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 December Meeting Thursday December 4, 2014 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. 6 PM.

PLEASE BRING A DONATION OF NONPERISHABLE FOOD FOR COLLIER HARVEST

Broward Orchid Supply will be there with orchid supplies and your orders.

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

Upcoming Events

January 8, 2015
NOS Speakers
Ken & Judy Russ,
Deerfield Beach, FL
"Backyard Gardening"

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is Dec. 20
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

NEXT NOS BOD & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
January 15, 2015
Moorings Presbyterian, 7 pm
Classroom B upstairs
All are welcome

Basics of Orchid Culture
Starts January 10, 2015
Ends February 14, 2015
See pg. 5 for more info.

Tamiami Orchid Festival
January 17-18, 2015
Info: www.tamiamishow.com
or www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society
Show & Sale, Jan. 23-25, 2015
www.flos.org

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

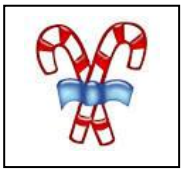
Greetings Orchid Lovers—Dendrobiums—over 1000 species with their center of occurrence in the Philippines and surrounding area of SE Asia, so Mac of Mac's Orchids in Ft. Lauderdale told us at our November meeting. He showed pictures of some of the more exotic (and exciting species), as well as a wee bit of his and Helen's travels in Helen's home country, the Philippines. He even threw is several suggestions regarding proper orchid care, especially fertilizing and watering. He also had some very interesting and enticing Dendrobiums for sale. Mac is an excellent speaker and his presentation was heartily enjoyed by all present.

November 8th was our Annual Fall Orchid Sale and what a successful event it was!! Hundreds of people lined up outside the Moorings Gym waiting for the magical hour of 12 Noon when the doors opened and they "poured in" and the orchids "poured out!" I think we had over 800 orchids for sale and over 600 sold. I can't say thank you enough to Sheila Demkovich, the Orchid Sale Chair. Thanks also to all the volunteers who carried orchids in (and out), diligently cleaned them up, arranged them, priced them, tallied and cashiered the sales. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You. Our Society is a volunteer society and things only get done by those members who volunteer their time and efforts. Also I must thank Lanelle Bishop and her "refreshment crew" who supplied delightful "sustenance" for breakfast and lunch and "in between," to keep our energy up!!

Our next meeting, December 4th, is our Annual Holiday Party, held in Moss Hall next door to the gym at Moorings. This is our "gala pot-luck" with delicious food and more time to socialize than we have at our regular meetings. Broward Orchid Supplies will also be there to take care of your "orchid-supply-needs." I look forward to seeing you all there, and in the meantime—Happy Thanksgiving!!

Dick

Photos by Dick Pippen



Note from the Editor **– Our 2nd VP & Chair of the Annual Holiday Potluck dinner, Lanelle Bishop, sent me some photos (shown below) with information about the upcoming December 4 get together for our NOS members and their family. She and her committee – Maria Davis, Gayle Dorio, Barbara Crist, Eunice Walker, Lola Monscko, Joy Corritore, Michelle Suppes & Rose, Sue Roehl & Elaine Gates, have been working very diligently preparing for our upcoming party.**

And don't forget that Broward Orchid Supply will be there with orchid supplies. If you order in advance you can get a 10% discount. Call Sandi Jones at Broward Orchid Supply & Service, Inc., 2411 Garfield Street, Hollywood, FL 33020, 954-925-2021, www.browardorchidsupply.com. (for those of you who get the NOS Newsletter via email I will be attaching an order form that you may fax to Sandi.)

Holiday Potluck Dinner Party for Members & Family

We are looking forward to our Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner on December 4th, 2014 at 6pm. Please bring your favorite appetizer, entree, salad, vegetable, dessert, drinks, or bread to share with all. We provide the MEATS.

We will be raffling off some beautiful baskets, enjoying some Holiday music, getting our FREE orchid, and shopping for orchid supplies from Broward Orchid Supply. Most of all we have fun being together. We have a great committee this year working hard to make this A Very Festive Party. See you ALL there by 6:00 pm at Moss Hall, right next door to where we meet every month at the Moorings Presbyterian Church. And remember - no alcoholic beverages!

Please bring a non-perishable food item for Collier Harvest.

Lanelle Bishop, 2nd VP and Committee Chair. Lbishop52@gmail.com

From our NOS Orchid Sale Chair Sheila Demkovich:

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the November 8 Naples Orchid Society sale a success! Without help from volunteers for this endeavor, we could not have sold as many orchids as we did and we would not have had such a good time doing it and making sure customers went home happy!

A special thanks to Norm Dolder and David Orr who managed the shade house, taught me a lot about growing orchids, took care of the watering and electrical problems throughout the growing period and added to our collection. Thank you Dick Pippen and Sue Roehl for your recommendations, recollections and lists from the previous sales. Thanks to Cynthia Carlson for helping the talliers and clerks and managing the change and sales for the day. To Kit Kitchen-Maran, Laura Stacell, and Kris Morton, thank you for your roles in getting the word out and advertising the sale in the Newsletter, and newspapers, and volunteering on top of that.

Our orchid cleaners did a tremendous job scouring the leaves of dirt and rust, and getting the plants ready for sale. A special thank you to Corrie Van Caulil, who helped clean leaves four days! Thank you to all those who helped Friday and/or Saturday and without the group effort, we would not have been ready.

Lanelle Bishop, you receive our thanks for having delicious food that kept us going, all day! Thank you to all Host and Hostesses for directing and counseling buyers, tally clerks and sales clerks for helping customers with their purchases and folks who stayed after the sale to sweep and straighten and reload plants to go back to the shade house. I am pleased that the sale was a success! ***Sheila***

Photos by Dick Pippen, Marilyn Moser & Kit Kitchen-Maran

Dick Pippen presents raffle basket to the lucky winner

Thank you to: **Raffle Table workers Bertha Chinn & Carol Talanian; Plant Table workers: Sheila Demkovich & David Orr; Refreshment volunteers: Michelle Suppes, Lois West, Merle Payne, Veronica Catrombon, Marcella Coe & Nanett Boerner. Please contact Michelle Suppes at justsaynoalways@me.com if you wish to bring refreshments for our January-April monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!**

Please welcome our newest NOS members: Harriet Nolan, John & Bernadette Somerville, Jennifer Gustason, Jim Calligan, Iris Bland, Henry Piper, Parke Wright IV, Deborah Ellison, Teri Magnuson, Jimene Rinehart, Janet Guenther, Sharon Abrams & Lois Stern. Please welcome back Bertha Chinn, Deborah McIntire & Sue Magrane.

December 2: **Garden Tour & Compost demonstration, Collier Co. Ext., 9am. Info: 239-252-4800**
December 6-7: **Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society's Annual Sale, Saturday 9 am-5 pm, Sunday 10 am–3 pm, Terry Park, Palm Beach Blvd. (SR 80,) Ft. Myers, FL. Info: DrLarry@comcast.net.**
January 17-18: **Miami Orchid Society's "Tamiami International Orchid Festival," Dade Co. Fairgrounds Expo Center, Miami, FL. Info: martin.motes@gmail.com**
January 23-25: **Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "An Orchid Adventure," War Memorial Auditorium, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Info: johnwrench@bellsouth.net.**

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING ATTENDANCE: 94 ***RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $240***

CARE AND CONDOLENCE: A SYMPATHY CARD WAS SENT TO FRANK GINOCCHIO AND FAMILY FOR THE LOSS OF FRANK'S SON MARK.

Naples Orchid Society **presents "The Basics of Orchid Culture, a Six Week Program." The Orchid Culture Programs will be presented in the gym at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Dr., for 6 consecutive Saturdays beginning on January 10, 2015, ending February 14, 2015. Programs will begin at 9:30 am & end at 12:30 pm. A Handbook containing Culture sheets plus a guidebook will be given to each registrant, as well as some blooming size orchid plants. Cost is $50 for members, $60 for non-members, for all six classes, payable with application. Payment is required to reserve your space. Application fees are not refundable, except in an emergency.**

AOS CORNER
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November has to be the best month weatherwise here in Naples. Cool evenings and gorgeous, sunny days are so ideal. We sure are fortunate as we smile at the snow up north and are so glad we don't live there anymore!

Another NOS event is under our belts. We had a successful sale and it sure was fun. To all of you who participated on Friday and Saturday goes a big THANK YOU. If you didn't volunteer to help, you really missed out. It is the volunteers who are the backbone of our society. You make us successful. Working together is great comradery. You get to know your fellow members. Our next big event is our show in February. There will be lots to do to make it a great show. Please plan to volunteer to help out. You will be the better for it !!

At our November meeting 33 plants were brought for judging and 38 of you voted. Most orchids in a category were small Cattleyas. Remember…voting is fun and educational.

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Minutes of the Meeting
November 6, 2014
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm then reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures. He announced and thanked the refreshment providers. Dick announced that the show in February needs a theme. Please submit your ideas. If you suggest the winning theme, you will win $50!! He also announced that our Annual Fall Orchid Sale is this Saturday from 12-3pm. Please volunteer if you can and bring boxes. Dick announced that applications are now available for the Culture Class, to be held Jan 10 – Feb 14 on Sat from 9:30 am – 12:30pm. And the next Board of Directors/Show Committee meeting will be on Nov 20th in Moss Hall, classroom 'B' and is open to all.

Our December 4th meeting is at 6pm and is our Potluck dinner in Moss Hall. Please come and bring a dish!

Membership Chair Nanett Boerner welcomed our newest members and thanked returning members for renewing. She reported that we now have 216 members.

Treasurer Bill Overton had no report.

Lanelle Bishop announced that there are many events coming up. For the December Potluck, we need appetizers, salads, vegetables etc. We provide the meat and plates. No alcohol allowed.

Plant Sale Chair Sheila Demkovich reported that we have over 600 orchids for the sale on Saturday.

This is our annual meeting and we have the election of officers at this meeting. David Orr, chair of the nominating committee, announced the slate of officers for 2015:

President:	**Dick Pippen**	**Publicity Chair:**	**Laura Stacell**
First VP:	**David Orr**	**Director 3 year:**	**Sheila Demkovich**
Second VP:	**Lanelle Bishop**	**Director 2 year:**	**Lola Moncsko**
Treasurer:	**Bill Overton**	**Director 1 year:**	**Mike Brewer**
Secretary:	**Cynthia Carlson**	**AOS Representative:**	**Marilyn Moser**
Newsletter Editor:	**Kris Morton**	**Webmaster:**	**Sue Roehl**
Membership Chair:	**Nanett Boerner**		

There being no nominations from the floor, a vote was taken and the slate was elected unanimously.

Director Norm Dolder introduced our speaker, Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, who spoke on "Exotic Dendrobiums of Asia."

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

An Orchid Vignette—Little Stars— You Spice Up the Night

Little Stars is one of my favorite Fall and early winter-time orchids. I think probably most of you have this delightful plant in your collection (especially those of you that attended the December 2012 NOS Holiday Party). The correct name of this grex is *Brassavola* Little Stars and it was created by crossing two *Brassavola* species, *B. nodosa* and *B. cordata*. *Brassavola nodosa* is the famous "Lady of the Night" orchid with its very delightful jasmine-like fragrance that starts about dusk and lasts well into the night. Little Stars' other parent, *Brassavola cordata*, I call the "Little Lady of the Night" because it has smaller flowers but a powerful spicy-citrous fragrance in the evening. Actually *B. cordata* has undergone a name change and it is now *B. subulifolia*, but it is still called *B. cordata* "in the trade."

Brassavola Little Stars has taken the fragrances from both its parents and created its own unique "elegant" spicy, "clove-like" aroma that starts at dusk and lasts well into the night. I love the way Little Stars "spices up" the lanai when I go out there at night

Little Stars was created by Stewart Orchids when they were in California, and registered by them in 1983. Little Stars has earned 15 AOS awards, two AM, two HCC, ten CCM and one CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence). One of the CCM awarded plants, 'Christine Parrish,' in 1997 had 93 inflorescences with 600 flowers!!

Brassavola Little Stars is a great plant because it starts out small, "containable," and is easy to grow, although after a few years they can become very large. The pseudobulbs and leaves together are about a foot long, narrow, and "half-round" in cross section. Here, in SW Florida, Little Stars grows well in a sunny area of the lanai or pool cage or out-of-doors hanging in a tree. The flowers are small, about 2–3 inches across. The sepals and petals are pale green, but the heart-shaped lip is white. Once established the plant will produce many spikes with 4–6 flowers on each spike. I can always count on Little Star to bloom in November or early December, and will continue to bloom for two to three months.

This grex has been used as a parent in 25 registered crosses. One of my favorite of Little Star's "kids" is *Bc*. Kosh Wallis (x *C*. Caudebec) with a "purplish, spotted lip and spicy daytime fragrance. I just recently acquired an unregistered cross with *Cattleya aurantiaca* which has yellow-golden flowers.

B. Little Stars is not a demanding orchid. I have plants growing in a pot in lava, in Osmunda fiber in a basket, even one mounted on grape wood. I keep them in a west facing pool cage, in as sunny a spot as I can find. Little Stars is richly rewarding not only for its "cute" little green-white flowers but also for its intense spicy nighttime fragrance. If you don't already have one—get one, you'll not regret it.

Contributed by Dick Pippen

NOVEMBER 2014 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleya
***Blc.* Mae Bly**

Large Vanda
***V.* Arthur Lauffenberger**

Dendrobium
***Den.* Burana Pink No. 2**

Small Vanda
***Renantanda* Malaysian Sunspots**

Large Species
Rhycholaelia digbyana

Oncidium Alliance
***Tolumnia* Hairak Rainbow 'Rosy'**

Other Tribes
***Bulb.* Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'**

PLANT TABLE AWARDS NOVEMBER 2014

Photos by Susan Roehl

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Lc.* Tristar Bouquet**
Owner: Barbara Crist

SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Aerides quinquevulnera v. farmeria
Owner: Eunice Walker

Plant Table Results
Nov 06, 2014

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Mae Bly
Owner: Corrie van Vaulil

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Tristar Bouquet
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: C. Portia 'Gloriosa'
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'
Owner: Satcee Burton

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Arthur Lauffenberger
Owner: Eunice Walker

Small Vandas
First Place: Renantanda Malaysian Sunspots
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Second Place: Ascda. Tim Brooks
Owner: Eunice Walker

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Burana Pink No. 2
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Species
First Place: Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: C. walkeriana
Owner: Lola Moncsko
Third Place: Brassavola nodosa
Owner: Pam Hoctel

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

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Tolumnia Hairak Rainbow 'Rosy'
Owner: Gayle Dorio
Second Place: Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Third Place: Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
Owner: Mary Southall

Other Tribes
First Place: Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'
Owner: Patrece Remmel
Second Place: Fredclarkeara After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'
Owner: Cynthia Carlson

Special Species Award
Plant Name: Aerides quinquevulnera v. farmeri
Owner: Eunice Walker

Special Hybrid Award
Plant Name: Lc. Tristar Bouquet
Owner: Barbara Crist

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: Monn. Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft'
Winner: Patrece Remmel

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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