Naples Orchid Society

N E W S L E T T E R

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 December Meeting Thursday December 6, 2012 At the Moorings Presbyterian Church

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There will be NO Flower Registration Or Flower Judging

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This is our Social Event of the Year for our members & family.

Bring your Pot Luck Dish and a donation of nonperishable food for Collier Harvest 6 PM

Broward Orchid Supply will be there with your orders.

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.
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December 2012 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

January 3, 2013
Jim Roberts, FL
SunCoast Orchids
NOS Guest speaker

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

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is Dec. 15
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

Basics of Orchid Culture
Starts January 12, 2013
Ends February 16, 2013
See pg. 5 for more info.

NEXT NOS BOD MEETING
January 17, 2013
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show & Sale, Jan. 18-20, 2013
www.flos.org

Tamiami Orchid Festival
January 26-27
Info: www.tamiamishow.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, KIT KITCHEN-MARAN, KACHINUSA@AOL.COM

Happy Holidays NOS members!
It's been an honor to serve as your president for the past year and I certainly appreciate all the support from you members as well as that of the dedicated Board of Directors who have guided us through the 50th year of the Naples Orchid Society.

Our accomplishments together have included: a financially successful year, during which we held an anniversary party that netted $3286, a show that netted $3250, and a sale that brought in another $9280; membership numbers at over 250 for the year; and the ability to sponsor two students doing orchid research in the Florida Panther Preserve as well as a $3,000 grant to the education program at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

The Board has also just approved giving the Naples Botanical Garden two scholarships to our Culture Class along with an annual membership to each of the recipients.

In every respect it has been a highly successful and meaningful year and I want to thank each and every one of you for making it so.

Thank you to those members who have stepped up to volunteer for the meeting responsibilities of providing us with refreshments, plant table competition workers, plant doctors, membership and raffle ticket sellers. And thanks to the many volunteers who made our show and the fall sale so successful this year. If you haven't been involved this year, please think about participating next year, it's fun!

Gratefully,
Kit

REMINDERS .....

Our meeting for December is our annual Christmas potluck dinner for NOS members & their family. Dinner begins at 6 PM. Broward Orchid Supply will be there with your orders. They will also be bringing in a small amount of supplies for sale. To order in advance contact: www.browardorchidsupply.com. And please bring a can of food for the Collier Harvest food bank.

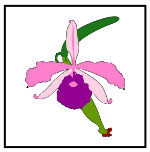
DUES FOR 2013 WILL BE DUE IN JANUARY. PLEASE PAY BY MAILING CHECK PAYABLE TO NOS, PO BOX 7998, FL 34101, IN PERSON AT OUR NEXT MEETING, OR ON OUR WEBSITE @ www.naplesorchidsociety.org SINGLE MEMBERSHIP $40. FAMILY $50

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Naples Garden Club horticulture bus trip to Sarasota, FL, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens & Tropiflora Nursery Tour, Tuesday, December 11, 2012. Leave @7:45 AM, return 5:30 PM. Members $65, guests $75. Cost includes bus, admissions, lunch, snacks on bus. For more info: http://selby12.eventbrite.com

2013 Collier Master Gardeners Educational Garden Workshop Series Thursdays, January 10 thru March 14, 10 AM-11:30 AM. $7 per lecture, $25 for all 10 weeks (season ticket required for March 14 Garden Tour.) For further info contact http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu.



AOS CORNER, MARILYN MOSER, AOS REP. MM3purple@aol.com

I discovered some interesting facts whiIe working the plant table at the November meeting. There were a total of 63 plants entered for competition. Small Cattleyas (13) and large Cattleyas (10) were the categories with the most orchids. But the most interesting fact was that out of approximately 75 people present, only 34 of you voted and I have been trying to figure out why. Do you not feel qualified ? All you have to do is choose the best flower … one with no flaws. Pick the plant that appeals to you most. It's not always the plant that has the most flowers, but the plant that has the quality blooms. If you have never voted at a meeting, why not give it a try? Follow someone around as they vote and ask them why they voted for a particular plant. It's the best way to learn. And if you would like to help at the plant table, just stop by at the January meeting and offer. We would be happy to have your help.

There were plenty of interesting articles in the last issue of Orchids Magazine: orchid growers in Hawaii, Paphiopedilum charlesworthii, great photos of the Singapore Orchid Show and awarded plants, a lengthy article on Odontoglossums with some wonderful photos and a nice article on Bulbophyllums, plus many more articles. If you are not a member of AOS, please consider joining so you too will receive their monthly magazine. I always have applications at our meetings or you can go to their website AOS.org.

PLANT TABLE WORKERS: Marilyn Moser, Kim Pendleton; RAFFLE TABLE WORKERS: Bertha Chinn, Denise Sapia
REFRESHMENTS: Deborah Gallagher; COOKIE BAKERS: Deborah Gallagher, Kathy Akenson, Maria Davis, Jackie Altschuler, Jim Lafferty

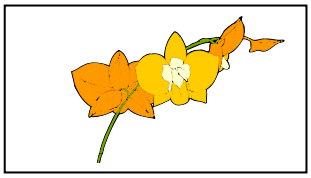
ATTENDANCE AT NOVEMBER MEETING: 75 RAFFLE PROFITS FROM NOVEMBER MEETING: $181

THANK YOU TO OUR PLANT SALE VOLUNTEERS: Pamela Hoctel, Denise Sapia, Joylett & Ken Davis, Leah Ray, Sue Fundingsland, Kathy Akenson, Wilma Swan, Joy Corritore, Harry Chin, Patrece Remmel, Dick Pippen, Eunice Walker, Elaine Gates, Lanelle Bishop, Barbara Crist, Deborah Gallagher, Eileen Davison, Barbara Nichols, Ted Moore, Kit Kitchen-Maran, Ralph Brand, Charlette Roman, Linda Shockley, Kim Pendleton, Kris Morton, Jose L. Davila, Marilyn Moser, Nancy & Frank Ginocchio, Cynthia Carlson, Bill Overton, Linda T. Wood, Laura Stacell, Michelle Suppes, Gayle Dorio, Carol Stencil, Monica Higgins, Chuck Ferber, Mary Southall, Midge Thomas, Alice & Dick Thorne, Norm Dolder, Nanette Boerner, La Raw Maran, Judy Herb (apologies if your name was left off of this list.)

AND MORE THANKS

Dear Sue,
Thank you for all the time you have contributed to making our Fall Sale so successful. It is a big job to coordinate the volunteers and plant donations and you have excelled. You make it look so easy, but we know that it takes a lot of effort and sometimes can be frustrating, even when you have chaired the sale now for the past four years.
On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of the Naples Orchid Society, I want to say thank you for taking the responsibility of the chair-ship and running the sale efficiently, effectively and successfully. It's the major way we raise operating funds for each coming year and your efforts are much appreciated and have prepared us well to have a strong organization in 2013. Gratefully, Kit

Dear Nancy and Norm,
Thank you so much for providing the Society orchid sale with so many well-grown and beautifully bloomed plants by spending the day selecting them and transporting them back to Naples last week. You both have been crucial to the success of the sale. In addition, your lovely container creations brought over $500 in sales as our customers bought hundreds of raffle tickets while they stood in line. It takes time, effort and dedication to achieve this level of participation, and the Society has benefited greatly from your generosity. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of the Society, I want to say we appreciate so much what you do for the benefit of the Society. Gratefully, Kit



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Dear Norm and Patrece,
We couldn't have done it without your tremendous contribution of time and effort to make the donated orchids beautiful, pest free and desirable for the customers of the sale. Thank you, Thank you,THANK YOU!!! Your have sacrificed so much in time, money and effort in running the greenhouse for the Society.
On behalf of the entire Board of Directors and the members of the Naples Orchid Society, I just want to express our appreciation for your dedication all year to making the major fundraising event of the year so successful. I know that you have worked tirelessly through the summer months, especially, and have contributed the fertilizer, pesticides and other materials to make those plants grow. You both have been friends we can continually count on to be active, responsible members of the Society. For that, we are so thankful. Gratefully, Kit

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GENEROUS 2013 SHOW SPONSORS:

CATTLEYA: $1,000 and above

PHALAENOPSIS: $500 to $999

Cynthia Carlson • Akerman Senterfitt
239.449.5600 • www.Akerman.com
Kristen O'Neill • Driftwood Garden Center
239.595.3612 • www.driftwoodgardencenter.com
***Bill Overton, a true friend of the Naples Orchid Society**

VANDA: $250 to $499

DENDROBIUM: $100 TO $249

Linda Brand • German Services Personal Property Management
239.643.3318 • www.GermanServices.com
Molly Woodworth • Topcoat N Tails
239.262.2956 • www.topcoatntails.com
Molly Woodworth • Fur, Fins and Feathers Sitting Service
239.571.5577
David Woodworth • Gator Music
239.261.9100

ONCIDIUM: $50 to $99

VOLUNTEER AS CROWD CONTROL MAMAGER FOR NOS!

In accordance with the Florida Fire Prevention code, meetings or events with at least 50 people present shall have at least one trained, certified crowd control manager present. When the crowd exceeds 250 people, we must provide additional trained crowd managers at a ratio of one for every 250 people. To become a certified, card-carrying Manager, you only need to attend one meeting here in Naples. Your contribution of time and effort will save the NOS $50 for each manager we need to have present at our show and sale and meetings. Otherwise, the church will have to charge us $50 for each Manager we need.

Your job will be to see that everyone at our meetings and events stays safe ! It mostly entails verifying that safety equipment is available and working—like fire alarms, sprinklers, fire extinguishers, emergency lighting and exit signs. The church handles all the certification that these facilities are active, our responsibility is to check that exits are not blocked and that the equipment is present. We need to be cognizant of the dangers of mob panic and how to control it as well as how to take preventive action to inform the crowd of alternative exits and so forth.

A class is located at NNFD Station #45, 1885 Veterans Park Drive Naples, Florida. Call 597-9227 to reserve your spot. Another location you may receive the training is at the East Naples Fire Department station on Davis Blvd. on the second Wednesday of each month. The classes there cost $10 and are from 9am until noon. Call Rob Griffen at 774-2800, ex/2820 to reserve a place. The next class will be on Wed. December 12, 2012.

Our annual NOS Plant Sale, Nov. 3, 2012
Thank you to Lanelle Bishop, photographer

There are still seats available in our Basics of Orchid Culture Program—The Orchid Culture Programs will be presented in the gymnasium at Mooring Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive, for six consecutive Saturdays beginning on January 12, 2013 and ending on February 16, 2013. Programs will begin at 9:30 AM and end at 12:30 PM. A Handbook containing Culture sheets, lecture notes and other valuable information plus a guidebook will be given to each registrant, as well as several blooming size orchid plants. Cost is $50.00 for members, $60.00 for non-members, for all six classes, payable with application. Payment is required to reserve your space.

Topics Presented by Our Own Local Experts Include:

What Makes an Orchid an Orchid	**Dick Pippen**
Cattleyas	**Ralph Brand**
Dendrobiums & Catasetums	**Norm Dolder**
Phalaenopsis	**Gayle Dorio**
Oncidiums and their Relatives	**Dick Pippen**
Vandas and their Relatives	**Patrece Remmel**
Slipper Orchids	**Ralph Brand**
Pests and Diseases and "Cures"	**Kris Morton**
Orchids for the Collector and the Beginner	**Bill Overton**

Sign up soon and encourage your friends to do so, too. Use the form below or sign up on our website: www.naplesorchidsociety.org

Name **Phone No.**

Address

Email Address

Mail this form and check to Dick Pippen, 7851 Classics Drive, Naples, FL 34113.
Make check payable to The Naples Orchid Society

Hope to see you there.

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
November 1, 2012
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

President Kit Kitchen-Maran called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
Treasurer Bill Overton reported that the checking account has $7,446.72; money market $14,792.48. Vanguard money market account has been closed and is being moved to a CD account.
Kit reported that the Show is Feb 22-24. The show theme will be picked next month and there is a $50 prize for the winning theme. Sponsors for the show are Akerman Senterfitt, Driftwood Nursery. Linda Brand, Gator Music and Fur, Fins & Feathers Pet Sitting Service are also sponsors.
Culture class sign up is still available. $50 for members and $60 for non-members. Saturdays in January and February.
Plant sale is this Saturday in the gym at Moorings from noon to 3pm or until all is sold.
Deborah Gallagher reported that the Christmas dinner potluck is next month, Dec 6th, in Moss Hall. Please bring the dish you signed up for. We still need entrees and side dishes. All attendees get a free orchid plant.
The Orchid House at the Collier County Museum has about 80 orchids. Ted and Deborah have been working on it.
Nanett Borner reported that total membership is 243. Please renew your membership for 2013.
Kit thanked Jan Kadet for her work as our care and condolences Chair for 5 years. Alice Thorne will take over the Chair in 2013.
Dick Pippen read the slate of officers nominated for 2013:

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 Pendleton
2 Year Director: Ralph Brand
3 Year Director: Lanelle Bishop
AOS Representative: Marilyn Moser
Webmaster: Sue Roehl

Kit called for nominations from the floor. Motion by Jackie Altschuler and seconded by Alice Thorne. Election was by show of hands. There was one vote opposed to the slate. No abstentions. All others voted in favor. The slate was elected by a majority.
Norm Dolder introduced Nick Carnel from Blue Pogoda Orchids, who spoke about growing lady slipper orchids.
Kit thanked the cookie bakers and drink providers.
The plant table winners were announced.
Raffle winners were announced.
The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

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.

An Orchid Vignette—Blc. Lucille Lundberg

The first Naples Orchid Society meeting I attended was in April. 2008. It was the "annual potting exercise" meeting. I dutifully paid my $5 (price at that time), received my plant, 4" pot and clip and proceeded to pot my plant. Afterwards I took it home and "nurtured" it, watched it, watched it and watched it, and patiently (sometimes impatiently) waited for something to happen. Finally in November, 2010 I was rewarded by its first blooming (left picture above)! Apparently the grex only blooms once a year because it didn't bloom again in November, 2011, (right picture above) and those flowers were more "flushed with copper tones" than the flowers the previous year. Now it is once again November (2012), and sure enough a four flower and a one-flower spikes are open! This plant is *Blc*. (*Brassolaeliocattleya*) Lucille Lundberg. The combination of yellowish-green with copper overtones of the sepals and petals in contrast to the deep reddish-purple of the lip I find very appealing. The flowers also produce a most delightful, very heavy, spicy fragrance during the daytime—just "scrumptious!"

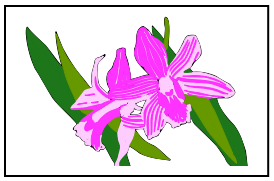
***Blc*. Lucille Lundberg has a very impressive ancestry. It is a cross between *Blc*. Hausermann's Symphony and *Blc*. Port Royal Sound. *Blc*. Hausermann's Symphony looks somewhat like its offspring but Port Royal Sound is a very rich red-burgundy with a dark, dark burgundy lip. The Port Royal Sound contributed to a deepening of lip color in Lucille Lundberg, but the Hausermann's Symphony dominated in the cross. If you look far enough back in the ancestry of this grex you will find that *C. dowiana* contributed about 50% to its genetic make-up and that is evidenced by the orange striations in the throat.**

***Blc*. Lucille Lundberg was created by Hausermann's Orchids in Villa Park, Illinois and registered by them in 1997. This is not a commonly seen orchid (although I think quite a few other folks who attended that same meeting I did have this in their collection) nor has it been used as a parent in any crosses, or earned any AOS awards, although the plant I have bears a cultivar name of 'Yellow Sky.'**

My plant is now apparently "happily" growing in an 8" clay pot in a mix of lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton. I keep it in a west-facing pool cage and fertilize it "weakly" about once a week.

Like most Blc's, Lucille Lundberg has been a victim of the name changing phenomenon in orchids and it, along with its parents, are now in the genus *Rhyncholaeliocattleya*. Lucille Lundberg 'Yellow Sky' was one of the early additions to my every growing orchid collection and has been a surprisingly pleasing acquisition. I look forward to next November.

--Contributed by Dick Pippen



Growing Your Orchids Better

By Bill Overton

Laelia purpurata- The Queen of the Cattleyas

As both a serious hobbyist and a judge, I have acquired serious interest over the years in several orchid species. Sometimes this interest was due to the sheer beauty of a species, or perhaps it was due to its ease of culture. Maybe it was due to its amount of spotting, as I simply adore spotted flowers! But in the case of Laelia purpurata, those reasons for my interest were much different.

Laelia purpurata is a large flowered species, with occasional flowers measuring seven or eight inches across. It is a relatively easy plant to grow and flower. No other plant in bloom commands a space on a show table like a Laelia purpurata with two or three inflorescences, each with two or three flowers. It is a truly incredible sight to behold! But my interest comes from other features. Laelia purpurata is a building block found in the background of thousands of Cattleya hybrids. It generally has imported flower size to all of its progeny. If a breeder wanted to increase the size of the hybrids flowers, the easiest way to do it was to use Laelia purpurata. It has the added feature of having good shape or form as well, one thing that any breeder would cherish. When in flower, many of its progeny take on a 'regal stance' on the bench tops, just like its parent.

Laelia purpurata has another great advantage for me in that it can be found in several flower forms. Almost all of these forms are due to color variations. L. purpurata 'carnea' has a large white crystalline flower with a gorgeous shell-pink lip. L. purpurata 'alba' has no additional color in the lip except for pale yellow deep in the throat. A normal L. purpurata is crystalline white with a dark, red-purple lip. Laelia purpurata 'werkhauseri' is a coerulea or blue flower with a darker blue-purple lip. The variety 'flammea' is a beautiful deep rose purple flower with a darker lip. All are really gorgeous and all are worth growing. Since Laelia purpurata has over one hundred and fifty awards from the American Orchid Society, it is readily available, often in many color forms. There is also a variety known as 'triloba', which is a peloric flower appearing to possess three lips!

As an aside, there are several orchid societies in Brazil dedicated to growing and showing Laelia purpurata!! Imagine a society here in the states dedicated to Phalaenopsis amabilis or Phalaenopsis schilleriana? The first is a white species, fairly mundane with a few slight variations. The second species is a pink flower which looks pretty much the same every time you see it. Oh, the leaves are marked with silvery bars making it a little more interesting, but neither has the overall beauty of L. purpurata. There are colored forms, pink lipped clones, alba forms, rose blushed forms, blue forms, peloric forms with all of the flowers borne on stately inflorescences and ranging in size from six to eight inches! All are magnificent by any standard.

Culture:

Laelia purpurata grows like a typical Cattleya in good light featuring four to six hours of sun. Temperatures range from 50 to 90 degrees. They grow equally well in either clay or plastic pots or in baskets. They grow in almost every media imaginable. They all like to dry out between waterings and appreciate a little fertilizer here and there. They can be spring, summer or fall bloomers depending upon the particular clone. Some will bloom twice a year. So my advice to you all is not to pass one up on a 'sale table' in the future. They will be rewarding to grow and flower, trust me!

NOVEMBER 2012 PLANT TABLE AWARDS

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Bulb. fascinator
Owner: Marilyn Moser

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice
Owner: Ralph Brand

Photographer: Susan Roehl

Plant Table Results
November 1, 2012

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Pot. Tai Chung Beauty 'Chi-Ming'
Owner: Jose Davila
Second Place: C. Crownfox Sweetheart 'Paradise'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Blc. Exotic Perfection
Owner: Barbara Crist

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Purple Cascade 'Fragrance Princess'
Owner: Jose Davila
Second Place: Bc. Maikai
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: B. Little Stars
Owner: Barbara Crist

Large Vandas
First Place: Ascda. NOS 50th Anniversary
Owner: Ralph Brand

Small Vandas
First Place: Ascda. Marty Brick
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Peach Perfection
Owner: R. Wilma Swan
Second Place: Den. Bum Jo Ear (unreg.)
Owner: R. Wilma Swan
Third Place: Den. Burana Lai (unreg.)
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Species
First Place: Bulb. fascinator
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Medium Species
First Place: Aerides odorata
Owner: Jose Davila

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Onc. Sharry Baby
Owner: Jose Davila
Second Place: Bakerara Clownish 'Cotton Candy'
Owner: Barbara Crist
Third Place: Trichocentrum Nathakhun
Owner: Lola Monesko

Slipper Orchids
First Place: Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice
Owner: Ralph Brand
Second Place: Paph. Hamshire Sprite 'Yipes'
Owner: Ralph Brand
Third Place: Paph. Stoke Poges X Paph. primulinum
Owner: Ralph Brand

Other Tribes
First Place: Fredclarkeara After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'
Owner: Cynthia Carlson

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Bulb. fascinator
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice
Owner: Ralph Brand

Green Tag Winner:
Mark Hudak

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