AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Marilyn Moser
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NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday August 3, 2023
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Baker Gym
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.
Rae Jean Walker
"What Are Good Orchid Roots & How to Prepare Them for Repotting"

Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 p.m.

Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
Featured Program: **Presented by Your Board of Directors**

Program Theme **"Repotting Your New Orchids"**

See Write-up on page 4

Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: August 14, 2023 6:30 p.m.
See page 2 for details
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

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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.

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www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org

In-Person Board of Directors Meeting for August 2023

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday August 15, 2023

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.

President's Letter

August 2023

Richard Davenport
President, Naples Orchid Society, Inc.
Davenport.richardalan@gmail.com

A quick update on coming events. At our August meeting, 8-3-23, Rae Jean Walker, this month's Orchid Doctor, will demonstrate how to prepare growing orchids for repotting with an emphasis on which roots to keep and which to carefully prune. So come early for Orchid Doctor at 6:30 because later in the meeting, we will have a "hands-on" repotting activity class for everyone with high quality orchid plants, potting media and pots provided for all current NOS members for only $5.00. NOS guests may also participate and learn for only $15.00! Be sure to bring cash or a check and your own CLEAN scissors, if possible. This promises to be a fun activity. Please refer to attached data sheet for more plant details. Note the parentage of the plants used in the repotting party and culture suggestions you can learn from the data sheet.

August is here with a vengeance. High daytime temperatures and relative humidity combined with afternoon rains give fungus and bacterial infections an all-too-good environment for excessive growth. To protect your orchids, keep your fans running 24/7 to move the air around in order to dry out leaves and media quickly. And if you are growing colorful strap leaf, terete and semi-terete vandas or other vandaceous orchids, Dr. Martin Motes tells us to use higher concentrations of fertilizer (for August and September only) at a ratio of a full, level tablespoon of soluble orchid fertilizer per gallon once a month. Do not use this higher concentration fertilizer spray on other types of orchids, as it may burn them. Go back to the more typical "weakly, weekly" fertilization routine for your vandas and friends in October when their growth spurt slows due to the shorter, somewhat cooler days of what passes for Fall in southwest Florida.

We all enjoyed the reports of the summer research interns on the Ghost Orchid and other threatened endemic Florida orchid species at our last meeting. In addition, seeing our NOS name in lights from pictures taken of the Orchid Conservation display at the Chelsea Flower Show in London as reported by NOS member John Parke Wright was not too bad either.

On page 5 in this newsletter are the top six (6) NOS/NBG February 16, 17 & 18 2024 Orchid Show and Sale theme names proposed by various members. Theme names will be considered for originality, concept, novelty, suitable color palettes, tie-ins with events (this will be NOS's 50th AOS judged show in our 63rd year as an orchid society and the 101st birthday of the City of Naples on May 8, 2024) etc. We are moving along to make our 2024 show even bigger and better than ever. Interested in helping or volunteering to work on important show projects? Contact Stu Rubin, your 2024 Show Chair.

Richard Davenport
President

Cattleytonia [Ctna.] Beverly's Blush

Photography by G. Nagy

RHS Name: Cattleytonia [Ctna.] Beverly's Blush = (C. Hawaiian Whitey x Ctna. Maui Maid)

Sander Name: (Same)

Registered in year 2006 by Mrs. Sharon M. Duncan, 309 Oaklawn Drive, Monroe, Louisiana, 71203, USA. Originated by Unknown.

Based on data from 1 award Ctna. Beverly's Blush averages 2.0 flowers per inflorescence and 7.7 cm. (3.0 inches) natural spread.

- Ctna. Beverly's Blush
  - C. Hawaiian Whitey
    - C. Old Whitey
      - C. Mount Rainier
      - C. Empress Bells
    - C. walkeriana
  - Ctna. Maui Maid
    - C. Hawaiian Variable
      - C. Penny Kuroda (Penny Kuroda Gp)
      - C. guttata
    - Bro. sanguinea

(Sander nomenclature)

This hybrid is composed of species of which 98% take high light and 49% take medium light. Grow in bright indirect light conditions. It may be tolerant of dappled light conditions.

This hybrid is composed of species of which 100% take warm temperatures, 37% take cool temperatures and 30% take hot temperatures. Grow in warm conditions, or 66°F to 75°F at night. It may be tolerant of cool (58°F to 66°F) and hot (75°F to 85°F) night temperatures.

50%-60% humidity. Mature plants MUST dry out between waterings. Grow in a pot with a porous, free-draining media. Fertilize weekly, weakly (one quarter to half the normal dose). Common media: fir bark, tree-fern fiber, expanded clay, lava rock, charcoal or a combination.

August Featured Program: Presented by Your Board of Directors

Repotting Your New Orchid!

Orchids, pots, potting mix and gloves will be provided for participants. Please bring your own scissors/clippers. Assistance will be provided as needed. Member Cost is $5.00. Non-Member Cost is $15.00. Cash or Checks Only Please.

For this meeting only, there will not be a Raffle Table.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Lanelle Bishop, Second Vice President

The meeting was held in the Baker Gym at Moorings Presbyterian Church. 49 attendees enjoyed donated snacks.

- Gary Murza was the Orchid Doctor and his presentation included a demonstration of proper procedures for mounting Phalaenopsis orchids.
- President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at which time he reviewed emergency evacuation procedures.
- Marie Harris, Membership Chair, Welcomed and renewed NOS members. Name badges were handed out and Marie advised that there are 171 current NOS members.
- Sue Roehl sold raffle tickets totaling $175.00.
- Members were encouraged to vote for plants brought in by members.
- Stu Rubin, Vice President and Chairman for our 2024 Orchid Show, announced he is accepting Show Theme suggestions.
- Chuck Ferber, Director, introduced our Speakers for the evening, Antonio Ruiz and Adam Herdman, who are interns with Dr. Zettler from Illinois College. NOS has been supporting research in Orchid Conservation for years, first introduced by Kit Kitchen-Moran, former President and Education Chair for years. Our other guest speaker was John Parke Wright IV who provided videos of the Chelsea Gardens Flower Show in London relating to endangered Ghost and Ribbon Orchids.
- Plant ribbon awards and ribbons were presented.
- Raffle tickets were drawn.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION!

NOS Orchid Show and Sale Theme Voting Commences!

Members, thank you for all your THEME suggestions for our February 16, 17 and 18th 2024 NOS Show and Sale at the Naples Botanical Garden. There were many! The NOS BOD spent many hours deliberating on the TOP THEME and there were 6 which were selected (the 6th being the picture below). This year, you as a member can vote on the TOP THEME. Starting today, please send your selected THEME vote from the list below to Stu Rubin at srubin33@gmail.com. Voting will close after our member meeting on August 3rd. Please start voting today!

Top Themes to Vote on (please select only one as your final vote):

THEME 1: 50 Years of Celebrating Orchids

THEME 2: A 50 Year Orchid Celebration

THEME 3: Fifty Golden Years of Orchids

THEME 4: A Golden Anniversary With Orchids

THEME 5: 50th Anniversary Showtime!

THEME 6:

Thank you for your participation!

Please volunteer to help at our monthly NOS meetings. We need help with set up & take down. Please contact Richard Davenport, Stu Rubin or Jim Rawson if you would like to participate.

July 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendees: 49
Plant Raffle: $175.00
Plants entered: 32 – 23 voted

Many Thanks to Our June Monthly Meeting Volunteers

Set up: Richard Davenport, Jim Rawson, Marie Harris, Chuck Ferber, Carolyn Booker & James Rich. **Greeter:** Marie Harris, **Orchid Doctor:** Gary Murza, **Raffle:** Sue Roehl, **Hospitality:** Barb Murza & Lanelle Bishop, **Plant table:** Carolyn Booker & Marilyn Moser, **Take down:** Richard Davenport, Carolyn Booker, Marie Harris, Chuck & Nancy Ferber, Kenny & Joylett Davis, Jim Rawson & Lanelle Bishop and **AOS Rep:** Marilyn Moser

Upcoming NOS Monthly Meeting Events

September: Jim-N-I Orchids - Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges will be discussing Brassavolas as well as bringing orchids for sale

October: Accent Orchids - Bret and Ruth Ullery will be bringing orchids for sale. Program presentation details will be shared in September.

November: Carol Holdren - AOS Accredited Judge will be presenting Tips and Tricks for Orchid growing and care.

December: Christmas Party where every member will receive a beautiful orchid.

CARE AND CONDOLENCE

Care cards were sent to NOS members Mary Jo Shively, Karen Davenport, Roger Dunlap and Dave Orr

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: Our on-line membership roster has been updated to include all new members and any revisions provided. Please review your membership information and contact Marie Harris with any corrections.

RENEWAL: Have you renewed? We are still missing many of you. Please check your records to be certain you have paid your 2023 dues so you can continue to receive the many benefits of membership.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 164

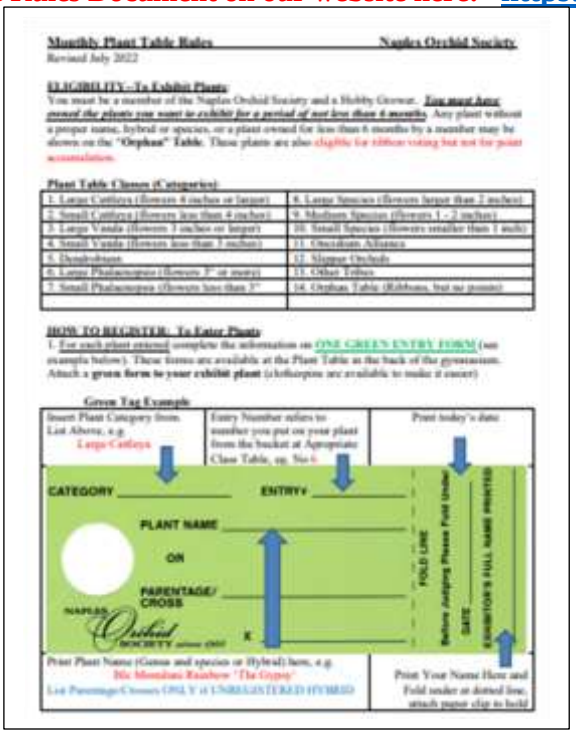
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Naples Yard & Garden Show will be October 28th and 29th. We will have an educational display & membership information available. Can we count on you to help staff our table at this event?

CONTACT

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

NOS Monthly Meeting Plant competition Rules and Instructions

See the Rules Document on our website here: https://naplesorchidsociety.org/monthly-meetings/


Monthly Plant Table Rules — Naples Orchid Society
Revised July 2022

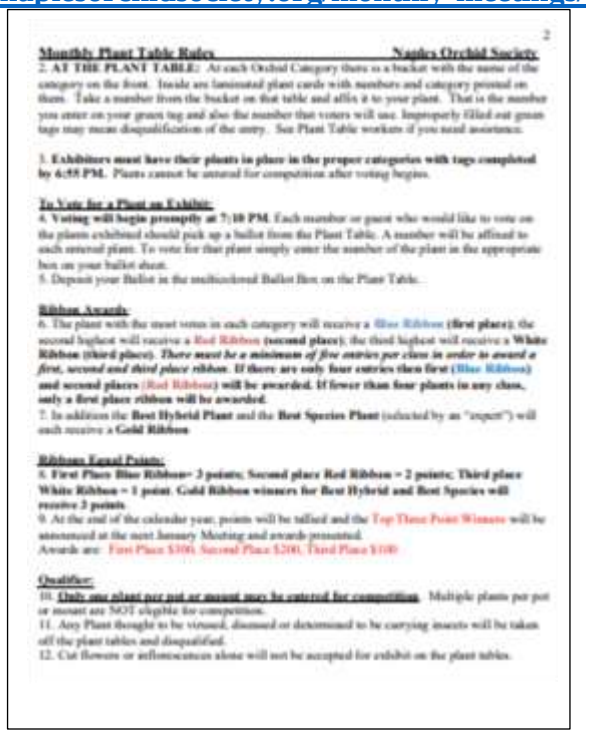
ELIGIBILITY - To Exhibit Plants

Plant Table Classes (Categories):

1. Large Cattleya (flowers 4 inches or larger)	8. Large Species (flowers larger than 2 inches)
2. Small Cattleya (flowers less than 4 inches)	9. Medium Species (flowers 1 - 2 inches)
3. Large Vanda (flowers 3 inches or larger)	10. Small Species (flowers smaller than 1 inch)
4. Small Vanda (flowers less than 3 inches)	11. Oncidium Alliance
5. Dendrobium	12. Slipper Orchids
6. Large Phalaenopsis (flowers 3" or more)	13. Other Tribes
7. Small Phalaenopsis (flowers less than 3")	14. Orphan Table (Ribbons, but no points)

HOW TO REGISTER - To Enter Plants

Green Tag Example


Monthly Plant Table Rules — Naples Orchid Society

2. AT THE PLANT TABLE: At each Orchid Category there is a bucket with the name of the category on the front. Inside are laminated plant cards with numbers and category printed on them. Take a number from the bucket on that table and affix it to your plant. That is the number you enter on your green tag and also the number that voters will use. Improperly filled-out green tags may mean disqualification of the entry. See Plant Table workers if you need assistance.

3. **Exhibitors must have their plants in place in the proper categories with tags completed by 6:55 PM.** Plants cannot be entered for competition after voting begins.

To Vote for a Plant on Exhibit:

4. **Voting will begin promptly at 7:10 PM.** Each member or guest who would like to vote on the plants exhibited should pick up a ballot from the Plant Table. A number will be affixed to each entered plant. To vote for that plant simply enter the number of the plant in the appropriate box on your ballot sheet.

5. Deposit your Ballot in the multicolored Ballot Box on the Plant Table.

Ribbon Awards:

6. The plant with the most votes in each category will receive a Blue Ribbon **(first place)**; the second highest will receive a Red Ribbon **(second place)**; the third highest will receive a **White Ribbon (third place).** ***There must be a minimum of five entries per class in order to award a first, second and third place ribbon.*** **If there are only four entries then first (Blue Ribbon) and second places (Red Ribbon) will be awarded. If fewer than four plants in any class, only a first place ribbon will be awarded.**

7. In addition the **Best Hybrid Plant** and the **Best Species Plant** (selected by an "expert") will each receive a **Gold Ribbon**.

Ribbons Equal Points:

8. **First Place Blue Ribbon= 3 points; Second place Red Ribbon = 2 points; Third place White Ribbon = 1 point. Gold Ribbon winners for Best Hybrid and Best Species will receive 3 points.**

9. At the end of the calendar year, points will be tallied and the Top Three Point Winners will be announced at the next January Meeting and awards presented.
Awards are: First Place $300, Second Place $200, Third Place $100

Qualifier:

10. Only one plant per pot or mount may be entered for competition. Multiple plants per pot or mount are NOT eligible for competition.

11. Any Plant thought to be virused, diseased or determined to be carrying insects will be taken off the plant tables and disqualified.

12. Cut flowers or inflorescences alone will not be accepted for exhibit on the plant tables.

Snapshots from our July 2023 Meeting

Tabulating Orchid Plant Table Votes & Winners

Gary Murza
Orchid Doctor Discusses
Mounting Phalaenopsis orchids

Interns - Adam Herdman and Antonio Ruiz present “Orchid Conservation” to meeting attendees…

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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.

For more information: www.orchidconservationalliance.org

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TOO HOT IN THE SUMMER GREENHOUSE?

From 2023 AOS Orchids Magazine

Stick one side of Velcro disks a foot apart onto the outside of the west side of the greenhouse to fit the shape of the foil-covered, bubble-wrap-type batts like the material used as jackets for hot water heaters. It can be purchased in rolls. The foil will reflect the hot west sun and the bubble wrap will help insulate against the heat. It may also be used to insulate the north side of the greenhouse on the inside to keep heat in and reflect the light back into the greenhouse. --- Jean *Allen-Ikeson (email: jean.ikeson@gmail.com.)*

Orchid Growers - New Scale Insect Pest on Vanda Orchids Imported from Thailand
Access this link for more details: https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/113660/file/FDACS-P-02196_2023-07-%28PEST-ALERT-Pseudaulacaspis-coloisuvae%29.pdf

From: Scott D. Krueger – Environmental Specialist, Division of Plant Industry Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 20-22, 2023: The Rare Plant Festival will be at the Fruit and Spice Park in the Redland. A complete website and tickets for the festival will be available soon.

October 21, 2023, Saturday: Fall 2023 Virtual Members Meeting. The AOS board of Trustees has approved the Fall Members Meeting to be held virtually this year. It will be free to attend, but you will need to register to do so. Registration link and information will be forthcoming as planning progresses.

October 28-29, 2023: Collier County Master Gardener Yard & Garden Show, IFAS Collier County Extension, Saturday 9 am – 4 pm, Sunday 9 am – 3 pm. Location: 14700 Immokalee Road.
Contact: 239-252-4800.@yahoo.com. See the flyer in this newsletter.

December 9-10, 2023: Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show and Sale, River Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Dr, Fort Pierce, FL; Contact: Rita Zeblin, 772-418-7426 (text only); rita2zfpos@gmil.com.

February 23-28, 2024: The 23rd World Orchid Conference in Tainan, Tiwan. Contact Information: Conference - conference@woc23.com; Exhibition – service@woc23.com.

SELECTED BOTANICAL TERMS

From "Orchids" Magazine, July 2023

anthesis – flowering
diaphanous – light, delicate, translucent
mucronate – a sharply pointed apex

MORE ABOUT ORCHIDS - Commonly Asked Questions

From Jack Kramer's "100 Orchids for Florida"

I have trouble getting oncidiums to bloom. What can I do?

Most oncidiums require excellent light, and the potting medium should never be too wet. Hybrid oncidiums with *Odontoglossus* heritage need somewhat cool nights to bloom (55 degrees F.) Check the exact varieties you grow to be more helpful.

My Vanda *plants just do not bloom regularly. I have some that have not bloomed in years but their leaves have not died.*

Vandas require very bright light intensity to bloom regularly & most average homes lack this. Try some of the new *Ascocenda* hybrids. These fine plants bloom with somewhat less light and bloom twice a year.

Orchidist's Word of the Month

From the July AOS Orchid-gram

***…introduced* (in-truh-doosd):**

Brought from another region, either intentionally or otherwise; in horticulture, used to designate the intentional bringing of plants into cultivation either from another country or from the wild.

TASKS FOR AUGUST

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

- Finish cutting teretes & reed stem epidendrums early in month.
- Reset strap leaf vandas early or not at all.
- Dry hard once or twice.
- Continue anti-fungal spray program.
- Apply snail bait lightly twice, ten days apart.

PROGRESS OF THE SEASON

(From Martin Motes July 2023 Monthly Newsletter

This June has been wetter than average and the pattern of the rain has been markedly different. Typically, the land sea breezes off the Gulf Stream build into thunderheads over the center of the peninsula by afternoon and then march eastward.

For much of June the rain has arrived in warm fronts, which are similar to the tropical waves that dominate the weather later in the rainy season. This might not bode well for the rest of the summer, which started early and may end late. It behooves us to be extra careful with watering and use all the tricks in the book (*Fla. Orchid Growing* that is) to dry our plants as quickly and completely as possible. Light and air movement are the indispensable elements. For all genera, it is best to grow them in as bright of light as they will tolerate.

Plants that are bright light green, a few shades darker than a Granny Smith apple will dry quickly and be hard and disease resistant. Air movement is the other key to rapid drying. Be sure your plants are spaced well apart and take care that larger ones do not overshadow smaller plants. Always bear in mind that air movement increases exponentially with elevation. Get your plants as high off the ground where their mortal enemy, fungus, dwells and into the more rapidly moving airstream.

All that rain has washed away mites and provided infinite fodder for *Thrips*. Remember, however, that five dry days in a row will likely bring *Thrips* calling on our moist and tender orchids. Be prepared to greet them with the methods set forth in Florida Orchid Growing will spare a good deal of grief.

Snails have relished the deluges and have had free range over vast swathes of territory. Even if you have already applied snail bait once or twice, an additional application, ever so lightly is recommended.

Although the heavy rains present problems for our orchids, they also provide cooling relief as we work and play outdoors.
Martin Motes

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https://www.motesorchids.com/

AND A GOOD REMINDER FROM MARTIN MOTES

Vanda's have thrown an abundance of roots in response to these temperature shifts. It is essential that they receive sufficient water to sustain the growing roots. With temperature in the upper eighties and relative humidity in the 50% range Vanda roots can dry exceptionally quickly. This is the time of the year when an afternoon misting of Vanda roots is of great benefit. Even a second thorough watering on alternate days is beneficial if the plants are dry by night. Getting the vandas off to a quick start also involves heavy feeding. With the abundance of water being given, fertilizer at as high a rate as 1 Tbs. per gal can be given every 5-6 days.

IN THE LATEST JULY ISSUE OF AOS "ORCHIDS"

There is a great article from Sue Bottom, SAOS member & frequent contributor to "Orchids" (with photographer Terry Bottom) on fertilizing. She has broken down types of water used and application rates with graphs/types of fertilizer & application rates.
See "Fertilize Weakly Weekly?" pgs. 494-496, July 2023 issue.

Take Advantage of your AOS Reciprocal Admission Program benefit this Summer

Did you know that as an American Orchid Society member, you receive free and discounted admission to 345+ botanical gardens, conservatories and arboreta nationwide?

It is YOUR passport to public gardens across North America!

What's Blooming in My Collection?

Den. Bicaudatum
Karen Davenport

Epi. Radiata
Marilyn Moser

Grt. Henry Wan
Marilyn Moser

Lc. Siamese Doll 'Kiwi'
Karen Davenport

Cattleya Amethyst
Marilyn Moser

Vasco Janice Allison
Karen Davenport

Rth. Burana Beauty "Burma"
Nancy Castonguay

PDA Corneels Cillars
Karen Davenport

Bc. Hamlyn's Magic
Karen Davenport

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

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results

July 6, 2023

Submitted by Dick Pippen

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Cattleya* Milton Warne 'Dream Girl'
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: *Blc*. Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle'
Owner: Diane Ervin

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Cattleya* Orchidglade 'SVO' x *C.* Chocolate Drop 'SVO
Owner: Robin Demattia

Large Vandas
First Place: *V*. Joyce Fremer
Owner: Terre Moore
Second Place: *V*. Thailand Beauty
Owner: Bart Anderson

Small Vandas
First Place: *Vanda flabellata* x *Vandachostylis* Luke Thai
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Neostylis* Lou Sneary 'Blue Horizon'
Owner: Diane Ervin
Third Place: *V*. Brighton's Gold
Owner: Karen Davenport

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den*. Changmei Pink x *Den*. Burana Stripe
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Den*. Caesar
Owner: Mary Southall

Large Species
First Place: *Prosthechea cochleata*
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

Medium Species
First Place: *Grammatophyllum scriptum x Gram. tigrinum*
Owner: Jim Rawson

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Tolumnia* Aleka 'Peaches' x *Tolu*. Sniffen 'Jen Dauro'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Other Tribes
First Place: *Galeopetalum* Starburst 'Parkside'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Orphan Table
First Place: A *Phalaenopsis* of unknown origin
Owner: Gretchen Anderson
Second Place: A Pretty Red *Vanda*
Owner: Diane Ervin

Best Species Award
Plant Name: *Cattleya bicolor*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *Vanda flabellata* x *Vandachostylis* Luke Thai
Owner: Karen Denvenport

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: *Dendrobium* Airy Blue 490
Winner: Terre Moore

Gold Ribbon Winners July 6, 2023

Photos this page by Susan Roehl, NOS Webmaster

BEST SPECIES
Plant Name: *Cattleya bicolor*
Owner: Karen Davenport

BEST HYBRID
Plant Name: *Vanda flabellata* x *Vandachostylis* Luke Thai
Owner: Karen Davenport

Blue Ribbon Winners July 6, 2023

Photos this page by Marilyn Moser, AOS Representative

LARGE CATTLEYAS
Plant Name: *Cattleya* Milton Warne 'Dream Girl'
Owner: Diane Ervin

DENDROBIUMS
Plant Name: *Den*. Changmei Pink x *Den*. Burana Stripe
Owner: Karen Davenport

SMALL CATTLEYAS
Plant Name: *Cattleya* Orchidglade 'SVO' x *C*. Chocolate Drop 'SVO
Owner: Robin Demattia

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OTHER TRIBES
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Owner: Karen Davenport

LARGE VANDA
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Owner: Terre Moore

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Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

ORPHAN TABLE
Plant Name: A *Phalaenopsis* of unknown origin
Owner: Gretchen Anderson

OTHER TRIBES
Plant Name: *Grammatophyllum scriptum*
Owner: Adrian Genotti

An Orchid Vignette — *Psychilis*, the Peacock Orchid

Contributed by Dick Pippen

For several years now, I have become more and more interested in miniature orchids, or at least orchids with small (less than 1 inch) flowers. In my quest when Phillip Hamilton (Bredren Orchids) was at our NOS monthly meeting in September 2021 I bought an interesting little orchid. His sample was in flower with several small green and yellowish flowers atop a stalk about a foot long. I was finally rewarded with my little plant flowering in April of 2023. It took some patience because the plant, with leaves about 6-8 inches long, sent out a flowering stalk that kept growing and growing and growing until the flowers finally opened at the end of a 4.5-foot stalk!!

This is *Psychilis krugii*, the Peacock Orchid. Forgive my photograph of the plant (because with such a long flowering stalk, it is hard to photograph). I should be happy though because when I checked this on the Internet it was described as a "large to giant" plant. Fortunately, the flowers do fall within the range of my "miniatures" (the first flowers opened are in photo right). Additional reading informed me that this species is endemic (restricted in growth) to Puerto Rico, in the dry thorn woods. The flowers do not all open at the same time, but a few in succession so that the inflorescence stays in flower for several months. The top photo (right) of the flowers was taken in April 2023 and the photo just below it was taken a month later. You can see that more flowers have opened. In addition, as I post this to the August 2023 Newsletter, it is still in bloom! The species, named after a German plant enthusiast, has received nine AOS awards and has been used as a parent in only one cross.

Psychilis is a genus of 15 species and two natural hybrids. The members of this genus grow only in the West Indies Islands. Probably the best know species is *Psychilis atropurpurea*, the Dark Purple *Psychils* that grows on the island of Hispaniola (Dominican Republic and Haiti). It has earned 19 awards and has parented five offspring.

When I sent a photo of my *Psy. krugii* to Marilyn Moser, she sent me a picture of another *Psychilis* that she had, *Psychilis truncata*, one she had also purchased from Bredren Orchids. Marilyn indicated that the flowering spike of her plant was only about a foot long. *Psychilis truncata* grows only in the Dominican Republic. It has earned four awards and parented 8 offspring.

Therefore, if you are interested in "unusuals" and height is no restriction, I highly recommend that you look for some *Psychilis*.