APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Den. Spring Dream
Marilyn Moser

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday April 4, 2024
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Moss Hall
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.
Joylett Davis
"Q & A of Your Orchids – Bring Healthy Plants or Pictures of Diseased Plants for Discussion"

Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 p.m.
Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Featured Speaker – ***Nick Ewy***
Presenting: **"Landscaping with Orchids and Other Companion Plants"**
See Write-up on Page 4

Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: April 8, 2024 6:30 p.m.
See page 3 for details
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Karen Di Benedetto and Alla Pavlov.

Contact Marie Harris, Membership Chair with any membership questions you have. mharris@naplesproperties.com, 239-877-1717

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Submit articles for the Newsletter by the 15th of each month to NOSNews@Naplesorchidsociety.org

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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.

President's Letter

April 2024

Richard Davenport
President, Naples Orchid Society, Inc.
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Greetings to all Orchid Lovers!

Our "Orchid University 101" culture classes held in Buehler Auditorium at the Naples Botanical Garden are almost completed. We have about 45 students this year. Many are new to both orchids and NOS membership. The facility has brand new computers, projectors, and sound equipment plus new chairs. Our attendees are very alert and ask the darndest questions!

Spring in Southwest Florida arrived last week and is already gone. The summer dry season is in full force with higher evening and daytime temperatures coupled with infrequent rain. Perfect weather for prolific growth of the Thrips household. These little gnat-sized critters can cause a lot of bud blast on new inflorescences, killing or deforming the new flowers. They can also pass orchid viruses, diseases and bacterial rots from one plant to the next in short order. What to do? For smaller collections, a spray bottle of isopropyl alcohol and cotton swabs will work if you are diligent and look at your plants carefully every morning.

Alcohol is a contact insecticide. Larger collections require spraying with topical or systemic insecticides. Follow the container instructions. Do not increase the concentrations prescribed. More is not better, and too strong a mix can damage or kill plants. Alternate use of two or more different insecticides 7-8 days apart to assure killing both the parent bugs and their numerous offspring. Wear protective clothing, a facemask with goggles, a hat and gloves. Turn off your fans before spraying. Adjust your sprayer for small droplets, not a mist, to reduce inhalation and skin exposure risks plus better saturation of the spray down into the potting media where little critters sometimes hide. Turn the fans back on. Wash both yourself and the clothes quickly after use.

More bad news. It is lubber grasshopper season again. The pictures show both immature nymphs and "teenagers" plus full-grown adults. They grow very fast and eat a lot to assist that growth. Our smelly insecticide friend Orthene will kill the smaller nymphs. Adults require stomping, as they seem immune to the insecticides we have tried.

Many NOS members entered plants or exhibits or just attended the recent Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance orchid show themed as "Fairy Tales and Orchids" at North Collier Regional Park. We enjoyed the show and managed to buy just a few more orchids… Every show offers the opportunity to learn more about orchid culture from vendors and members of other orchid clubs.

Our April meeting speaker is Nick Ewy, Director of Collections for the Naples Botanical Garden. He is a great proponent of orchid conservation and preservation of endemic species in addition to being employed in a dream job.

See you there.

Richard Davenport
President

Board of Directors Meeting for April 2024

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday April 8, 2024

All Current Members are Welcome

Time: 6:30 pm
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club
3855 Forest Glen Blvd
Naples, FL 34114 (at the Clubhouse)
This meeting will be held at Forest Glen Golf and Country Club and requires gate notification.
If you are interested in attending this meeting, please call Rae Jean Walker @ 815-791-2140 and leave a message.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2024

Please access this link for more details:
Monthly-Meeting-Minutes-March-7-2024.pdf (naplesorchidsociety.org)

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We are very happy to report that our membership is healthy with 234 members. We have had record attendance at meetings with fabulous speakers and great learning opportunities.

OUR NOS MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

Marie Harris, Membership Chair **Text or Call: 239-877-1717** **Email: mharris@naplesproperties.com**

Nick Ewy was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan; he has been a plant grower, collector, and gardener since early childhood. Pursuing a long-standing interest in rare and tropical plants, including orchids, aroids, and epiphytes, he worked at a rare plant nursery throughout high school. He earned his B.S.in Botany and Plant Pathology from Michigan State University (2001). Nick relocated to California so that he could grow these tropical plants outdoors and took a position at an upscale club and golf course. He then moved to Florida, where he was the Director of Horticulture for the American Orchid Society Botanical Garden and Lead Horticulturalist at the International Polo Club in Wellington. In 2013, he began working at Naples Botanical Garden as Associate Director of Horticulture and is now the Director of Collections. He is responsible for acquiring, managing, and maintaining a large and diverse collection of subtropical plants from around the world.

GET YOUR NOS SHIRTS & HATS!

We will be offering our new NOS shirts & hats (with the NEW logo) at our upcoming meetings. Sizes for ladies shirts are S, M, L & men's are available S, M, L & XL. Special orders are accepted.

Shirts are $30 and Hats are $20.

YOUR AOS REP
Kris Morton
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AOS CORNER

From your AOS rep Kris Morton

The AOS March 2024 issue of "Orchids" offers tips on broken inflorescence, splotchy leaves & aerial roots (pgs. 174-176.) They have been composed & compiled from the monthly Q&A webinars done by Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Education & Science Officer.

AOS President Jay Balchan writes about his collection of dead orchid tags on pages 169-170. If you have been growing orchids for a while, you might have a few – or more. Joining an orchid society is a start to learning about growing orchids. Joining AOS can be the next step. We encourage you to join AOS, even if it is only for the online knowledge.

Some of the BEST orchid experts from around the world write articles for this magazine. All of our Show judges are accredited AOS judges. The awarded orchids are always featured in each issue.
Please consider joining AOS in 2024. Their website is www.AOS.ORG. There are so many benefits & discounts with your membership including discounts at many gardens, the AOS bookstore, & more in addition to supporting orchid conservation. You will have a choice of their fabulous archive of articles along with either receiving the Orchids magazine as a hard copy or online. If you need an application, I always have them at each monthly meeting. ☺

NOTE: The AOS 2024 Spring Members Meeting & 5th Culture Day in Apopka has been rescheduled to April 3-6, 2024.

For over 100 years, ***Your*** AOS has been a beacon of knowledge and support for orchid lovers. We are dedicated to the promotion, preservation, and appreciation of orchids. Your support can help us continue to develop new initiatives that support your membership:

1. **Orchid Conservation:** ***Your*** AOS is actively involved in orchid conservation efforts, working to protect and restore endangered orchid species and their habitats. One of our efforts is to raise funds for several orchid habitats, in conjunction with the Smithsonian's NAOCC, North American Orchid Conservation Center, and other organizations.
2. **Education:** What better way to support the AOS than through its education program for young people. Students at several schools are raising orchids as part of a scientific curriculum where students learn about our vanishing resources.
3. **Research:** We are expanding our knowledge and understanding of orchids, by helping to fund students studying growth habits, habitat changes, and genetic diversity.
4. **Community:** ***Your*** AOS connects you with other orchid enthusiasts around the world, and provides a platform for sharing knowledge and experiences. Your donation will help us maintain our community programs, such as our affiliated local orchid societies, judging, and our new website coming soon. It is ***Your*** AOS!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5-7, 2024: The Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival – AOS Member's Meeting. Location: Krull-Smith Nursery, Apopka, FL. Contact: Julien Baruch, 321-441-0144; orchids@krullsmith.com

April 6-7, 2024: Port St. Lucie Orchid Society's "Orchid Beez's," Port St. Lucie, FL; Contact: Andrea Heitfeld, 772-528-1955; tazzette@55@gmail.com

April 27-28, 2024: Vero Beach Orchid Society Annual Show "There's No Business Like Orchid Show Business," Vero Beach, FL; Contact: Carolyn Greene, 321-506-3909; vbosnewslette@hotmail.com

May 3-5, 2024: Platinum Coast Orchid Society's "Welcome to the Orchid Jungle," Merritt Island, FL; Contact: Patti Scholes, 321-459-9327; orchidpat@aol.com

May 11-12, 2024: Volusia County Orchid Society's "Down the Rabbit Hole," Deland, FL; Contact: Kristin Lochte-Keeler, 386-316-8528; superwoman78@msn.com

TASKS FOR APRIL

From Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month by Martin Motes, PhD

- Full speed ahead with re-potting.
- Water heavily and well.
- Do not forget to fertilize.
- Spray for mites and *Thrips*

*For Martin Motes "Progress of the Season" monthly orchid newsletter click on link & Ctrl then on subscribe (***Subscribe to Motes Orchids Monthly Newsletter redlandpress.com)**

Snapshots From our March 2024 Meeting

Rae Jean Walker
Discussing "Q & A of Your Orchids"

Jose Esposito – From Soroa Oricids
Discussing "Growing Orchids in South Florida, a Survival Guide"

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Orchid Conservation Alliance

Conserving Orchids by Conserving Orchid Habitat

The OCA conserves orchids by funding habitat preservation. Since inception in 2005 we have helped with the purchase of over 3000 acres of orchid habitat, protecting hundreds of orchid species in Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. Many species of rare birds, trees, frogs, mammals also find refuge in these reserves.

Dracula gigas (L), *D. trigonopetala* (R)
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador

Dracula lemurella (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

We hope you will join us in promoting this important work. We invite you to become a member of the OCA, to make a donation, to take a trip with us to see Orchids in the Wild®, and to purchase merchandise through our website. Since we have no paid staff, all proceeds support orchid conservation. The OCA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

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A great resource for orchid information is the St. Augustine Orchid Society's website: https://staugorchidsociety.org/

What's Blooming in My Collection?

C. amethystoglossa
Karen Davenport

Dendrobium Aggregatum
Nancy Castonguay

Den. Ruben Colmanares X Victorian
Marilyn Moser

C. lueddemanniana
Karen Davenport

Den. Fairy Moon
Marilyn Moser

Den. lindleyi
Karen Davenport

C. Hawaiian Prominence
Karen Davenport

Phal. Purple Stripes with Red Lip
Anthony Edvin

Caribbean Orange Bowl
Nancy Castonguay

Do you have a blooming orchid in your collection? Please send us your orchid photo and name so we can feature it here! Submit to: bcastlts@comcast.net

PLANT REGISTRATION CARD AND BALLOT FORM GUIDELINES

ATTENTION ALL NOS MEMBERS

In order to make plant registration and voting more efficient during our monthly meetings, here are some guidelines:

PLANT REGISTRATION CARDS:

1. You must have owned the plant for at least six months for the plant to be eligible for registration.
2. Please be sure to fill out your plant registration card completely including:
   1) Category: Be sure to indicate if large or small, i.e., Large Cattleya, Small Cattleya, Small Species, Large Species etc. If you are unsure what category your plant falls into, please ask a knowledgeable plant table registrar member. **NOTE:** If your plant is registered in the wrong category, it could be disqualified.
   2) Entry #: This MUST be included on the registration card.
   3) Either your Plant Name and/or Parentage must be known for your plant to be eligible for plant entry.
   4) The date of entry must be displayed on the registration card.
   5) Fill in the Exhibitor's First and Last Name by legibly printing them. If we cannot read the names or if any of the above information is omitted, we may have no recourse but to disqualify your plant.

   Here is a link to a work instruction on correctly filling out the registration card located on our NOS website, which each member must follow. Monthly-Plant-Table-Rules-official-version-062022.pdf (naplesorchidsociety.org)

We appreciate the time and effort it takes to bring plants to our monthly meetings. The more plants in our competition, the better! So please be sure to properly register them!

BALLOT FORMS:

1. Filling out the Ballot Form:
   1) Please write legibly - If we cannot read the number you have written, it will not be counted.
   2) Please be sure you are writing the correct entry number down for the correct category. It has frequently happened that someone has voted using an incorrect plant entry number; i.e., the entry number from a small phalaenopsis instead of the dendrobium category you intended to vote for. Your vote will not be counted.

OTHER REMINDERS

1. Please place the Registration Card and Exhibit Numbers in an easy to see location.
2. If your plant has won a first place, second place, third place or gold ribbon, it must remain on the exhibit table until after all ribbon winners have been announced as all first place and gold ribbon winners are photographed for the Newsletter.

If you ever have any questions regarding registration cards or ballot forms, please do not hesitate to speak to a knowledgeable member. It could mean the difference between your plant being eligible for voting or not.

Thank you - Your Plant Table Registrars

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results

March 7, 2024

Submitted by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Blc.* Melody Fair x Prada 'green deluxe'
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: *Rlc*. Robert Ferguson 'Rainbow Sherbet'
Owner: Jim Rawson
Third Place: *Blc.* Mishima Victory Nocouchee
Owner: Karen DiBenedetto

Small Cattleyas
First Place: C Fuch's Orange Nugget 'Lea'
Owner: K Romine
Second Place: *Lc*. Gold Digger 'Orglades Mandarin'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Lc*. Gold Digger 'Orchid Jungle'
Owner: K Romine

Large Vandas
First Place: V Doctor Leopard
Owner: Terre Moore
Second Place: V Rasri Gold x Tubtim Velvet
Owner: Mary Lane
Third Place: V Siripora Pink x Gordon Dillon
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Phalaenopsis
First Place: *Phal*. Holy Cross
Owner: Karen DiBenedetto
Second Place: Baldean's Kaleidoscope
Owner: Rae Jean Walker
Third Place: *Phal*. I-Hsin Pudding Puppy
Owner: Karen Davenport

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den.* Hawaii Stripes
Owner: Terre Moore
Second Place: Den OrientalGem 'Midnight'
Owner: Pam Voss
Third Place: *Den*. Pink Splash
Owner: Mary Lane

Large Phalaenopsis
First Place: *Phal.* Green World 'Yaphon'
Owner: Dianna Anderson
Second Place: Jiuhbao Freckled Beauty
Owner: Elaione Gates
Third Place: *Phal*. Sogo Relex
Owner: Dianna Anderson

Small Vandas
First Place: V Colemarie
Owner: Terre Moore
Second Place: V Jim Longwell
Owner: Elainer Gates
Third Place: V ampullacca x christensoniana
Owner: Dianna Anderson

Large Species
First Place: C skinneri 'Heiti Jacobs'
Owner: Jim Rawson
Second Place: *Den*. spectababile
Owner: Katherine Romine

Medium Species
First Place: *Den*. speciosum
Owner: Rae Jean Walker
Second Place: *Den*. amethystoglossum
Owner: Joylett Davis
Third Place: *Enc*. alata
Owner: Joylett Davis

Small Species
First Place: *Den*. cobbianum
Owner: Rae Jean Walker
Second Place: Ludisia discolor
Owner: Joylett Davis
Third Place: Bulbo makoyanum
Owner: Karen Davenport

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Odbrs Kenneth Bivin 'Santa Barbara'
Owner: Gretchen Andersen

Other Tribes
First Place: *Cym.* Geno's Gem 'Emerald Fire'
Owner: Pam Voss

Orphans
First Place: Yellow Cattleya
Owner: Elaine Gates
Second Place: Small pink Phal
Owner: Rae Jean Walker
Third Place: Pink Phal
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Best Species Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: *Den*. speciosum
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Best Hybrid Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: *Epi.* Mura Valley
Owner: Diane Ervin

Green Tag Plant Winner
Winner: Karen Davenport
Plant: C aurantiaca x C skinneri

Gold Ribbon Winners March 7, 2024

Photos on this page by Sue Roehl, Webmaster

BEST SPECIES
First Place: *Den. speciosum*
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

BEST HYBRID
Plant Name: *Epi.* Mura Valley
Owner: Diane Ervin

Blue Ribbon Winners March 7, 2024

Blue Ribbon Winner Photos by Marilyn Moser

LARGE CATTLEYAS
First Place: *Blc. Melody Fair x Blc Prada 'green deluxe'*
Owner: Diane Ervin

LARGE VANDA
First Place: V. doctor Leopard
Owner: Terre Moore

SMALL CATTLEYAS
First Place: *Fuch's Orange nugget 'Lea'*
Owner: K. Romine

SMALL PHALAENOPSIS
First Place: *Phal*. Holy Cross
Owner: Karen DiBenedetto

DENDROBIUM
First Place: *Den.* Hawaii Stripes
Owner: Terre Moore

LARGE SPECIES
First Place: C skinneri 'Heiti Jacobs'
Owner: Jim Rawson

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First Place: *Phal.* Green World 'Yaphon'
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Owner: Terre Moore

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