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NEWSLETTER

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Our August monthly meeting is Thursday,
August 2, 2018,
At the Moorings Presbyterian Church Baker Gym

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Flower Registration 6:30 p.m.
Flower Judging 7:10 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Program 7:45 p.m.
Our speaker will be Thanh Nguygen, Springwater Orchids, Melbourne, FL
"Paphiopedilum culture and care."

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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.

AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 6
MONTHLY MEETING
Mac Orchids
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Topic: TBA

NEXT NOS BOD MTG.
NOS SHOW COMM. MTG.
September 27, 2018
All are welcome.

AOS JUDGING
WPB Judging Center next judging date is August 25,
Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
Info: www.wpbjudging.org

Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3PM.
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Dick Pippen, rpippen@comcast.net

Greetings Orchid Lovers—Wow, already the mid-point of the year has passed; the days which were getting longer are now getting shorter. The time goes so fast these days. Reminds me of an orchid that I got at the last Show from Mac's Orchids, *Pteroceras longicalcarum*, the Long-Spurred Pteroceras. I like to photograph my orchids and I had waited quite a while for this one to bloom—finally it did, three flowers, and I thought, "well, I'll photograph those tomorrow," except when tomorrow came, the flowers were shriveled—apparently, they are "one day wonders." So time goes fast for them, too. Here is a photo of the second blooming—didn't wait this time, got them as soon as I saw the flowers open. They are "really big" flowers—about ½ inch across ☺—but interesting!

Our July meeting is always a treat because it is devoted to our continuing support of research on the Ghost, and other native, orchids in SW Florida. As all of you know for several years we have supported interns from Illinois College and Dr. Larry Zettler's Orchid Recovery Program. This year, the two interns we are supporting, Adam Herndon and Mike Weisenfelder, presented a summary of the work, to date—they were just starting their internship for the month of July, and they had just arrived in Naples, so they had not done any field work yet. This is an important fourth year of their research, so it will be exciting to get the results from this year's work next year.

Next month our featured speaker will be Thanh Nyugen, Springwater Orchids, Melbourne, FL. Thanh offers a wide variety of orchids for sale, but his specialty, and topic of his presentation will be Paphiopedilums. Should be interesting. Hope to see you all there. Until then, keep your orchids happy. *Dick*

JULY MONTHLY MEETING ATTENDANCE: 46; RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $142 HAT SALES: $45

CARE & CONDOLENCE: GET WELL CARDS WERE SENT TO NOS MEMBERS SHEILA DEMKOVICH & DICK PIPPEN.

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Thank you to our refreshment providers: Marilyn Moser, Eunice Walker, Christine O'Donnell & Ralph Brand; Plant table: Karen & Richard Davenport; Raffle & hat sales table: Sue Roehl & Rae Jean Walker.

Please contact Mary Jo Shively @ maryjoshively@gmail.com if you would like to bring refreshments for our August or September monthly meetings.

Please welcome our newest NOS member Linda Maran .

August 2-4: 8th Annual Cattleya Symposium, hosted by Odom's Orchids, Inc., Indian River Research & Education Center, 2199 South Rock Road, Ft. Pierce, FL. Info: www.odoms.com; 772-267-9459.
September 29-30: South Florida Orchid Society presents the 72nd Miami International Orchid Show "Orchid Holiday," Watsco Center, U of M, 1245 Dauer Dr., Coral Gables, FL. Info: www.sflorchid.com.
October 5-7: East Everglades Orchid Society Show & Sale, RF Orchids, 28100 SW 182 Ave., Homestead, FL; Contact: Kimberly Belisle, 786-367-7177; concept22@aol.com.
October 20-21: Collier County Master Gardeners Yard & Garden Show, Collier Museum at Government Center, 3331 Tamiami Trail E, Naples. Info: 239-252-4800.

Save the Date!

The 2018 AOS Fall Members Meeting is being held in conjunction with the International Slipper Orchid Symposium on October 31 - November 3, 2018, in Apopka, Florida. Visit www.aosmembersmeeting.com for the latest information.

FROM AOS "GROWING ORCHIDS": *backbulb* - An old pseudobulb behind the actively growing portion of a sympodial orchid, often without leaves but still alive and bearing one or more dormant vegetative buds ('eyes'.)

TASKS FOR AUGUST
From Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month by Martin Motes, Ph.D.

- **Finish cutting teretes & reed stem epidendrums early in the 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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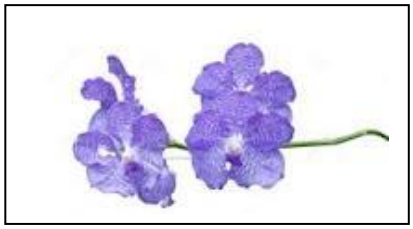

From Your AOS Rep, Marilyn Moser

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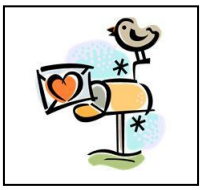
It is so nice for our orchids to be enjoying these afternoon rains…and nice for me too. I don't have to water them. If you have some major repotting to do, it's a good idea to wait til we get a good downpour. This will substantially wet the pot, the medium and the roots making it much easier to remove the plant from the pot all ready to divide or put into a larger pot. No soaking the plant in a big bucket of water! Have you noticed that after repotting maybe 6 or 8 orchids you think…wow…I'm done for a while. And then doing your daily survey of your collection you see several more that need to be repotted. It's never ending. But remember…it's not a chore…it's a labor of love. ***Marilyn***



Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
July 5, 2018

Submitted by Veronica Catrombon for Cynthia Bock

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Dick Pippen. He reviewed the emergency procedures and thanked the refreshment providers Marilyn Moser, Ralph Brand, Christine and Tom O'Donnell, Eunice Walker, and Mary Jo Shively for coordinating.
Our 2018 Orchid Show was held at Naples Botanical Garden, and a check in the amount of $12,000 for NOS's portion of the proceeds was received. This reflects a 20% increase from our 2017 Orchid Show at the Garden.

Orchids are for sale this evening that were purchased from Kalapana Orchids in Hawaii. This grower is in the vicinity of the recent and ongoing volcanic eruption on the Big Island.

The program for our August meeting will be award winning grower Thanh Nguyen from Springwater Orchids of Melbourne, FL, speaking about Paphipedilum Culture and Care. Plants will be available for purchase.

Veronica Catrombon reports that we have 182 members, and 330 Facebook Followers. The online Member Directory is ready for use on our website. Members can access this roster from the password protected area.

David Orr introduced Kit Kitchen-Maran, Education Chair and Past President. Kit reviewed the NOS scholarship program and introduced our speakers for the evening. Former intern Adam Herdmann presented the critical 4th year plan for research pertaining to the Ghost Orchids in the Florida Panther National Wildlife Preserve. Current intern Mike Weisenfelder presented a brief introduction to the native orchid research focused on the Ribbon Orchid.

The Plant Table winners were announced, and Raffle winners and Silent Auction winners were announced.

The meeting was adjourned.

PHOTOS FROM OUR JULY MONTHLY MEETING

Photos by Dick Pippen, Marilyn Moser & Elaine Gates
More photos will be in our e-version of this Newsletter

Dick with NOS interns from IL College
Adam Herndon & Mike Weisenfelder

An Orchid Vignette—You Gotta Be Kidding ME—That's a Dendrobium!!

People grow most orchids because of their beautiful flowers and the plants are "not very interesting" when not in bloom. This is true of most Dendrobiums also, but there are some that are more interesting because of their "vegetative growth"—pseudobulbs and leaves; and the flowers, when they occur, are a bonus. The genus *Dendrobium* is one of the larger orchid genera with about 1,500 species and over 12,000 hybrids. The species naturally occur in Tropical Asia: From Korea & Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea to Australia and the Pacific Islands. The best known, and most common, Dendrobiums are what we call the "Phalaenopsis" type, the kind you commonly find "in the big box stores," and bloom in the summer, the flowers staying in bloom for several months (photo left, of *Den.* Emma White, is an example of these). These plants normally have slender, upright pseudobulbs with leaves that develop along the sides of the pseudobulb, and flowering spike at or near the top. Often these plants can get two to three or more feet in height. However, these are not the ones I want to focus on here. There are other Dendrobiums that are more—for want of a better word—bizarre, and while some have "pretty" flowers, most are grown for their unusual pseudobulbs and leaves.

Dendrobium anceps and *Dendrobium keithii* are fascinating to me because of their succulent, flattened leaves all occurring in "one plane" that overlap, kinda like braided hair. The plants get "fairly large," with the pseudobulbs (stems) growing upright initially but eventually becoming pendant. The flowers are "relatively insignificant, quite small (1/4 to ½ inch across), greenish-yellow in color, but produced in abundance along the pseudobulbs. The two species are very difficult to distinguish. The two pictures on the left are of *Den. anceps*. This species is native to east India, Bangladesh, and east to Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam. It earned a CCM (Cultural Award) from the AOS in 1976 for a plant with 1,800 flowers! The species has been used as a parent in only one registered cross. The two pictures on the right are of *Den. keithii*. This species is endemic (only occurs) to Thailand, although there may be records of it occurring in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands between Thailand and India. *Den. keithii* has only received one AOS award, a CCM, in 1996. Interestingly enough, in the description, it states that "this species was previously not recognized by AOS."

Two other "flattened stemmed" Dendrobiums that I find fascinating are *Den. platygasterium* and *Den. trantuanii*. I just acquired a plant of *Den. platygasterium* and it has not flowered for me, but the vegetative state of the plant is fascinating. Unlike the above two species this one has a flattened stem (pseudobulb) with thin leaves arising alternatively along its sides. In the picture, left, you can see a branch of *Den. anceps* next to *Den. platygasterium* for comparison. *Den. platygasterium*, which is known as the "Broad Bellied Dendrobium, is native to New Guinea and the Pacific Islands of Fiji, New Caledonia, Tonga and Vanuatu. From what I read about this

An Orchid Vignette—You Gotta Be Kidding ME—That's a Dendrobium!! *Cont.*

the canes (pseudobulbs) may be two to three feet long and pendulous. It is common for them to lose their leaves, but the canes remain the main photosynthetic source and flowers often develop at the ends of the leafless canes. The flowers are pale yellow or cream, and about an inch in diameter. Not much information is available about this species, so it will be interesting to see how I do with it.

Dendrobium trantuanii, like the above species also has a flattened stem (pseudobulb) with leaves arising along the sides, but it is best described as a miniature since it is only about six inches tall. The pseudobulbs and leaves are grayish in color and upright in growth. The flowers, a little over an inch in diameter, are pinkish and produced toward the tip of the pseudobulb. This is a plant that only grows in northwestern Vietnam in "dryish" forests and was not discovered and described until 2003!! This species has earned seven AOS and international awards.

In contrast to all of the above species with flattened (pseudobulbs) there is *Dendrobiium junceum* with its very thin, grass-like stems and narrow leaves; in fact, its common name is the "Reed-like Leafed Dendrobium." Unlike *Den. trantuani* this species was discovered and described in 1842 and is known from Borneo and the Philippines. The bases of the pseudobulbs are slightly swollen and the plants can get to be up to two feet long. They tend to be pendent in nature, so should be allowed to "hang down." The flowers are small, about an inch across and pale yellow.

And last, but by no means least (but maybe the smallest) is *Dendrobium lichenastrum*, also known as the Star-Lichen Dendrobium or the Common Button Orchid. This species hails from northeastern Australia where it grows on trees or rocks. It has leaves that are about one-half inch to one inch long and succulent. It is also a mat-growing plant. The plants apparently come in two forms, one, *var. prenticei*, has much smaller "button-like leaves (photo left). The flowers—one needs a magnifying glass to see them, are about 3 mm across. The flowers are pale yellow with a deeper colored lip which is on top of the column rather than below as is typical of most orchids. This species has earned eight AOS and international awards and has been used as a parent in only one cross.

So, if you are looking for some very un-dendrobium like dendrobiums, consider some of these. I think you will find them interesting, if not enchanting, certainly conversation pieces.

Contributed by Dick Pippen

JULY 2018 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

Photos by Marilyn Moser (with 26 plants & 34 voting)

Large Cattleyas
***Blc.* Crispin Rosales 'Victory'**

Small Cattleyas
***Lc.* Phra Nakhon Khiri x *C.*Netrasiri Beauty**

Large Vandas
***Ascocenda* Ken Slump**

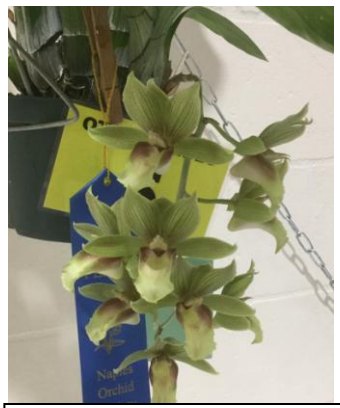
Small Vandas
***V. testacea x Rhv.* Dr. Sally Meiners**

Large Phalaenopsis
***Dtps.* Shu Long Fairy**

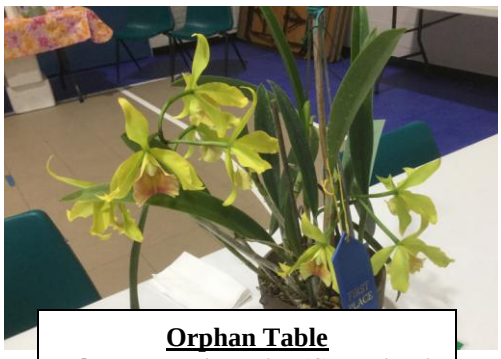
Large Species
Rhyncholaelia digbyana

Medium Species
Doritis pulcherrima

Oncidium Alliance
***Brsdm.* FANGtastic Bob Henley**



Other Tribes
***Clowesetum* Sandy Kasner**

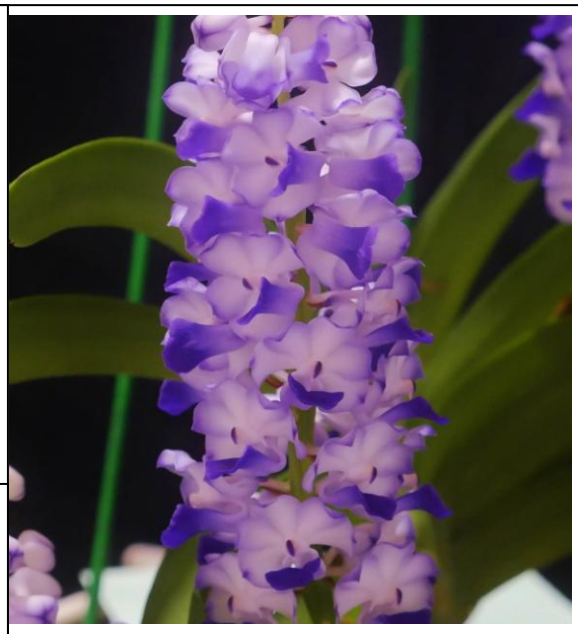


Orphan Table
***Blc.* Everything Nice 'Showtime'**

PLANT TABLE AWARDS JULY 2018

Photos by Sue Roehl

BEST HYBRID AWARD
***Den.* Hibiki 'Pink Elelphants'**
Owner: Mary Southall



BEST SPECIES AWARD
Rhynchostylis coelestis
Owner: Elaine Gates

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results
Jul 5, 2018

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Blc. Crispin Rosales 'Victory'
Owner: Tom & Christine O'Donnell

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Lc. Phra Nakhon Khiri x C. Netrasiri Beauty
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Otaara Hidden Gold
Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran
Third Place: Clty Ethel's Paradise 'Hawaii'
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Large Vandas
First Place: Ascocenda Ken Slump
Owner: Eunice Walker

Small Vandas
First Place: Vanda testacea x Rhv.Dr. Sally Meiners
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Vanda vietnamica x V. Motes Ruby Pixie
Owner: Karen Davenport

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. Hibiki 'Pink Elephants'
Owner: Mary Southall
Second Place: Den. Chai Kiam Eng
Owner: Tom & Christine O'Donnell
Third Place: Den. David's Delight
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Phalaenopsis
First Place: Dtps. Shu Long Fairy
Owner: Tom & Christine O'Donnell

Large Species
First Place: Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Owner: Eunice Walker

Medium Species
First Place: Doritis pulcherrima
Owner: Tom & Christine O'Donnell
Second Place: Enc. tampensis
Owner: Eunice Walker

Small Species
First Place: Rhynchostylis coelestis
Owner: Elaine Gates

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Brsdm. FANGtastic Bob Henley
Owner: Mary Southall

Other Tribes
First Place: Clowesetum Sandy Kasner
Owner: Eunice Walker

Orphan Table
First Place: Blc. Everything Nice 'Showtime'
Owner: Tom & Christine O'Donnell

Green Tag
Plant Name: Pot. Elizabeth Palmer
Owner: Eunice Walker

Best Species
Plant Name: Rhynchostylis coelestis
Owner: Elaine Gates

Best Hybrid
Plant Name: Den. Hibiki 'Pink Elephants'
Owner: Mary Southall

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