the moment I write this, is in bloom with 17 inflorescences and 93 flowers. Just about every single cane has a bloom spike with some having two spikes. This little plant is just putting on a wonderful show! The flowers are creamy white with loads of spots. It is a gorgeous plant and a reliable bloomer.

Some other plants that are doing well are a few of his Nigro-hirsute hybrids such as Dendrobium Lori's Star and Dendrobium Green Lantern. My clone of Green Lantern has been in bloom since early May! Yes - May! The flowers are a gorgeous ivory-white in color with an intense area of brilliant red-orange in the lip. They have extremely heavy substance that has withstood our very warm summer. These Dendrobiums are easy to grow and I am going to follow his suggestion and give them a little more light and see if they do even better. I look forward to seeing some of these newly purchased plants appear on future NOS Plant Tables.

For you Catasetinae Lovers out there, the new Orchid Digest issue is out. The entire magazine is devoted to the Catasetinae. From Cycnoches to Catasetum, to Mormodes and Clowesia, species and hybrids are shown and discussed by that great grower and hybridizer, Fred Clarke. This issue is spectacular to say the least! Many of the current "hot" hybrids are shown in stunning color photographs. I am so glad that I am a member and received this wonderful issue. You can join the Orchid Digest by visiting their website www.orchiddigest.com.
……..*Bill*

MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR OCTOBER MEETING *Photos by Jim Rawson*

Beginners Class-Dendrobiums (our Mini Culture Class starting at 6 pm, at Nov. 3 monthly meeting)
In light of Roy Tokunaga's wonderful presentation on Dendrobiums, Bill is offering all those who purchased plants at the meeting, detailed advice on how best to grow these plants here in SW Florida. He will discuss pots, media and watering. Just bring in the plant or the plant label for culture hints. For the first few attendees of the beginner's class Bill will bring pots and media and repot a few plants on a first come basis (assuming that repotting is needed.)

Barbara Crist's Best Hybrid Winner
photo by Jim Rawson

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
October 6, 2016
Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, then reviewed the emergency exits and procedures. He thanked the refreshment organizers and all those who brought in treats to share.
Dick announced that the Culture Class starts January 14th (ending February 18th,) and will be held at the Naples Botanical Gardens.
He announced that our annual show is in February and we need a theme. Email suggestions to Dick or submit at the meeting tonight or next month. This is our 44th show! Dick has a list of all the past show titles and it will be on the website. The person who suggests the winning theme will win $50.
Dick announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be on Oct. 27th at the Stabile Bldg.
Our speaker next month is Jerry Meola of Pelican Coast Farms. He will discuss potting techniques for rainy weather, and organic fertilizers.
Our Membership Chair announced that we have 217 members. We are on Facebook!
Our Treasurer announced that all our bills are paid and we have $6,000 in our checking account.
Lanelle Bishop announced that we have a bus trip on Jan. 14th to the Tamiami Intl. Orchid Show. She circulated a signup sheet. She also announced that she needs food workers for the sale. She is also planning for the Holiday party on December 1st. The party is potluck, so think about what you will bring.
Sheila Demkovich announced the slate of officers for the 2017 Naples Orchid Society Board of Directors. Elections will be held at the November meeting. The slate:

President:	**Dick Pippen**	**Membership:**	**Veronica Catrombon**
First VP:	**David Orr**	**One Year Director:**	**Sheila Demkovich**
Treasurer:	**Nanett Boerner**	**Two Year Director:**	**Mary Jo Shiveley**
Secretary:	**Cynthia Bock**	**Three Year Director:**	**Carolyn Booker**
Publicity:	**Jim Rawson**	**AOS Representative:**	**Bill Overton**
Newsletter:	**Kris Morton**	**Webmaster:**	**Sue Roehl**

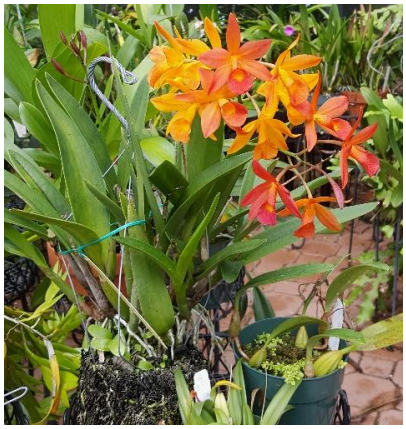
Sheila also announced that for our sale in November we need contributions of plants and helpers to clean the plants on the weekend before the sale at the shade house.
David Orr introduced our speaker, Roy Tokunaga of H & R Nurseries, who spoke about Dendrobiums.
Plant Table winners were announced and raffle winners were drawn.

Holiday Potluck Dinner

December 1, 6:00 Sharp in the Moss Hall in Moorings Presbyterian Church
Bring your favorite dishes, appetizers, casseroles, veggies, salads, breads, desserts and beverages. We provide the meat! Also bring non perishable food items for Collier Harvest.
I will be calling on some people to help out with preparations, decorating, and cleanup just like last year...contact Lanelle to help. Lbishop52@gmail.com or 239-352-1860.
We will be raffling off an orchid basket again this year....AND GIFT you a FREE orchid!
Pick up your preliminary Broward Orchid Supply order sheet. Ordering early gives you 10% off.

An Orchid Vignette—There's Gold Hidden in the Sierras

Cattleytonia Why Not (*Cattleya aurantiaca* x *Broughtonia sanguinea*) (photo left) has always been one of my favorite "small" Cattleyas. It is not only a delightful flower in its own right, but it has been used extensively as a parent in many hybrids, 135 crosses to be exact. I also like many of the hybrids that *Ctna*. Why Not has "fathered." Two of these are the subject of this vignette: *Otaara* Hidden Gold and *Otaara* Sierra Fires. Complex hybrids, involving three or more genera that cannot "conveniently" be combined to form a name, are named after an important "orchid person," in this case Mr. Ota, by adding an "ara" to the end of the name, thus—*Otaara*.



Otaara Hidden Gold (Photo left) is a cross between *Ctna*. Why Not and *Bc*. Richard Mueller (*Brassavola nodosa* x *Laelia milleri*). It was created and registered by H&R Orchids of Hawaii in 2000. The grex has earned three AOS awards but has yet to "become a parent." It is a "modest" sized plant, its pseudobulbs and leaves reaching no more than about a foot in height. The plant appears to flower on every new pseudobulb, so it flowers frequently throughout the year. One of the fascinating things about this grex is that when the flowers first open they are orange, but after a while they become yellow (as seen in the photo left), the photo right is of the yellow flowers). I don't consider this a matter of "fading" but just a change in color. My plant, given to me by a good friend in NOS, as part of an exchange, is growing quite happily in a tree fern "pot."

Otaara Sierra Fires is a cross between *Ctna*. Why Not and *Blc*. Sunday. It was created and registered by Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, California in 2004. The grex has earned one AOS award, and like *Ota*. Hidden Gold, has not been used as a parent in any crosses. I got this plant as a bareroot division from Jade Orchids, Naples, in 2010. It is currently growing in a plastic pot in a bark mix and it blooms at least twice a year. The flowers are about the same size as Ota. Hidden Gold, about 2-2.5 inches across, but as you can see from the photo (right) they are quite different in color. The flowers are basically yellow with a "fuchsia blush" on the petals and sepals. The lip is "fringed" with magenta and a deeper yellow throat. Sierra Fires is a most appropriate name for this plant (as would be Sierra Sunrise or Sierra Sunset ☺).

Wow—I hate to even mention the current names of these greges as a result of all the name changes in the orchid world. Since *Cattleytonia* Why Not is now a *Guaritonia*, *Ota*. Hidden Gold becomes *Claudehamiltonara* (obviously named after Claude Hamilton of Jamaica) and Sierra Fires becomes *Volkertara* (named after some guy named Volkert)!! For me *Otaara* is much easier to remember and say, so I will continue to call them that and enjoy their pretty flowers, whatever the name!

Contributed by Dick Pippen

OCTOBER 2016 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Jim Rawson (with 43 plants brought in & 28 voting)

LARGE CATTLEYA
***Blc.* Grezaffi's Blue 'Joe'**

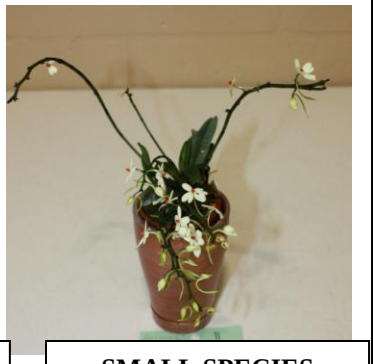
SMALL CATTLEYA
***Lc.* Tristar Bouquet**

LARGE VANDA
***V.* Adisak x *V.* Katsuuela**

SMALL VANDA
***Christieara* Mem. Lilian Arnold**

DENDROBIUM
***Den.* Sonia**

PHALAENOPSIS
***Dtps.* Kenneth Schubert 'M'**



SMALL SPECIES
Aerg. luteoalba

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
***Onc.* Ollie Palmer**

ORPHAN TABLE
Cattleya Alliance

LARGE SPECIES
Epi. ciliare

PLANT TABLE AWARDS OCTOBER 2016

Photos by Sue Roehl

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
Dendrobium **Jacquelyn Concert**
Owner: Barbara Crist

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Aerides lawrenciae
Owner: Eunice Walker

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results
Oct. 1, 2016

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Grezaffi's Blue 'Joe'
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Blc. Harlequin 'Elizabeth Off'
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: Blc. Ann Cleo 'Callyn' HCC/AOS
Owner: Norm Dolder

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Lc Tristar Bouquet
Owner: Joylett Davis
Second Place: Blc. Yen Corona
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Epc Plicaboa 'Dancing Queen'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Adisak x V. Katsuulea
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Pda. Colorful 'Lily Genovese' AM/AOS
Owner: David Genovese

Small Vandas
First Place: Christieara Mem. Lilian Arnold
Owner: Ann Marie Fox
Second Place: Christieara Susanna Coffey
Owner: Ann Marie Fox
Third Place: V. Motes Tangelo 'Sunburst'
Owner: David Genovese

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Sonia
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Den. Jaquelyn Concert
Owner: Barbara Crist
Third Place: Den. Banana Royal
Owner: David Genovese

Phalaenopsis
First Place: Dtps. Kenneth Schubert 'M'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Species
First Place: Epi. ciliare
Owner: Twyla Leigh

Medium Species
First Place: Aerides lawrenciae
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Laelia rubescens
Owner: Joy Corritore
Third Place: V. tessellata 'Wink'
Owner: David Genovese

Small Species
First Place: Aerg. luteoalba
Owner: Mary Southall

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Trt. Ollie Palmer
Owner: Eunice Walker

Orphan Table
First Place: Cattleya Alliance
Owner: Jennifer Gustason

Best Species
Plant Name: Aerides lawrenciae
Owner: Eunice Walker

Best Hybrid
Plant Name: Den. Jaquelyn Concert
Owner: Barbara Crist

Green Tag
Plant Name: Den. Kibiki
Owner: Lanelle Bishop

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.

PHOTOS FROM EAST EVERGLADES ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

OCTOBER 14, 2016, AT RF ORCHIDS, HOMESTEAD, FL

Photos by Dick Pippen

PHOTOS FROM EEOS SHOW, CONT.

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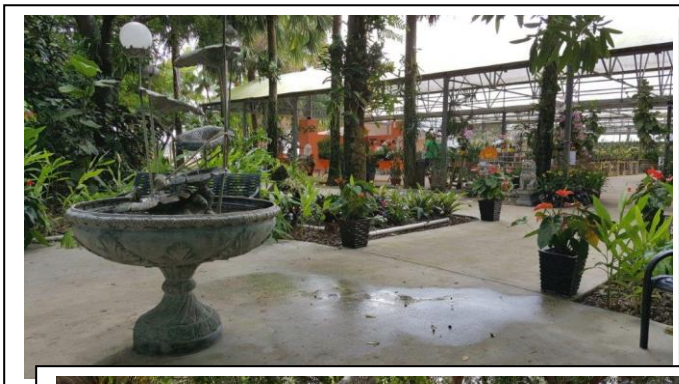
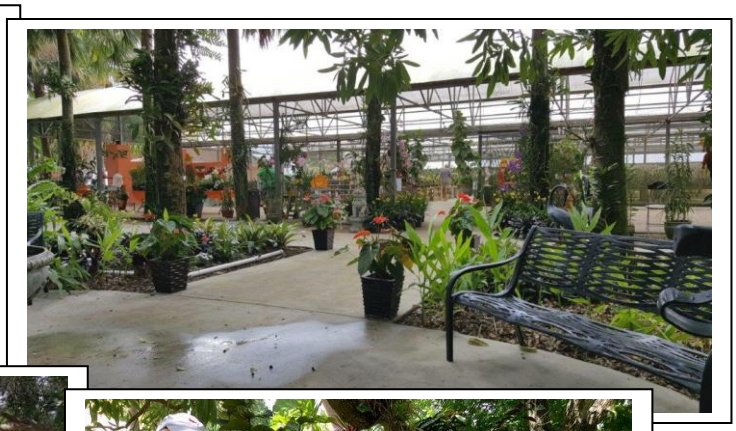
MORE PHOTOS FROM HOMESTEAD

Photos by Dick Pippen & Nancy Smythe





From the Editor: **This past weekend I traveled up to my hometown, Ft. Pierce, FL, to attend my 50th High School Reunion. I had not been back in 10 years. I visited Odom's Orchids on Saturday & John Odom graciously gave me a tour of the orchid houses. He did not remember me from high school – he was two years ahead of me. Odom's has one of the most extensive collections of Cattleyas in the country. This last summer Odom's hosted year 5 of the Cattleya Symposium, which runs for two days, & has speakers from all over the world. With over 90,000 square feet of greenhouses, Odom's Orchids is one of the largest retail growers and shippers of orchids in the United States. They not only specialize in Cattleya orchids, but also grow quite a few other varieties, including Vandas, Phalaenopsis, Lady Slippers, Oncidiums, and many species from different genera. Unlike many other orchid growers, most of their orchids are mature, blooming size plants, so you won't have to wait years for them to bloom. Odom's is a vendor at our 2017 NOS Show in February. Check out his website with videos at www.odoms.com. They are located at 1611 S. Jenkins Road, Ft. Pierce, FL 34947.**
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……...*Kris Morton*