NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1962

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY
December 1, 2022
6:00 PM
Baker Gym
(Our regular meeting space)
Moorings Presbyterian Church
791 Harbour Drive, Naples, FL, 34103

Next Board of Directors Meeting and Show Committee Meeting
Date: Wednesday January 11, 2023
See more information on page 2
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

President: Richard Davenport
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Submit articles for the Newsletter by the 15th of each month to: NOSNews@Naplesorchidsociety.org

***Newsletter Editors**: Kris Morton, Marilyn Moser, Bob Castonguay, 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 2022

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

It's mid-November already. The thermometers say we have mid-80s during the afternoons and upper 60s late at night. Cooler than summer and noticeably drier. Many orchid plants feel the change – lower evening temperatures and less sunlight – and reward us with long awaited bloom spikes. Help your plants prepare for chilly times ahead by adding Epsom Salts (magnesium sulphate) to your regular fertilizer regimen at the rate of ½ teaspoon per gallon for the next month or so to strengthen them and reduce cold damage. Prepare an inside storage space for the really cold nights. Alternatively, if you have an orchid house or lanai that can be heated, fill up propane tanks and make sure electric heaters are in good working order. Plan to leave fans on "low" all night to circulate the warmed air and reduce cold spots.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the NOS Holiday party on December 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Our tradition is to give a free holiday orchid plant to each NOS member at the party. If you have a family membership and both members are at the party, each of you is entitled to a free orchid. However, you must be at the party to collect your Holiday orchid. Sorry, but no rain checks or picking up free plants for a spouse or member friend who is not there. Orchids, food, fellowship and friends – enjoy them all.

This year the party will be held in the Baker Gymnasium where we have our regular meetings. We encourage all members to help Collier Harvest by bringing non-perishable foodstuffs to the party where they will be collected and delivered to families in need. Even Naples has pockets of transitory poverty. Ian made our community's current needs much greater. So please be generous.

The Board and Officers are working hard on the 2023 Orchid Show at Naples Botanical Garden February 24, 25 and 26. The "Orchid Mardi Gras" Show co-Chairs Jim Rawson and Stu Rubin feel the royal purple, green and gold Mardi Gras color scheme will encourage some spectacular orchid displays with a creative edge. Beads are optional.

Our January and February meetings will have a hands-on focus – how to prepare plants for entry and judging, how to arrange cut orchid flower and container displays, etc. We will also need lots of volunteers to help set up, register plants, greet visitors, provide directions, hand out culture sheets, sign up new members, host or assist discussions on orchid culture, mounting, conservation and propagation, and late Sunday afternoon, take down displays and prepare for storage until next year.

Richard Davenport
President

In-Person Board of Directors Meeting for JANUARY 2023

Date: Wednesday January 11 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 3, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Lanelle Bishop, 2nd VP

- Orchid Doctor, Steve Burdette, presented a well attended and hands on talk about deflasking and repotting baby seedling orchids.
- Member's Plants were tagged and voted on!
- Raffle tickets were purchased.
- President, Richard Davenport, called the meeting to order at 7:30 and reminded members of safety exits in case of need.
- Reports from officers began with Rae Jean Walker presenting the Slate of officers for the year 2023.
  - President: Richard Davenport
  - 1st VP Stu Ruben
  - 2nd VP Lanelle Bishop
  - Treasurer David Orr
  - Secretary Karen Davenport
  - Newsletter Chair Kris Morton
  - Membership: Suzanne Fundingsland
  - Director Rae Jean Walker
  - Director Carolyn Booker
  - Director Chuck Ferber
  - AOS Representative Marilyn Moser
  - Webmaster Sue Roehl
  - Publicity Mary Jo Shively
  - Non-Voting Members:
    - ✓ Past President: Richard Pippen
    - ✓ Education Chair Steve Burdette
    - ✓ Newspaper Publisher Bob Castonguay
    - ✓ 2023 Orchid Show Chair Jim Rawson and Stu Ruben (assisting)

- Betty Berger moved to accept and Karolyn Hall Seconded and all officers were approved.
- Treasurer, David Orr, gave a financial report of $24,763.81 in Regions for expenses and $ 35,309.93 in CD's. A reminder that we support the students studying the Florida Species Orchids.
- Membership, Suzanne Fundingsland, reported 225 members now.
- Marie Harris handed out clipboards for volunteers for set up and take down at meetings Jan, Feb and March of 2023.
- Jim Rawson introduced our guest speaker, John Romano, who spoke on The Genus Dendrobium.
- Raffles for Donating Snacks, Plants, and Green Tag Plant were called.
- Our Next Meeting will be our Holiday Party on Thursday, December 1.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

November 2022 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendees: 57
Plant Raffle: $175

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Submitted and presented by Suzanne Fundingsland, Acting Membership Chair

Year End 2022 Members: 225

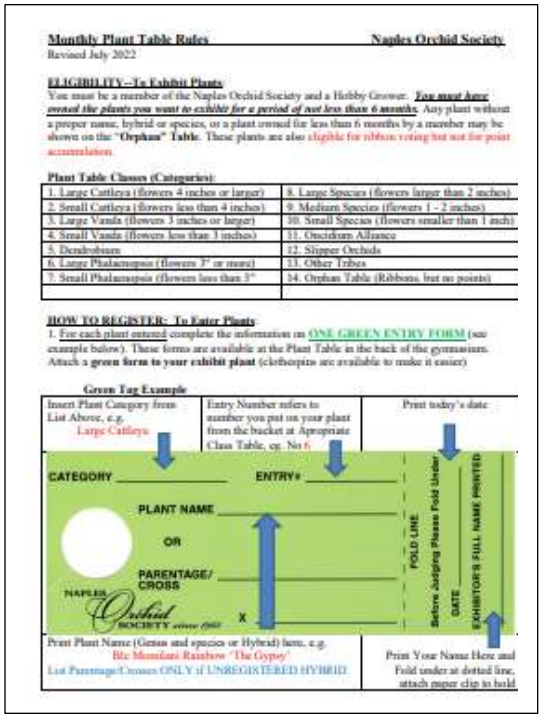
You may pay by **check** mailed to Naples Orchid Society, PO Box 7998, Naples, FL 34101,
or by **credit card** at https://naplesorchidsociety.org/join-us/
NEW RATES for 2023: Single membership $40, Family membership $50
Add $10.00 for a magnetic engraved nametag
Question about Membership?
Email **Membership@Naplesorchidsociety.org**

CARE AND CONDOLENCE

A get well card was sent to NOS Members Mary Southhall, Ted Grose and Kris Morton.

NOS Monthly Meeting Plant competition Rules and Instructions

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



Monthly Plant Table Rules — **Naples Orchid Society**
Revised July 2022

ELIGIBILITY--To Exhibit Plants
You must be a member of the Naples Orchid Society and a Hobby Grower. ***You must have owned the plants you want to exhibit for a period of not less than 6 months.*** Any plant without a proper name, hybrid or species, or a plant owned for less than 6 months by a member may be shown on the "**Orphan**" **Table**. These plants are also eligible for ribbon voting but not for point accumulation.

Plant Table Classes (Categories):

1. Large Cattleya (flowers 4 inches or larger)	8. Large Species (flowers larger than 2 inches)
2. Small Cattleya (flowers less than 4 inches)	9. Medium Species (flowers 1 - 2 inches)
3. Large Vanda (flowers 3 inches or larger)	10. Small Species (flowers smaller than 1 inch)
4. Small Vanda (flowers less than 3 inches)	11. Oncidium Alliance
5. Dendrobium	12. Slipper Orchids
6. Large Phalaenopsis (flowers 3" or more)	13. Other Tribes
7. Small Phalaenopsis (flowers less than 3"	14. Orphan Table (Ribbons, but no points)

HOW TO REGISTER: To Enter Plants
1. For each plant entered complete the information on ONE GREEN ENTRY FORM (see example below). These forms are available at the Plant Table in the back of the gymnasium. Attach a **green form to your exhibit plant** (clothespins are available to make it easier)

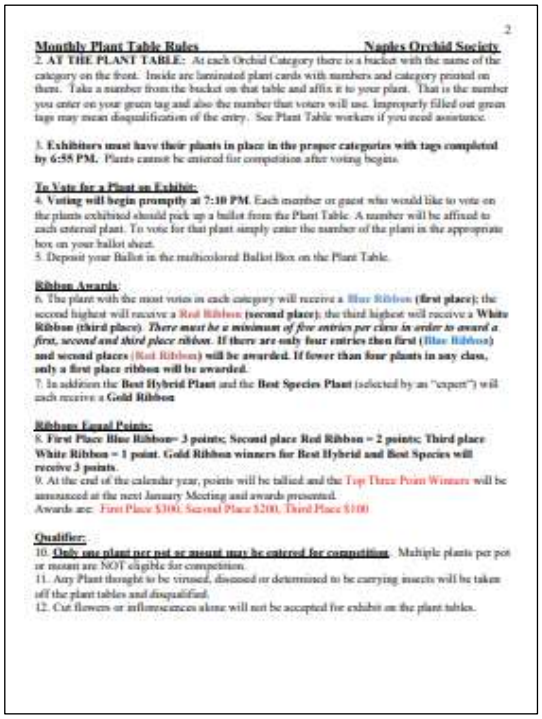
Green Tag Example

Insert Plant Category from List Above, e.g., Large Cattleya | Entry Number refers to number you put on your plant from the bucket at Appropriate Class Table, eg. No 6 | Print today's date

CATEGORY _____ ENTRY# _____
PLANT NAME _____
OR
PARENTAGE/ CROSS _____
NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1960
X
FOLD LINE
Before Judging Please Fold Under
DATE
EXHIBITOR'S FULL NAME PRINTED

Print Plant Name (Genus and species or Hybrid) here, e.g. Blc Mondani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'
List Parentage/Crosses ONLY if UNREGISTERED HYBRID

Print Your Name Here and Fold under at dotted line, attach paper clip to hold



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Monthly Plant Table Rules — **Naples Orchid Society**

2. **AT THE PLANT TABLE:** At each Orchid Category there is a bucket with the name of the category on the front. Inside are laminated plant cards with numbers and category printed on them. Take a number from the bucket on that table and affix it to your plant. That is the number you enter on your green tag and also the number that voters will use. Improperly filled out green tags may mean disqualification of the entry. See Plant Table workers if you need assistance.

3. **Exhibitors must have their plants in place in the proper categories with tags completed by 6:55 PM.** Plants cannot be entered for competition after voting begins.

To Vote for a Plant on Exhibit:
4. **Voting will begin promptly at 7:10 PM.** Each member or guest who would like to vote on the plants exhibited should pick up a ballot from the Plant Table. A number will be affixed to each entered plant. To vote for that plant simply enter the number of the plant in the appropriate box on your ballot sheet.
5. Deposit your Ballot in the multicolored Ballot Box on the Plant Table.

Ribbon Awards:
6. The plant with the most votes in each category will receive a Blue Ribbon **(first place)**; the second highest will receive a Red Ribbon **(second place)**, the third highest will receive a **White Ribbon (third place)**. ***There must be a minimum of five entries per class in order to award a first, second and third place ribbon.*** **If there are only four entries then first (Blue Ribbon) and second places (Red Ribbon) will be awarded. If fewer than four plants in any class, only a first place ribbon will be awarded.**
7. In addition the **Best Hybrid Plant** and the **Best Species Plant** (selected by an "expert") will each receive a **Gold Ribbon**

Ribbons Equal Points:
8. **First Place Blue Ribbon= 3 points; Second place Red Ribbon = 2 points; Third place White Ribbon = 1 point. Gold Ribbon winners for Best Hybrid and Best Species will receive 3 points.**
9. At the end of the calendar year, points will be tallied and the Top Three Point Winners will be announced at the next January Meeting and awards presented.
Awards are: First Place $300, Second Place $200, Third Place $100

Qualifier:
10. **Only one plant per pot or mount may be entered for competition.** Multiple plants per pot or mount are NOT eligible for competition.
11. Any Plant thought to be virused, diseased or determined to be carrying insects will be taken off the plant tables and disqualified.
12. Cut flowers or inflorescences alone will not be accepted for exhibit on the plant tables.

Snapshots from our November 2022 Meeting

John Romano Speaks About *The Genus Dendrobium*

Steve Burdette *Orchid Doctor*

Please volunteer to help at our monthly NOS meetings

- We need help with set up & take down. Please contact Richard Davenport or Jim Rawson if you would like to participate.
- Bring Snacks, Home Baked Goodies: Sweet or Savory! Bottles of Water! This will give you a chance to win an Orchid!!!! Each donor will get a raffle ticket and a separate drawing from the Main Raffle! Please email Lanelle Bishop at lbishop52@gmail.com to alert her you can contribute.

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 is the same company, same prices, and 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. In addition, **THANKS** for supporting your Society!

An Orchid Mardi Gras

This year's February Show theme "Orchid Mardi Gras" is starting to come to life. We are preparing and getting everything ready for another fantastic show. Last year we had over 7200 visit us and we are hoping to do better this year.

We are currently working on scheduling vendors, designing the layout for the vendors as well as the layout for our Orchid Displays. We reached out to the judges that will judge the orchid displays and starting our quest to get sponsorship to help us pay for the event. Lanelle Bishop and Carolyn Booker working behind the scene taking care of the food for the people working the show. In addition, on that topic, we sure could use your help; we will have signup sheets in December for the different responsibilities needed.

Here is a copy of the new Rack Card that incorporates our Theme. With the help of Brain Christopher, Richard and Karen's son, he turned the theme Orchid Mardi Gras into a work of art.

Jim Rawson and Stu Rubin
2023 NOS Orchid Show and Sale

Upcoming Events

January 7-8, 2023: Sarasota Orchid Society's "Orchids in Paradise," Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N Tamiami Triail, Sarasota, FL; Contact: Larry Desiano, 941-724-6683; larrydesiano@sarasotaorchidsociety.org.

January 12, 2023 - *Boca Raton Orchid Society Outreach Judging, Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL; Contact: Kathy Kersey, 954-802-3575; kathykbros@gmail.com.

January 12-March 16, 2023: Thursdays, 10 AM – 11:30 AM, 2023 Educational Garden Workshop Series, hosted by UF/IFAS Collier Co. Master Gardeners. All lecture sessions will be held at the South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy, Naples, FL. 34113.
Complete series is $40 or $10 per lecture & open to the public. Info: 239-252-4800.

January 28-29, 2023: Florida West Coast Orchid Society's "Sea of Orchids," City of Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th Street N, Seminole, FL; Contact: Bill Nunez,
727-239-2700; biddison22@aol.com.

RESUPINATION

From AOS November 2022 "Orchids" magazine pgs. 848-853.

"A resupination… is when the upper lip of the corolla looks towards the ground, and the under lip towards the heaven as in European *Violae, Ajuga orientalis, Ocymum* And some species of *Satyrium.*"

Jade Orchids of Collier, Inc.
285 Morgan Road
Naples, FL 34114
Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Owners: Dave & Judy White
Email: JadeOrchids@embarqmail.com
Offering 10% discount on plants for NOS members.

Orchid Conservation Alliance

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.

For more information: www.orchidconservationalliance.org

NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FOR 2023

Please welcome your 2023 Board of Directors as elected at our November Meeting!

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AOS WEBINARS

DECEMBER WINTER BREAK

CHOOSE YOUR TOPIC:

RECORDED WEBINARS. Hobbyists, expert growers, AOS judges, conservationists and more. Check out the timeless collection of recoded webinars on the AOS website:
http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx

We digitize the webinars & they are available to view at your leisure. GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.
Topics: Species & Hybrids, Pests & Diseases, Culture, Judging, Greenhouse Chats & More.

ORCHIDIST TERM OF THE MONTH

From AOS Orchidgram

biennial (BYE-en-ee-uhl):

Of two seasons' duration from seed to maturity and death.

Member Mark Hudak is liquidating much of his collection, including Ascocentrums, Encyclias & Cattleya alliances & more at a nominal price. If you are interested please contact him at his cell or email. Please a message on his cell if no answer.

Cell: 239-682-4921
Email: mark.hudak@comcast.net

Thank you to our NOS volunteers at the October meeting: Orchid Doctor – Steve Burdette; Raffle Table – Rae Jean Walker; Greeter –Suzanne Fundingsland; Plant Table – Karen Davenport, Sue Roehl & Carolyn Booker; Hospitality – Lanelle Bishop.
Set up – Richard Davenport, Jim Rawson, David Orr & Steve Burdette; Take down – Richard Davenport, Joylett & Kenny Davis, Jim Rawson, David Orr, Steve Burdette, Stu Rubin & Karen Davenport.

- **Please volunteer to help at our monthly NOS meetings. We need help with set up & take down. Please contact Richard Davenport or Jim Rawson if you would like to participate.**

FROM AOS:

Another Orchid Culture Day is coming!

Mark your calendars!
December 4th 'Holidays with Orchids'

We will have great speakers headlined by Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids.
This will be a virtual event, registration will be posted shortly.
Open to AOS Members and non-members. We may even have a few surprises!

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**.**

A great resource

for orchid information

is the

St. Augustine Orchid Society's website:
https://staugorchidsociety.org/

St. Augustine Orchid Society
Established in 2006 for Growing Orchids in North Florida

TASKS FOR NOVEMBER

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.

PROGRESS OF THE SEASON

(From Martin Motes' November 2022 Newsletter)

The first cold front of the season arrived early but unfortunately not early enough to deter Hurricane Ian. The massive front did wreak a sea change in our weather for most of October bringing moderate temperature and persistently lower humidity. Our orchids appreciated this weather as much as we have. The lower humidity permitted the rapid drying, which guarded our plants from the fungus problems, which can flare up in a wet October. Low humidity also produced cooler night temperatures and a greater swing of day to night temperature with the accompanying stimulus to root and flower production in our vandas. Our sympodial orchids also enjoyed this dry air but those, which have begun dormancy, need careful monitoring of their water and fertilizer lest the higher than normal temperatures stimulate them into unwanted off-season growth. Our vandas, on the other hand, have an opportunity for additional growth in an extended growing season. Give them plenty of food and water.

Thrips are finding the lower temperatures less than optimal but still may emerge with highs in the mid-eighties as night temperatures climb well into the 70's. Scout for them. This year the highly recommended application of oil followed by soap, should be delayed until temperatures are more consistently at highs in the lower eighties. Happily, though warm enough, it is too dry for snails to be a problem.

Our glorious weather makes it easy to be out with our orchids grooming them for holiday blooms: enjoy!

Martin Motes

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

BACTERIAL VERSUS FUNGAL INFECTIONS

Sue Bottom of SAOS wrote a very timely and informative article in the October monthly "*Orchids" AOS* magazine that should be of interest to all orchid growers – "Bacterial versus Fungal Infections," pages 731-732. She discusses ways to recognize each problem & gives suggestions for treatments with recommended chemicals. A must read!

What's Blooming in My Collection?

Rlc. Tannen Gold 'Golden Oriole'
Stuart Rubin

Bulbaphyllum Doris Dukes
Stuart Rubin

Bulbophyllum medusa
Karen Davenport

Blc. Keowee 'Vi-Galaxy'
Karen Davenport

Blc. Golf Green 'Hair Pig'
Karen Davenport

Ctt. Tristar Bouquet'
Karen Davenport

Have a blooming orchid in your collection?
Send us a photo and we will feature it here!

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Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results

November 3, 2022

Submitted by Dick Pippen

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Schomburgkia brysiana x Cattleya* Memoria Thomas Fennel
Owner: Joylett Davis
Second Place: *Blc.* Keowee 'Vi-Galaxy'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Rlc. (Memoria Ann Balmores x Mem. Robert Strait) x Rlc. Macky Flare*
Owner: Diane Ervin

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Brassavola* Little Stars
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: *Sl.* Tiny Star
Owner: Rae Jean Walker
Third Place: *Rth.* Golden Chieftain 'Akukii'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Vandas
First Place: *Aranda Noorah Alsagoff* 'Karen'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vandas
First Place: *Renanthera Kalsom* 'Orange'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Vanda Banjong Indigo*
Owner: Diane Ervin

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den.* Deang Darkie
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: *Den.* Banana Royal
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Small Phalaenopsis
First Place: *Dor. pulcherrima 'coerula x Dtps.* Purple Martin 'KS'
Owner: Karolyn Hall

Large Species
First Place: *Laelia anceps*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Medium Species
First Place: *Guarianthe bowringiana*
Owner: Alicia Schwartz

Small Species
First Place: *Phalaenopsis buyssoniana*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Psychopsis Mariposa* 'Green Valley'
Owner: Diane Ervin

Other Tribes
First Place: *Catasetum* Frilly Choice
Owner: Karolyn Hall

Best Species Award
Plant Name: *Guarianthe bowringiana*
Owner: Alicia Schwartz

Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *Catasetum* Frilly Choice
Owner: Karolyn Hall

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: *Cattleya purpurata f. striata*
Winner: John Ervin

Gold Ribbon Winners November 3, 2022

Photos this page by Susan Roehl, NOS Webmaster

OTHER TRIBES
Catasetum Frilly Choice
Owner: Karolyn Hall

MEDIUM SPECIES
Guarianthe bowringiana
Owner: Alicia Schwartz

First Place Winners November 3, 2022

Plants Entered: 37 Members Voted: 30
Photos this section Marilyn Moser

DENDROBIUM
First Place: *Den.* Deang Darkie
Owner: Diane Ervin

LARGE VANDA
First Place: *Aranda Noorah Alsagoff* 'Karen'
Owner: Karen Davenport

LARGE SPECIES
First Place: *Laelia anceps*
Owner: Karen Davenport

SMALL SPECIES
First Place: *Phalaenopsis buyssoniana*
Owner: Karen Davenport

First Place Winners November 3, 2022 (continued)

SMALL VANDA
First Place: *Renanthera Kalsom* 'Orange'
Owner: Karen Davenport

LARGE CATTLEYA
First Place: *Schomburgkia brysiana x Cattleya* Memoria
Thomas Fennel

SMALL CATTLEYA
First Place: *Brassavola* Little Stars
Owner: Diane Ervin

An Orchid Vignette—Christmas Cheer from Orchid-land

Contributed by Dick Pippen

(First, appeared in the NOS December 2020 Newsletter, updated and reprinted here because it is my favorite Christmas Vignette.)

It's December and Christmas time and most people look forward to a visit from St. Nick; including me, but I also look forward to visits by R. Percival and Bill Worsley. Hmmm—no, not in person but rather I look forward to the blooming of orchids named after each of these people—gotcha for a minute, didn't I 😊!!

Cattleya perciviliana is a delightful mid-sized orchid that usually blooms in December, just in time for Christmas. Because of that, it is often "dubbed" the "Christmas Orchid (along with two other species—*Cattleya trianae* and *Angraecum sesquipedale*—but those are stories for another day). *Cattleya perciviliana* hales from the mid-altitude regions of the Andes Mountains in Venezuela and Colombia. William Arnold discovered it in 1881. Arnold was a professional plant collector working for Sander's Nursery in England. He sent "a bunch" of plants back to Sander in England that he thought represented a new species of *Cattleya* and the plant was named in 1882 as a variety of *Cattleya labiata* (*C. labiata var perciviliana*). Unfortunately, this did not make Mr. Sander very happy because he had hoped that as a new species, he could charge more $$$ (or rather ₤₤--pounds) for the plants. It was elevated to species rank as *Cattleya perciviliana* a year or so later, but by then, I guess, then novelty had worn off and the plants, though still valuable were worth less ☹. The plant was named in honor of an English orchid hobby grower, R. P. Percival of Southport, England. This species has earned 119 AOS and international awards and has been used as a parent in 180 registered crosses, but its "grandkids and great grandkids" number over 7,000. As you can see from the photo above, there are usually several mid-sized flowers produced on each flowering stalk. The sepals and petals are a pale lavender, but the lip is a striking deep purple. A search of the illustrations on OrchidWiz reveals a variety of colors from the typical one shown here to pink, blue and white. The flowers also admit a delightful spicy fragrance. This is a great Christmas time orchid to have in your collection.

Another delightful, but very different Christmas time bloomer is *Brassocattleya* Bill Worsley. *Bc*. Bill Worsley is a cross between *B. nodosa* and *Cattleya aurantiaca*. *Bc*. Bill Worsley, created by Ft. Caroline Orchids of Jacksonville, Florida, more than 40 years ago, was registered by them in 1966. This is a rewarding plant because of the profusion of delightful yellow star-shaped flowers about 3 inches across. The lip has a tubular base that flares out at the tip with orange spots at the base. The plants are compact with the narrow cylindrical pseudobulbs, each bearing one semi-round leaf, together less than a foot long. *Bc*. Bill Worsley regrettably only blooms once a year, usually in December, but it makes up for it in the large number of flowers produced and the long blooming period of about 2 months. The hybrid has earned three AOS awards and has been used as a parent in 17 crosses. Ooh, of course, these things never remain so simple and there is a name change. Bill Worsley is now *Brassanthe* since *Cattleya aurantiaca* is now *Guarianthe*.

Both of these orchids help provide a cheery setting for a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays