DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY

December 7, 2023
6:00 PM Sharp!

Moss Hall
(Next to the gym)

Moorings Presbyterian Church
791 Harbour Drive, Naples, FL, 34103

Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: December 12, 2023 6:30 p.m.
See page 3 for details
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

President: Richard Davenport

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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

December 2023

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

Great News. We all love a party with good food, friends, and free orchids! Our December meeting is a party for each of you in Moss Hall. We will have a new seating arrangement, a stage, a kitchen and room for more members at our annual Holiday Party. It will be a potluck dinner party with NOS providing the main meat courses. Members are asked to bring "pot luck" salads, side dishes, and desserts. In addition, every current Individual or Joint member present will receive a free orchid plant as a holiday gift from NOS. Guests are welcome to attend and should bring a side dish. Guests can even receive a Holiday orchid gift IF they join NOS while at the party. We will also have a raffle for beautiful blooming orchid baskets. Also, please do not forget the less fortunate during the Holidays. I hope that we will be supporting our local food bank with donations of non-perishable food products from every member.

Membership, 50th Anniversary Orchid Jubilee Show and Sale.

- We sponsored an NOS Membership table and display at the Naples Yard and Garden Show at the UF/IFAS Extension Center on Immokalee Road 10-28 to 10-29. Membership Chair Marie Harris reports we signed up 16 new and renewing members plus a couple of early bird sign-ups for the 2024 Orchid University 101 Culture Classes. We met many prospective new members, answered a lot of questions about orchid culture and chatted with the 5 orchid vendors at the sale.
- In January 2024, NOS will sponsor a Membership table at the upcoming Everglades Coalition annual meeting in Bonita Springs. Such events promote our long-established commitment to orchid research and conservation while flying the NOS flag,
- Six of your Board members attended an AOS-sponsored information and training presentation for member societies at Flamingo Gardens in Davie, Florida, on November 18. We learned the latest thinking about orchid show registration, judging, awards, ribbons and organization.
- Our January NOS meeting will feature a presentation by Elaine Gates on how to focus your creative efforts on blooming orchid plants, cut orchid flower arrangements, decorative container exhibits and even tabletop displays.
- Our February NOS meeting will help de-mystify the exhibit registration process and explain the many opportunities to win ribbons, fame and a large assortment of cash prizes. Remember, you will need to have owned any blooming plant for at least six months for it to be eligible for judging. Cut orchid flower exhibits and tabletop display entries are exempt from this general rule as both entry types emphasize creativity in selection and presentation rather than culture. Participants may buy or borrow cut flowers as needed with no requirement of prior ownership.
- Our BIG 50th Anniversary Orchid Jubilee Show and Sale is our largest event of 2024. It will be held at Naples Botanical Garden. NBG is our partner and co-sponsor of this event. The Show and Sale will occur February 16/17/18 following several days of setup, registration and AOS Judging. Many volunteers will be needed. All hands on deck! Put these dates on your calendar today.

I hope you enjoy our new Newsletter format. The number of printed pages is reduced. Much of the routine content is now listed with a hyperlink. Just click on the link and the article will be downloaded automatically. Then enjoy all the orchid pictures.

See you all at the party.

Richard Davenport
President

Board of Directors Meeting for December 2023

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday December 12, 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.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2023
Please access this link for more details:
11_02_23_Monthly_Meeting_Minutes_For_November-3.pdf (naplesorchidsociety.org)

TIME FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is that time again. Time to renew your membership for 2024. Renew prior to January 1, 2024 for a chance to win a renewal raffle prize, valued at $100 (orchid and/or supplies). Renew early for more chances to win.

Please Renew by:

December 31 for 1 drawing ticket.

All dues must be paid by January 31.

Individual Membership: $40

Joint Membership: $60

Renew at our meetings or on-line. Tickets will be placed in the drawing for you.

MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Donna Bliznak, Len & Michelle Boscia, Christine & Robert Campbell, Linda Carlsson, Karen Duzy, Stan Grigiski, Ronda Eaton & Pat Herod, Cary Lohmeier, Emily Lyons, Richard Martella, Terry McQuillin, Susan Medsker, Heather Remillard, Valerie Rooney, Maria Schoenfelder , Angie Simpson , Jodi Topping, Liz & Ferdinand Torres and Richard & Risa Wildman.

2024 ORCHID SHOW UPDATE

The 2024 annual Orchid Show and Sale will be held on February 16 through 18 at the Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive. The Orchid Sale will begin at 8:00 a.m. each day for members of NOS and NBG. Your current membership allows you free admission to the Garden and Show.

This year's theme is *An Orchid Jubilee.* Work began several months ago to make this, our 50th year of producing orchid shows, something special. Vendors will be creating wonderful displays on 60-inch round tables for you to enjoy. You and other society members will be entering your beautifully designed containers, tabletops, cut flowers, and individual plants for ribbon judging by accredited AOS Judges. Check out the cash prizes you could win for participating! Information about exhibits and plant competition are contained in the rules and regulations for show entries found on our website. We hope you are planning something special to help us make this a great celebration. Please join us for a weekend of orchid fun. It is never too early to start your planning.

Thank you,

Your Orchid Show Committee

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.

NOS Gets Great Exposure at Master Gardener Lawn and Garden Show

For the first time, The Naples Orchid Society participated in the Master Gardener UF/IFAS Extension Collier County Master Gardener Lawn and Garden Show at the Collier County Extension Center. Marie Harris, our Membership Chair, organized and solicited volunteers for the two-day event. We proudly displayed our new Logo and our 2024 Orchid Show Theme Banner. We met many people, handed out orchid culture sheets, Show Rack Cards, answered questions, signed up participants for our 2024 Orchid Culture Class series, and signed up new members who received a free orchid. We had a busy and fun weekend! Everyone loved our new Logo, Show Banner and striped tent.

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AOS WEBINARS AND LINKS

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Topics: Species & Hybrids, Pests & Diseases, Culture, Judging, Greenhouse Chats & more.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

From Jack Kramer's book "100 Orchids for Florida"

Click on link below, create your free internet archive account & review details in Jacks book.
https://archive.org/details/100orchidsforflo0000kram/page/n2/mode/1up?view=theater

UPCOMING EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

December 9-10, 2023: Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show and Sale, River Walk Center,); rita2zfpos@gmail.com.

January 3-4, 2024: Florida West Coast Orchid Society's "The Art of Orchids," fwcos.secretary@gmail.com

January 5-7, 2024: Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "Orchid Jungle," singersara@aol.com.

January 6-7, 2024: Sarasota Orchid Society's "Orchids in Paradise,"
https://sarasotaorchidsociety.org/event/sos-annual-show-and-sale-jan-6th-7th/

January 11- March 14, 2024, Thursday mornings: The UF/IFAS Extension Collier County Master Gardener Volunteers presents the 2024 Educational Garden Workshop Series: 2024 Educational Garden Workshop Series Tickets, Thu, Jan 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite

January 12-14, 2024: Tamiami International Orchid Festival. Information:
www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com

For Martin Motes "Progress of the Season" monthly orchid newsletter click on link & Ctrl then on subscribe... https://www.redlandpress.com

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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?

Lc. C.G. Roebling var coerulea
'Beachview' Karen Davenport

Catasetum Cross
Sheila Demkovich

Bc. Keowee 'Vi-Galaxy' AM/ AOS
Karen Davenport

Ctt. Tristar Bouquet
Karen Davenport

Bc. Maikai "Lea"
Nancy Castonguay

Bulbophyllum Thai Spider 'May Fireworks' AM/AOS
Cheryle Daniel

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SUBMITTED ORCHID
PHOTO SHOWN HERE!

Your Orchid Name
Your First & Last Name

Phal. AL Red Sunshine
Stuart Rubin

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Your First & Last Name

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

November 2, 2023

Submitted by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Blc.* Memoria Anna Balmores
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Bc.* Golf Green 'Hair Pig'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Bc.* Florida Stars 'Spring Zing'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Bc*. Puna Kea AM/AOS
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: *Lc.* Big Time #1
Owner: Terre Moore

Large Vandas
First Place: V. Pompinol x V. Siri Mac
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: V. Myang Tong x V. Tub Tim Velvet
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: V Fuch's Harvest Moon x Dhongchai Pusavat #44
Owner: Terre Moore

Dendrobiums
First Place*: Den*. Caesar Red Big Lip
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Den*. Curtis Twinkle
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vandas
First Place: *V.* Ambrosian Discovery
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: *V.* Violeta Banjong
Owner: Pam Voss
Third Place: Vancouver Laem Sing
Owner: Pam Voss

Large Species
First Place: Brassavola nodosa
Owner: Stuart Rubin

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Onc.* Gower Ramsey
Owner: Karen Davenport

Other Tribes
First Place: Cym Dutchman's Gold 'Everglades'
Owner: Diane Ervin

Orphans
First Place: Dendrobium
Owner: Pam Voss

Best Species Gold Ribbon
First Place: Brassavola nodosa
Owner: Stuart Rubin

Best Hybrid Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: Urawan Belle
Owner: Terre Moore

Green Tag Winner
Plant Name: *Phal*. Long Pride Philippe
Owner: Mary Southall

Gold Ribbon Winners November 2, 2023

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LARGE SPECIES
First Place: Brassavola nodosa
Owner: Stuart Rubin

BEST HYBRID
Plant Name: Urawan Belle
Owner: Terre Moore

Blue Ribbon Winners November 2, 2023

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LARGE CATTLEYAS
Plant Name: *Blc.* Memoria Anna Balmores 'Convent'
Owner: Karen Davenport

LARGE VANDA
Plant Name: *V. Pompinol x V. Sirinac*
Owner: Jim Longwell

SMALL CATTLEYAS
Plant Name: *Bc.* Florida Stars 'Spring Zing'
Owner: Karen Davenport

DENDROBIUMS
Plant Name: *Den.* Caesar Red Big Lip
Owner: Karen Davenport

SMALL VANDA
Plant Name: *V.* Ambrosian Discovery
Owner: Diane Ervin

OTHER TRIBE
Plant Name: *Cymbidium* Dutchman's Gold 'Everglades'
Owner: Diane Ervin

LARGE SPECIES
Plant Name: *Brassavola nodosa*
Owner: Stuart Rubin

ORPHANS
Plant Name: Dendrobium
Owner: Pam Voss

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
Plant Name: *Onc.* Gower Ramsey
Owner: Karen Davenport