DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Thursday December 4th - 6:00 PM Sharp!

Moorings Presbyterian Church
791 Harbour Drive, Naples, FL, 34103
Moss Hall (Our Monthly Meeting Room)

Decorators Needed to Help at 4:30 p.m.

Please Bring Food Item To Share on the Buffet. Meat Entrée is provided!

Your non-perishable food donations go to the Collier Harvest Foundation!

ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING RECEIVE A FREE ORCHID. THERE WILL BE BEAUTIFUL ORCHID RAFFLE BASKETS, FRIENDSHIP, MUSIC and FUN.

NOTE: Raffle Ticket Prices At Holiday Party Are 1 for $5.00, 5 for $20.00 and 10 for $30.00

Membership Renewals Up To 6:00 p.m.

REMINDER: There Will be No Plant Competition and No Orchid Doctor At This Meeting

Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: December 2, 2025 6:00 p.m.
See page 7 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

DECEMBER 2025

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

Annual Holiday Party Announcement

We are excited to invite all NOS members to our annual Holiday Party, which will take place on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at Moorings Presbyterian Church in Moss Hall. This event promises to be a joyful and memorable gathering for all members. We encourage everyone to attend and take part in the festivities.

As is tradition, please bring a large potluck side dish to share. Suggestions include salads, appetizers, vegetable and potato casseroles, assorted desserts, and similar dishes. The club will provide turkey and ham as the main meat courses. To ensure everyone can enjoy the meal safely, we ask that you include a small card with your dish describing its contents. Please indicate any allergens (such as "contains peanuts") or special preparation details (for example, "gluten free," "vegan," etc.) to assist attendees in making informed choices about their holiday dinner selections.

We also encourage all members to bring canned goods or other non-perishable groceries to contribute to our local food banks. The need for these items remains significant in Naples, and your generosity will be greatly appreciated by those in our community.

At the close of the evening, each member will receive a special gift: a new orchid, flown in from Hawaii specifically for this Naples Orchid Society event. We hope you enjoy adding this orchid to your collection and watching it bloom in the months ahead.

Please join us in expressing gratitude to Lanelle Bishop, our Holiday Party chair, and her dedicated team of volunteers for their hard work and commitment to making the 2025 party a wonderful and memorable occasion.

Upcoming Orchid Culture Classes

The Naples Orchid Society's "Orchid University – Orchid Culture 101" classes are scheduled for March 7, 14, 21, and 28, as well as April 11 and 18, 2026. This schedule intentionally includes a gap to avoid conflict with Easter week. All sessions will be held at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Administrative Offices, in the second-floor conference room. Attendance will be limited to approximately 50 students to ensure a quality learning experience.

Participants in these sessions will receive a copy of Dr. Martin Motes' book, *Florida Orchid Growing, Month by Month*, an orchid culture handbook for class notes and future reference, plus four orchid plants to help start or expand their personal collections. Tuition is set at $129 for NOS members and $159 for non-members. Registration is available online via the NOS website or at membership meetings, subject to available spaces.

Seasonal Care Reminders

This year, our first seasonal cold front arrived unexpectedly early—about five to six weeks ahead of schedule—during the second week of November. At our home, the thermometer recorded a low of 43 degrees one night and 47 degrees the following night. Additionally, relative humidity dropped to the thirty percent range the first night, and then increased to around forty percent the next day. Please keep these weather changes in mind as you care for your orchids during the winter season.

Happy Growing!

Richard Davenport

President

2026 ORCHID SHOW & SALE
SAVE THE DATES

ORCHID RODEO!

2026 Annual Orchid Show and Sale

SAVE THE DATES!

Here are the show date details for your calendar and planning. It's not too early to begin thinking about your exhibits and cut flower arrangements!

Tuesday, February 17: Show Set Up

Wednesday, February 18: Member Registration and Exhibit Installations

Thursday, February 19: American Orchid Society Judging

Friday, February 20 - Sunday, February 22: Show and Sale

PLEASE REACH OUT TO SHOW CHAIR MARIE HARRIS WITH ANY QUESTIONS
Call or text: 239-877-1717

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

ORCHID RODEO ANNUAL SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE ORCHID SHOW FEBRUARY 17-22, 2026

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE:

- SET UP THE SHOW: TUESDAY, 2/17/26: 9:00AM-12:30PM
- DIRECT VENDORS AND MEMBERS REGISTERING ORCHIDS: WEDNESDAY, 2/18/26: 8AM -12:00PM; 12PM - 5:00 PM
- HOSTS AND HOSTESSES IN KAPNICK HALL: FRIDAY, 2/20/26; SATURDAY, 2/21/26; SUNDAY, 2/22/26

* HOSTS AND HOSTESSES IN THE ORCHID CAFE: FRIDAY 2/20/26, SATURDAY 2/21/26, SUNDAY 2/22/26

- MEMBERSHIP TABLES: FRIDAY, 2/20/26; SATURDAY, 2/21/26, SUNDAY, 2/22/26
- DISMANTLE THE SHOW: SUNDAY, 2/22/26: 5PM

SHIFTS ARE IN 3 HOUR INCREMENTS: 8-11AM, 11-2PM and 2-5PM EACH DAY FOR HOSTS/HOSTESSES IN KAPNICK HALL & THE ORCHID CAFE OR THE MEMBERSHIP TABLES

PLEASE NOTE THE SHOW WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8 PM ON FRIDAY-SHIFT 5-8PM

SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DECEMBER AND JANUARY MEETING OR YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT MARIE HARRIS

MHarris@naplesproperties.com or 239-877-1717

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN MAKING THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SHOW.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2025

Please access this link for more details:

Monthly-Meeting-Minutes-November-5-2025.pdf

THANK YOU TO OUR MANY FOOD CONTRIBUTORS

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING FOOD CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to all our members who brought a large variety of snacks to our November meeting including Marie Harris, Debbie Goldman, Valerie Rooney, Donna Bliznak, Barb Murza, Kathleen Hawryluk, Leah Ray, Robin DeMattia, Mary Southall, Nancy Torrcella, Jim Longwell, Marija Rosenfeld, Diane Mieras, Tamara Allen, Annmarie Fox, Arlene Cluff, Linda Carlson, Gregg Santo, Etsuko DesRosiers, and Lorraine Buckley.

A big thank you goes out to Sue Roehl for organizing the food and snacks table.

ALL ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO BRING SNACKS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A FREE ORCHID!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Please mark your calendar so you don't miss any of these excellent programs.

√ **Thursday, January 8 - TOPIC:** "Are You Ready for the Orchid Show?" Our very own members will share their tips and tricks. Rae Jean Walker: Best practices for preparing your blooming orchids for showing. Elaine Gates: Creating cut flower exhibits, simple or complex. Karen Davenport: Creating small or large container displays.

√ **Thursday, February 5 – TOPIC:** Alex Rodriquez, American Orchid Society Judge

√ **Thursday, March 5 – TOPIC:** Thomas Bajza, Tarzane Orchids, "Giant World of Miniature Orchids

√ **Thursday, April 9 – TOPIC:** Rafael Romero, Plantio La Orquidea, "Brassavola Hybrids"

More exciting programs and details to follow.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our total NOS membership is currently at 309 members. Seasoned members of NOS, please welcome our new members. Invite them to sit with you at the upcoming December 4th meeting.

OUR NOS MEMBERSHIP CONTACTS ARE LISTED BELOW.

Arlene Cluff, Co-Membership Chair Email: arlenecluff45@gmail.com Phone: 239-641-9316

Debbie Goldman, Co-Membership Chair Email: lax18@msn.com Phone: 410-596-3869

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

It's that time of year again. It's time to renew your membership for 2026 Renew early for more chances to win the special renewal raffle prize valued at $125.00 (orchids and supplies).

Renew now for more chances to win:

Renew by November 30th for 2 raffle tickets

Renew by December 31st for 1 raffle ticket

All fees are due and payable by December 31st to remain a member in good standing.

Individual Membership: $45

Joint Membership: $70

Renew at our meetings or on-line by credit card. Your tickets will be entered in the drawing to be held at our January meeting.

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Membership Chairs

EDUCATION OUTREACH CORNER

Protecting Orchids from the Cold

Even though we don't get true winter weather here in SW Florida, it can sometimes get cool enough overnight to stress some of our tropical orchids. Richard Davenport recently shared with us the chart below, explaining when to protect the various genera. For more detailed information, see the article, "Cold Tolerance of Warm Growing Orchids," by Sue Bottom of the St. Augustine Orchid Society.

	RELATIVE COLD TEMPERATURE SENSITIVITY OF ORCHIDS BY TYPE		
RANK	**TYPE**	**MINIMUM TOLERABLE NIGHT TEMPERATURE**	**COMMENTS**
1	Vandas and vandaceous types	>60F (16C)	Highly sensitive; lower temperatures can cause leaf drop and /or bud blast
2	Dendrobium (hard cane Phalaenopsis type)	>55 F (13C)	Very sensitive to cold, they prefer warm conditions and dislike temperatures below 55 F
3	Phalaenopsis (standard hybrids and common species)	>55 F (13C)	While a brief drop to 55 F along with a shorter diurnal period can trigger blooming, they generally prefer nighttime temperatures above 60 F during winter
4	Cattleya	>50 F (10 C)	Most warm to intermediate hybrids tolerate night temperatures in the mid 50s F and some even tolerate the mid 40s F
5	Oncidium (most common types)	>45 F (7 C)	Most common hybrids do well with evening temperatures in thye mid-50s F but can tolerate short drops into the mid-40s F
6	Miltoniopsis and Masdevallia	> 40 F (4 C)	These cooler growers prefer and thrive in cooler night temperatures
7	Cymbidium	> 35 F (2 C)	Among the most cold tolerant, many varieties grow naturally at higher altitudes and need cold snaps to stimulate blooming.

Board of Directors Meeting for December 2025

Next Meeting Date: December 2, 2025

All Current Members are Welcome

Time: 6:00 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 contact Rae Jean Walker 815-791-2140

GET YOUR NOS SHIRTS & HATS!

We will be offering our NOS shirts & hats at our upcoming meetings.
Sizes for ladies' shirts are S, M, L & men's are available S, M, L & XL.
Shirts are $30 and Hats are $20.
Special orders are accepted.

YOUR AOS REP
Kris Morton
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AOS CORNER

From your AOS Representative Kris Morton

BRRRR! Naples had the coldest temperature on record for a November Veterans' Day! A FREEZE ALERT blast was sent out by NOS the day before & included relative cold temperature sensitivity by type. This blast is a great reference for future cold weather. I hope all of your orchids fared well. So far, mine have but time will tell.

The Naples Orchid Society is a member of the AOS *Affiliated Societies Committee*, affiliated_societies@aos.org. AOS would like to know what you are doing. Help them help everyone by sending in your great ideas, recurring problems &/or blunders. We all need that little inspiration in our orchid journey.

AOS Members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories, and arboreta nationwide. For all the detail, please visit ahsgardening.org/ahs-garden-network.

If you have not already joined AOS, please do, as it is a wealth of information. You will not be sorry. www.aos.org.

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https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS

You can learn about Orchid Conservation Alliance Information regarding OCA Orchids in the Wild Eco tours for 2025 at: http://orchidconservationalliance.org

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

December 6-7, 2025: The 2025 Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Bromeliad Sale & Show, Edison & Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd, Ft. Myers, FL; Contact: Julie Stein for info @ FLAGIRL@aol.com.

December 13-14, 2025: Ft. Pierce Orchid Society Show & Sale, River Walk Center, 600 N Indian River Drive, Ft. Pierce, FL; Contact: Rita Zeblin, rita2zfpos@gmail.com.

January 9-11, 2026: Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society's "Orchid Magic," Chas. F. Dodge City Center, 601 Center Way, Pembroke Pines, FL; Contact: Luanne Betz, 954-341-2874; luannebetz@gmail.com.

January 10-11, 2026: Sarasota Orchid Society Show & Sale, Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL; Contact: Dennis Barth, 941-374-8304; dennisbarth@gmail.com.

January 8-March 12, 2026, Thursday mornings: The UF/IFAS Extension Collier Garden Workshop Series, Collier South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples, FL. More information: https://sfly.ifas.ufl.edu/collier/

January 16-18, 2026: Tamiami International Orchid Festival. Miami Dade Fair Expo Center, 10901 SW 24th St, Miami, FL. Info: http://tamiamiorchidfestival.com.

Visit your local Orchid Shows... Don't know where they are? Visit AOS.org Event Calendar at: https://www.aos.org/community-events/events-calendar

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.)*

TASKS FOR DECEMBER

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

- Water judiciously and well.
- Protect cold sensitive genera.
- Provide extra potassium and magnesium.
- Repot flowered out plants – be sure they are secure.

For more Martin Motes Monthly Orchid Advice click on this link to subscribe to the monthly newsletter. Florida Orchid Growing, Monthly Advice, Dr. Martin Motes

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What's Blooming in My Collection?

Rlc. George King 'Serendipity'
Karen Davenport

Blc. Lois McNeil
Marilyn Moser

Rlc. Pratum Green
Karen Davenport

Renanthera Gerald Tan
Karen Davenport

Vanda Butterfly
Karen Davenport

Cycd. Tawain Gold
Karen Davenport

Lc Ahmad Sheikhi 'Mendenhall'
Karen Davenport

C. violacea semi-alba
Karen Davenport

Gur. Hail Storm coerulea
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
November 5, 2025
Submitted by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Rlc.* SA-Ngob Delight 'Krairit'
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: *Bc.* Glorious May
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Rlc.* Amazing Thailand 'Finer Flare'
Owner: John Finer

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Blc.* Gulfshore's Beauty
Owner: RaeJean Walker
Second Place: *Bc.* Star Ruby 'Xanadu'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Blc.* Lois McNeil
Owner: Diane Mieras

Large Vandas
First Place: *V.* Adisak Blue
Owner: Terre Moore

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den.* Thongchai Gold x Udom Yellow
Owner: Judy Thompson
Second Place: *Den.* Enobi Purple 'Splash'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Den.* Rossy's Delight
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vandas
First Place: *V.* Renanthera Gerald Tan
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *V.* Rapeepath
Owner: Diane Ervin
Third Place: *V.* Pon Washington
Owner: Jacki Dixon

Large Species
First Place: *Phal. buysonniana*
Owner: Bella Danaher
Second Place: *B. nodosa*
Owner: Diane Ervin
Third Place: *Psh. Cochleata* 'Pepe'
Owner: Stuart Rubin

Medium Species
First Place: *Phal. cornu-cervi*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Species
First Place: *Phal*. *baysonniana*
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Broughtonia negrilensis*
Owner: Nancy Torricella

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Onc.* Bllara Snowblind
Owner: Edvin Aguilar
Second Place: *Onc.* Sharry Baby
Owner: Judy Thompson
Third Place: *Onc.* Nanboh Waltz
Owner: Nancy Torricella

Other Tribes
First Place: *Bulb.* Doris Dukes
Owner: Paxon Roan
Second Place: *Zygo*.Debbie De Mello 'Honalulu Baby'
Owner: Diane Ervin
Third Place: *Catasetum* Taiwan Gold 'Orange'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Orphans
First Place: *Cattleya*
Owner: Heather Remillard

Species Gold Ribbon
Winning Plant: *Broughtonia negrilensis*
Owner: Nancy Torricella

Hybrid Gold Ribbon
Winning Plant: *Renanthera* Gerald Tan
Owner: Karen Davenport

Gold Ribbon Winners November 5, 2025

Photos on this page by Sue Roehl, Webmaster

BEST HYBRID
Plant Name: *Renanthera* Gerald Tan
Owner: Karen Davenport

BEST SPECIES
First Place: *Broughtonia negrilensis*
Owner: Nancy Torricella

Blue Ribbon Winners November 5, 2025

Blue Ribbon Winner Photos by Jim Rawson

LARGE CATTLEYA
First Place: *Rlc.* SA-Ngob Delight 'Krairit'
Owner: Diane Ervin

LARGE VANDA
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