NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1962

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Members Only Event

Holiday Party

December 2, 2021

6:30pm

Moorings Presbyterian Church Baker Gym

See details page 5

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting

Thursday January 6, 2022

Moorings Presbyterian Church
Baker Gym
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30
Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 pm
Meeting begins at 7:30 pm
Program: To be announced

Next Board of Directors Meeting and Show Committee Meeting

Date: January 27, 2022 6:30

See pg 6 for details

All Members are Welcome to Attend

2022 Bus Trip to Tamiami

https://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/tiof/public/about

January 15 2022

More information to come via eblast soon!

2022 Culture Class

The Fundamentals of Growing Orchids

January 8 through February 12, 2022

See page 10 for more details

-or-

https://naplesorchidsociety.org/culture-class/

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***Newsletter Editors**: Kris Morton, Marilyn Moser, Veronica Catrombon*

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 2021

Richard Davenport
President, Naples Orchid Society, Inc.
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Cool greetings to all Orchid Lovers! No, this is not a throwback greeting from the 1960's. It is instead a reminder that the seasons are changing. Inexorably, the wet heat of summer is pushed aside by dryer, cooler air forced down from northern climes for a few days at a time by what we native Floridians like to call "cold fronts." Now is the time to catch up on delayed plant maintenance chores. Cut back on watering and fertilizing. Add a little Epsom Salts at ½ tsp/gal to harden up your plants and help them prepare for the colder days ahead. Look at your collection and research the low temperature tolerance of your plants. Some may require removal to the inside of your house to protect them on very cold nights. Many orchids do not tolerate temperatures below 50-55 degrees. Other orchids can grow through snowbanks adjacent to permafrost. Obviously, these cold tolerant plants are not often found in South Florida because they can't stand the heat.

We had a great speaker at our recent meeting. Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids is a life-long orchid grower. His core thesis is orchids are the result of over 20 million years of evolution, primarily as epiphytic plants hanging off trees by their roots. Two smaller groups adapted to rocks or even in the ground. As with most epiphytes, orchids depend almost completely on their root systems to gather water and nutrients, both from "fall through" of rainwater laced with very small amounts of organic debris like rotting bark particles, insect secretions and remains, bird lime, etc. The "first flush" of such material is the richest source of nourishment. So the plants grew roots that reacted quickly in order to adapt to this need. And we orchid growers were told for a long time to clean off all old roots and all old potting media…

Fred Clarke strongly recommends we note on plant tags the time during the year when roots first appear under new growth as that is the right time to repot. We may be forced by circumstance to repot at other times, but to do so puts a lot of stress on plants and may cause them to miss a flowering or to otherwise "sulk" for a growing cycle while the plant starts new roots to support future growth. When we repot, do not touch the new root growths. It is okay to cut off the old media, especially when located away from the new growths. Don't worry about trying to get all the old media as the probability of root damage is too high. Lastly, pour in new media slowly and try gently bouncing the plant container on your worktable, pushing in the new media with your thumbs around the edges only, away from the existing new roots. Stabilize with rhizome clips and stakes as needed.

Do not miss your upcoming December meeting. It will be at our usual location at the Moorings Presbyterian Church with a holiday theme and a presentation by our President Emeritus, Dr. Richard "Dick" Pippen. Every member present will receive a gift orchid plant, most of which are in bud already. As is usually the case at December meetings, there will be no Orchid Doctor or Member Plant Competitions. We will have a special raffle with surprise plants as prizes.

Your Board of Directors, the Officers and I join in wishing you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving.

Richard Davenport
President

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

November 4, 2021

Submitted by Marilyn Moser

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

President Richard Davenport welcomed members and guests and reviewed emergency procedures. He mentioned there is still an opening on the board for Membership chair. He discussed the need for volunteers for our upcoming Show in February.

The slate of candidates for the board was presented by Rae Jean Walker. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there were none. Members voted unanimously to accept the board as presented.

President: Richard Davenport
1st Vice-President: Jim Rawson
2nd Vice-President: Lanelle Bishop
Treasurer: David Orr
Secretary: Karen Davenport
Newsletter Chair: Kris Morton
Membership Chair: OPEN POSITION
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2 year Director: Rae Jean Walker
3 year Director: Carolyn Booker
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Webmaster: Susan Roehl
Publicity: Mary Jo Shively

Show Volunteer Chair Kris Morton emphasized the need for volunteers for the many different jobs to put together the show.

Lanelle Bishop said that the December meeting (our Christmas Party) will take place in the gym and will begin at 6:30. There will be no flower competition. She said there will possibly be a bus trip in January to the Tamiami show.

Membership: 2021 Year End Totals: 50 new members, total members 182

Treasurer: Current balance is $13,677

VP Jim Rawson encouraged members to bring their orchids to the show. And there is still time to suggest a name for the show. He then introduced our speaker for the evening, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. His topic is "The 80 percentile grower".

The plant table and raffle winners were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

NOS Plant competition Rules and Instructions

No Plant Competition in December

1) All plants must be registered and in place by 6:55 p.m. Voting will begin at 7:00 p.m.
2) You must take a number to register plants to avoid congestion at the plant registration table.
3) The corrected Monthly Plant Table Rules form on the website has been updated to reflect the time changes.
4) There is a white entry tag with no hole printed to be used for plant registration. The Green Tag will still be placed on the plant.

These instructions have been updated on the NOS website Monthly Plant Table Rules form.

See the Rules Document on our website here: **https://naplesorchidsociety.org/monthly-meetings/**

November 2021 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendees: 53
Raffle and Hat Sale Proceeds: $183

Many Thanks

to our Plant Table Volunteers Susan Roehl and Karen Davenport,
Raffle Table Volunteer Rae Jean Walker, and Greeter Mary Jo Shively

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Sheila Demkovich
Regions Bank checking account balance as of October 29, 2021, is $13,328.80

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Submitted by Veronica Catrombon
Year End 2021 Members: 180
New Members for 2021: 50
You may pay by **check** mailed to Naples Orchid Society, PO Box 7998, Naples, FL 34101,
or by **credit card** at https://naplesorchidsociety.org/join-us/
NEW RATES for 2022: Single membership $40, Family membership $50
Add $10.00 for a magnetic engraved nametag!
Question about Membership?
Email **Membership@Naplesorchidsociety.org**

Do You *Smile* When You Order From Amazon?

If you order from Amazon, did you know that you could also support Naples Orchid Society with your purchase at no cost to you? Go to **smile.amazon.com,** it's the same company, same prices, same account and same everything, except Amazon will let you name a non-profit organization and donate 0.5% to it. NOS has already been registered and linked, but you will need to go to this website and name us as the organization you have chosen for the donation to go to. Remember to go to smile.amazon.com to order using your same account login and password for your Amazon account. Bookmark it so you will have a reminder. And **THANKS** for supporting your Society!

$17.11
For the period April 1 – June 30, 2021

Members Only Holiday Gathering

Thursday December 2, 2021 6:30pm

Moorings Presbyterian Church -- Baker Gym

Due to our continuing Covid safety efforts, concerns, and much discussion, the NOS Board has decided to meet in our usual room for meetings (Baker Gym) instead of our usual venue for the Holiday Potluck Dinner.

Let's enjoy some Festive Holiday Treats served by members using gloves and masks. There will be a raffle for Orchid Baskets. We will NOT have a plant competition on Dec. 2, 2021. Also our usual Orchid Gift will be handed out to each member. Our Speaker and slide presentation will be our OWN Dr. Dick Pippen. We will still collect canned foods to donate to our charity food Pantry. An eblast with details will be sent soon! Thank you for your patience and stay well.

Lanelle Bishop
2nd Vice President
Lbishop52@gmail.com

Collier Harvest Foundation

Please bring a non-perishable food item for our collection box for Collier Harvest Foundation!!

Officers and Directors for 2022

Please welcome your 2022 Board of Directors!

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Past President: Richard Pippen (non voting)
Education Chairman: OPEN POSITION (non voting)
Newsletter Publisher: Veronica Catrombon (non voting)
2022 Orchid Show Chairman: Jim Rawson (non voting in this position)

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AT THE FRONT TABLE TO GREET THE MONTHLY NOS MEETING ATTENDEES. PLEASE CONTACT RAE JEAN WALKER AT
raejean@tiretracksusa.com

In-Person Board of Directors Meeting for January 2022

Thursday, January 27, 2022
Time: 6:30 pm
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club
3855 Forest Glen Blvd
Naples, FL 34114 (at the Clubhouse)

All are welcome!

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.

Upcoming Events

December 12, 2021: East Everglades Orchid Society's Holiday Orchid Event, RF Orchids (in the Banyan Pavilion,) 21800 SW 182nd Ave, Homestead, FL; Contact: Kim Belisle, 786-367-7177; concept22@aol.com.

January 8-9, 2022: Sarasota Orchid society's "Orchids in Paradise," Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL; Contact: Larry Desiano, 941-724-6683; larrydesiano@gmail.com.

January 14-16, 2022: Tamiami Orchid Festival International. Miami Dade Co. Fair & Expo Center, 10901 SW 24th St., Miami, FL 33165. Info: www.orchidfestival.com.

January 29-30, 2022: Florida West Coast Orchid Society's "Orchids Unmasked," City of Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th St. N, Seminole, FL; Contact: Bill Nunez, 727-239-2700; biddison22@aol.com.

February 5-6, 2022: Venice Area Orchid Society Show & Sale, Venice Community Center, 326 S Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL: Contact: Carol Wood & Judy Loeffler, 941-497-4995; showchair@vaos.org.

February 12-13, 2022: Boca Raton Orchid Society's "In Love With…Orchids," Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL; Contact: Kathy Kersey, 954-802-3575; kathykbros@gmail.com.

February 12-13, 2022: Port St. Lucie Orchid Society's "Orchid Village," Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL; Contact: Andrea Heitfeld, 772-528-1955; tazzette55@gmail.com.

A Very Special Private Orchid Sale

Downsizing orchid collection. Cattleyas $20. Oncidiums $20. Dendrobiums & Encyclias $15. Some specimen plants at reasonable prices too. Please call NOS member **Mark Hudak at (239) 682-4921** for directions and to arrange access to gated community.

A Very Special Private Sale

Eunice Walker, cherished member of NOS, and outstanding grower of award winning orchids, is offering for sale a selection of orchids from her extensive collection.

Divisions as well as a few specimen plants are available.

Please call for an appointment or with questions 239-417-3625.

YOUR AOS REP
Marilyn Moser
Mm3purple@aol.com

AOS WEBINARS – COMING ATTRACTIONS

(registration required: www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx - webinars are available to view at your leisure from the same page if you are not available at that time.*)*

Recorded Webinars at your convenience:

Culture, Judging, Pests & Diseases, Greenhouse Chats indexed by topic. AOS Members, Judges, Concerned Conservationists, Scientists & more.

Webinar announcements pre-posted to Facebook, Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your affiliated society's newsletter. Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org.

West Palm Beach Judging Center News—Judging for November and December will be on the third Saturday of the Month

In-Person Judging continues.
The location will be in the Flamingo Gallery.
No food or drink will be provided
(though you are welcome to bring or buy your own)
Guests/Exhibitors will not be allowed to sit at the judging tables.
Judging tables will be spaced accordingly.
If you are bringing plants for judging and wish to
complete entry paperwork ahead of time.
If you plan to attend judging and need more information,
please contact either
Jackie Wood *(bocaorchidlady@aol.com)* or
Sandi Block-Brezner *(sblockfl@bellsouth.net)*

WPBJC Monthly Education Sessions
Education Topics
2021
If you are interested in attending any upcoming education sessions, contact
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WPBJC Chair
bocaorchidlady@aol.com
for topics and additional information.

Flamingo Gardens Botanical Gardens & Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary
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Davie, FL 33330-1614
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FROM AOS "GROWING ORCHIDS' MONTH-BY-MONTH CHECKLIST

By Robert M. Scully Jr.

- Groom each *Phalaenopsis* spike. Use a fresh, clean stake. Avoid excess plant movement while buds are developing or the buds may blast (wither.) Be advised that high humidity in a closed house can also lead to flower spotting caused by *Botrytis;* provide supplementary air circulation using even a small fan just to avoid still air.
- *Nobile*-type dendrobiums may show some swollen nodes on their leafless pseudobulbs. By month's end, flowers can appear because the buds develop rapidly.
- Some of the mottled-leaved *Pathiopedilum* species – *Pathiopedilum fairrieanum* and *Pathiopedilum sukhakulii* – bloom now. Keep their potting medium moist and avoid getting water in the pouch.
- *Ludisia discolor (*syn. *Haemaria discolor)* will begin to develop inflorescences soon. Clean the foliage now, before the inflorescences grow, to maximize the beauty of the decorative foliage.

Fred Clarke at our November Meeting

Many Catts at our November Meeting

ORCHID UNIVERSITY 101 – THE FUNDAMENTALS OF GROWING ORCHIDS

The Naples Orchid Society is pleased to offer a very special six week program where you can learn just about everything there is to know about orchids.

Registration form for 2022 to complete and send with your payment may be found – Click here.
https://naplesorchidsociety.org/culture-class/

The Orchid Culture Programs will present in the **Buehler Auditorium** at the Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples, Florida, for **six consecutive Saturdays** beginning in January 8th thru February 12th. Programs begin at 9:30 AM and end at 12:30 PM (the six classes will each be three hours long with one break). All classes will be in NBG's Buehler Hall except on January 22 when that class will be in Kapnick Hall due to NBG prior scheduling commitment. A Handbook with over 100 pages containing Culture sheets and other valuable information plus a guidebook will be given to each registrant, as well as some blooming size orchid plants. A Flash Drive with all six lectures will be available at cost of the flash drive (optional). Cost will be $80.00 for members, $125.00 for non-members, for all six classes, payable with application. Payment is required to reserve your space. Application fees are not refundable, except in an emergency.

TOPICS PRESENTED BY OUR OWN LOCAL EXPERTS INCLUDE:

- What Makes an Orchid an Orchid
- Cattleyas and their Relatives
- Dendrobiums
- Vandas and Their Relatives
- Slipper Orchids & Catasetums
- Phalaenopsis
- Oncidiums and Their Relatives
- Pests and Diseases and "Cures"
- Orchids for the Beginner and the Collector

2022 Naples Orchid Society Show and Sale

From Kris Morton, Volunteer Coordinator for our 2022 NOS Orchid Show & Sale

SAVE THE DATE & VOLUNTEER FOR OUR UPCOMING SHOW IN FEBRUARY 2022!

I will have sign up clip boards labeled for shift hours & days at the January & February monthly meetings.

We need volunteers for all five days: set up, Wednesday Feb. 23, Feb. 24 with registration, direction for vendors plus unloading, etc., Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 for hosts/hostesses holding area, greeter & counter each day & take down Sunday, Feb. 27 after Show ends at 5 pm.

If you are not able to attend our January/February meetings & have paid your 2022 NOS dues & would like to volunteer please email me at: Kwmehm@comcast.net

FROM MARTIN MOTES November 2021 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Progress of the Season

Fortunately, this October has been much drier than usual. Coming at the end of an exceptionally wet rainy season, the well-spaced rainfall of this October provided relief for our plants from the disease pressures which had built from an early start and continued with a rain filled summer. Our orchids which have evolved to withstand drought are now in the ascendency over their existential enemy, fungus. We must keep them that way by judiciously watering early in the day and only when really, really necessary. Many sympodial species are slipping into dormancy and will need little or no more water than will be provided by the passing cold fronts as the dry season progresses. Hybrids, with their persistent vigor, may well be breaking new growth that must be fed and watered but with care.

The early cold front has provided the chill which our Phalaenopsis needed to initiate spikes. If you have been growing them inside in the air conditioning, take them outside to experience the next cool down. In any case, be sure to feed and water them to maximize the size and quantity of bloom. Our vandas also are likely to be stimulated to spike and provide an abundance of flowers for the holidays. Remember that thrips are still a threat in November, although much less likely to be severe. Four to five days without rain and with temperatures creeping into the upper 80s provide an opportunity for these grinches to steal the bloom off Christmas. Now is an excellent time to apply cooking oil at 1.5 oz per gal to control both thrips and mites. Follow in exactly seven to ten days with 2 oz per gal of liquid dishwashing soap. This early control of mites will pay dividends well beyond Christmas through the entire winter.

With the weather picture perfect, now is a great time to be with our plants, neatening, sweetening, and rectangularizing. Great time to catch up on weeds and get the growing area as immaculate as possible. Sympodials that have finished growing can be repotted now if care is taken to insure they are immobile until they develop roots in the spring. It is always good to get a head start on potting.

Also, if you have not yet discovered that S. Florida is one of the best places on the planet for vegetable gardening, November is a great time to start as the planting calendar is wide open. *Martin Motes*

Sign up for Martin Motes Newsletter here:
https://www.motesorchids.com/

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.

Editor's Note: Repot flowered out plants – be sure they are forming new roots! (as recommended by Fred Clarke and NOS)

EDUCATION UPDATE

Kit Kitchen-Maran
Education Chair and Life Member

Our Orchids Were Blooming without Me!

It was great to be back in Naples for the November meeting and to see all our friends there. Our trip back to Fairbanks was uneventful and we hope to come down again in the Spring when, no doubt, different orchids will be in bloom.

Many of you will remember Shan Wong, who was one of the NOS interns in 2015 when she was at Florida International University. She is now serving as a volunteer with the International Union for Conservation of Nature- Species Survival Commission Orchid Specialist Group-Global Trade and is studying orchid trade. She contacted me because the group is going to develop a Voluntary Code of Conduct for ornamental orchid enthusiasts, like us, to supplement regulatory rules like CITES. It is an educational endeavor to help educate hobbyists and others and conserve orchids world wide. The group would like input from members of our society and others about ethical behavior regarding orchids.

Once again, the Naples Orchid Society has developed an outstanding person through the Intern and Grant Program who is continuing a career in orchid conservation at the international level. Our society is having an impact on international orchid education and conservation!!

If you would like to submit your thoughts and ideas on what should be in a voluntary or self-monitoring code of conduct, or ethical behavior to consider when acquiring orchids for your collection, please send them to me at kachinusa@aol.com. Wow! did you ever think you would have the opportunity to contribute to the conservation of orchids at the international level? Shan has sent an invitation to NOS members to be involved. I look forward to hearing from you. More coming in January, 2022…
Successful orchiding,
Kit Kitchen-Maran, NOS Life Member

Living beings and changes where they live, Part 2

In last month's Education article, I reported a sea-level rise of over 9 inches in our home turf since 1941, and that there are reported consequences. Fakahatchee Island will be lost, including the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Trail system, all the plants and creatures that have lived there for untold millennia. I also promised to relate this predicament to the findings of the NOS supported Ghost Orchid study in the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge. Here it is:

Higher tide water levels means that there is more water to move about, so the question is: how does it move and where does it move to? First, the tides move as water, via canals and channels. Second, they move by osmosis via the soil medium. And third, they are moved by inshore winds in the form of aerosol salt sprays.

More movement of water may mean flood-like conditions, sea-walls ruined in the process, etc. Furthermore, if you get the chance to go to the birding tower at the back of the Botanical Garden trail just look out over the wide expanse of salt-marsh. You will notice the salt marsh grasses are either dead or dying. They cannot survive flood conditions. This is a plain case of more Gulf water moving in.

Movement of water through the soil medium upsets the balance of the relationship between plant physiology and moisture level that is not too saturated nor too dry. Saturation kills, if not by flooding, by too much wetness. Suddenly the soil-moisture balance to which plants have long been adapted is disrupted and the plants' living processes are overwhelmed. In the short-run the plants' response is to die. *(Continues)*

EDUCATION UPDATE *(Continued)*

Water movement as aerosol salt spray is a little complex but more fun to imagine. First, the regular or trade winds, called inshore winds, come from the northwest at night and southeast in the morning. The inshore wind may have an average velocity of 8-10 mph. The area between Chokoloskee Bay and Bonita Bay receive these daily inshore winds. Now let us sneak in a tiny bit of physics: inshore wind in contact or brushing over ripples in large bodies of water produce zillions of tiny airborne salt-water particles, the aerosol. And they are headed inland, slowly dumping aerosol salt particles over the plants of Naples Botanical Garden, and the plant life of the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, and over your plants, orchids and lawn.

The invasion of water is not via the soil but by aerosols dropped over the plant leaves, stems and roots.
The added presence of salt will now change one basic need of plants like orchids that grow on tree trunks, the chemistry of moisture. And increased salt content means increased stress for the plants. Salt is not normal in the diet and need to be processed away. Additional work.

If you go back and look at the Ghost orchid report so well written up by Dr. Larry Zettler, Dr, Ernesto Mujico and others you will not fail to notice this central message: the survival of the Ghost Orchid in this research area is being decided by unmistakable stress in the growing conditions.

La Raw Maran, NOS Life Member

Orchid Doctor Presentation
November 2021
Orchid Doctor Mary Lane had an attentive audience when she discussed Growing Vandas.

What's Blooming in My Collection?

Bulbophyllum medusae
Karolyn Hall

Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry
Sheila Demkovich
With 4 inflorescences!

Vanda Noppadol Delight
Karen Davenport

Blc Lois McNeil
Marilyn Moser

Den Fire Wings
Marilyn Moser

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results

November 4, 2021

Submitted by Dick Pippen

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Cattleya* Nancy Off
Owner: Elaine Gates
Second Place: *Blc* Keowee 'Vi-Galaxy' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Blc* Hausermann's Holiday Christmas
Owner: Rae JeanWalker

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Brassanthe* Maikai 'Louise' AM/AOS
Owner: Joylett Davis
Second Place: *Rhyncattleanthe* Golden Chieftain
Owner: Mary Lane
Third Place: *Sophrolaelia* Tiny Star
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Large Vandas
First Place: *Vanda* Pimsai x *V* Jin Dawat
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Pda* JVB x *V* Kultana Ruby 'Red'
Owner: Mary Lane

Small Vandas
First Place: *Neostylis* Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Vanda* Loke
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Pda* Kyra Green 'Minghus'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den* Enobi Purple '81'
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: *Den* Siam Burana Greenstar
Owner: Mary Southall

Small Phalaenopsis
First Place: *Dtps* Kenneth Schubert 'M'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Species
First Place: *Cattleya walkeriana* Semi-alba 'Carmela'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Species
First Place: *Platanthera* flava
Owner: Richard Davenport

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Oncidium* Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fagrance'
Owner: Frances LaVigne

Other Tribes
First Place: *Angraecum* Memoria George Kennedy
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Orphan Table
First Place: *Cattleya* Hausermann's White Christmas (unregistered)
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Best Species Award
Plant Name: *Cattleya walkeriana* Semi-alba 'Carmela'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *Blc* Keowee 'Vi-Galaxy' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

SPECIAL NOTE TO PEOPLE ENTERING PLANTS FOR MONTHLY COMPETITION: Please be very careful to enter your plant in the proper category AND to complete the green entry tags as accurately as possible, especially the Number assigned to your plant. This will assist the Plant Table People to accurately assign ribbons to the correct plant. Thanks.

Gold Ribbon Winners November 4, 2021

Photos this page by Susan Roehl, NOS Webmaster

Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *Blc* Keowee 'Vi-Galaxy' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Species Award
Plant Name: : *Cattleya walkeriana* Semi-alba 'Carmela'
Owner: Karen Davenport

First Place Winners November 4, 2021

Plants Entered: 42 Members Voted: 29
Photos this section Marilyn Moser

LARGE CATTLEYA
Cattleya Nancy Off
Elaine Gates

SMALL CATTLEYA
Brassanthe Maikai 'Louise' AM/AOS
Joylette Davis

LARGE VANDA
Vanda Pimsai x *V* Jin Dawat
Karen Davenport

SMALL VANDA
Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'
Karen Davenport

DENDROBIUM
Den Enobi Purple '81'
Mary Lane

SMALL PHALAENOPSIS
Dtps Kenneth Schubert 'M'
Karen Davenport

LARGE SPECIES
Cattleya walkeriana Semi-alba 'Carmela'
Karen Davenport

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fagrance'
Frances LaVigne

SMALL SPECIES
Platanthera flava
Richard Davenport

ORPHAN
Cattleya Hausermann's White Christmas (unregistered)
Rae Jean Walker

OTHER TRIBES
Angraecum Memoria George Kennedy
Rae Jean Walker

An Orchid Vignette—Who Was Elinor Yocum?

Contributed by Dick Pippen

I ran across a December 1991 Naples Orchid Society Newsletter the other day and found it dedicated to Elinor Yocum, who had just passed away. There was a nice article about Elinor written by Clara Fritz. I am going to summarize that article here.

Elinor Yocum was born December 7, 1914 and passed away November 8, 1991. She and ger husband, Kenneth, moved to Naples from Chester Spring, Pennsylvania and they attended their first NOS meeting in June 1973. Their orchid experience in Pennsylvania focused on Cymbidiums so when they moved to Florida a whole new world opened to them. Both of them quickly became involved in Naples Orchid Society activities and Elinor won a first place in orchid flower arranging in the NOS 1974, 3rd annual show.

Elinor was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Society in 1974 and in that position published the monthly Newsletter until 1989 (except for the two years1976-7). Also, in 1974 she and her husband, Ken, helped Jean and Leban LeBuff organize the first NOS Orchid Auction in which 97 plants were auctioned off. In 1977 she was named the Society's Librarian and in the same year she privately published a pamphlet entitled *The Paphiopedilum Parade—a Century of Awards*. She held the post of Society Librarian until 1987.

In 1980 Elinor became the Society's first American Orchid Society Representative and held that position until 1987. In May 1984 "*at the very first banquet Elinor prepared and delighted us with the capsule history of the Naples Orchid Society"* (quote from Clara Fritz article). The following year, Elinor and Ken were selected as Honorary Lifetime Members of the Naples Orchid Society. To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June 1986, they took a cruise through the Panama Canal. In 1989 Elinor became the first recipient of the American Orchid Society Affiliated Societies Award, awarded by NOS President Leban LeBuff.

Clara Fritz concluded her article by saying "*Elinor was always such an enthusiastic person and ever willing to help in any endeavor that the Naples Orchid Society presented to her. We will all miss her."*

Also of interest, the photograph of Elinor, shown above, appeared in the Newsletter article and the President of the Society, Jack Hild, indicated it was a photo from a news clipping in the NOS 1974 file and that this was the first time that a photo had appeared in a NOS newsletter. How far we have come in our newsletters since 1991!