NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1962

DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Our January monthly meeting
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Still Cover Worthy!
Misidentified in the last issue!

Rae Jean Walker's
Blc Yen Corona 'Green Genie'

UPCOMING NOS EVENTS

Next Monthly Meeting
Our monthly meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

NOS BOD and Show Committee Meeting
To be announced

NOS Governance for 2021

See *page 3* of this newletter for information regarding new Board of Directors for 2021.

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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.
www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dick Pippen
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Greetings Orchid Lovers—First a bit of business. As I pointed out before, November is when we elect our new officers and directors for the coming year. This year has been a challenge because of the COVID-19 situation, so unusual measures were called for. The slate of officers and directors recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board of Directors appeared in the October and November Newsletters. On the first of November our Membership Chair, Veronica Catrombon, sent out an electronic ballot with an opportunity to vote (agree, disagree, comment) by email to all of our members that receive their newsletters by email, and a hard copy ballot to those of our members receiving their newsletters by snail mail. According to our by-laws, the officers and directors are elected by a majority of votes from those members present at the November meeting. Since our meeting was essentially electronic, I am interpreting that the majority is represented by the number of yes (agree) votes that were returned to me. I received a total of 76 votes, and all were yes. Therefore, I declare the 2021 slate officers and directors duly elected. (The list appears elsewhere in this newsletter.) Congratulations to all of them!

This will be my last letter to you as your President. It has been indeed a pleasure to serve in this capacity for the past seven years. They have been good years and our Society has done well and prospered. I have always enjoyed seeing you at our regular monthly meetings and especially at our "delicious" December Holiday Parties. This 2020 year has been difficult and a challenge since we have not had a meeting since March and I have definitely missed your smiling faces and the beautiful orchids that were brought in each month for our friendly competition (as well as those delicious refreshments). Here is hoping that we will once again be able to meet as a group in 2021 (even if it will be as a masquerade 😊).

I wish the Society continued success and know that it is in good hands with the new slate of officers and directors. Happy Holidays, stay safe and healthy all of you and remember to keep your orchids happy.

Dick

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Sheila Demkovich

Regions bank checking account balance is $17755.00 as of October 31, 2020.

CARE AND CONCERN:

A sympathy card was sent to Leah Ray for her mother's passing.

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!

$24.34

For the period July 1- September 30,2020

NOS Governance for 2021

The following members have been duly elected as the

NOS Governing Board for 2021.

President: Richard Davenport
1st Vice-President: Jim Rawson
2nd Vice-President: Lanelle Bishop (with Carolyn Booker assisting)
Treasurer: Sheila Demkovich
Secretary: Cynthia Bock
Publicity Chair: MaryJo Shively
Newsletter Chair: Kris Morton
Membership Chair: Diana Genotti
1 year Director: Rae Jean Walker
2 year Director: Nancy Kier
3 year Director: Carolyn Booker
AOS Representative: Marilyn Moser
Webmaster: Susan Roehl

Past President: Richard Pippen (non voting)
Education Chairman: Kit Kitchen-Maran (non voting)
2021 Orchid Show Chairman: Jim Rawson (non-voting in this position)
Newsletter Publishing: Veronica Catrombon (non-voting)

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Submitted by Veronica Catrombon

Current Members: 185 **New Members for 2020: 41**

Membership dues will be accepted beginning November 1, 2020 for the year 2021. Our Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

You may pay by **check** mailed to Naples Orchids Society, PO Box 7998, Naples, FL 34101,
or by **credit card** at https://naplesorchidsociety.org/join-us/

NEW RATES for 2021: Single membership $20, Family membership $25

Question about Membership? Email Veronica at **naplesorchidsociety@gmail.com**

Upcoming Events

AOS PLANT JUDGING

Judging has been suspended until further notice.

Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330
https://www.wpbjc.org/

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society

Bromeliad Sale

EDISON and FORD WINTER ESTATES

2350 McGregor Blvd Fort Myers

*Outside Venue *Ample parking *Food vendors

Saturday Dec.5th 2020 9AM-5PM

Sunday Dec.6th 2020 9AM-4PM

Contact Larry Giroux at 239-850-4048 for Info.

Private Orchid Sale

****By appointment only****

Barbara Crist, award winning Orchidist and cherished NOS Member, is having a sale.

Please call Barbara 239-261-5595 for more information and to make an appointment for this extraordinary opportunity!

Jade Orchids of Collier, Inc.
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Tuesday to Saturday **Owners:**
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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.*)*

December 02, 2020: Wednesday, 8:30 pm EST. Topic: Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q & A.)
Send in your questions. **Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education and Science Officer.**

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.

MORE ORCHID TERMS

From " Orchids" AOS Magazine

- ***complanate*** – held in a single concave - curved inward like the inside of a sphere
- ***erose*** – irregularly notched
- ***hysteranthous*** – having leaves emerge after flowers are open
- ***mucilaginous*** - gelatinous

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.

FROM MARTIN MOTES NOVEMBER ORCHID NEWSLETTER:

This October has been exceptionally wet, more like September. This extension of the rainy season into the latter part of October may well be a reflection of climate change which will require us to think about our cultural practices going into the Fall each year. In any case, this wet October has allowed disease pressures to continue to increase when they should be waning. Care with watering is always good practice but especially important now that days are much shorter and sunlight less vibrant. Only water when absolutely necessary for vandas and other monopodial and rarely or never for most sympodial genera. A good period of drought will serve our plants well and put an end to disease pressure. An additional application of the fungicides recommended in Florida Orchid Growing is advisable even at this late date under the circumstances.

All those hours of rain largely washed away mites and thrips, so an early application of the recommend oil to control these pests will not be required for a few weeks and is best put off until the first definitive cold front has past, lowering both temperatures and relative humidity.

Snails, on the other hand, have been reveling in the rain and have crossed vast distances to arrive at our orchid plants. To reiterate once more apply snail bait lightly, one or two pellets per square foot and repeat in 10-12 days. As a measure of how little bait is required, a 10 lb. bag lasts over 2 years in our acre of nursery. Two applications should wipe out your resident population and the upcoming dry weather will prevent your neighbor's snails from establishing a new front in your plants.

While the rainy season with its accompanying warmth lingers, cold can still arrive with a swiftness that can take us by surprise. In this age of Covid-19 when so many of us are not venturing out to stores, the lead time for mail ordering any winterizing supplies needs to be reckoned on this year.

Like many others, I am "Digging for Victory" over the virus. Now is a great time to discover how wonderfully vegetables grow here in S. Florida, any other than temperate zone perennials can be planted now. It's another great reason to be outside in our wonderful climate. --*Martin*

From Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens

- Although generally thought of as a tropical plant, orchids grow on every continent. From the Arctic Circle to the southernmost jungle (except Antarctica.) They're valued and thought of as beautiful across continents and cultures with varying meanings and customs surrounding their existence.
- The smallest orchid is the size of a dime. This amazing orchid is small enough to fit in a doll house!

T. S. ETA PUSHED ME TO INSPECT MY ORCHIDS

From Kris Morton

We started preparing for Eta the day before she arrived. I have many, many orchids hanging in trees in front & back, along with an enormous amount of potted plants on front & back porch & in the landscape. We also have the back lanai filled with outdoor furniture, artwork & a clock. We decided to bring in all bloomers & cushions then "dropped" the non-blooming hanging orchids into landscaping around ferns & shrubs.

It took us one day to prepare BUT two days to get everything back in place. This gave me a chance to inspect what we were hanging back into trees, cleaning them up & tossing quite a few. It gave us a chance to space them out for better air circulation & look for pests & diseases. We also took the bloomers out of the house & set them on the tea cart we have on our back lanai. The photo below shows a few Bc. Maikai's along with assorted smaller bloomers. Nothing back in trees in this picture but it shows winds in palms & tides going over sea walls across canal. We've decided to keep the cart there to display the smaller bloomers. It's visible from our sliders in living room as you enter.

FROM AOS "GROWING ORCHIDS' MONTH-BY-MONTH CHECKLIST--DECEMBER

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.

AOS Centennial Celebration is coming! Postponed until October 2021

In order to ensure a safe and successful event, the Board of Trustees and the Centennial Celebration Committee have decided to postpone the Centennial Celebration including the Members Meeting activities and Gala Banquet to the Fall of 2021.

Same beautiful landmark location - The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida, same days of the week just moved forward to the last week of October. The Gala will be held on Saturday, October 30th, 2021. We look forward to welcoming you as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

Hotel information, pricing and group code for reservation remains the same. If you have any questions, please contact AOS Headquarters by email or telephone.

You can become a sponsor of this momentous event by making your contribution at www.aos.org/donate and selecting "Centennial Celebration Fund" from the Distribution drop-down list.

Check out the Biltmore's website here and view this gorgeous venue: https://www.biltmorehotel.com/

We have contracted a special room rate for this event. Use booking/contract rate code 321 when you make your reservations directly with the hotel at (855) 311-6903.

On behalf of the Centennial Committee, we want to thank you in advance for your support of the American Orchid Society. With your help, our organization will continue to grow and fulfill our mission of orchid education, conservation, and research.

Education Update

Kit Kitchen-Maran
Education Chair and Past President

Update From Alaska

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We are settling down for a long winter's nap. Our temps are below zero, we have had 23 inches of snow this month so far and less than 6 hours of daylight per day. In late December we will have about 3 hours. The sun when we see it is bright and the snow crystals sparkle like diamonds. The landscape looks like a Christmas card. We aren't complaining; happy to be here, it's a new experience and peaceful.

The good news is that the owners of the resort have given us permission to collect for the North American Orchid Conservation Center next spring and summer. There is no bad news to report. So, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and to all a Good Night!! (And good riddance to 2020.) We will be looking forward to 2021 and when there is more orchid news we will report it.

What's Blooming in My Collection?

Epi ciliari
Kris Morton

Maxillaria schunkeana
Cheryle Daniel

Cattleytonia Starrlyn
Dick Pippen

C Hauserman's Jade 'Addison'
Karen Davenport

Blc George King 'Serendipity'.jpg
Karen Davenport

Bulbophyllum crassipes
Sheila Demkovich

Blc Lois McNeil
Marilyn Moser

Bulbophyllum crassipes
Marilyn Moser

Dips Kenneth Schubert
Marilyn Moser

Otaara Hidden Gold
Dick Pippen

Brassavola grandiflora
Dick Pippen

V Noppadol Delight
Karen Davenport

An Orchid Vignette—Christmas Cheer from Orchid-land

Contributed by Dick Pippen

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. It was discovered by William Arnold 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 178 registered crosses, but its "grandkids and great grandkids" number over 6,500. 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 totally 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.

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

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THE TURTLE CLUB

In 1999, The Turtle Club opened on the grounds of the Vanderbilt Beach Resort, transforming the landscape of waterfront dining in Naples. Specializing in fresh seafood, fine steaks and chops served in a spectacular beachfront setting, the restaurant quickly became a favorite "secret spot" for local Neapolitans. The secret has been out for some time now, and the restaurant consistently has been voted the area's top restaurant for waterfront dining. With a focus on casually elegant fine dining, hospitable and caring staff, and outstanding food and wine, The Turtle Club wins rave reviews from loyal locals and out-of-state newcomers.

$60 value
Sheila Demkovich
2 bottles of Orchid labeled wine raffled at show