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MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Karen Davenport's *Den* Rossy's Delight is a delight to behold!

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday March 3, 2022
Moorings Presbyterian Church, Baker Gym
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30
Joylett Davis –Ask Me Anything About My Orchids
Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 pm
Meeting begins at 7:30 pm
Speaker: **Mac Rivenbark, Mac's Orchids**
Masks are recommended
Refreshments: Water Provided
RAFFLE PLANTS for SALE

Next Board of Directors Meeting and Show Committee Meeting
Date: March 28 2022 6:30
See pg 3 for details
All Members are Welcome to Attend

2022 Culture Class—NEW DATES
The Fundamentals of Growing Orchids
March 5 through April 9, 2022
See page 7 for more details
-or-
https://naplesorchidsociety.org/culture-class/

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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

March 2022

Richard Davenport
President, Naples Orchid Society, Inc.
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The Naples Orchid Society's Annual Orchid Show at Naples Botanical Garden is just over two weeks away as I write this letter. Members are preparing their plants for the Show - weeding, staking, cleaning and optimists are even checking American Orchid Society award records online. The big question remains unknown: Will my coddled orchids be in full bloom and ready for the AOS show judges February 25, 2022? We can blame the recent cold weather or the hot and longer-lasting summer temperatures this past Fall, but many plants are blooming earlier than usual while others appear to be running late.

We are pleased to welcome Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance members as Show co-exhibitors this year. Their members are looking forward to working with and exhibiting alongside NOS members. Working together, we believe we have better exhibits for the upcoming Show. We NOS members will reciprocate at the March GCOA show at which we will work and exhibit with GCOA members. (March 25-27 2022 https://gulfcoastorchidalliance.org/orchid-show/)

Dr. Dick Pippen, NOS President Emeritus and currently Chair of the Orchid Culture Class series reports that he is almost sold out! Six classes are offered on Saturday mornings starting March 5, 2022. Just a few more seats are available for this excellent "Orchids 101" class and the low tuition includes five different orchid plants – FREE. Just $80.00 for NOS members and $125.00 for non-members. Sign up now online at the naplesorchidsociety.org website or at the NOS booth on the Performance Lawn outside Kapnick Hall at the Gardens during our "Orchids as Art" Show.

Richard Davenport
President

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

February 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

President Richard Davenport welcomed members and guests and reviewed emergency procedures. He discussed the need for volunteers for our upcoming Show. No Membership Card will be required to enter Naples Botanical Garden, as there will be a list of members on hand at the Box Office. Volunteers are needed for various positions at the Show. Early entry will be granted for NOS, GCOA and NBG members.

Joan Planta Membership Chair reminded us that it is Renewal time for our NOS dues: online with a credit card on our website, or via US Mail or in person with cash or check.

Dick Pippen has received many registrations for Culture Class beginning on March 5 through April 19. There are a few seats available.

Checks for 2021 Plant Table Awards were handed out to Karen Davenport, Rae Jean Walker, and Mary Lane.

Jim Rawson,1st VP and 2022 Show Chair shared the reservation system used for registering 10 or more plants at our show on Thursday. Friday morning is Judging, followed by Vendors opening their stalls.

Jim introduced our speaker Elaine Gates who presented "Show Ready Containers and Flower Arrangements" addressing the preparation and design decisions for display and judging at our show.

The plant table and raffle winners were announced.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

February 2022 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendees: 49
Raffle and Hat Sale Proceeds: $217

Many Thanks

to our Plant Table Volunteers Susan Roehl and Karen Davenport, Raffle Table Volunteer Rae Jean Walker and Welcome Table Greeter Joan Planta

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Submitted by Joan Planta, Membership Chair

2022 Members: 110

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**

In-Person Board of Directors Meeting for MARCH 2022

ThursdayMarch 28 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 Monthly 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/

Upcoming Events

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

March 4-5, 2022: Englewood Area Orchid Society's "Orchids to the Rescue," Tringali Gym, 3460 N Access Rd., Englewood, FL; Contact: Mary Anne DiGrazia, 941-6979237; tommaryanne@centuarylink.net

March 4-6, 2022: Martin County Orchid Society's "Orchid Safari," Martin County Fairgrounds, Bldg. G, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuary, FL; Contact: Nancy Speedy, 772-485-5310; aspedy@bellsouth.net

March 5-April 9, 2022: Orchid University 101-The Fundamentals of Growing Orchids, Naples Orchid Society at Naples Botanical Garden, Naplesorchidsociety.org/culture-class/

March 5-6, 2022: Tampa Bay Orchid Society's "Orchids by the Bay," Tampa Scottish Rite, 5500 Memorial Hwy, Tampa, FL; Contact: Pat Solakian, 203-214-7042; psolakian@gmail.com

March 19-20, 2022: Nature Coast Orchid Society Spring Show 2022, VFW Post 8681, 18940 Drayton St., Spring Hill, FL; Contact: Steve Mattana, 218-556-1895; stevemattana123@gmail.com

March 25-27, 2022: Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance "Galaxy of Orchids," N. Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Rd., Naples, FL; Contact: Jim Longwell, 239-340-5520; jlongwell1@comcast.net

March 26-27, 2022: Orchid Society of Highlands County's "Pete's Magical Orchid Show," Agri-Civic Center, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring, FL; Contact: Susie Whitehead, 863-381-0522; susan_whitehead@hotmail.com or 954-913-1628; ajtorresp@gmail.com

Botanical Terms

Aestivation – the arrangement of petals and sepals in a flower bud before it opens.
Remontant – a plant blooming or reproducing more than once a season.

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.)

March 16, 2022: Wednesday, 8:30 pm EDT; Topic: "The Story of Jewel Orchids," Glistening Gems of the Forest Floor. Presenter: Nicholas Rust, Orchid hybridizer with a passion for terrestrials.

March 22, 2022: Tuesday, 8:30 pm EDT; Topic: Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A)
Send in your questions. Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education & 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.

- Sheaths will soon emerge on Cattleya mosssiae hybrids. Monitor their development so that moisture does not accumulate in the sheath and cause bud blast.
- Phalaenopsis grown in New Zealand sphagnum moss rapidly increase in one season. Make sure that the moss does not deteriorate before the flowering season, because a healthy root system is particularly important for the many flowers a plant may produce. Poor roots and lots of blooms may cause plants to become severely dehydrated, even to the point where reviving them is difficult.
- Fragrant Dendrobium anosmum (syn. Dendrobium nobile) hybrids flower this month. Do not neglect watering because dryness can cause bud drop in all dendrobium species and hybrids.

Elaine Gates presenting
"Show Ready Containers and Arrangements"
at our February 2022 meeting.
Photos by: Lanelle Bishop

ORCHID UNIVERSITY 101 – THE FUNDAMENTALS OF GROWING ORCHIDS

March 5 through April 9 2022
Registration is Now Open
A few seats are still available!

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 **March 5 through April 9**. 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

NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1962

Orchid Show and Sale

Friday, February 25, 2022 - 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday, February 26, 2022 - 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Sunday, February 27, 2022 - 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Naples Botanical Garden
4820 Bayshore Dr Naples, FL 34112

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR UPCOMING

2022 NOS ORCHID SHOW!!!

GCOA HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO SHOW THEIR PLANTS AND HELP VOLUNTEER. THIS SHOULD BE A GREAT TIME FOR ALL.

BELOW ARE THE SLOTS WE NEED TO FILL:

- **(OPENINGS) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, SET UP AT 9 am.**
- **(FILLED)THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, REGISTRATION AT 9 am.**
- **(OPENINGS) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, HOSTS/HOSTESSES 2 SHIFTS: NOON-2:30 pm; 2:30 pm-5 pm.**
- **(OPENINGS) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, HOSTS/HOSTESSES 4 SHIFT: 8 am-10am; 10 am-12:30pm; 12:30 pm-3pm; 3 pm-5 pm.**
- **(OPENINGS) SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, HOSTS/HOSTESSES 4 SHIFTS: 8 am-10am; 10 am-12:30 pm; 12:30 pm-3 pm; 3 pm-5 pm.**
- **TAKE DOWN BEGINS AT 5 PM ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27. PLEASE ASSIST!!!**

Registration volunteers are set. We can always use more hands for Set-up Wednesday at 9 am, February 23 & take down February 27. We still need Hosts/Hostesses for our upcoming Show. Friday: 2:30 pm – 5 pm; Saturday: 8 am – 10 am, 10 am – 12:30 pm, 3 pm – 5 pm;

Sunday: 8 am – 10 am, 10 am -12 :30 pm, & 12:30 – 3 pm.

Rae Jean will also be taking our list to GCOA at their next meeting to sign up more volunteers. Please contact me at kwmehm@comcast.net to volunteer.

PLEASE CONTACT ME VIA EMAIL AT: kwmehm@comcast.net

THANKS IN ADVANCE...*KRIS MORTON*

FROM MARTIN MOTES February 2022 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Progress of the Season

Warm and Wet Month Ends Cold!

One of the warmest and wettest Januarys on record has ended on a sharply cold turn, ending our string of exceptionally warm winters. The last three days of January accumulated more chill portions than all of 2021 which bodes well for profuse bloom on our Himalayan dendrobiums of sections Dendrobium and Callista.

The first powerful front of the season has also brought much lower humidity, a welcome relief for our over wet plants. Now is a time to take extreme care in watering all our sympodial orchids. We do not want to squander this opportunity to dry our plants "hard" to staunch the fungus which has developed in this extraordinarily wet January. Typically, we strongly advise implementing the disease prevention program set forth in Florida Orchid Growing in May, but this year behooves us to start now.

Our vandas have, of course, been enjoying the extra heat and moisture and should be encouraged to continue should temperatures return to above average levels. Be sure to fertilize them. They will reward you with additional blooms in spring.

Although the unusually wet January weather damped down the activity of mites, there is still plenty of dry season ahead for them to wreak their mischief in. The opportunity to use the user-friendly oil followed by soap treatment to eliminate them should not be missed. Four tbs. of cooking oil per gallon should be sprayed to cover the entire plant with special care to reach the undersides of leaves. In exactly 7-10 days with dish washing soap at 6 tbs. per gal should be applied in the same manner.

This treatment should also be effective in dispatching Thrips who have been discouraged by the rain and the temperature not reaching their preferred highs in the mid-80's. Slightly warmer than normal late winter weather may give Thrips an early start. We need to tamp them down.

The delightful mild winter weather is a great encouragement to stay outside and get a head start on re-potting and other orchid maintenance.

Martin Motes

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

TASKS FOR MARCH

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

- Watch out for mites.
- Spray for *Thrips.*
- Repot genera emerging from dormancy: catasetums, calanthes, and soft cane dendrobiums.
- Continue general re-potting of cattleyas, oncidiums, hard cane dendrobiums, etc.
- Make top cutting of teretes, semi-teretes and reed stem epidendrums.
- Move landscape plants gradually to brighter light.
- Apply time release fertilizer.

EDUCATION UPDATE

Kit Kitchen-Maran
Education Chair and Life Member

Protection for Ghosts! AND Why It Will Succeed!!

In late January of this year, a petition was sent to the U.S. Dept. of Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect our native Ghost Orchids (Dendrophylax lindenii) with listing as threatened or endangered on the Endangered Species Act and to designate critical habitat with the listing.
Petitioners include The Institute for Regional Conservation, the Center for Biological Diversity (Florida region) and the National Parks Conservation Association (Florida region).

Before now, our Ghosts were only under the protection of the Florida Dept. of Agriculture. So this step is a big win for the native orchids, none of which are listed on the federal Endangered Species Act yet. Hopefully there will be other species from Florida listed as their habitats are under extreme threat from habitat destruction, poaching, drought, and climate changes.

You will not be surprised to know, and proud to know as I am, that very "substantial scientific information in this petition indicating that listing the ghost orchid is warranted" was used to make the case, AND IT CAME FROM THE WORK THAT NOS HAS FUNDED FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS DONE BY OUR INTERNS; DR. ZETTLER AND HIS STUDENTS, AND DR. MUJICA, MARK DANAHER (BIOLOGIST AT THE FPNWR), LARRY RICHARDSON (RETIRED, FPNWR) AND OTHERS.

Works cited to support the petition included all the recently published papers over the last ten years, in the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, done by Naples Orchid Society interns. WOW! I have to say it again! NOS members, I am so proud of you for supporting this work to achieve a beginning to conservation and protection of our native SWFL native orchid species. AND, our board of directors has approved $4,500 for the intern program to continue this year in July at the FPNWR.

Those funds will bring Dr. Brent Chandler and Tony Ruiz to collect samples of Ghost Orchid nectar to assay for chemical content, Dr. Zettler, and Adam Herdman who is finishing his M.S. at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and is continuing to help with the on-going long-range survey of the Ghosts at the FPNWR. Adam has been researching the Ribbon Orchid (Campylocentrum pachyrrhizum) and plans to apply for a Ph.D. program to continue his dedication to orchid research.

To read more about the petition and the Ghost Orchid, Craig Pittman has written a very interesting and easy to read (if long) article that can be read at https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/02/03/does-floridas-most-famous-flower-stand-a-ghost-of-a-chance/.

See you in April!
Kit Kitchen-Maran, Ed. Chair

Orchid Doctor for February

Mark Hudak was our Orchid Doctor this month, discussing Encyclias and "How to Mount Orchids on Trees"

What's Blooming in My Collection?

Rhy gigantea 'Cartoon'
Karen Davenport

Lc Phra Nakhon Khiri x *C* Netrasiri Beauty 'Lakeview'
Karen Davenport

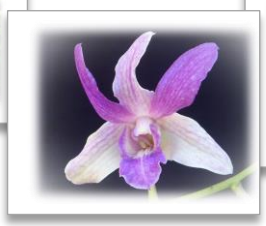
Cozy Orchids

How did your orchids fare in the recent record low temperatures our area experienced? Sheila Demkovich moved her collection from the 34 degree lanai into her 63 degree living room. Saved!

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results

February 3, 2022

Submitted by Dick Pippen



Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Rlc* Annie Belle
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Potinara* Dick Smith
Owner: Rae Jean Walker
Third Place: *Cattleya* Classic
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Claudehamiltonara* Hidden Gold
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: *Rth* Psycho Bride
Owner: Mary Southall
Third Place: *Blc* Young Min Orange 'Golden Satisfaction'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Vandas
First Place: *Vanda* Pachara Delight 'Blue'
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: *V* Noporn 'Yellow Spot'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *V* Uraiwan Belle 'Muke Ng'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vandas
First Place: *V* Yellow Butterfly
Owner: Jim Rawson
Second Place: *V* Prapawan Gold
Owner: Karen Davenport

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den* Banana Royal
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Large Species
First Place: *Cattleya leuddemanniana*
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Gur skinneri*
Owner: Mary Lane

Medium Species
First Place: *Laelia marginata* AM/CCM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Onc* Twinkle 'White Shower'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Other Tribes
First Place: *Cymbidium* Penny's Worth
Owner: Steve Burdette
Second Place: *Zygopetalum* Blue Blazes
Owner: Steve Burdette

Best Species Award
Plant Name: *Laelia marginata* AM/CCM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *Ctt* Rojo 'Valentine's Day'
Owner: Mary Lane

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: *Oncostelopsis* Brazilian Sun 'FJ67'
Winner: Jerri Campbell

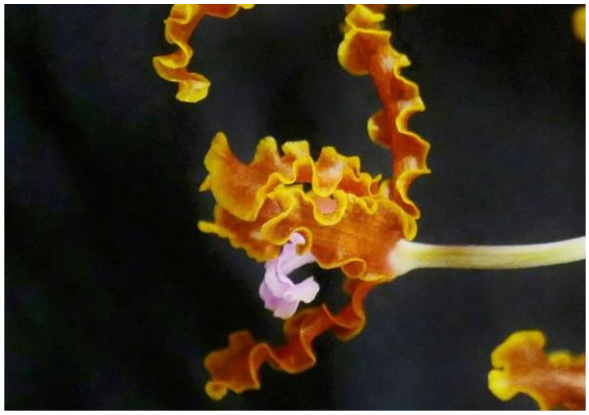
SPECIAL NOTE TO PEOPLE ENTERING PLANTS FOR MONTHLY COMPETITION: Please be very careful to enter your plant in the proper category AND to complete the green entry tags as accurately as possible, especially the Number assigned to your plant. This will assist the Plant Table People to accurately assign ribbons to the correct plant. Thanks.

Gold Ribbon Winners February 3, 2022

Photos this page by Susan Roehl, NOS Webmaster

Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *Claudehamiltonara* Hidden Gold
Owner: Mary Lane

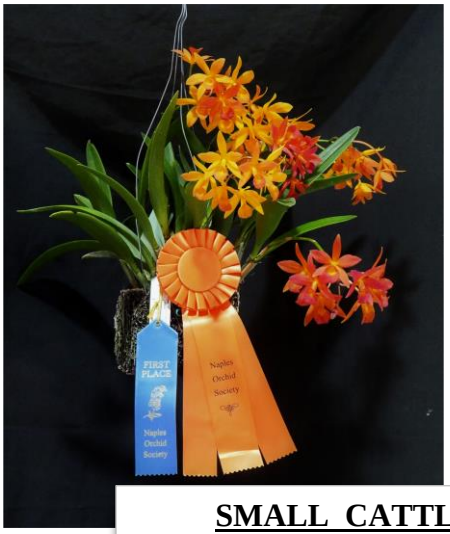
Best Species Award
Plant Name: *Laelia marginata* AM/CCM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport



First Place Winners February 3, 2022

Plants Entered: 40 Members Voted: 31
Photos this section Marilyn Moser

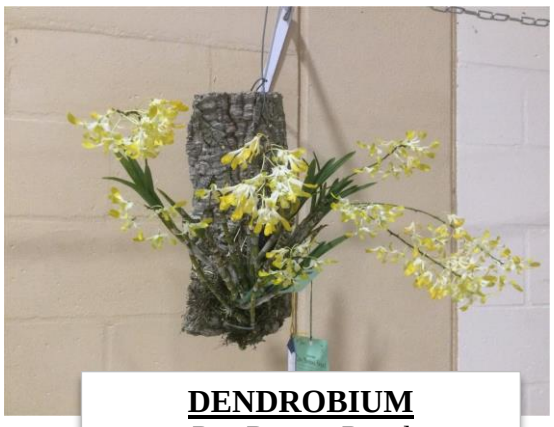
LARGE CATTLEYA
Rlc Annie Belle
Owner: Karen Davenport



SMALL CATTLEYA
Claudehamiltonara Hidden Gold
Owner: Mary Lane

LARGE VANDA
Vanda Pachara Delight 'Blue'
Owner: Mary Lane

SMALL VANDA
V Yellow Butterfly
Owner: Jim Rawson

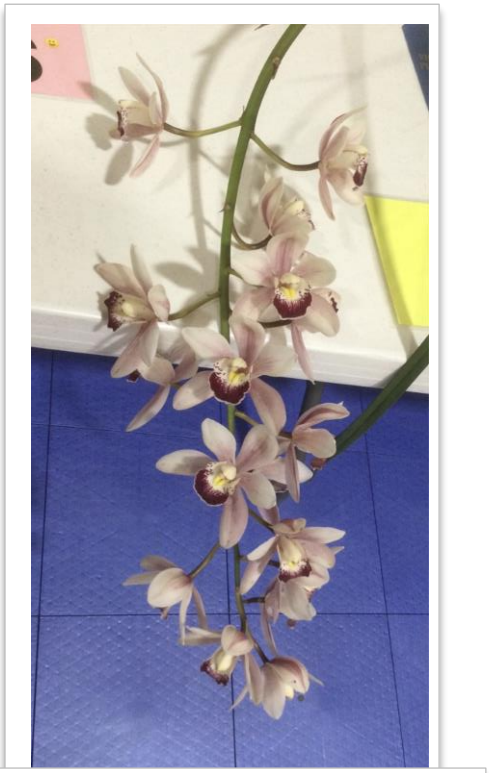


DENDROBIUM
Den Banana Royal
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

LARGE SPECIES
Cattleya leuddemanniana
Owner: Karen Davenport

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
Onc Twinkle 'White Shower'
Owner: Karen Davenport

MEDIUM SPECIES
Laelia marginata AM/CCM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport



OTHER TRIBES
Cymbidium Penny's Worth
Owner: Steve Burdette

An Orchid Vignette—It's a Small World

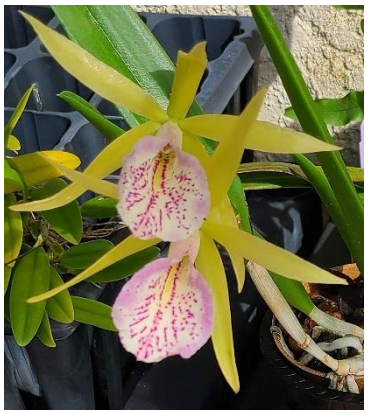
Contributed by Dick Pippen

Wow, it IS a small world---no, I am not referring to the exhibit at Disneyworld with the quaint song of the same name—I am referring to an orchid called Small World, *Cattleya* Small World (photo left, borrowed from Internet) to be precise. Compact World would have been a better name, but it doesn't "go so well." *Cattleya* Small World is a cross between *Cattleya aclandiae* and *Cattleya luteola*. Both are small plants (we call them compact) and each is of major significance it its own right. *Cattleya aclandiae* (photo right, borrowed from Internet) is famous for its green sepals and petals heavily "splashed" with mahogany spots. The lip is a delightful lavender-pink color. *Cattleya aclalndiae* has been a very popular species for hybridizing, not only because of its very nice flowers, but also because of its compact size. It has been a parent in at least 226 registered crosses and has over 2500 "grandkids. It has also earned 114 AOS and international awards. The flowers of *Cattleya luteola* (photo left, below, borrowed from Internet) are yellow with some reddish coloring in the lip. *Cattleya luteola* has also been a very popular parent in hybridizing because if its small size as well as interesting flowers. It has been a parent in 120 crosses and has over 2000 grandkids. It has earned 20 AOS and international awards.

Cattleya Small World was created by Rod McLellan Co. and registered by them in 1975. *Cattleya aclandiae* appears to dominate in the flowers of *C. Small World*, usually with lighter colored sepals and petals and fewer spots. The cross has received no awards (to get an award, the cross has to be a significant improvement on the parents—while nice, this one isn't.) and has been used as a parent in 7 registered crosses.

And now *Brassavola nodosa* enters the picture. Everybody knows *B. nodosa*, the Lady of the Night, with its delightful spicy fragrance when the sun goes down. As a reminder, though, *B. nodosa* has flowers with narrow, greenish sepals and petals and a large white "trumpet-shaped lip, sometimes with purple spots at the base of the throat. *Brassavola nodosa* has also been a "popular breeder" with 472 "kids, over 1000 "grandkids, and the recipient of 77 AOS and international awards. *(Continues next page)*

An Orchid Vignette *(continued)*



Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids in California decided it would be interesting to cross *Cattleya* Small World with *Brassavola nodosa*. (Photos left and right) and it has become a popular new hybrid on the market. Then in September 2021 Donald Ghiz of Houston, TX registered the hybrid as *Brassocattleya* Renee Gerber so it has just recently been named. I received my plant indirectly from Kalapana Orchids who advertises these plants as seedlings, not mericlones, in 3" plastic pots. My plant bloomed in early January 2022, and I believe it was for the first time, therefore it may be considered a "first bloom seedling" (which is only important if you are planting to exhibit the plant in an orchid show for AOS judging). It is an interesting hybrid in that it is very much more like a nodosa hybrid with narrow greenish-yellow sepals and petals and even a trumpet-shaped lip. Though the base color of the lip is white it is heavily infused with pink-lavender color with purple spots or "dashes extending all the way from the base to the tip. it is purple with lots of spots. It may not be an award winner, and therefore deserving of a special name, but it is a nice flower and has a delightful spicy fragrance at night. If you like nodosa hybrids, then this looks like a very good addition to your collection. Get one while they last!