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# JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

## Cover Worthy

Karen Davenport's glorious
***Dendrobium* Youppadewan!**

## NOS Events

**Next Monthly Meeting**
***Thursday January 6, 2022***
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Baker Gym
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30
*"Cattleyas" with Ralph Brand*
Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 pm
Meeting begins at 7:30 pm
*Program: "Show Ready" with David Orr*

*This program's purpose is to encourage members to become involved in the Annual Show and Sale. David will explain how easy it is to find and prepare entries for the show. A lot of our members are reluctant to enter because of serious doubt in their capabilities. We hope that this topic will reduce that fear and increase participation.*

**Next Board of Directors Meeting and Show Committee Meeting**
Date: Monday January 24, 2022 6:30
***See pg 3 for details***
**All Members are Welcome to Attend**

**2022 Culture Class**
***The Fundamentals of Growing Orchids***
January 8 through February 12, 2022
***See page 9 for more details***
https://naplesorchidsociety.org/culture-class/

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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, 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

***January 2022***

*Richard Davenport*
*President, Naples Orchid Society, Inc.*
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**Happy New Year to all Orchid Lovers!** Are you a little concerned about the health of some of your plants? Do a number of your plants have more leaf yellowing than normal, especially your hard cane dendrobiums and vandaceous plants? It is probably the result of the few nights we had last month when temperatures dropped to the high 40s in the eastern parts of Collier and Lee Counties and the low 50s at my house. Enough chill to upset warmth loving plants. Next time a cold front threatens, bring your more precious plants inside overnight if you can. A few other cold care ideas:

- Cover plants you cannot readily move with "frost cloth", not plastic, to trap the ground heat next to your plants.
- Watering the ground around your plants heavily helps the transfer of ground heat to the air above. Try not to wet the plants, just the ground.
- If you use electric or propane heaters, make sure the radiant heat level is not too high near plants. You are trying to heat the air to avoid cold damage, not to cook the orchids for breakfast.
- Add a half teaspoon of magnesium sulfate ("Epsom salts") per gallon the next time you fertilize to help "harden" your orchids newer growths before the next cold front. It helps to use a little warm water to dissolve the crystals first, especially if previously exposed to high humidity during storage, before mixing with the fertilizer.
- If you grow in window areas, make sure the leaves do not touch the glass, as it can be much colder than the inside air temperature. The glass often has condensation on the inside and touching the wet glass also encourages fungus.
- Overall, your orchids need less water and fertilizer in the winter when growth slows. Adjust your water and fertilizing schedules. Water less frequently, but always in the early morning so your media has time to dry before the cooler evenings..
- Cooler nights and slower media drying times can cause softer new growths where fungi love to thrive, even outside in a screened-in area. Keep a spray bottle of fungicide mix handy for spot treatments of suspect areas before they sneak up on you.
- The Winter solstice, December 21st, is when our sun is lowest in the southern sky. From then until the Summer solstice, June 21st, the sun moves a little north each day. Note where the shadow lines are and adjust your plant locations as needed.
- Colder weather is not all negativity when it comes to your orchids. Many varieties are stimulated to bloom by colder weather, less water and shorter days.

We enjoyed the 2021 version of our annual Holiday Party. Many thanks to Lanelle Bishop and her crew for the scrumptious cake and coffee. Our NOS President Emeritus, Dr. Dick Pippen, had a great presentation with lots of photographs of unusual orchids in his collection. The raffle prizes were amazing, with three large orchid baskets lovingly and artistically assembled by Marilyn Moser and Karen Davenport, plus two large vanda hybrids, one in spike and one in full bloom that were donated recently by Frank Ginocchio and Nancy Smythe.

We are all looking forward to the 2022 Naples Orchid Society Show and Sale at the Naples Botanical Gardens, February 25-27. This years' show theme, "Orchids as Art" was suggested by member Annmarie Fox. Congratulations, Annmarie, on your creativity! With judging of plants and displays by the American Orchid Society, it is one of the most awaited events of the year for orchid lovers. So put your creative thinking caps on and get your orchids ready for judging!

Show Chairman Jim Rawson has proudly announced that almost all available commercial vendor sales booth spaces have been committed and paid for in advance. Our vendors will offer a large variety of orchids and supplies for sale. And do not forget, as a NOS member, you have free access to the Gardens for the duration of the show and you can get in early to take advantage of the "Members Only" 8:00 am Early Bird specials with best selections.

We have held our annual orchid show and sale at the Garden for several years. Recently, NOS and NBG have signed a three-year agreement for the Shows in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to be sponsored by both organizations, with NBG providing the facilities and some support staff and NOS providing our knowledge of orchids, commercial growers, AOS judging, and, oh yes, a whole lot of enthusiastic volunteers – our membership.

NBG is going to construct large orchid greenhouses and laboratory facilities soon. Other opportunities to partner for our mutual benefit may arise in the near future. Education, conservation, and re-introduction of native Florida orchids are among our areas of shared interest.

So, enjoy January in Naples, mate. It's BLOOMING good!

*Richard Davenport*
*President*

## Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
## 2021 Holiday Gathering

December 2, 2021

*Submitted by Veronica Catrombon*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.
President Richard Davenport welcomed members and guests and reviewed emergency procedures.He thanked Sheila Demkovich (NOS Treasurer) and Cynthia Bock ( NOS Secretary) for their many years of service.

Marilyn Moser, AOS Representative, bestowed AOS Service Awards to Mary Jo Shively and Rae Jean Walker.

Kris Morton requested that all members who would like to volunteer for positions at our upcoming Show contact her, or sign up at our January Meeting.

Ann Marie Fox was the selected winner for suggesting 'Orchids as Art' as the theme for our Show.

Lanelle Bishop stated that the Bus Trip fares are due. She thanked all the party decorators,with special mention of Mark Hudak for making the Stars that graced each table.

Dick Pippen presented 'Orchids-Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder."

Raffle tickets were drawn for three orchid baskets and two mature vandas. Winners were Judy Trotta (x2), Karolyn Hall, Karen McLean (x2).

## In-Person Board of Directors Meeting for January 2022

Monday, January 24, 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.

## NOS Plant competition Rules and Instructions

### Plant Competition at January Meeting

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/**

## December 2021 HOLIDAY GATHERING

Attendees: 55

Orchid Basket and Plant Raffle Proceeds: $418

## Many Thanks

Thank you to our NOS volunteers at the December Christmas monthly meeting: Raffle Table – Rae Jean Walker; Greeter – Mary Jo Shively; Set up & servers for party: Lanelle Bishop, Mark Hudak, Richard & Karen Davenport, Jim Rawson, Corrie van Caulil, Mary Jo Shively & David Orr.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Submitted by Sheila Demkovich*

Regions Bank checking account balance: $24,158.59 at the end of November 2021.

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

*Submitted by Veronica Catrombon*

**2022 Members: 71**

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/

RATES for 2022: Single membership $40, Family membership $50

Add $10.00 for a magnetic engraved nametag!

*Question about Membership?*

Email **Membership@Naplesorchidsociety.org**

## Bus Trip to Tamiami International Orchid Show—Payment Due NOW

If you have signed up for the bus trip to
**Tamiami International Orchid Festival**
on Saturday January 15, 2022, please send your check to me at the address below.
Call or email if you have any questions.
If you have not signed up but wish to be put on the waiting list, email or call me.
**Remember to include your name, email address and phone number in your email or with your check.**
Here's the link to the official website for the Festival: https://tamiamiorchidfestival.com/

**Lanelle Bishop**
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## Members Only Holiday Gathering

Thursday December 2, 2021 6:30pm

Here's the link to more photos-- *https://naplesorchidsociety.org/gallery-events/*

***Thank you for your donations to Collier Harvest Foundation!***

*We delivered 13 Trader Joe's bags and 10 Publix bags. It filled the Volunteer's SUV!*

Collier Harvest Foundation

# Upcoming Events

**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 21-23, 2022**: Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show & Sale, "Orchids Rock," Broward Co. Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316. Info: www.FLOS.org

**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

**February 25-27, 2022:** Naples Orchid Society Show & Sale, "Orchids as Art," Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Dr., Naples, FL; Contact: Jim Rawson, 425-894-6565; jenoswar@aol.com

## IX INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORCHID CONSERVATION "SOROA 2022"

NEW DATES

The Soroa Botanical & Orchid Garden & the University of Artemisa IX International Conference on Orchid conservation "Soroa-2022," has been postponed from February 2022 to NOVEMBER 2022 with exact dates to be determined soon.

This second postponement has become necessary due to damage caused by a recent tropical weather system as well as the COVID-19 pandemic situation in Cuba. Vaccinations are underway in Cuba but February will be too soon to safely hold the Conference.

## 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.

**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

## Register NOW for AOS 2nd Orchid Culture Speakers Day!

Coming up January 29, 2022

The AOS is proud to announce that we have four distinguished speakers on selected aspects of the Aeridinae and Angraecinae (commonly referred to as the Vanda and Angraecum Alliance) which follows our ORCHIDS magazine supplement on the Aeridinae.

Please join Kim Fedderson of Fair Orchids: Yes, you can grow Vandaceous Orchids at home, Jason Fischer of Orchids Limited who will talk on the culture and history of Neofinitia falcata (now V. falcata), Bob Fuchs, Pres. of RF Orchids on the latest trends in Vanda hybridizing and Brenda Oviatt from Botanica Ltd., talking on Angraecoids: Conservation and Culture. Come with your coffee and snacks! Enjoy a day with these delightful speakers and learn lots about the Vanda Alliance, history, hybridizing and of course CULTURE!

Click here to register today! The registration fee is $30.00.

## Selected Botanical Terms

From AOS "Orchids" Magazine

- **adpressed** – free but pressed flat against a surface
- **dorsiventrally flattened** – flattened like a regular leaf blade
- **imbricate** – overlapping like scales
- **peltate** – more or less circular with the stalk attached on the underside

**From NOS:**

- **flasking -** The process of sowing orchid seed or transplanting seedlings or other tissue into a flask.

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

*By Robert M. Scully Jr.*

- The *Phalaenopsis* flowering cycle is about to start. Constant air circulation is essential to avoid *Botrytis*-spotted blooms. Water carefully to keep flowers dry & to minimize risk of soft rot in the fleshy leaves. Fertilize sparingly with a liquid or granular formula, & only when the medium is moist. Begin careful monitoring for scale & mealybugs on the inflorescences & undersides of leaves.
- Tie up *Cattleya* pseudobulbs. Watch for signs of red spider mites on the undersides of leaves or scale in the sheathing on pseudobulbs. Remove the sheathing (cataphylls) carefully so as not to nick the soft tissue of the newest pseudobulbs, which could result in rot or the introduction of virus.
- Continue to water sparingly, or not at all, on those *Dendrobium* species that require a dormant period before flowering this spring. (lindleyi, aggregatum, chrysotoxum, farmer, densiflorum, nobile or its hybrids.) As the buds emerge, gradually increase the watering frequency & amount. Do not expose evergreen-type hybrids to temperatures below 60 F., or plants in flower may drop leaves & buds.
- Fertilize moist *Vanda* baskets or pots at least twice this month if light levels are sufficient. Many of the popular Thai hybrids & the African angraecoids begin their winter flowering now, so watch for signs of inflorescens; "help" them away from the main stem of the plant to ensure proper display. Maintain high humidity in the root zone, particularly for those plants in slatted baskets. Mist the roots daily with a light spray from a spray bottle or hose.
- Keep the humidity conditions high around cymbidiums to prevent shriveling of the pseudobulbs & to prolong flowering. Later varieties are beginning to push up their inflorescences; watering frequency & volume is important to support their development. Cool temperatures are beneficial.
- Do not allow the roots of paphiopedilum to dry out. On a windowsill, use a pebble tray, with water in the pebbles, to increase humidity. Keep water out of the sensitive pouches; accumulated moisture shortens flower life. Watch for insects, particularly red spider mites, on the foliage.

# Two NOS Members Receive AOS Service Awards

*Submitted by Marilyn Moser, AOS Representative*

As your American Orchid Society representative, it was my honor and my privilege to present AOS Awards to two of our members. This award is given for going above and beyond in helping our society. They don't need to be asked to do what is needed. If they see something that has to be done…they do it ! The award is given "for your outstanding service and commitment to the Naples Orchid Society". Our two awarded members are Rae Jean Walker and Mary Jo Shively.

Rae Jean Walker and Marilyn Moser

Mary Jo Shively and Marilyn Moser

# ORCHID UNIVERSITY 101 – THE FUNDAMENTALS OF GROWING ORCHIDS

Classes begin on
Saturday January 8, 2022

**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 Jim Rawson, Show Chairman for our 2022 NOS Orchid Show & Sale*

**Congratulations go to Ann Marie Fox for suggesting our 2022 Show Theme**

## Orchids as Art

*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, 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

## TASKS FOR JANUARY

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

- Water judiciously, only early in the day.
- Run plants on the dry side to preserve the possibility of using water for cold protection.
- Check irrigation system in anticipation of cold.
- Flush excess fertilizer salts from cattleyas and other sympodials.
- Spray for mites, then, spray again in 7-10 days.

# Naples Orchid Society is 60 years old!

1962-2022

All year long we will feature a blast from the past in each month's newsletter! We will dust off some old newsletters, retintroduce cherished Members, recount an NOS Orchid Show, and retell a few stories.

If you have an idea for one of our restrospective articles, please forward to Veronica Catrombon

NOSNews@NaplesOrchidSociety.org

Photos are welcome, too!

Here's a link to our Newsletter from **May 2010**

https://naplesorchidsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2010-May-NOS-Newsletter.pdf

## 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

# EDUCATION UPDATE

*Kit Kitchen-Maran*
Education Chair and Life Member

**Happy New Year 2022!!!**

As we go into the new year, there is an interesting new issue that Shan Wong, who I mentioned in last month's newsletter, brings to NOS. She has given NOS the honor of being one of the few orchid societies, and the only one in the U.S. so far, that has been contacted to serve as an advisory group to an international effort to identify a voluntary Code of Conduct for the community of orchid enthusiasts.

This is a task that a few members, Veronica Catrombon, Sheila Demkovich, Richard and Karen Davenport, Jim Rawson, Kris Morton and I have volunteered for. Dr. Larry Zettler has also agreed to join us and we invite comments from others who would like to submit them. (kachinusa@aol.com)

We met on Zoom for about an hour with Shan and will meet periodically to discuss ideas and activities for our society to undertake to educate on the topics of local and state endangered and threatened orchids, the international Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and adding to our orchid collections in relation to these topics.

Already our taskforce has made suggestions about resources. To learn more about this important issue, we recommend:

**Code of Ethics from the American Birding Association**
https://www.aba.org/aba-code-of-birding-ethics/

**Native Orchid Conservation on the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge**
https://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/Orchid%20research_summary%202011%20(link%20in%20partners%20promo%20page).pdf (1).pdf

Any other references to ethics/orchid collecting would be appreciated.

Ideas about educating on this issue so far include: inviting an expert presentation for a meeting program, having the issue addressed in an Orchid Doc presentation, listing threatened local native orchids, including a session in Culture Class.

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*A much appreciated email from Dr. Zettler:*

*Good evening, everyone. I would just like to reiterate how much I appreciate the Naples Orchid Society and its members for supporting orchid conservation efforts in south Florida over the years through their scholarship program. They have developed a very impressive model for connecting college students into research projects, and I'm happy to see that the NOS will be part of a discussion group on this level. I am more than happy to take part as needed.*

*I'm on 'standby' for the next step.*

*Best wishes,*

*Larry*

Wishing everybody a very Happy New Year, good health, peace and great orchiding,
*Kit and La Raw*

# Orchid Doctor

*Submitted by Kit Kitchen-Maran*

**Ralph Brand** has agreed to be the Orchid Doctor for the **January 6th meeting**. Ralph will share his extensive knowledge about Cattleya orchids with members for the first meeting of 2022. His last Orchid Doctor session was well attended. Come early to hear what Ralph suggests for successful orchid growing in the new year!

**Members!** Everybody has something to share about orchids. This is a good way to introduce yourself if you are a new member. The Orchid Doc session is a good way to meet people. This is all about member-to-member sharing of information. If you are a new member, you might have a question/answer session--you ask the questions and the audience will provide their ideas and answers. If you are a long-time member or orchid-grower, please share your successes and things not to do to or for your orchids. Please sign up for a monthly meeting and share!

## ORCHID DOCTOR SCHEDULE FOR NOS-- 2022-2022

ORCHID DOCTOR ½ HOUR DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO MEETINGS 6PM-6:30PM

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A HALF-HOUR SESSION AT A MONTHLY MEETING DURING 2022!!! THANK YOU!!!**

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AN EXPERT OR BRING ELABORATE PROPS, JUST BE WILLING TO LEAD A DISCUSSION FOR A SHORT PRE-MEETING (6PM TO 6:30PM) SESSION ON AN ORCHID SUBJECT.

The Naples Orchid Society provides a member-to-member sharing of orchid-growing and orchid-enjoying information before each monthly meeting. This opportunity allows for members to get to know each other and learn tips and new information about orchids and "how-to's". Team teaching is OK!

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| JAN. RALPH BRAND | Cattleyas | Jan. 6th |
| FEB MARK HUDAK | Tree Mounting | Feb. 3rd |
| MARCH JOYLETT DAVIS | TBD | March 3rd |
| APRIL ELAINE GATES | TBD | April7th |
| MAY | | Date |
| JUNE | | Date |

| NAME(S) | SUBJECT | DATE |
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| JULY MARY SOUTHALL | TBD | July 7th |
| AUGUST THE FERBERS | TBD | Aug. 4th |
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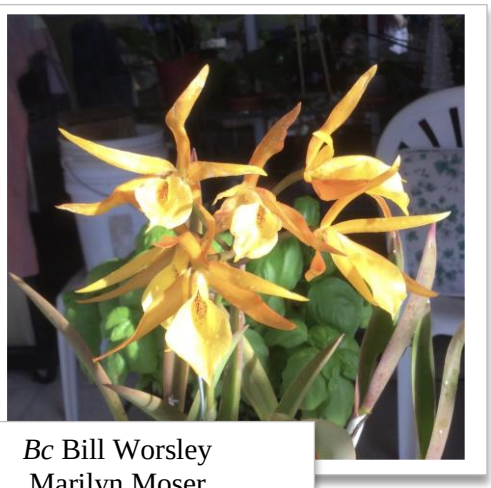
# What's Blooming in My Collection?



*Bc* Bill Worsley
Marilyn Moser

*Lc* Tokyo Magic '6-1' AM/AOS x *Blc* Laughing Boy 'SVO Flame' AM/AOS
Veronica Catrombon

*Cattleya* Love Knot
Lanelle Bishop

*Ctna.* Beverly Blush 'Kalapana'
Veronica Catrombon

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## An Orchid Vignette— I Didn't Intend To Get This (Lc. Amethyst Star)

As I watched everyone queue up to receive their holiday gift orchid at the December 2021 Naples Orchid Society Holiday Party, I thought to myself "no, I'll pass on getting an orchid. I don't need another orchid" (ha!! When have you heard that line before!!). But then, at the end there were two lonely orchids left, an Oncidium intergeneric and a little Cattleya. It was as though the Cattleya had my name on it, so I thought, what the heck, there is always room for one more orchid (ha!! When have you heard that line before!!).

The plant in question was *Lc*. (*Laeliocattleya*) Amethyst Star. It was a nice little plant in a three-inch plastic pot with some good new growth. I thought Amethyst Star sounded familiar and that once upon a time I had had one in my collection. I looked it up on OrchidWiz and surprise of surprises the photo on the profile page of *Lc*. Amethyst Star was one of mine!! So, then I delved into my records to discover that I did in fact acquire a plant of Amethyst Star from Jade Orchids in June 2010, a bare root plant that I potted in 4-inch pot. It bloomed for me in March of 2011 and again in March of 2013. After that I lost track of the plant (actually I think it probably passed from my collection into Orchid Heaven).

*Laeliocattleya* Amethyst Star (photo right) is a cross between *Lc*. Mini Purple x *Laelia lucasiana*. The latter is now considered *Cattleya longipes* and *Lc* Mini Purple is also considered a *Cattleya*, thus Amethyst Star is also now a *Cattleya*. The hybrid was created by Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids, California and registered by him in 2006. It has earned four AOS awards and has been used as a parent in one cross.

The parents of this hybrid are very interesting. *Cattleya longipes* (photo left below, borrowed from OrchidWiz) used to be *Laelia lucasiana*, but when the Brazilian Laelias were combined with *Cattleya*, that species name had already been used so another had to be chosen. This species has earned 14 awards and been used as a parent in 43 crosses. The *C*. Mini Purple parent is a cross between *Cattleya* (formerly *Laelia*) *pumila* and *C. walkeriana*. C. *walkeriana* (photo right) is one of my favorites (though I don't grow it well) and has a delightful fragrance. All of these are compact plants, so Amethyst Star should be a small plant when it is mature and blooming. I am excited to have in in my collection again.

*Contributed by Dick Pippen*