FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Lea Leonard

Cattleya Burana Beauty

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting

Thursday February 1, 2024

Moorings Presbyterian Church
Moss Hall

NOTE:
There will be NO Orchid Doctor This Month

Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 p.m.

Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Featured Speaker - **Rae Jean Walker**
Presenting: "Preparing Your Plants for the Orchid Show"

Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: February 5, 2024 6:30 p.m.
See page 3 for details
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Edvin Aquilar, Donna Bliznak, LaVonne Brekke, Linda Carlsson, Shirley Davis, Jung El-Mallawany, Shannon & Adam English, Louise & Thomas Forster, Stan Grigiski, Jan Hero, Lea Leonard, Kathy Loesser-Casey, Anne Lynch, Richard Martella, Susan Medsker, Kay Micka, Kathleen Rogan, Edmund Shebert, Angela Simpson and Susan Taylor

Contact Marie Harris, Membership Chair with any membership questions you have. mharris@naplesproperties.com, 239-877-1717

President: Richard Davenport
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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

February 2024

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

This month is our annual Orchid Show and Sale at Naples Botanical Garden on February 16, 17, and 18! Our show theme is "An Orchid Jubilee" honoring the 50th Anniversary of our first AOS-judged show a little over 50 years ago. We have invited our sister society, Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance, to participate with us in the Show. Specifically, we are offering GCOA members who either enter plants, displays, or exhibits in the Show or who serve as show volunteers, FREE admission to the Garden during the show and sale. Every GCOA member who enters plants, cut flower arrangements or orchid educational displays is eligible for some of the over $5,000.00 in cash prizes.

Why do we spend so much time and effort sponsoring an orchid show each year? The answer is simple. The show is our only large fundraising event of the year. And what does NOS do with the funds raised? We support orchid education, orchid research, orchid conservation, and orchid propagation, both in endemic species and in new and exciting hybrids.

Orchid education begins with our well- established "Orchid University 101 Culture Classes". This six-week series of classes is intended to introduce orchid "newbies" to the world of orchids, what they are, where they come from, how to grow and bloom them, pests, diseases, and their prevention and treatment, plus orchid sex – how orchids are pollinated in nature, by hobbyists and commercial growers. Many members have taken the course more than once as a good way to freshen their skills. Look at our website to register online at naplesorchidsociety.org under the Meetings' and Events' drop-down menu. Our monthly membership meetings feature our "Orchid Doctor" program for newer growers with Q&A about common problems plus interesting and knowledgeable speakers, often commercial orchid growers, who share their "tips and tricks" of orchid culture learned from long experience.

NOS supports orchid research by providing grants and scholarships for field research at the undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral levels, mostly through our long-standing relationship with Illinois College and Dr. Lawrence Zettler. We have also formed a good working relationship with Dr. Ernesto Mujica, from Cuba's Ministry of Science ECOVIDA Research Center, a world-wide known expert on "ghost orchids".

NOS supports orchid conservation and the re-establishment of native orchids through support of the Everglades Coalition, the American Orchid Society native species protection efforts, the "Million Orchid" program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and public education about the dangers of orchid poaching, climate change, rising sea levels, and habitat loss to native orchids.

Keep your orchids warm and happy when temperatures drop below 55 degrees. Many types are comfortable with much lower temperatures. Other genera sulk, do not bloom on their usual schedule, if at all, or even die when exposed to too much cold for too long. The trick is in knowing which is which…

Richard Davenport
President

Board of Directors Meeting for February 2024

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday February 5, 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 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

January 4, 2024
Please access this link for more details:
Monthly-Meeting-Minutes-January-4-2024.pdf (naplesorchidsociety.org)

TIME IS ALMOST OUT FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS NEWSLETTER BE YOUR LAST, RENEW NOW TO CONTINUE TO ENJOY YOUR MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

All Dues must be paid AND RECEIVED by January 31, 2024

Renew on line or mail to P.O. Box 7998 Naples, FL 34101

You must be a paid member for 2024 to enter plants for ribbon judging at the monthly meetings and Show and for free admission to the Show at the Naples Botanical Gardens. Thank you!

Individual Membership: $40

Joint Membership: $60

JOINT MEMBERS

Are both of you, the Primary and the Joint member, receiving our newsletter? Please make sure we have an e-mail address for the 2nd/Joint member. Please check the member Roster and send any missing emails and who it is for to: Marie Harris, mharris@naplesproperties.com.

Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

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

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

CALLING ALL ANNUAL SHOW VOLUNTEERS!

AN ORCHID JUBILEE

SUPPORT YOUR NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY & VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Here are the dates, time & tasks where volunteers are needed. E-mail Marie Harris, marie@naplesproperties.com indicating which spots you would like. Please include your name, e-mail & phone number. We will also have sign-up sheets at the January and February monthly meetings. Volunteers must be paid members of NOS or GCOA for 2024. Thank you!

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:00 AM
Set Up

Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Direct Members Displaying Orchids to the Unloading Area
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Thursday, February 15, 2024
Clerks/Observers/Runners for AOS Judges (Please specify)
Clerks & Observers (Ribbon Judging) 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Runners (AOS Judging): Approximately 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Thursday, February 15, 2024
Volunteers to Direct Vendors to the Unloading Area and to the Tent Area and Help Vendors Set Up
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Friday, February 16, 2024
Hosts & Hostesses
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Friday, February 16, 2024
Membership Table to Welcome & Talk to the Public
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
2:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Saturday, February 17, 2024
Hosts & Hostesses
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, February 17, 2024
Membership Table to Welcome & Talk to the Public
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
2:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Hosts & Hostesses
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Membership Table to Welcome & Talk to the Public
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
2:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 18, 2024
5:00 PM Take Down

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.

AOS Magazines Reminder!

Please bring your "already read" AOS magazines to our next meeting scheduled for February 1, 2024. We need those copies you have laying around to hand out at our AOS table during our annual NOS Orchid Show and Sales show. You know we all have those extra copies.

<u>Bringing Them Would be Greatly Appreciated.</u>

YOUR AOS REP
Kris Morton
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AOS CORNER

From your AOS rep Kris Morton

The AOS Orchids Magazine is a go-to for orchid growers. The Q & A section for the January 2024 issue (pgs. 12-13) covers damaged roots, leaf blemishes & viruses. See pgs. 14-16 for an interesting article on "The Brevard Zoo Project," east-central Florida & started by Dr. Jason Downing. Dr. Downing leads "The Million Orchid Project" started by Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens. Sue Bottom, SAOS, writes about "Rots in Catasetums" on pgs. 22-23.

Some of the BEST orchid experts from around the world write articles for this magazine. All of our Show judges are accredited AOS judges. The awarded orchids are always featured in each issue. You will also see many vendors of orchid supplies available to all.

Please consider joining AOS in 2024. Their website is www.AOS.ORG. There are so many benefits & discounts with your membership including discounts at many gardens, the AOS bookstore, & more in addition to supporting orchid conservation. You will have a choice of their fabulous archive of articles along with either receiving the Orchids magazine as a hard copy or online. If you need an application, I always have them at each monthly meeting. We will also have a membership table at the 2024 NOS Orchid Show. ☺

For over 100 years, ***Your*** AOS has been a beacon of knowledge and support for orchid lovers. We are dedicated to the promotion, preservation, and appreciation of orchids. Your support can help us continue to develop new initiatives that support your membership:

1. **Orchid Conservation:** ***Your*** AOS is actively involved in orchid conservation efforts, working to protect and restore endangered orchid species and their habitats. One of our efforts is to raise funds for several orchid habitats, in conjunction with the Smithsonian's NAOCC, North American Orchid Conservation Center, and other organizations.
2. **Education:** What better way to support the AOS than through its education program for young people. Students at several schools are raising orchids as part of a scientific curriculum where students learn about our vanishing resources.
3. **Research:** We are expanding our knowledge and understanding of orchids, by helping to fund students studying growth habits, habitat changes, and genetic diversity.
4. **Community:** ***Your*** AOS connects you with other orchid enthusiasts around the world, and provides a platform for sharing knowledge and experiences. Your donation will help us maintain our community programs, such as our affiliated local orchid societies, judging, and our new website coming soon. It is ***Your*** AOS!

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AOS WEBINARS AND LINKS

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. Please send your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: greenhousechat@aol.org Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and indexed by topic for future viewing.

February 07, 2024: Wednesday, 8:30 pm EST. Topic: "Phalaenopsis, From Soup to Nuts – A panorama of moth orchids for everyone." Presenter: David Edgley, AOS Judge, Judging committee chair.

February 08, 2024: Thursday, 8:30 pm EST. Topic: "Greenhouse Chat Q & A." Send in your photos & questions by Feb. 6. Presenter: Ron McHatton Chief Education & Science Officer.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

Continuing through March 14, 2024, Thursday mornings: UF/IFAS Extension Collier County Master Gardener Volunteers 2024 Educational Garden Workshop Series, Collier Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples, FL. https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/collierco/2023/11/27/2024-educational-garden-workshop-series/

January 26-27, 2024: NOS is a corporate sponsor of the upcoming annual Everglades Coalition conference at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs. NOS will have a membership and information table with displays and blooming orchids. See meeting details online at evergladescoalition.org

February 3-4, 2024: Venice Area Orchid Society Show & Sale, Venice, FL. Contact: showchair@vaos.org.

February 10-11, 2024: Boca Raton Orchid Society's "In Love with Orchids." Contact: kathykbros@gmail.com.

February 16-18, 2024: Naples Orchid Society 50th Anniversary Show, Naples Botanical Garden. Contact: srubin33@gmail.com.

February 23-24, 2024: Englewood Area Orchid Society's "Orchids by the Sea," Englewood, FL. Contact: tommaryanne@centurylink.net.

TASKS FOR FEBRUARY

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

- Spread snail bait lightly. Spread again lightly in two weeks.
- Spray for *Botrytis* using Florida recommended fungicides or bicarbonate of soda.
- Begin spring potting.
- Watch for mites.

*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)**

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Greetings and Happy New Year!

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank the wonderful people at the Naples Orchid Society for their support of the sciences and research.

My name is Adam Herdman and I recently embarked on the journey to obtain my PhD at the University of Florida. Although I have been involved with orchid research since 2015, this was a great leap of faith and I am very fortunate to have the support of so many on this journey.

In 2016, under the mentorship of Dr. Lawrence Zettler, I was sent from the cornfields of Illinois to the swamps and sloughs of SW Florida to survey the populations of ghost orchid there. I remember at the time I was skeptical of the value in this work but was happy to take part as any undergraduate researcher would be. Over the course of the month of July, we would wade into the swamps with the gators, snakes, and are eaten alive by mosquitoes just to get to these small remnant populations. What I found out there was that in studying the ghost orchid, an appreciation for the delicate nature of the species was formed and a strong conviction for conservation solidified. After that first year out in the swamp, I was hooked, and I would return to SW Florida every summer thereafter to study this species. During this time, I met Dr. Ernesto Mujica at Soroa Botanic Garden and Dr. Micheal Kane at the University of Florida, who encouraged me to ask questions and to seek answers. Eventually, this led me to apply to the University of Florida in order to continue the study of native orchid species; upon reflection of my path, this was inevitable.

Here at the University of Florida things could not be going better, with the mentorship of Dr. Carrie Adams and Dr. Hector Perez I am in a position to really make things happen. The first semester of any graduate program is often fraught with uncertainty and getting your footing, but the experience that has been brought together here at the University of Florida has meant that we have quickly pulled together projects on the ghost orchid. On November 3rd, a workshop was held on the conservation efforts relating to the ghost orchid at the Naples Botanical Garden. I was lucky enough to present what was observed out at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge over my eight years of involvement and was surprised at how many land managers and academics were interested in a collaborative conservation effort. I am pleased to report that because of this meeting we have redefined the projects that we were planning to pursue.

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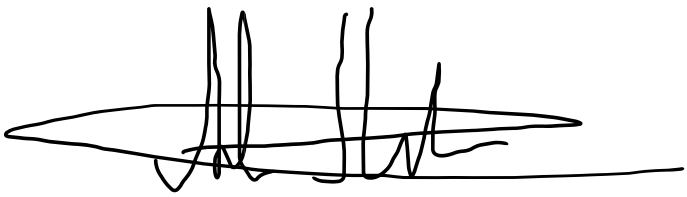
Since this meeting, we have been working hard to set up the groundwork that is needed to make these projects happen. We have partnered with Fernando Rocha and Dr. Jeremie Fant at the Chicago Botanic Garden to study the population genetics of the ghost orchid regionally. A major gap in the understanding of the ghost orchid lies with the genetics within the populations, and it was even mentioned in the petition for listing of the species. Recent reintroduction efforts have pointed towards trouble reproducing and may indicate trouble with inbreeding, we are seeking to broadly assess each population. More recently, we have received permits to collect ghost orchid seed to pursue research on cryopreservation and niche breadth. Cryopreservation is essential to any conservation effort because building the techniques and bank of seeds will ensure preservation and quality of material for future research. Documenting the range of conditions that can affect growth of the seedlings through their life history will be informative on future reintroduction attempts. When the time comes to grow plants in the greenhouse, we will be looking at how factors such as temperature, humidity, and light affect the growth of the species.

My time at the University of Florida thus far has been exciting and I know that all of us here are looking forward to the possibilities that lie before us. What was obvious to me early on all the way back in 2016 was the fact that so many initiatives in conservation would not happen without the dedicated efforts of the people involved. Indeed, in the case of the ghost orchid it is very much so the case and it is because of overwhelming support from people like you that I am able to be here and will be continuing research on the ghost orchid.

I would like to extend a most sincere thank you to the people of Naples Orchid Society and their support of research on orchids. I hope that I have made clear the importance of the support and that I will have more good news to give you in the future!

Adam Herdman
Graduate Assistant and PhD student
University of Florida



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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/

Snapshots From our January 2024 Meeting

Marilyn Moser
Proudly Receives Her Dedicated Service Award

Elaine Gates, NOS and GCOA Member Facilitates
"Orchid Arrangements and Presentations"

What's Blooming in My Collection?

C. leuddemanniana
Karen Davenport

Bulbophyllum Grandiflorum
Karen Davenport

Den. Sakda Blue
Karen Davenport

Rby. Copper Queen
Karen Davenport

Onc. Tsiku Marguerite
Karen Davenport

Onc. Sweet Sugar
Stuart Rubin

Epc. Volcano Trick
Karen Davenport

Rhynchostylis Gigantea 'catoon'
Stuart Rubin

GET YOUR
SUBMITTED ORCHID
PHOTO SHOWN HERE!

Your Orchid Name
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

January 4, 2024

Submitted by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Rlc.* Young Kong 'Sun #16
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Blc.* Edisto x Mem Crispin Rosales
Owner: K Romine

Small Cattleyas
First Place: B Little Stars
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: *Blc.* Booth Lee 'Venice' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Bc.* Maikai 'Louise' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Vandas
First Place: Pachara Delight
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: V Sanrom Phang x Chao Praya
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: V Joyce Farmer
Owner: Terre Moore

Small Vandas
First Place: *Aer.* Lawrencea x Vasco Pine River
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: Vandachostylis Colmarie
Owner: Karen Davenport

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den.* Ceasar Red Lip
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Den.* Tiny Twister
Owner: Stuart Rubin
Third Place: *Den.* Poper Red
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Species
First Place: Paph insigne
Owner: David Orr

Medium Species
First Place: *Onc.* sotoanum
Owner: Mary Southall

Small Species
First Place: Platanthera flava
Owner: Richard Davenport

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Bllra Marfithch 'Howard's Dream'
Owner: Terre Moore

Other Tribes
First Place: Monn Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft'
Owner: Lanelle Bishop

Best Species Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: Platanthera flava
Owner: Richard Davenport

Best Hybrid Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: *Bc.* Maikai 'Louise' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

Green Tag Plant Winner
Plant Name: *Rth.* Fu Shu Glory
Winner: Mary Lane

Gold Ribbon Winners January 4, 2024

Photos on this page by Sue Roehl, Webmaster

BEST HYBRID
First Place: *Bc.* Maikai 'Louise' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

BEST SPECIES
Plant Name: *Platanthera flava*
Owner: Richard Davenport

Blue Ribbon Winners January 4, 2024

Blue Ribbon Winner Photos by Marilyn Moser

LARGE CATTLEYAS
Plant Name: *Rlc.* Young Kong 'Sun #16
Owner: Karen Davenport

LARGE VANDA
Plant Name: *V.* Pachara Delight
Owner: Mary Lane

SMALL CATTLEYAS
Plant Name: *B.* Little Stars
Owner: Diane Ervin

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

SMALL VANDA
Plant Name: *Aer.* Lawrencea
Owner: Jim Longwell

SMALL SPECIES
Plant Name: *Platanthera flava*
Owner: Richard Davenport

LARGE SPECIES
Plant Name: Paph insigne
Owner: David Orr

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
Plant Name: *Onc. Bllra Marfitch* 'Howard's Dream' AMAOS
Owner: Terre Moore

MEDIUM SPECIES
Plant Name: *Onc.*sotoanum
Owner: Mary Southall

OTHER TRIBE
Plant Name: Monn Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft'
Owner: Lanelle Bishop