NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1962

FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Sheila Demkovich's *Scaphyglottis*
A tiny flowered native species!

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday February 2, 2023
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Baker Gym
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.
Steve Burdette
"Preparing Orchids for the Upcoming Show"

Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 p.m.
Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Featured Speaker - Liz Chehayl
Presenting: "Growing Tropical Plants in South Florida"
See biography on page 3

Next Board of Directors Meeting and Show Committee Meeting
Date: February 10, 2023 6:30 p.m.
See pg. 4 for details
All 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

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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 2022

Richard Davenport
President, Naples Orchid Society, Inc.
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Happy New Year to all Orchid Lovers!

Get ready, next month is the Orchid Mardi Gras Show and Sale at Naples Botanical Garden on February 24, 25 and 26! I appeal to every member to sign up as a volunteer for the show. NOS really needs each member to do what they can to help make the Show a success. In addition, we have openings for a wide variety of talents, interests and time availabilities. Here are a few:

- Handy with small tools and like to build things? Sign up for the set-up team Wednesday 2-22-23 at 8:30 am or the take-down team Sunday, 2-26-23, starting at 5:00 pm. Or both days if you can. Help the gals and guys on these teams transform Kapnick Hall into an orchid showroom. And take it all down four short days later.

- Thursday, 2-23-23, at 8:30 am is the start of plant and display registration. We need computer input folks, assistance in bringing in plants from the parking area, placing the entries on appropriate display tables, checking tags and entry paperwork, helping with snacks and meals, etc. We can find doable tasks for everyone.

- Are you a people person? Friday, 2-24-23, is the start of orchid vendor sales opening at 8 am for members (NBG, NOS, GCOA, and SWFOS) and the public at 9am. Early bird shoppers get the best selection of orchids! The actual Orchid Show will open at Noon following completion of the ribbon judging and cash awards in the morning. AOS judging continues following box lunches well into the afternoon. Volunteers are needed for the care and feeding of judges and other volunteers, as greeters and hosts, manning the membership table, answering questions about NOS and AOS, and coordinating and selling raffle tickets for beautiful, large orchid baskets and other items donated by our sponsors.

- Saturday and Sunday remind me of Ground Hog Day, the movie. Many tasks and events repeat, but the experience is different each time because the great majority of visitors are new and seeing our orchid displays for the first time this year, even though they often ask identical questions of Show hosts (like you!).

We anticipate thousands of visitors again this year. Just like restaurants, guests always remember their last visit most vividly. I believe we can count on each of you to do all you can to make this our best Show and Sale ever, a visual Mardi Gras of Orchids!

Thanks in advance for your time, talent and support.

Richard Davenport
President

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Jananuary 5, 2023

Res*pectfully submitted by Lanette Bishop 2nd VP*

The meeting was held in the Baker Gym in Moorings Presbyterian Church.

- 52 attendees enjoyed delicious donated sweets.
- Suzanne Fundingsland, Membership Chair, welcomed attendees and renewed memberships. She announced a current total membership of 250.
- Rae Jean Walker sold raffle tickets totaling $240.00.
- The Orchid Doctor was President Richard Davenport who discussed cold weather issues for our orchids.
- President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and emergency exits were discussed.
- Richard announced the Tamiami International Show would be held January 13-15 at the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Center. Admission is $15.00.
- Richard also discussed our upcoming Orchid Mardi Gras Show and Sale February 24-26.
- Culture Classes will be held at the Naples Botanical Garden and will begin in March and continue through April. Actual dates are posted on the NOS Website. Member registration cost is $99.00 and non-member registration cost is $149.00.
- David Orr, Treasurer, reported Regions Bank account balance is $20,679.57 and our CD's total $35,444.57.
- Jim Rawson, Show Co-Chair, discussed that the success of our Show depends on volunteers.
- Stu Rubin, First Vice President, introduced our speaker, Elaine Gates, whose presentation revolved around creating container arrangements of potted orchids and arrangements with cut flowers. She also explained the need to be sure to carefully read and follow the rules on our website and reminded everyone that our Show is an AOS judged event. Elaine's beautiful creations were added to our Raffle Table.
- Ribbon Awards for orchids were announced.
- The Green Tag Winner for attendees who brought in plants was awarded a blooming orchid.
- Another drawing was held for attendees who brought in food for the meeting.
- The General Raffle was then held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

February Speaker: Liz Chehayl - Brian Holley Curator of Collections

As the Brian Holley Curator of Collections, Liz is responsible for implementation of the Living Collections Policy, managing the record-keeping functions of the Garden, and interpreting the intent and vision of each garden. She is a key leader of the Horticulture Department.

Liz earned a B.A. in Biology and a B.S. in Technology and Human Affairs from Washington University and an M.S. in Technology and Policy from MIT. In her first career as Assistant Dean for Policy Development at Case Western Reserve University, and as a developer of Medicare HMOs for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, she used her ability to write knowledgeably about medical and scientific topics to successfully win grants and contracts and manage the resulting programs. A master gardener in plant information at the Chicago Botanic Garden, her interest in tropical plants dates to 2002 when she moved to Naples and began volunteering at the Garden. She is an award-winning floral designer and grower, and past President of the Naples Garden Club.

January 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendees: 52
Plant Raffle: $240

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

Many Thanks to Our Volunteers

Thank you to our NOS volunteers at the January monthly meeting: Orchid Doctor – Richard Davenport 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, Stu Rubin, Karen Davenport, Lanelle Bishop and Marie Harris;
Take down – Richard Davenport, Jim Rawson, Karen Davenport, Joylett & Kenny Davis, Lanelle Bishop & Stu Rubin.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

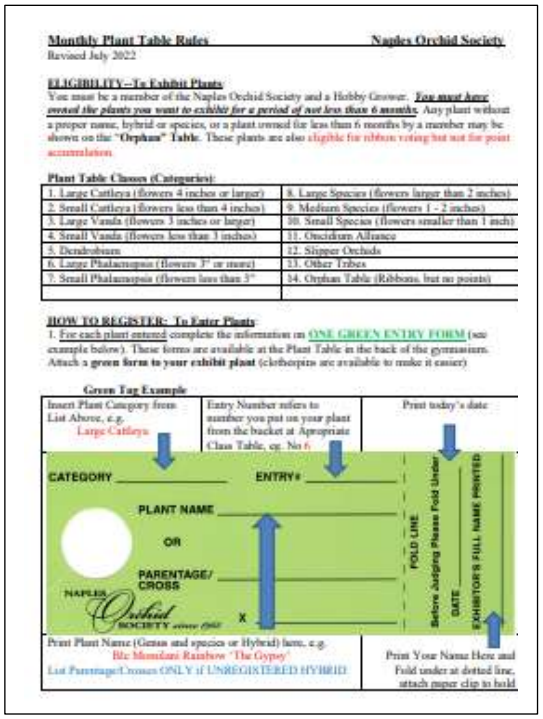
Submitted and presented by Suzanne Fundingsland, Acting Membership Chair

2023 Members: 250

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**

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)

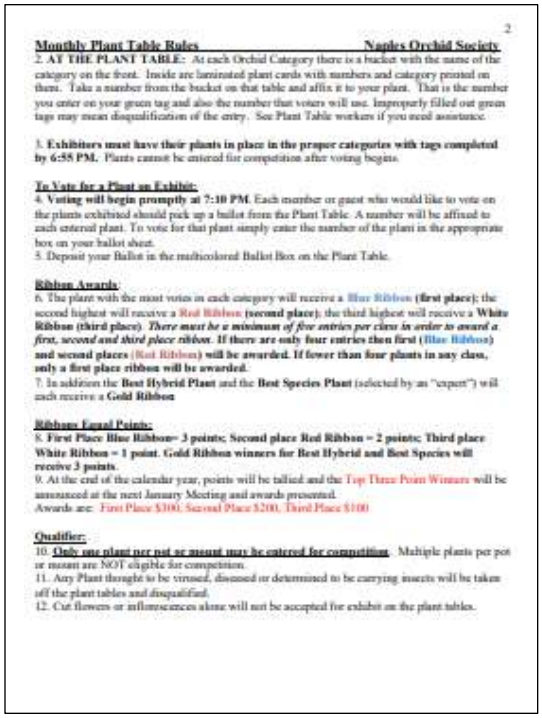
Green Tag Example

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 _____
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 January 2023 Meeting

Richard Davenport Orchid Doctor Discussion

January Presenter
Elaine Gates, NOS and GCOA Member
"Orchid Arrangements and Presentations"
Photo by: Marilyn Moser

An Orchid Mardi Gras

This month we host our annual Orchid Show, Jim Rawson, Richard Davenport, Lanelle Bishop, Carolyn Booker, David Orr and Stu Rubin met with the Garden folks to work out some of the plan. We discussed logistics for the vendors, their displays and storing of their Orchids. Also, the food for their breaks. We discussed where and how the Judges were going to have their space and their breaks. We reviewed the layouts for both Kapnick Center where the Orchid displays will be and how the vendors will be situated on the lawn.

Still working on gathering sponsors. There are 8 commitments so far and we have collected over $3000 in pledges. With the holidays approaching it has slowed somewhat but I am sure it will pick up again in January. Any support in this area would be greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to seeing your displays at the show!

Jim Rawson and Stu Rubin
2023 NOS Orchid Show and Sale

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

ORCHID MARDI GRAS

SUPPORT YOUR NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY & VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Here is a list of the dates, times & volunteers needed. E-mail Marie Harris, which slot/slots you would like. Please include your name, e-mail & phone number. marie@naplesproperties.com Thank you!

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Set Up

Thursday, February 23rd at 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Direct Vendors & Members Displaying Orchids to Unloading Area

Friday, February 24th at 8:00 a.m.

Clerks & Observers for NOS Judges

Saturday, February 25th

Host & Hostesses

8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 26th

Hosts & Hostesses

8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Take Down

Upcoming Events

CONTINUING: - March 16, 2023: Thursdays, 10 AM – 11:30 AM, 2023 Educational Garden Workshop Series, hosted by UF/IFAS Collier Co. Master Gardeners. All nine-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 (purchase Series ticket & you will be able to go on the Garden Tour March 16 and tour a beautiful private garden. Info: 239-252-4800.

February 4-5, 2023: Venice Area Orchid Society Show & Sale, Venice Community Center, 326 S Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL; Contact: Carol Wood & Judy Loefffler, 941-497-4995; showchair@vaos.org.

February 10-12, 2023: Greater Orlando Orchid Show & Sale. The Orlando Garden Club, Loch Haven Park, 710 East Rollins Street, Orlando, FL; Contact: David White, 407-712-3818; Dwhite550@cfl.rr.com.

February 11-12, 2023: Boca Raton Orchid Society's "In Love With…Orchids," Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish

FEBRUARY 24-26, 2023

Naples Orchid Society's "Orchid Mardi Gras," Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Dr., Naples, FL; Contact: Jim Rawson, 425-8946565; jenoswar@aol.com.

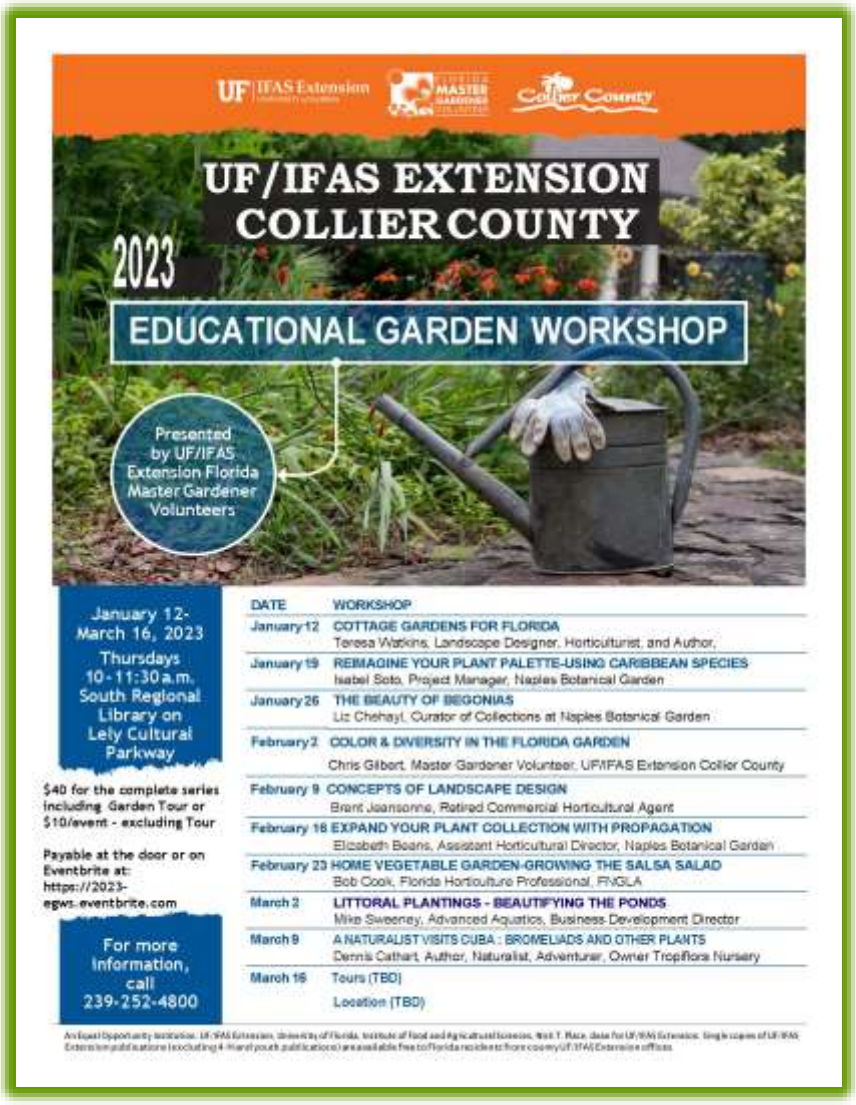
SAVE THE DATE: March 25-26, 2023, Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show (our "Sister" Orchid Society, GCOA,) North Collier Regional Park (Exhibition Hall,) 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, FL; Contact: Jim Longwell, 239-340-5520; jlongwell1@comcast.net.

Orchidist's Word of the Month

actinomorphic (AK-tin-O-more-fik): Said of a symmetrical flower capable of bisecting in two or more planes into like halves.

Please volunteer to help out 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.



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.

Dear WPBJC Affiliated Society Member,

The West Palm Beach Judging Center is planning an auction for Sunday, February 26, 2023 @ 1:00 pm to be held at the Learning Center at Flamingo Gardens, Davie Florida. This is a fund-raising event for our center to raise money to cover on going expenses for our Judging Center, which includes rent, photographer's fees, and speaker fees, and travel expenses as needed, etc.

As an Affiliated Society Member, we are inviting your members to attend this auction and bid on some exciting orchids from some of our judges' private collections, grower donations, orchid books, orchid supplies, memorabilia, etc. to support our Center. The American Orchid Society does not subsidize us and any funds raised will be restricted to the use by the WPBJC for expenses mentioned above.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on February 26 at 1:00 pm. Additional information will be sent out closer to the date.

Jacqueline A. Wood, Chair

West Palm Beach Judging Center

OCA **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

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Marilyn Moser
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AOS WEBINARS

February 07, 2023: Time: 8:30 pm EST Tuesday. Topic: Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A. Send in your photos & questions by February 05. Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education & Science Officer**.**

February 12, 2023: Time: 11 am – 4 pm EST Sunday. Topic: The Winter Blues, *Orchid Culture Day*, Expressions of the Color Blue in Orchids. Presenters: Fred Clarke, Dr. Leslie Ee, Rob Griesbach & Carson Whitlow.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

- **THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY'S SPRING MEMBERS MEETING HELD IN CONJUCTION WITH THE SAN DIEGO ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING SHOW.**
- **MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA AT THE CASA *del* PRADO IN BALBOA PARK!**
- ***DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED TO WWW.AOS.ORG/MEMBERSMEETING AS THEY DEVELOP.***

Member Mark Hudak will be at the March meeting with a limited number of Myrtle cuttings. In addition, in the spring Mark will have some Amaryllis (Candy Cane) bulbs for anyone who would like them. Please contact him at his cell or email if interested.

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

A great resource for orchid information is the St. Augustine Orchid Society's website:
https://staugorchidsociety.org/

From Kris Morton, NOS Newsletter Editor

Check out the January 2023 issue of AOS "Orchids" magazine (pages 10-11) with their monthly Q & A. Questions for January are about "Imported Plants," "Bugs," "Foliage Pigmentation" and "Leaf Spot."

Another interesting article is on pages 28-30, "The Nurseryman's Test," a very informative article by Sue Bottom (St. Augustine Orchid Society) about early subtle signs of Virus. Her husband, Terry, has some great photos with the article.

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

By Robert M. Scully Jr.

- Observe plants carefully for signs of disease and insects. Do not overlook companion plants, such as ferns & aroids; they often provide cover for insect populations that may spread to orchids.
- An occasional fertilizer treatment is appropriate for cattleyas, even though temperature and light conditions are not ideal for growth. Apply dyed fertilizers with care to prevent staining the blooms rising in the sealed sheaths. Sometimes it is necessary to split open a sheath with a sterile blade to reduce pressure on the emerging buds or to allow accumulated condensation (possibly from fluctuating temperatures) to dissipate.
- Apply a weak fertilizer solution to Phalaenopsis. Be careful not to splatter the flowers or they will stain. As with any orchid, do not fertilize a dry pot; water today & fertilize tomorrow. Phalaenopsis exude a honey-like substance on the developing inflorescence; it attracts scale insects. Watch for signs of any problem that could be spot treated before it becomes a major situation. Avoid spraying insecticides on blossoms.
- Watch for flower buds on dendrobiums – Den. linndleyi, Den. nobile hybrids, Den. superbum (syn. Den. anosmum), and other deciduous species & hybrids. These have longer-lasting flowering when exposed to cooler night temperatures as the blooms open and mature. Avoid dousing open flowers when watering; give slightly more water to these plants (which have been kept reasonably dry prior to flowering) once they begin to bloom. Continue to protect evergreen-type dendrobiums from low temperatures that may cause leaf loss.

OUR NEXT AOS ORCHID CULTURE SPEAKER DAY!

Save the Date - **Sunday, February 12, starting at 11:00 AM EST**

Thank you to all who registered and participated in our ever-popular AOS Orchid Culture Day yesterday! Your session recording link will be sent to you soon.

Do you get the Winter Blues? Would you like to do something to take your mind off winter but maybe not the Blues?

Well, the AOS will be Celebrating the Orchid Blues in February! Our next Culture Day will be packed with an informative series of speakers talking about Blue Breeding of Orchids.

Our Current Speaker lineup & Topics

- Carson Whitlow - Blue Cattleyas
- Rob Griesbach - Blue Breeding of Flowers
- Fred Clarke - Breeding Blue Mini Cats
- Leslie Ee - Blue Phalaenopsis breeding

Tell your friends! (AOS Membership is not required).

Registration will be $30 and we might have a few surprises.

Details and Registration link/information will be available shortly.

FROM MARTIN MOTES January 2023 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Progress of the Season

A mostly pleasant December

This December was drier and warmer than usual. Both the extra heat and the drought were welcome. Our vandas relished the higher temperatures and were able to continue growing new leaves, the axials of which will offer up additional flower spikes in due time. The extra dryness allowed our plants to get a leg up on their mortal enemy, fungus, at the end of a wet year. Those of us who applied an extra dose of the fungicides recommended in *Florida Orchid Growing* find ourselves happily in control of the persistent fungus that has characterized this wet year. Careful watering will now get us home and dry.

Very cold for a few days

The most notable weather phenomenon of this December were the three days where temperature remained continuously in the forties and fifties, cold enough but not punishingly so for most all our orchids. This spell of moderately cold temperature, so different from the typical wider swing of day to night temperatures that usually follow a passing cold front, has yielded up the largest number of chill portions that we have seen in many years. Chill portions are units of time within specific temperature ranges, which strongly influence flowering patterns of plants.

Silver Linings

What these abundant chill portions abode is very good news for our spring blooming Himalayan dendrobiums of sections *Dendrobium* (*Nobile* types) and *Callista* (*lindleyi, farmerii et al*). They should be spectacular this year.

Although our northern friends are likely to continue to be battered, the huge continent spanning cold fronts that are characterizing this winter, likely will arrive in South Florida tempered by the warm waters of both the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico. If your vandas are still producing new root tips, continue to give them plenty of water and fertilizer. The more vandas grow, the more flowers they will produce. Sympodial orchids, which are not in active growth should have fertilizer withheld and should be watered with care, sparingly.

One drawback of the extra warmth is that snails and slugs, which usually take the winter off, are still hard at work. Remember, always apply snail bait very lightly with the smallest pellets spread a foot or so apart. Days are also warm enough to rouse *Thrips* from dormancy. Scout for them. Use the techniques elucidated in *Florida Vanda Growing* to control them.

As we continue to receive more days with glorious warmth and bright light than we perhaps deserve (or at could reasonably expect), We are reminded why we live in South Florida.

Enjoy a wonderful New Year….*Martin*

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

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.

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What's Blooming in My Collection?

Ctt. Tutankamen 'Pop'
Cheryle Daniel

Recc. Francis Fox
Karen Davenport

Rby. Coppet Queen
Karen Davenport

Den. Bicaudum
Karen Davenport

Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon'
Karen Davenport

V. Green Goblin
"Pippen's Protégé"
Cheryle Daniel

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results

January 5, 2023

Submitted by Dick Pippen

Plants Entered: 52 Members Voted: 37

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Blc*. Glorious May
Owner: Rae Jean Walker
Second Place: *Blc*. Hawaii Island Bride
Owner: Ann Marie Fox
Third Place: *Ll*
c. Pure Soul 'Yutaka Morimoto'
Owner: Ann Marie Fox

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Cattleya* Warpaint 'Sunbulb'
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: *Schomburgkia* crispa x *Schom*.
undulata
Owner: Rae Jean Walker
Third Place: *Epc*. Arol Wood's SunCoast 'Paradise'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Vandas
First Place: *Vanda* Yano Blue 'Ploenpit'
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: *Vanda* Rasri Gold x *V*. Tubtim Velvet
Owner: Mary Lane
Third Place: *Vanda sanderiana* x *V*. Patcharee Delight
Owner: Mary Lane

Small Vandas
First Place: *Pda*. Omar Padron
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Vanda* Ben Fragrance
Owner: Diane Ervin
Third Place: *Vanda* Brighton's Gold 'Tangerine'
Owner: Diane Ervin

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den*. Banana Royal
Owner: Rae Jean Walker
Second Place: *Den*. Bobby Imelda 'Lakeview'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Den*. Burana Sudae
Owner: Diane Ervin

Large Species
First Place: *Angraecum sesquipedale*
Owner: Mary Lane

Medium Species
First Place: *Rhynchostylis gigantea*
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: *Rhynchostylis gigantea* 'Cartoon'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Dendrobium auriculatum*
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Small Species
First Place: *Neofinetia falcata*
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Oncidium* Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'
Owner: Stuart Rubin
Second Place: *Brassidium* Gilded Urchin
Owner: Mary Southall
Third Place: *Beallara* Tahoma Glacier 'Ethan'
Owner: Stuart Rubin

Slipper Orchids
First Place*: Paphiopedilum lowii*
Owner: David Orr

Other Tribes
First Place: *Bulbophyllum* Lion King
Owner: Karen Davenport

Orphan Table
First Place: Cute Tiny *Phalaenopsis*
Owner: Marija Rosenfeld

Best Species Award
Plant Name: *Rhynchostylis gigantea* 'Cartoon'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *Vanda* Mem. Bud Richey
Owner: Mary Lane

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: *Miltassia* Shelob 'Cklka'
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

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Species
Plant Name: *Rhynchostylis gigantea*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *Vanda* Mem. Bud Richey
Owner: Mary Lane

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Dendrobian
Plant Name: *Den*. Banana Royal
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Large Vandas
Plant Name: *Vanda* Yano Blue 'Ploenpit'
Owner: Mary Lane

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Small Cattleyas
Plant Name: *Cattleya* Warpaint 'Sunbulb'
Owner: Mary Lane

Large Cattleyas
Plant Name: *Blc*. Glorious May
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

ORPHAN TABLE
Cute Tiny *Phalaenopsis*
Marija Rosenfeld

SMALL VANDAS
Pda. Omar Padron
Karen Davenport

LARGE SPECIES
Angraecum sesquipedale
Mary Lane

SLIPPER ORCHIDS
Paphiopedilum lowii
David Orr

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
Oncidium Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'
Stuart Rubin

SMALL SPECIES
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Rae Jean Walker

OTHER TRIBES
Bulbophyllum Lion King
Karen Davenport

MEDIUM SPECIES
Rhynchostylis gigantea
Diane Ervin

An Orchid Vignette—Why Not Walk in Capri

Contributed by Dick Pippen

As is customary at the Naples Orchid Society December Holiday Party members receive a complementary orchid plant. I have already discussed one of those plants given out at the December 2022 Holiday Party, *Dendrobium* Mini Snowflake.

But another beauty was also received by some people and that plant was *Oncidium* Gower Ramsey. Whereas Mini Snowflake is only about 8 inches tall, Gower Ramsey towered above them for a good three feet!

Oncidium Gower Ramsey (photo left) is a classic "old time" Oncidium hybrid. Created and registered by Koh Keng Hoe Orchid Nursery of Singapore in 1977, it is a cross between *Oncidium*. Goldiana and *Oncidium* Guinea Gold. This "Dancing Lady *Oncidium*" produces long arching sprays of small bright yellow flowers with mahogany stripes on the lateral petals. It has earned ten AOS and international awards and been used as a parent in 24 crosses. The flowers are long lasting sometimes-staying open for several months. Interesting to me as a scientist, this plant has been an important plant in the research of the effects of genetics on flower development.

Gower Ramsey, like most Oncidiums, will grow well in "Cattleya conditions" with bright indirect sunlight. The roots are not as thick as Cattleyas, so keeping them moist, but not drowning them is important. I have grown Oncidiums successfully in a pool cage.

Now here is where I like to talk about the ancestry of our hybrid and some of the confusion that exists in names (something that most of you may find boring, so you can skip this part if you want to). One of the "grandparents" of *Oncidium* Gower Ramsey is *Oncidium sphacelatum*, one of the more spectacular Oncidiums that can get very large with lots of little "Dancing Lady Flowers (see photo right). *Oncidium sphacelatum* is a parent of each of the parents of Gower Ramsey, that is to say that *Oncidium* Goldiana is a cross between *Oncidium flexuosa* and *Onc. sphacelatum* and *Oncidium* Guinea Gold is a cross between *Onc. sphacelatum* and *Onc. vericosa*. That seems simple enough except that the taxonomists decided that we have to have a name change, so *Oncidium flexuosa* and *Oncidium vericosa* are now in the genus *Gomesa*. Apparently it has been decided that all (or most) of the Oncidiums from Brazil are really in the genus *Gomesa*. So that means that Gower Ramsey, Goldiana and Guinea Gold are all in the genus ***Oncidesa (Oncsa.)***! Oh my, will it never stop! (Feel free to continue to call them Oncidiums, I probably will!)

If you want to know more about the genus Gomesa, read on—

Robert Brown originally created Gomesa as a genus of orchids in the Oncidium Alliance in 1815, a well know botanist of the time. He named the genus in honor of Dr. Bernardino Antonio Gomes, a Portuguese physician and botanist. More recently Mark Chase, a botanist at the Kew Gardens in England, and his fellow co- conspirators, studied many plants considered to be *Oncidium* and based mostly on molecular (DNA) data, decided that most of the Oncidiums growing in Brazil were not *Oncidium* but belonged to the genus *Gomesa*. They published their findings in 2009. As redefined, plants of ***Gomesa*** are more of a light dull green color than typical *Oncidium* types. The inflorescences are arched and produce numerous small (to 1") flowers in which the dorsal sepal and petals stand up and lateral sepals, fused together, point down, producing very peculiarly shaped flowers. Most produce flowers that are yellow with mahogany strips or solid color on the dorsal sepal and lateral petals although other variations exist including some that are almost all mahogany and others that are mostly green.

In addition to the Brazilian species of *Oncidium*, the reclassified genus of *Gomesa* includes the following genera: *Baptistonia, Coppensia, Orithophora, Rodrigueziella, Rodrigueziopsis,* and *Theodorea*. In this "redefined sense", *Gomesa* species occur in the Atlantic rainforests of Brazil, but also extend into Argentina and Paraguay. OrchidWiz recognizes a total of 517 members in the genus *Gomesa* of which 142 are species, the rest hybrids. A number of the better-known species and hybrids include: *Gomesa* Aloha Sunshine, Dark Sun, *echinata, flexuosa*, Java, Kultana, Lava Flow, *recurva, sarcodes*, Star Wars, and *vericosa*.