NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1962

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

B. tuberculata 'Norm Dolder'

Eunice Walker showed her spectacular plant at our May meeting. This was named for cherished Life Member of NOS Norm Dolder.

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday June 2, 2022
Moorings Presbyterian Church, Baker Gym
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30
Carolyn Booker
"Ask Us Anything About Orchids"
Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 pm
Meeting begins at 7:30 pm
Speaker: **Carol Holdren**, American Orchid Society judge since 2003, from the West Palm Beach Judging Center.
Topic: Orchids You Should Own
Refreshments: Water Provided
RAFFLE

Please note: *When attending Orchid Doctor sessions, and you have a plant that may be diseased or have insect infestations that you want to discuss, please place a sample in a sealed ziploc bag to bring to the meeting.*

Next Board of Directors Meeting and Show Committee Meeting
Date: Tuesday June 14 2022
See more information on page 2
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend
Note: Board of Director meetings will not be held in July or August.

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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

June 2022

Richard Davenport
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The Tamiami International Orchid Show was Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week. We drove over on Friday with another couple and three folding carts, allowing lots of room for orchid plant and supply purchases. We arrived just after the 11 am opening due to extended delays accessing the parking lot from the overcrowded local streets. Parking was well organized and check-in was a snap due to electronic tickets and smart phone scanning at the entry doors.

Inside were over 90 vendors from all over the United States and much of the Western Hemisphere. The choices were overwhelming, the fragrances amazing, the colors spectacular and the exhibits were awe inspiring! Excited to be there at last, our brains seem to weaken and excited shoppers who did not make "must have" lists ahead of time were soon buried in avalanches of potential choices. It is a good time to remember our orchid shopper basics:

1. Southwest Florida is in a warm-to-hot growing area. The stupendous red Cattleya with the fringed yellow lip displayed by a grower from South America who says it grows well in an intermediate to warm environment is probably telling the truth as he sees it. But his greenhouses are at 1,500 meters above sea level on the north slope of a small mountain where the night temperatures fall into the 50's each evening as the fog moves in. Daybreak soon burns off the fog and brings sunshine with temperatures in the high 70's and low to mid 80's year around. Thus, the achingly red Catt may survive here, maybe even blooming again, but odds are it will never thrive, unless you spend big bucks and put in custom air conditioning for the intermediate portion of your growing orchid collection.
2. Talk with the grower. Part 1. Try to find out his growing conditions, watering schedule, fertilizers and how often at what solution rate, media used for seedlings and larger plants, etc. Does the grower do much hybridizing? What are the parents of the plant you are considering and their growth preferences?
3. Talk with the grower. Part 2. Does the grower raise most of the for-sale inventory or are most of the plants for sale imported from southeast Asia where labor costs are much, much lower than stateside? If imported (as many of the smaller stock are), inquire as to their treatment of new arrivals. Are they quarantined from the older plants? Are they sprayed with both systemic insecticides and fungicides? Tested for virus?

One of the most important things we all can do is to create a "must have" list before going to any orchid sale. To assist both "newbies" and scarred veterans, First Vice President Jim Rawson has enticed Carol Holdren, the AOS Senior Judge of the West Palm Beach Judging Center, to be featured speaker at our upcoming meeting. She will be speaking on her personally recommended "ten orchids you must have in your collection". And she will be available to answer all your questions about orchids in general and AOS Judging in particular.

Also coming soon: a simplified member plant judging registration process with half the prior paperwork! Just one tag. Really. We hope to get Board approval and introduce the new process at our June meeting.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting, Thursday, June 2. Plant registration starts at 6:15. Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30.

In-Person Board of Directors Meeting for JUNE 2022

Date: Tuesday June 14 2022

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

May 5, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Lanelle Bishop, 2nd Vice President

Orchid Doctor Elaine Gates presented a well attended demo on Miniature Orchids' care and growing.
Registration and plant entry along with voting occurred.

Richard Davenport President called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with a reminder of all exits in case of emergency evacuation. He announced this is our 60th year Anniversary.

David Orr, Treasurer, reported $17,732.80 in Regions Bk and $34,000 in CD's.
Suzanne Fundingsland, reporting for Joan Planta Membership Chair, 202 members.
Membership is working on new name badges for meetings. Also available the magnetic badges are ongoing.
Vice President Jim Rawson, introduced our Speaker Carlos Cahiz who's topic was 'A Conversation on Orchid Care for South Florida'. Carlos brought supplies and Orchids from OFE International, Inc. his Family Owned Company in Homestead,FL.

Plant awards were announced.
Raffle ensued.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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June 2022 MEETING BLAST

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Program: **Carol Holdren, American Orchid Society Judge,**
West Palm Beach Judging Center
Topic: **Orchids You Should Own**

RAFFLE

Speaker: Carol Holdren

Carol Holdren is a long time orchid lover with a mission of supporting orchidists and orchid societies. Like many orchid hobbyists she started with a purple Vanda bought at a local garden show - that orchid led to several others as well as membership and participation in a local orchid society. As her collection grew she took a class in Orchidology at the University of Florida and joined the West Palm Beach Judging Center, becoming an accredited judge in 2003. Carol is a former AOS Trustee, active in the West Palm Beach Judging Center, on the Board for Flamingo Gardens and a director of the International Orchid Foundation which has a free orchid web site: www.Orchids.org.

Carol has gathered information of easy to grow orchids for South Florida. She will be sharing her findings in her presentation "Orchids You Should Own" giving orchid information for both beginners as well as the more experienced grower."

Carol has been a judge at many of our Orchid Shows, and is currently using Dick Pippen's culture book in her work with other judges.

May 2022 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendees: 61
Plant Raffle: $150

Many Thanks

to our Plant Table Volunteers Steve Burdette, Susan Roehl and Karen Davenport;
Raffle Table Volunteer Rae Jean Walker and Welcome Table Greeters Suzanne Fundingsland and Stu Rubin.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Submitted by Joan Planta and presented by Suzanne Fundingsland, Membership Chair

2022 Members: 208

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

NOS Monthly Meeting Plant competition Rules and Instructions

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.
5) Plants entered must be owned by the member for at least 6 months. Only current members may enter plants.

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/

THE NEW PLANT REGISTRATION TAGS ARE HERE! The tags will be stapled to the **new** NOS Monthly Plant Registration Procedures effective July 1, 2022, and handed out at the upcoming monthly meeting. You can also pick up additional tags for your July plant registrations!

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!

$14.29
For the period October 1 – December 31, 2021

Snapshots from our May 2022 Meeting

Orchid Doctor
Elaine Gates

Upcoming Events

October 7-9, 2022: Redland International Orchid Festival, Fruit and Spice Park, 10 am – 5 pm, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Homestead, 33031. Information: https://redlandfruitandspice.com/event/redland-international-orchid-festival-2/

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.

YOUR AOS REP
Marilyn Moser
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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.)

When: June 07, 2022, 8:30 pm EDT, Tuesday. Topic: "Bulbophyllums of the Philippines, A Survey of Endemic Species." Presenter: Jim Cootes, Australia-based Botanist, Author, Lecturer and Orchidologist.

When: June 28, 2022, 8:30 pm EDT Tuesday. Topic: Greenhouse Focus. "Mounting Orchids Made Easy." 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.

West Palm Beach Judging Center News

https://www.wpbjc.org/what-s-happening

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

WPBJC Monthly Education Sessions
Education Topics 2022
If you are interested in attending any upcoming education sessions, contact
Jackie Wood WPBJC Chair
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for topics and additional information.

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

By Robert M. Scully Jr.

- Orchids repotted earlier should be showing new roots & growths. Fertilize more often. Apply a concentration of at least 2 t./gal. of water of soluble formulations or the equivalent of 250ppm in liquid formulas. With more light & higher day & night temperatures, excellent air circulation & a fresh growing medium, the orchids will consume more nutrients. Robust growths will produce more high quality flowers next season.
- Finish repotting *Cattleyas* in June. *Cattleyas* outside in the subtropics must be protected from excessive rainfall. Apply protective fungicides when the relative humidy levels begin to hover consistently in the 70% range.
- Complete repotting Phals. Check the turgidity of the foliage & condition of the roots of specimens still in bloom. June's longer, warmer days increase the moisture requirements of flowering plants. Do not be greedy. A Phal. will deteriorate rapidly if forced to carry its inflorescence too long in a stressful cultural environment. Repot rather than lose a plant. If in doubt as to whether the potting medium will be good for another year, opt to repot now. Remember to repot Phal. seedlings too. Those repotted from 2-3" pots now will have a good chance of blooming next winter. Fertilize at least 3-4 times this month & for the balance of the summer at the same rate as described for *Cattleyas* above. Protect *Phalaenopsis* from overhead water, both artificial irrigation & rain, & water early in the day so foliage is dry by nightfall.

FINALLY – THE AOS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The AOS Centennial Celebration was held last month in Coral Gables, Florida. It was a joyous occasion, made even more so as it was the first time since we have met in person in 900 days! Held in conjunction with the Spring Members Meeting, the event encompassed activities ranging from committee meetings, AOS Judging, a visit to Fairchild Tropical Botanic garden (we had the opportunity to see a blooming ghost orchid!) an orchid conservation-focused speaker series, Board elections, a grand live auction, and a sumptuous reception and gala. All within the iconic backdrop of the Biltmore hotel.

A heartfelt Thank You to all of you who participated!

Here are a few snapshots!

Back Row (left to right)
Dr. Larry Sexton - Trustee
Julio Hector - Treasurer
Jay Balchan - President
Jurahame Leyva - Trustee
Robert Fuchs - Past President

Front Row (left to right)
Russ Vernon - Trustee
Alison Gallaway - Vice President
Cheryl Erins - Vice President
Denise Lucero - Trustee
Tom Mirenda – Trustee

Not pictured: Nancy Mountford - Assistant Treasurer, Terry Kennedy - Secretary

TASKS FOR JUNE

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

- Careful watering this month often means no watering at all. Arise early to enjoy the cool & water only when truly necessary.
- Space plants amply. Good air circulation is essential across the coming months.
- Re-pot Phals & re-set Vandas. Make sure that plants are firmly set in their new abodes.
- Begin or continue a disease prevention program with the prophylactic application of thiophanate methyl (Cleary's 3336) & Aliette or Banrot.
- Clean up growing area & plants. Remove dead leaves from plants & the ground. Pull weeds.
- Prune trees & shrubs to increase light & air circulation.
- Apply snail bait lightly early in the month & again lightly mid-month.
- Set air conditioning thermostat at 80 degrees & enjoy living in the tropics.

FROM MARTIN MOTES May 2022 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Progress of the Season

April has been just a little wetter and cooler than usual. That's a good thing because extra rain in April gets our plants off to a strong start on the growing season. The extra rain has also washed away most of the mites which find a dry hot April much to their liking. The same is true of Thrips, which also were discouraged by the high temperatures rarely climbing to the mid 80's. There are still a few weeks left in the dry season and a preventive spray for mites and Thrips would still be desirable. Follow the recommendations in Fla. Orchid Growing.

While April yielded a bit below average temperatures, the windy weather and low humidity allowed our plants to grow free of disease. The further into the year that we can keep our plants disease free the happier growing season we will have. The spray program described in Fla. Orchid Growing if begun on schedule this month will protect our plants through the rainy season. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Care in watering potted orchids will allow them to develop disease free. Vandas will enjoy an abundance of water and fertilizer and produce roots and flowers in profusion. With temperatures rising and relative humidity low, this is a time when vandas will benefit from a misting or light watering in the afternoon. This extra water is best applied at 3:30 to 4:00 PM when temperatures are soon to start falling but with enough time for foliage to dry before dark.

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

AND A GOOD REMINDER FROM MARTIN MOTES

Vandas have thrown an abundance of roots in response to these temperature shifts. It is essential that they receive sufficient water to sustain the growing roots. With temperature in the upper eighties and relative humidity in the 50% range Vanda roots can dry exceptionally quickly. This is the time of the year when an afternoon misting of Vanda roots is of great benefit. Even a second thorough watering on alternate days is beneficial if the plants are dry by night. Getting the vandas off to a quick start also involves heavy feeding. With the abundance of water being given, fertilizer at as high a rate as 1 Tbs. per gal can be given every 5-6 days.

Nikki Norman
Linda Narke
Carol Sweat
Dana Ahrensberg
Stuart Rubin
Michel Franklin
Robin DeMattia
Doug Terrell
Alyson Terrell
Gretchen Andersen
Bart Andersen
Gail Fitch
Lola Mason
Jerri Campbell
Deirdre Haynes
Geoff Britt
Diane Ervin
John Ervin
Marie Harris
Debbie Goldman
Sharon Holtz
Diana Lee
Linda Kropp
Patty Thomma
Deborah Martin
Denise Segelstrom
Julia Sandor
Carole A. Burns
Yasmine Awad
Lia Denson
Lee Denson
Sue Neese

Joseph Gannon III
Kathleen Gannon
Kathryn Loesser-Casey
Karen Sutton
Kathy Findlay
MaryJanet Gitlin
Kristina Kulpa
Kimberley Lozito
Dennis Lozito
Janet Nebus
JoAnne Nebus
Taryn Wayne
James Britton
Janet Calderwood
Katherine Helfrich
Gail Geary
Baylee Mather
Caleb Mather
Lisa Koblinski
Pam Mitchell
Julie Wang
Kim Purmort
David Mallon
Maria Henry
Joyce Santamaria
Joe Conte
Nancy Taylor
Sybil Burt
Jonathon Burt
George Lennox
Kathy Nash
Elisabeth Broderick
Joe Steel
Lynne Steel
Carole Beaver
Barbara Coghlan
Gabriela Henry
John Henry

John Shapiro
Tricia Shapiro
Kathleen Hanes
Sandra Carano
Cilene Magnine
Vajira Gunawardana
Kimberly Christian
Tracey Morris
Deborah Hill
Lisa Podgorski
Jane Barclay
MaddisonO'flaherty
Deborah Matystik
Walt Matystik
Karolyn Hall
George Hall
Odamis Martinez
Becky Brooks
Vicki Wunsch
Kathy Johnson
Anna Marie McMain
Doug McMain
John Winkler
Kyle Winkler
Michele Lenhard
Nancy Anne Graham
Ken Dechman
Antonio Dechman
Terre Moore
Lauren Clair
Heather Flick
Micah Bishop

EDUCATION UPDATE

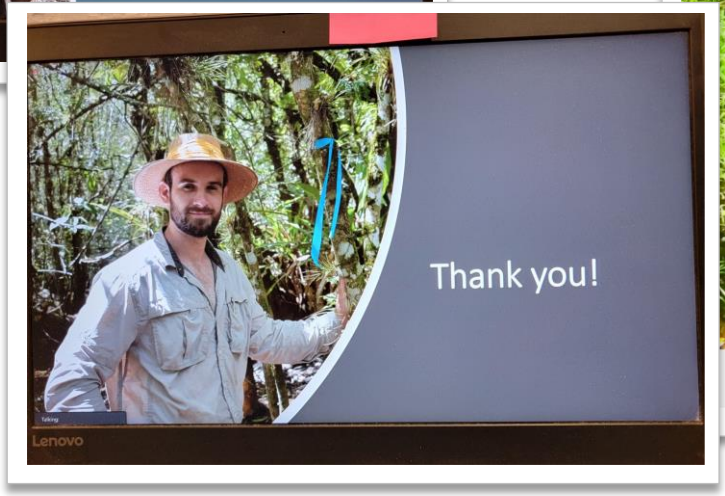
Kit Kitchen-Maran
Education Chair and Life Member

Congratulations to Adam Herdman, Master of Science!!

Since July, 2016, Adam's first year as an NOS intern, he has become enthralled with the orchids and field research at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge. He has been supported by NOS each July since then, except in 2019, when he volunteered his time and at his own expense, returned in July to support data collection on the Ghost Orchid (Dendrophylax lindenii). That year, Dr. Ernesto Mujica could not get a visa to come from Cuba to continue collecting the data for the long-term research. Since Adam had helped Dr. Mujica in Cuba and had experience there and at the refuge, the study was able to continue to determine the status of the Ghost Orchid population in the wild in SWFL. Adam will be returning this summer, his seventh year at the refuge.

Adam recently defended his Master of Science thesis at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. La Raw and I were honored to be invited via Zoom to see his research data PowerPoint on the Ribbon Orchid (Campylocentrum pachyrrhizum). The Ribbon Orchid is another leafless orchid that exists in the FPNWR, but is different than the Ghost Orchid.

I think it is safe to say that without Dr. Larry Zettler's mentorship, Mark Danaher's support at the FPNWR, and NOS's Internship Program, Adam and a number of other undergraduate students we have supported, would not be continuing their education along the lines of orchid research. Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Hopefully, NOS members will get to see Adam's PowerPoint at a meeting sometime. But you will be able to congratulate him and ask questions at the July meeting. Adam hopes to continue his orchid education working on a Ph.D. at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He will just need some help with funding…



What's Blooming in My Collection?

Cheryle Daniel writes:
"I thought I would send a few pictures for the newsletter. I have lots blooming here in Missouri inside under the grow lights still. I moved a few of the larger mounted catts outside this weekend as the temps have been in the 90's. Of course it is dropping into the 50s tonight but hopefully they won't be too shocked."
Left to Right: *Neofinetia (Vanda) falcata*, *Brassovola nodosa* Fuchs' Spots, *Lsa.* Dick Pippen, *Blc.* Robert's Choice

Dick Pippen
An unlikely trio of flowers. *Den wassellii* in the center, Bulb falcatum on the left and *Maxillaria tenuifolia* (yellow) on the right.

Dick Pippen
Brassavola nodosa x *Cattleya* Small World = *Brassocattleya* Renee Gerber

Myrmecophila exaltata
Karen Davenport

V Wattana Pink
Karen Davenport

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results

May 5, 2022

Submitted by Dick Pippen

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Lc.* Love Knot 'SVO' HCC/AOS x *C. mosssiae v. coerulea* 'Blue Moon Too'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Encyclia* Nursery Rhyme
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *Epy*. Serene O'Neil
Owner: Kathryn Romine
Third Place: *Bc*. North Miami 'Florida SunCoast
Owner: Mary Southall

Large Vandas
First Place: *V*. Somsri Blue x *V*. Fantastic Fanfare
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *V*. Renu Gold
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *V*. Somsri Blue x *V*. Fantastic Fanfare
Owner: Jim Longwell

Small Vandas
First Place: *Vandachostylis* Pure Rivers 'Claudia'
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: *Rnst*. Bangkok Beauty
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Vandachostylis* Thailand x *V*. Gordon Dillon
Owner: Jim Longwell

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den*. Gatton Sunray
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *Den*. Nestor
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Den*. Anucha Gold
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Species
First Place: *C. intermedia v. alba* 'Penn Valley'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *C. aclandiae*
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: *B. tuberculata* 'Norm Dolder'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Medium Species
First Place: *Encyclia cordigera*
Owner: John Shapiro
Second Place: *Den* chrysotoxum
Owner: Kathryn Romine
Third Place: *Maxillaria tenuifolia*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Species
First Place: *Oncidium baueri*
Owner: Joylett Davis
Second Place: *V. garayi*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Psychopsis* Mariposa 'Special'
Owner: Steven Burdette
Second Place: *Oncidium* Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'
Owner: Stuart Rubin
Third Place: *Oncostele* Catatante
Owner: Kathryn Romine

Orphan Table
First Place: A Nice *Phalaenopsis*
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Best Species Award
Plant Name: *C. intermedia v. alba* 'Penn Valley'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *Bc*. North Miami 'Suncoast'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: *V*. Uraiwan Belle
Winner: Steven Burdette

Gold Ribbon Winners May 5, 2022

Photos this page by Susan Roehl, NOS Webmaster

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First Place Winners
May 7, 2022

Plants Entered: 57 Members Voted: 39
Photos this section Marilyn Moser

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Owner: Jim Longwell

SMALL VANDA
First Place: *Vandachostylis* Pure Rivers 'Claudia'
Owner: Mary Lane

DENDROBIUM
First Place: *Den.* Gatton Sunray
Owner: Jim Longwell

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Owner: John Shapiro

LARGE SPECIES
First Place: *C. intermedia v. alba* 'Penn Valley'
Owner: Karen Davenport

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
First Place: *Psychopsis* Mariposa 'Special'
Owner: Steven Burdette

SMALL SPECIES
First Place: *Oncidium baueri*
Owner: Joylett Davis

ORPHAN
First Place: A Nice Phalaenopsis
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

An Orchid Vignette-- Voo Doo Orchids--A Naples Legacy

Contributed by Dick Pippen

The first meeting of the Naples Orchid Society was held on May 3rd,1962, at Voo Doo Orchids. According to a brief history of the Society prepared by Harry Moeller, AOS Representative in 1992, there were twenty-one people at the meeting, Mayor of Naples, Lloyd Easterling, was elected as the first president and was agreed that meetings be the first Thursday of each month. By the second meeting, the membership had grown to twenty-four and Claude Timmons was the first speaker. Claude Timmons was the owner of Voo Doo Orchids —what an exotic, mysterious name for an orchid nursery—located at 11150 E. Tamiami Trail. This an orchid nursery right here in Naples, Florida during the 1950's to 1970's.

Claude was also an avid orchid hybridizer and created at least 40 orchid greges (hybrid crosses) and registered 30. Although his hybrids were diversified, he liked to work with *B. nodosa* and its hybrids. As the name of the nursery suggests, Claude had an eye for the unusual and all of the crosses discussed below were registered by him in 1974, a good year, indeed!

Blc. Empress Worsley (*Bc*. Bill Worsley x *Lc*. Red Empress) (photo 1) has received one AOS award, a HCC for 'Roman Holiday' and it has been used as a parent in ten crosses. I got my plant at a NOS Fall Sale a few years ago and have been "nursing it along." It is not a big bloomer, but does bloom twice a year, in the late Fall and again in late Spring.

Blc. Merry (*Lc*. Antonia Federicks x *Bc*. Bill Worsley) (photo 2) has two AOS awards, a HCC and an AM. Merry is a "bachelor" and has not been a parent in any crosses. This grex is an excellent bloomer, developing flowers at least twice a year and the flowering period lasts several months. The flowers tend to go from a "burnt orange" to yellow as they age. It is definitely one of my favorites.

Where does B. *nodosa* come in? Well, *Bc*. Bill Worsley, a parent in both of the hybrids above, is a cross between *B. nodosa* and *C. aurantiaca*. And *Bc*. Maikai, the parent of *Blc*. Royal Harbor, mentioned below is a cross between *B. nodosa* and *C. bowringiana*).*Blc*. Royal Harbor (*Lc*. Ronselensis x *Bc*. Maikai) (photo 3) earned one HCC/AOS to the cultivar appropriately named 'Polka Dot.' Yes, Royal Harbor is named for that neighborhood of Naples on the east side of the Gordon River. Apparently Claude Timmons lived there. Royal Harbor also is "a good bloomer," usually producing several spikes and flowering in the late Fall for about two to three months. I grow all three of the above in either clay or plastic pots in a mixture of lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton. Both *Blc*. Merry and *Blc*. Royal Harbor are available at Jade Orchids. *(Continued next page)*

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Bepi. (*Brassoepidendrum*) Pseudosa (*B. nodosa* x *Epi. pseudoepidendrum*) (photo 4) earned one AM/AOS in 1978 and has been a parent in seven crosses. I think this grex is most interesting. It is a relatively small plant, up to about a foot tall and its growth pattern is more like a reed *Epidendrum* than a *Brassavola*. Even the flowers, which are small, about 2+ inches across, with green sepals and petals and yellow lip, are more "Epidendrum-like". My plant is still small and is growing in a 4 inch plastic pot in Sphagnum moss. I got my "start" from Jim Longwell.

Timmons not only created "Cattleya alliance" hybrids, but also worked with other orchid "alliances" including Dendrobium. *Den*. Minapac (*Den*. bicaudatum x *Den*. bigibbum) (photo 5) is a "smallish" dendrob, with "big ears," due to the two larger lateral petals. The plant does not get as big and tall as many of the other dendrobs, but it does keiki frequently, and if they are not removed they also will bloom, giving the plant a "bushier" appearance. It is a good bloomer, producing several flowering spikes and the flowering period will last several months. It has not been an award winner, but it has been used as a parent in two crosses. It grows well in a hanging basket. This is also available locally at Jade Orchids.

Some other of his crosses that I find intriguing, but very elusive because I have not been able to locate them, but would like to, are: *Blc*. Bonita (*Blc*. Yellow Imp x *C. aurantiaca*), *Blc*. Naples Night (*B. nodosa* x *Lc*. Zada Fields), *Tolu*. Naples (*Tolu. pulchella* x *Tolu. quadriloba*) and *Lc*. Pippin (*C. luteola* x *Lc*. Ronselensis (now why would I be interested in that last one!! ☺).