Naples Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER

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Our December monthly meeting is Thursday, December 1, 2016, At the Moorings Presbyterian Church Moss Hall

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This is our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner for NOS members & family. Bring your potluck dish. 6PM!!!

Broward Orchid Supply will be there with pre-orders and supplies.

PLEASE BRING A DONATION OF NONPERISHABLE FOOD FOR COLLIER HARVEST

There will be NO Flower Registration Or Flower Judging

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Bill's Mini Culture Class will return in January.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2017
Jose Esposito, Soroa Orchids
Topic TBA

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is December 17, Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

2017 EDUCATIONAL GARDEN WORKSHOP SERIES
January 12 – March 16, 2017
See page 4 for more information

Tamiami International Orchid Festival
January 13-15, 2017
See page 4 for more information

Basics of Orchid Culture
Starts January 14, 2017
Ends February 18, 2017
See pg. 4 for more info.

Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show & Sale
January 20-22, 2017
See page 4 for more information.

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

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
President: Richard Pippen
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DICK PIPPEN, RPIPPEN@COMCAST.NET

Greetings Orchid Lovers—Jerry Meola, the featured speaker at our November monthly meeting had a special treat for us—an eight-minute video of the elusive night-flying moth with a 12 inch tongue that pollinates the *Angraecum sesquipedale* flower (with its 12 inch nectar spur!!). So special! The moth is so shy that it could only be filmed with infrared film! In addition he told us about the benefits of worm tea and gave us a number of other "hints" for successful orchid growing.

The November monthly meeting is our Official Annual Meeting at which we elect our officers for the coming year. The slate of officers for 2017 appears elsewhere in this newsletter. I want to thank you for the faith you have in me and your fellow and sister board members who were elected. We hope that we have your best interests in mind and we will try to provide you with the best service that we can. Thank you for your continued support.

My orchids appear to be enjoying this "Florida Fall Weather" as much as I am. I have quite a few in bloom and in bud (especially some choice Bulbophyllums and Catasetums, as well as Cattleyas). While I am pleased, I wish that they would wait until February for our show. Oh well, I enjoy them here at home now☺.

It is so hard to believe that we are already at the end of another year. Every year seems to fly by faster than the one before. Soon it will be Thanksgiving and shortly thereafter, on Thursday, 1 December, will be our annual Holiday Potluck-Party. I am looking forward to that event and I hope you are too. It is always a delight—and there is so much good food. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Until then—Keep your Orchids Happy!! *Dick*

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 orchid supplies or your preorder from Broward Orchid Supply.

A REMINDER

DUES FOR 2017 ARE DUE IN JANUARY. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PAID PLEASE PAY BY MAILING CHECK PAYABLE TO NOS, PO BOX 7998, FL 34101, IN PERSON AT OUR HOLIDAY DINNER, OR ON OUR WEBSITE @ www.naplesorchidsociety.org.
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP $40, FAMILY $50

Thank you to all who participated to make the Naples Orchid Society sale a success!

This is one of two fundraisers, which help fund all of the activities of the club and benefits everyone with monthly meetings which includes a speaker, scholarships for research, awards and trips. This doesn't happen without considerable effort and with input by the board members and many months of planning.

I want to start by thanking David Orr, who has done a tremendous job at the shade house, with the plants under his care and with carefully selecting blooming plants from Hawaii and Arcadia to supplement our sale plants. Without David we wouldn't have a sale!

Next I would like to thank the helpers who cleaned plants on the weekend before the sale and on the day of set up: Carolyn (who came 4 times-both cleaning days, and Friday, and Saturday for the sale), James, Jennifer, Mary Jo, Kris, and Corrie. Thank you to the cashiers and talliers: Kris, Marilyn, Sue, Paul, Carolyn , Lanelle, Laura, Mary, Joy and Roberta. Veronica and her raffle team of Mimi and Jimi did a splendid job of selling tickets and memberships! Thank you to all who were Host or Hostess: Eunice, Jean and Laban, and others. There were many who signed up to help and many who simply showed up to help. Thank you to all those who helped transport plants and to clean up: Laura, Glen, Rae Jean, Jim, Richard, Norm, and Paul. I appreciate all the folks who helped in so many ways! We also had help from Key Club members of St. John Neumann High School who did carry out of plants and helped with clean up. Thank you, Kit, for arranging for the students to help and for your sales at the Orchidgami table.

Thank you to those NOS members who donated beautiful orchids and plants from their own collection: Frank Ginocchio, Corrie van Caulil, Sharon Dyskow, Karen Davenport, Laban & Jean LeBuff, & Marilyn Moser. Bill Overton, who bought orchids from Home Depot & brought this morning.

Raffle basket winners from the Orchid Sale: Mary Jo Shively, Michele Crowley & Sharon Dyskow.

Thank you to Dick and Bill, for fielding questions from the shoppers and researching plant questions for everyone. Thank you, Norm, for preparing 3 lovely orchid baskets for raffle winners-they loved them. Lastly, thank you to the Board of Directors of NOS for your confidence in me.
Sheila Demkovich, Chair, NOS Orchid sale 2016!

FROM KIT KITCHEN-MARAN:

Collier Harvest Donations for Christmas Potluck

Thank you to all who plan to bring non-perishable food items for the Collier Harvest food bank to the party. In the past NOS members have given several hundred pounds of food to this worthwhile charity. If you forget your items at home, or feel especially generous this holiday season, please also consider donating some money. This year a generous donor is giving a one hundred percent match to all monetary donations to Collier Harvest. For more information please visit www.collierharvest.org. And thank you again for sharing with less fortunate folks than us.

Museum Garden is Growing!

Thanks to Carolyn Booker and Joylett and Kenny Davis for their donations of orchids from the NOS sale to plant in the Collier County Museum orchid house at the Government Complex. These, in addition to a half dozen vanda stragglers from the sale, have been planted to add some bloomers to the native orchids and others planted this summer.

NOTE FROM EDITOR: Photos from our November monthly meeting & our annual plant sale will be included in the expanded e-version of this Newsletter.

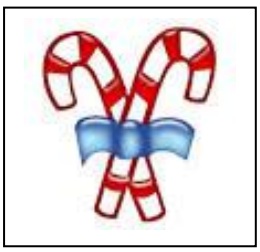
Raffle table workers Sue Roehl; Plant table workers Lanelle Bishop & Sheila Demkovich; November refreshment contributors, Lanelle Bishop, Elaine Gates, Michelle Suppes, Marilyn Moser, Barbara Crist, Mary Jo Shivley, Ralph Brand & Sheila Demkovich. Please contact Mary Jo Shively @ maryjoshively@gmail.com if you would like to bring refreshments for our January or February monthly meetings. We need small water bottles too!

November monthly meeting attendance: 72 Raffle table proceeds: $209

CARE AND CONDOLENCE: A care card was sent to NOS member Liz Pedersoli.

Please welcome our newest NOS members Dianna Anderson & Chris Gilbert, James & Marylu DiLorenzo, and Christine Steliga.

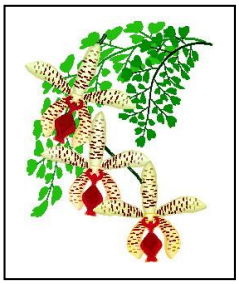
December 3-4: Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society annual Plant Sale, Masonic Lodge, 10868 Metro Parkway, Ft. Myers, FL.
December 3-4: Bonnet House Museum & Garden 10th Annual Orchid Garden & Gourmet Feestival, 9AM – 4 PM, 900 N. Birch Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
January 7-8: Sarasota Orchid Society Show "A Symphony of Orchids," Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL. Info: Dennis Pavlock, 941-441-6273, dfpavlock@gmail.com.
January 12-March 16: 2017 Educational Garden Workshop Series, hosted by UF/IFAS Extension Collier County Master Gardeners, every Thursday morning, 10 AM-11:30 AM, with sessions held at Unity of Naples Church. Info: http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu or 239-252-4800.
January 13-15: Tamiami International Orchid Festival, 10 AM-6 PM, Dade Co. Expo. Center, 10901 Coral Way (SW 24th St.) Miami, FL. Info: www.orchidfestival.com.
January 14-February 18: NOS "The Basics of Orchid Culture, A Six Weeks Program," Saturdays, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, Windstar Room at the Naples Botanical Garden. Info: Dick Pippen, 239-775-5220.
January 20-22: Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "Galaxy of Orchids," War Memorial Auditorium, 800 NE 8th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Info: Michael Schaberl, 954-764-1239, michaelschaberl@comcast.net.



TASKS FOR DECEMBER

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

- **Water judiciously and well.**
- **Protect cold sensitive genera.**
- **Provide extra potassium and magnesium.**
- **Repot flowered out plants – be sure they are secure.**



AOS CORNER
Bill Overton, AOS Rep.
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NOS Plant Sale

I sincerely hope that a great many of our members got the chance to attend another fabulous NOS Plant Sale this past Saturday November 12th. Due to the leadership of Sheila Demkovich and David Orr, it was a spectacular event. Hundreds of orchid plants were made available for purchase at very reasonable prices. I was able to pick up a few plants to add to my collection and not inflict too much carnage on my piggybank! Featured this year were numerous plants from a vendor in Hawaii. There were some beautiful Oncidium intergenerics, wonderful Dendrobium hybrids and some Doritaenopsis species that were both clean and beautiful AND in spike. I cannot tell you the last time I saw Doritaenopsis pulcherrima plants on a sale table looking so healthy and in bloom! Fantastic job Sheila and David! This is one of two major sources of income for the club and along with our fabulous Orchid Show last February - the society's bottom line is looking very good.

Speaking of shows, it is less than two months now until the annual cycle of shows and special orchid events begins once again. The year starts for me with the Sarasota Orchid Society Show the second weekend in January at the Sarasota Community Auditorium downtown on Route 41. I will be judging that show. Then the next event is the Tamiami Orchid Festival on January 13 - 15. That is a wonderful show and sale in an air-conditioned venue in Miami. The annual Fort Lauderdale Show is the following weekend. Then for me the next event is the Venice Area Orchid Show at the Venice Community Center the first weekend in February 2017. The show is only open on Saturday and Sunday. And the winter schedule finishes in fantastic fashion with the Naples Orchid Society Show! Our show is open only on the weekend as well with judging all day on Friday. Listen up at our regular monthly meetings for details on all of these events. …….. *Bill*

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center thanks NOS for $400 donation!

From Kit Kitchen-Maran

The SERC, which houses the North American Orchid Conservation Center, has sent a letter thanking NOS for its generous donation of $400 in support of the ecology, conservation and education about native orchids. This is in response to NOS's leadership role and donations in getting the Ghost Orchid *Orchid-gami* produced.

The letter goes on to say, "Over the 50-year history of SERC, our scientists have produced innovative research in areas such as orchid/fungi interactions, invasive species, nutrient runoff, the effects of rising CO2 and climate change. Thanks to loyal supporters like you SERC and the NAOCC will be able to continue this work and be an international leader on environmental issues for the next 50 years."

NOS members can be proud of the leadership our board of directors has played in furthering our mission of contributing to education and research through our intern scholarship program and funding the *Orchid-gami* project.

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
November 3, 2016
Submitted by Veronica Catrombon, substituting for Cynthia Bock, Secretary
Attendance: 72

President Dick Pippen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and reviewed the emergency exits and emergency procedures. He thanked the refreshment organizer, Mary Jo Shively, and all those who contributed to the table this month.
Culture Class will be held on 6 consecutive Saturdays, beginning on 14 January 2017. This is an excellent course for all levels of orchid hobbyists. Applications were available at the front of the room.
Dr. Motes' book about growing orchids in Florida was available for $15.00. Additional copies will be available at the next meeting.
Dick requested theme ideas for our upcoming 2017 Show. $50.00 will be awarded to the winning theme "suggestor."
December's meeting will be our Annual Holiday Party on 1 December 2016, promptly at 6:00PM. Lanelle Bishop, Second VP, informed us that the event will be held at Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Broward Orchid Supply preorder list was available. Canned goods for donation to Collier Harvest will be collected. This is a potluck party, and NOS will provide the meat entrees. Nonalcoholic drinks, desserts, sides are all welcome. Leftover food will be donated to St. Matthew's.
Veronica Catrombon, Membership Chair, announced that we now have 221 members, including three new members, Mary Lou McGowan McBride, Gloria Restrepo, and Peter Moriarity. There were 8 guests at the meeting.
Our Facebook page has 130 likes. Veronica reminded all that by Liking our Page and sharing an NOS Facebook post helps advertise our events and Society. (Post meeting note: An additional 10 Facebook Page Likes were made, bringing our total to 140, and our latest post regarding our upcoming sale reached 1242 people.)

Sheila Demkovich, Director-Two year and Chair of the Nominating Committee presented for vote the slate of Board of Directors. Ralph Brand Motioned to accept, Alice Thorne seconded. The Membership voted unanimously to accept the Slate for 2017:

<u>2017 Board of Directors</u>
President – Dick Pippen
1st Vice President for Programs – David Orr
2nd Vice President—Lanelle Bishop
Treasurer – Nanett Boerner
Secretary – Cynthia Bock
Newsletter Editor – Kris Morton
Membership Chair – Veronica Catrombon
Publicity Chair – Jim Rawson
Director—3 years – Mary Jo Shively
Director—2 years – Sheila Demkovich
Director—1 year – Carolyn Booker
AOS Representative – Bill Overton
Webmaster – Sue Roehl

Sheila reminded us that the upcoming Sale is a major Fundraiser for our Society, and to consider helping out by choosing a task on the sign up boards. If that is not possible, then come and buy some orchids!
Lanelle Bishop, Second Vice President – Bus trip to Tamiami International Orchid Festival, 10901 SW 24th St Miami, at the Miami Dade Fairgrounds, scheduled for January 14, 2017 is full with 25 signups. However - email Lanelle for waiting list.
David Orr, First Vice President introduced speaker Jerry Meola from Pelican Coast Farms. He will be at Tamiami International Orchid Festival and Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show January 20-22, 2017. The moth video, as well as orchid tutorials, can be accessed on his website www.OrchidsAmore.com. Jerry discussed the benefits of Worm Tea as well as other amendments. He passed around an email sign up list for informational and event news from Pelican Coast Farms.
Plant Table winners were announced and awarded. Raffle tickets were drawn.

An Orchid Vignette—A Couple of Antelopes on the Range

The genus *Dendrobium* is a very large one with traditionally about 1200 species. Since it is so large the genus is divided into Sections. One of the Sections is called the "*Spathulata*" or the Antelope Dendrobs because the two lateral petals usually are twisted and point upward, like Antelope horns. Two of my favorite Antelope Dendrobs are discussed here.

Dendrobium Samarai is a primary hybrid resulting from the crossing of two species, *Dendrobium stratiotes* X *Dendrobium antennatum*. It was created and registered by Limberlost Nursery of Queensland, Australia in 1967. So the grex has been around for quite awhile. It has earned nine AOS and international Awards including an ACC to the cultivar 'Tropicus" which had 2,750 flowers on 150 inflorescences!! Imagine that!! It has also been used as a parent in 22 crosses. You can see from the photo (right) why this is called an Antelope Dendrob from those really neat "antelope horn" petals! The flower spikes are produced in the upper portion of the pseudobulbs and although the individual flowers are small, about three inches tall, the plants are much larger, reaching two to three feet in height. The leaves stay on the pseudobulbs for two to three years and the plant blooms two or three times a year.

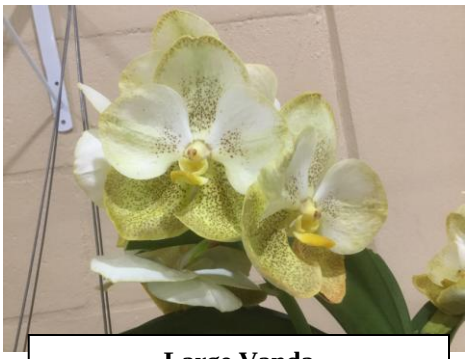
Another neat primary hybrid Antelope Dendrob, and cousin to the one above because they share a parent in common, is *Dendrobium* Lowana Nioka. This grex is a cross between *Dendrobium canaliculatum* X *Dendrobium antennatum* and was created by W. Goodale Muir of Hawaii and registered by Limberlost Nursery of Queensland, Australia in 1962. So, it is even older that Samarai! This grex has not been as "lucky" as cousin Samarai in that it has never received any awards, but it has been used as a parent in 13 crosses. I have not had this plant as long as Samarai so I am not sure what it will eventually become, but it has smaller flowers in denser inflorescences and the plants are smaller, only about a foot in height, but again, the inflorescences are produced toward the tips of the pseudobulbs. *Den*. Samarai has no distinctive fragrance, but Lowana Nioka has a slight honey-like fragrance in the daytime. And the flowers last for a long time.

While these two "antelopes" are "pure-antelope" this section freely hybridizes with some of the other sections of *Dendrobium*, especially the Phalaenopsis section, producing some very interesting hybrids, but that is another tale. *Contributed by Dick Pippen*

NOVEMBER 2016 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser (with 31 plants brought in & 42 voting)

Large Cattleya
***Blc.* Memoria Anna Balmores**



Large Vanda
V.* Kultana Ruby x *V. sanderiana

Small Vanda
***Ascda.* Tim Brooks**

Dendrobiums
***Den.* Sonia**

Large Species
Paph. villosum

Medium Species
Bothrochilus bella

Oncidium Alliance
***Onc.* Rosy Sunset "Pacific Sun'**

Other Tribes
***Fdk.* Dark There After**

Orphan Table
***Vanda* Greeting Black**

PLANT TABLE AWARDS NOVEMBER 2016

Photos by Sue Roehl

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

SPECIAL HYBRID AWARD
***Cattleya* Heathii**
Owner: Jim Longwell

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results
Nov 03, 2016

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Memoria Anna Balmores
Owner: Norm Dolder
Second Place: Blc. Paradise Jewel
Owner: Chuck Ferber
Third Place: Blc. Misty Girl x Lc. Pastoral Queen
Owner: Jim Longwell

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Cattleya Heathii
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: Brassavola Little Stars
Owner: Barbara Crist

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Kultana Ruby x V. sanderiana
Owner: Jim Longwell

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

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Sonia
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Species
First Place: Paph. villosum
Owner: Jim Longwell

Medium Species
First Place: Bothrochilus bella
Owner: Jim Longwell
Small Species
First Place: Aerides quinquevulnera v. farmeri
Owner: Eunice Walker

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Onc. Rosy Sunset 'Pacific Sun'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Bllra. Tahoma Glacier 'Green'
Owner: Barbara Crist

Other Tribes
First Place: Fdk. Dark There After
Owner: Norm Dolder

Orphan Table
First Place: Vanda Greeting Black
Owner: Mimi Krug

Green Tag
Plant Name: Onc. Green Valley
Owner: Eunice Walker

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

Best Hybrid
Plant Name: Cattleya Heathii
Owner: Jim Longwell

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

Bill's Mini Culture Class will return in January

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 THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING AND FROM OUR NOVEMBER ANNUAL ORCHID SALE

Photos by Dick Pippen, Marilyn Moser, Kris Morton & LaRaw Maran

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Our volunteers Key Club members from St. John Neumann High School