AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Blc. Copper Queen
Marilyn Moser

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday August 1, 2024
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Moss Hall
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.
Rae Jean Walker. Topic - "Orchid Q & A.

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

Please note: *When attending Orchid Doctor sessions, and you have a plant that may be diseased or have insect infestations that you want to discuss, please place a sample in a sealed Ziploc bag to bring to the meeting.*

Featured Speaker **– Karen Davenport and Team**
Presenting:"Tips for Successful Orchid Repotting"
NOTE: Free orchid to members in attendance!
Please bring your own scissors!

See more information on page 4

Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: August 13, 2024 6:30 p.m.
See page 3 for details
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

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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.

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President's Letter

August 2024
Richard Davenport
President, Naples Orchid Society, Inc.
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Greetings to all orchid lovers!

August is upon us. Our year-round locals traditionally leave now for the Carolina mountains in search of heat and humidity relief. Hurricane watch routines switch into high gear. Back-to-school shopping for children and grandchildren is in process. A less stressful event is the return of our annual NOS orchid repotting party. Members coming to our August meeting will each receive a free orchid along with all the repotting necessities, save your own private pair of scissors. We certainly do not want to risk spreading fungus or virus by sharing and reusing "old" and possibly contaminated scissors.

Learn and share tips and tricks to make repotting easier and better for your orchid plants. We will have experienced mentors to guide and assist you if needed in the process of becoming a proficient re-potter. And bring your guests along! They can also receive an orchid and learn the repotting process alongside you for a small $20.00 fee to defray NOS expenses.

At the July meeting, we heard from the Illinois College orchid research team with a preview of their soon to be published findings focused on the "Ghost Orchid" *dendrophylax lindenii.* This beautiful, leafless orchid is considered to be the "canary in the coal mine", a leading indicator for the viability of all endemic orchids in southwest Florida. All such native orchids are considered "at risk" due to hurricanes, climate change, poaching and habitat destruction. Many thanks to Naples Botanical Garden for sending over a mounted Ghost Orchid for members to see up close. Dr. Zettler and his team offered their appreciation and thanks to NOS for our long- term funding support of their orchid research efforts over the past 13 years.

Members John Parke Wright IV and Dr. Lawrence Zettler reported on the recent Chelsea Flower Show at Kew Royal Botanical Gardens, Richmond, on the Thames River west of London. The show theme emphasis was orchid conservation in the UK, India and North America. Their silver award winning, multi-sponsor entry focused on the Ghost Orchid, seen at Kew for the first time ever in the UK, along with other threatened U.S. orchids. Thanks to the internet, over 25,000,000 views were made of the display, along with Royal visitors and BBC coverage of the event.

Richard Davenport
President

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We are 240 members strong! It may be a hot and lazy summer in Naples, but there's nothing lazy about our monthly programs. Be sure to attend our August monthly membership meeting and learn how to repot your new orchid. Please remember that members must be present to receive a free orchid (one of your many member benefits).

OUR NOS MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

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

Board of Directors Meeting for August 2024

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday August 13, 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 Community Center)

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.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2024

Please access this link for more details:

Monthly-Meeting-Minutes-July-11^J-2024-1.pdf (naplesorchidsociety.org)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SET UP AND TAKE DOWN

Can you help with set up and take down at our monthly membership meetings?

It involves: arranging tables, setting up orchid display racks, setting up the plant registration table and materials at the various stations, membership table and doing it all in reverse at the end of the meeting.

2 volunteers are needed for each of these membership meetings:

August 1 & September 5 - October 3 & November 7

Please indicate which meeting or meetings you can be available for & willing to help with!

Start Time: 4:45

Thank you for pitching in!

Contact Marie Harris to volunteer. Text or call: 239-877-1717 Email: mharris@naplesproperties.com

JULY MONTHLY MEETING FOOD ORGANIZERS

Thank you to all our members who brought a great variety of food goods to our July meeting including RaeJean Walker, Susan Roehl, Karen Davenport, Lia (no last name given), Mary Southall, Marija Rosenfeld, Leah Ray, and Linda Carlson.

FEATURED SPEAKER – Karen Davenport and Team

Members in attendance will learn how to repot plants with the experts at Naples Orchid Society. Karen Davenport and team will be providing plants and the necessary materials to learn how to best repot your orchid plants.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SCISSORS

Snapshots From our July 2024 Meeting

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Larry Zettler and the Illinois College Orchid Conservation Team presented an update on the 10 Year Ghost Orchid Research Program to July meeting attendees.

Keynote Speaker - Adam Herdman this year's Ghost Orchid Research Program Team Leader, spoke to meeting attendees.

Orchid Doctor – Rae Jean Walker shared here orchid growing and plant management expertise via members Q & A.

YOUR AOS REP
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AOS CORNER

From your AOS Representative Kris Morton

The July 2024 AOS "Orchids" magazine features an article from Sue & Terry Bottom, "Leaf Yellowing in Orchids," pgs. 508-510. AOS Chief Education & Science Officer Ron McHatton's latest from the July 2024 issue of Q & A's will be found on pages 512-513 & includes questions on *Chlorosis, Sunburn & Scale, Leaf Tip Dieback* and *Rehabilitation*. In addition, there is another great article (reprinted from the March 2013 *Orchids,)* found in the July 2024 issue, pages 538-543. It discusses "What Do Orchids Eat – Are Your Orchids Addicted to Potassium?" including a very educational graph of Species, NPK, Ca & Mg suggestions.

MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Hello all! By now, you are all on summer break or planning your summer activities. I do hope you will take advantage of all the ideas that float around in the many societies that make up our membership. One thing you can do is to call or email other societies and find out what ideas they have for meetings. You can share the how to's with others and perhaps learn something new for your meetings. One thing we do every meeting is share problem plants. We stress to our members to bring in plants that seem to not be thriving and we take turns looking at them and giving our opinions.

Now true, some are bug issues and we keep them away from the regular meeting plants, but so many listen to rumors about how to fix the issues that they end up killing the plant. The "dip in bleach" will cure everything, is one we try to dispel. Therefore, we share resources, our website of course, and recommend courses of treatment. There is the 'just add ice' group that we try to dispel, with lots of resources, culture sheets from the AOS website, and tell stories, often hilarious, about our experiences when we start out. HOWEVER, what we get are people coming back to be members, to be contributors to others who may be in the same boat. You are our backbone. Share your experiences with others! Stay tuned! – Cheryl Erins - cerins@aos.org

AOS WEBINARS

September 05, 2024: Thursday 8:30 pm EST. Greenhouse Chat Q&A. Send in your photos & questions by September 03. Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education & Science Officer.

Registration is easy. http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.espx
Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry. Register now and view on your time schedule. Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and indexed by topic for future viewing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28-29, 2024: Ridge Orchid Society's "Orchids: Nature's Steampunk," United Women's Club of Lakeland, 1515 Williamsburg Square, Lakeland FL; Contact: Keith Emig, 863-221-3172; dkemig@gmail.com.

October 18-20, 2024: COMING SOON - The Rare Plant Festival at Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Redland, FL 3303. Bookmark the date tickets available soon (still accepting vendor applications.)
Info: www.rareplantfestival.com

The West Palm Beach Judging Center of The American Orchid Society meets every 4th Saturday (with 3rd Saturdays in November & December) at Flamingo Gardens Botanical Gardens & Wildlife Sanctuary, 3750 S Flamingo Rd., Davie, FL 33330. Education session starts at 12:30 PM with judging beginning at 2 PM. *(See Explore WPBJC for more information.)*

RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

American Orchid Society
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On the recommendation of the AOS Research Committee, the American Orchid Society Board has voted to approve the funding of the following orchid research projects:

"Vanillomics: Towards a phylogenomic monograph of Neotropical Vanilla." This research project involves DNA sequencing to determine the taxonomic relationships between the various *Vanilla* species. University of Wisconsin.

"Ghost orchids of Hispaniola: Will sequence data reveal patterns of evolutionary diversification and new species?" This research will generate a *Dendrophylax* species genetic tree that should help to determine what are the genetically distinct species, hybrids, or variable individuals among populations of broader species.

SAVE THE DATE

2024 Naples Yard and Garden Show - October 26 thru 27th

UF/IFAS Collier County Extension, 14700 Immokalee Road Naples FL 34120.

NOS will once again have an information table at the show. We are grateful to those who volunteered last year. Save the date to volunteer and come out to enjoy the show.

Contact Marie Harris Text or call: 239-877-1717 E-mail: mharris@naplesproperties.com

TASKS FOR AUGUST

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

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)

- 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.

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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.

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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 is Blooming in My Collection?

Ctna. Beverly Blush
Marilyn Moser

Vanda Motes Green Goblin 'Pippen's Protege' AMAOS
Cheryle Daniel

*Enc.*Tampensis Alba 'Lemon Drop'
Nancy Castonguay

Rlc. Wainae Leopard 'Ching Hua'
Karen Davenport

Tolumnia Aleka 'Peaches'
Karen Davenport

Bc. Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelight'
Cheryle Daniel

Blc. Mem. Crispin Rosales 'Carmela'
Karen Davenport

Grammatophyllum scriptum var. citrinum
Nancy Castonguay

Bulb. virescens x kubahense
Marilyn Moser

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

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results
July 11, 2024

Submitted by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *C.* Atalanta
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *C.* Maui Plum 'Volcano Queen'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Myc.* Louise Fuchs
Owner: Diane Ervin

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Lsa.* Dick Pippen 'Lemon Yum-Yum'
Owner: Mary Southall
Second Place: Gramscriptum x Tigrinum
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth
Third Place: *Ctna.* Maui Maid x Mcp brysiana
Owner: Mary Lane

Large Vandas
First Place: *V.* Oranuch x Gordon Dillon
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *V.* Dr.Anek x Mimi Palmer
Owner: Diane Ervin
Third Place: *V.* Pachara Delight
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Phalaenopsis
First Place: *Phal.* Tying Shin 'Flying Eagle'
Owner: Diane Ervin

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den*. Touch of Gold
Owner: Terre Moore
Second Place: *Den.* Popper Red
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vanda
First Place: *Aer*. Korat Koki
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *V*. Noppom Orange Rozy x Sasicha
Owner: Mary Southall
Third Place: *Aer.* Korat Koki
Owner: Jim Longwell

Large Species
First Place: Bulbo vaginatum
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *C*. tigrina v. coerulea
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: Brassavola subulfolia
Owner: Stuart Rubin

Medium Species
First Place: Cirr cummingii
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: *Den.* sanderae v. luzonicum
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: *Enc.* radiatum
Owner: Jim Longwell

Small Species
First Place: *Phal*. buysonniana
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Den.* bullenianum
Owner: Diane Ervin
Third Place: *Rhy.* Retusa
Owner: Elaine Gates

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Onc*. Sweet Sugar
Owner: Terre Moore

Slipper
First Place: *Paph*. Prince of Booth
Owner: David Orr

Other Tribes
Ctsm. incurvum
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

Best Hybrid Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: *Aer.* Korat Koki
Owner: Jim Longwell

Best Species Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: *Epi*. magnoliae
Owner: Karen Davenport

Gold Ribbon Winners July 11 2024

Photos on this page by Sue Roehl, Webmaster

BEST SPECIES
First Place: *Epi*. magnoliae
Owner: Karen Davenport

BEST HYBRID
Plant Name: *Aer.* Korat Koki
Owner: Jim Longwell

Blue Ribbon Winners July 11, 2024

Blue Ribbon Winner Photos by Marilyn Moser

LARGE CATTLEYAS
First Place: *C.* Atalanta
Owner: Jim Longwell

LARGE VANDA
First Place: *V.* Oranuch x Gordon Dillon
Owner: Jim Longwell

SMALL CATTLEYAS
First Place: *Lsa.* Dick Pippen 'Lemon Yum-Yum'
Owner: MarySouthall

SMALL PHALAENOPSIS
First Place: *Phal.* Tying Shin 'Flying Eagle'
Owner: Diane Ervin

DENDROBIUM
First Place: *Den*. Touch of Gold
Owner: Terre Moore

LARGE SPECIES
First Place: Bulbo vaginatum
Owner: Jim Longwell

SMALL VANDA
First Place: *Aer*. Korat Koki
Owner: Jim Longwell

MEDIUM SPECIES
First Place: *Cirr.* cummingii
Owner: Marie Lane

SMALL SPECIES
First Place: *Phal*. buysonniana
Owner: Karen Davenport

SLIPPER
First Place: *Paph*. Prince of Booth
Owner: David Orr

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
First Place: *Onc*. Sweet Sugar
Owner: Terre Moore

OTHER TRIBES
First Place: *Ctsm.* incurvum
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth