MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Our March monthly meeting
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Cover Worthy!
Rae Jean Walker's
Den. speciosum is having a record breaking year....39 spikes!!!!

UPCOMING NOS EVENTS

Next Monthly Meeting
Save the Date! (No Foolin'!)
Thursday April 1, 2021
Details coming soon

NOS BOD and Show Committee Meeting
Zoom meeting:
Thursday March 11, 2021
Contact: Richard Davenport
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NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1962

Orchid Sale

Friday, February 19, 2021 - 9:00AM – 5:00PM
Saturday, February 20, 2021 - 9:00AM – 5:00PM
Sunday, February 21, 2021 - 9:00AM – 5:00PM
Naples Botanical Garden

Thank you Orchidists!
See you next year!

President: Richard Davenport
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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.
www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Richard Davenport
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Your NOS just finished a successful orchid sale at the Naples Botanical Gardens this past Friday, Saturday, and Sunday . We had literally thousands of visitors over those three days. Many were Naples Botanical Garden members, many were NOS members, but the majority consisted of a mix of Naples residents and visitors who are interested in plants and orchids in Southwest Florida. NOS recruited four plant vendors and two orchid supply vendors for the sale, each of whom experienced very good sales. Krull Smith actually had a second large truck make the trip down from Apopka to Naples, arriving just before midnight Friday to bring a fresh load of assorted orchids for sale Saturday and Sunday.

Many purchasers stopped by the NOS display area to receive AOS culture sheets that we offered for seven or eight of the most popular orchid families. We also discussed best practices and provided suggestions on how best to grow and bloom their new acquisitions. Most of the purchasers are also potential new NOS members. We passed out a lot of business cards with our contact information and quite a few visitors volunteered that they intended to join soon. A number of folks had heard about our orchid culture classes and expressed the hope that we would offer them again next year.

Your Board of Directors held a Zoom meeting recently. The most important topic was when and how to start face-to-face club meetings again. So keep an eye on your inboxes for an email blast with details soon. You can be sure we will follow best practices needed to keep our members healthy. We all look forward to seeing each of you soon.

NOS Governance 2021—Board Member Bios

Diana Genotti
Membership Chair
Membership@NaplesOrchidSociety.org

Gardening has always been an intricate part of my life starting with vegetable gardening and raising hay. Living in Connecticut my challenges were deer and raccoons. My gardens were large planting 100 each of tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, squash and others. We hayed our fields twice a year producing 1000 bales of hay annual.
From gardening I moved to flowers, shrubs, annuals and perennials. The most interesting event during this time was I decided to plant 500 tulips. Well, all was good until the plants were ready to bud. Then the deer feasted on the tulips one night and they were all gone.
Moving to Florida in 2013, I actually turned my attention to other activities and Adrian, my husband, took over the gardening, one day we were approached by our resident orchid lady, Mary Jo Shively. Mary Jo introduced us to Orchids and encouraged us to join the Naples Orchid Society. Here my biggest challenge is identifying and pronouncing the names of orchids. But I am working on it.
My work history is varied. I have been a project manager at a nuclear power company, an officer at a utility company, started a Management Consulting Company, an adjunct professor at the University of Hartford and together with my husband, opened and ran Beer and Wine Makers Warehouse.

Mary Jo Shively
Publicity Chair
Maryjoshively@gmail.com

When in elementary school, Dad had a victory garden in a vacant lot behind our home.
In our yard he raised gorgeous Asters, Zinnias, Tulips, etc. I loved them; took the teacher a bouquet.
Much Later in college years, I wrote a research paper about finding orchids in the wild. A flower-enthusiast neighbor read it and never returned it.
Then in the 1980's we moved to a Granger, IN home with a southeast-facing DR window. We ordered some orchids; kept them for an unremembered time. There was not enough sun, humidity or knowledge on my part.
Moved to Estero in 2007. Began collecting orchids & bromeliads since then. Joined NOS and GCOA during years 2010 and 2019. Non-stop interest and fun.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Submitted by Diana Genotti

Payment for 2021 Membership is due now.

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 2021: Single membership $20, Family membership $25
Add $10.00 for a magnetic engraved nametag!

Question about Membership?
Email Membership Chair Diana Genotti, at Membership@Naplesorchidsociety.org

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Sheila Demkovich

Regions Bank checking account balance is $19,978.58 as of 25 February 2021

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!

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.

Upcoming Events

TAMIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL

This festival has been rescheduled!
WHEN: Friday - Sunday, October 1st - 3rd, 2021
TIME: 10am to 6pm daily
WHERE: Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center, Miami, FL

Bus Trips have been cancelled for 2021.
Organizers: Lanelle Bishop and Carolyn Booker

YOUR AOS REP
Marilyn Moser
Mm3purple@aos.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.*)*

March 02, 2021: Tuesday, 8:30 pm EST. Topic: Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q & A.)
Send in your questions. Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education and Science Officer.

March 09, 2021: Tuesday, 8:30 pm EST. Topic: "Star Search: Judging Angraecoid Orchids."
Presenter: Beth Martin, AOS Associate Judge

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.

AOS PLANT JUDGING

The West Palm Beach Judging Center is happy & excited to announce that in-person judging will resume on Saturday, March 27, 2021.

To conform with Broward County's COVID guidelines, the location has been changed to the outdoor Flamingo BBQ house. All attending will be required to
-wear a mask covering their noise, mouth & chin
-observe proper social distancing at all times
(chairs and tables will be arranged accordingly; no visitors at judging tables)
-hand sanitizing will be required; bring your own supply.
No food will be provided (though you are welcome to bring or buy your own)
To ensure as smooth a process as possible, please PRE-REGISTER
your plants by Friday, 3/26 by 3 pm.
Please email to Jackie Wood:
1) the name of the plant (if a hybrid, please include the parents)
2) your name and contact information
Late entries will still be accepted up to Saturday at 1:30 pm, however pre-registration is greatly appreciated.
If you plan to attend judging on March 27th, please contact Jackie Wood (bocaorchidlady@aol.com)
or Sandi Block-Brezner (sblockfl@bellsouth.net) for instructions on how to gain access to Flamingo Gardens.

WPBJC Monthly Education Sessions
Education Topics 2021
Because of COVID restrictions, all education sessions will continue virtually via Zoom.
If you are interested in attending any of these upcoming education sessions, contact
Jackie Wood, WPBJC Chair,
for dates, times and zoom links.
WPBJC. Info: www.wpbjudging.org

MORE WPBJC INFORMATION

Flamingo Gardens Botanical Gardens & Everglades Wildlife Santuary
3750 South Flamingo Road
Davie, FL 33330-1614
(954) 473-2955
www.flamingogardens.org

WPBJC Affiliated Orchid Society Shows:

Judging Dates:

March 3-7, 2021: Martin County Orchid Society Show (3/5 thru 3/7)
Judging Chair: Jackie Wood
Location: Martin County Fairgrounds, Stuart, FL

April 3-4, 2021: Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Show (4/3 thru 4/4)
Judging Chair: Carol Holdren
Location: Flamingo Gardens, Davie, FL

October 28, 2021: East Everglades Orchid Society Show (10/28 thru 10/31)
Judging Chair: Bonnie & Will Riley
Location: R.F. Orchids, Homestead, FL

Just in case you wanted to see another photo of Rae Jean's outstanding ***Dendrobium speciosum***!

FROM MARTIN MOTES FEBRUARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Over all, this January has been colder and drier than normal but with a few patches of unusually warm weather. This pattern is the result of the cold air arriving in broad fronts which cover the northern states in blizzards but arrive in south Florida with their wings stretched out into the warm waters of both the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico.

During the coldest weather the temperature has been below the tolerance of our warmth loving orchids, hard cane dendrobiums, Phalaenopsis , and vandas (the cold tolerance of other genera and other sections of Dendrobium is set forth in Fla. Orchid Growing.

Many other genera and some sections of Dendrobium are actually happier with the amount of cold they have received. The exceptional dryness of the air has allowed radiational cooling to occur to a high degree, creating exceptionally high swings of day to night temperatures, which many genera relish. The extra dry air when coupled with high temperatures creates the most rapid of drying, a factor which calls for us to take extra care in watering our vandas thoroughly during the periods when temperatures rise into the 80's. Using water to warm vandas on mornings when the temperature has just dipped a little below 50 F (10C) compensates for the extra dryness in the air.

When watering vandas in this fashion, one should also include occasionally a heavy watering of cattleyas and other genera which are perfectly happy with the temperature but will benefit from a leaching of excess fertilizer salts. The exceptions to this practice are dendrobiums of sections of Dendrobium and Callista.

Both December and January have been unusual in different ways, so the continuation of the winter pattern we have been experiencing is more uncertain than ever, but if the January pattern holds, most of our orchids will be content and with a little extra attention the warm growers will be as well. The dry weather has kept our perpetual nemesis, snails aestivating even in the patches of extra warm weather, but be vigilant, they are awaiting their moment which frequently comes in February. Although temperatures have not been quite warm enough for Thrips to flourish, mites are happy with the dry conditions. Applied in late February, the control measures for mites in Fla. Orchid Growing will get our plants off to a strong start on the growing season.

Meanwhile, we continue to bask in mostly perfect weather capable of luring those northern souls even to an epicenter of the virus.
Stay well!

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.

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.

ORCHIDIST'S WORD OF THE MONTH

fermate (FER-mayt):

An organic fungicide, ferric dimethyl dithiocarbonate, useful as a spray or dust to combat leaf spot, stem rot, root rot and similar infectious diseases.

DID YOU KNOW???

From Orchid Growing in the Tropics

To avoid crown rot make sure to keep water out of crowns of plants when watering, especially during hot days. Rots are bacterial and fungal infections and, in particular rots, they will typically arise when ventilation is poor and humidity is high, such as if the plants are too crowded for example, or during rainy weather. Treatment for all rots is essentially similar. The diseased part must be cut back to clean tissues, the plants treated with bactericidal and/or fungicidal solutions and all cut surfaces pasted with concentrated fungicide mix (powdered fungicide & small amount of water or use cinnamon powder mixed with Elmers Glue – suggested by AOS.) If you also have root rot it is suggested that you cut off diseased or dead roots & clean off remaining potting mix. Allow plant to remain unspotted in humid shaded place until new roots appear.

INCREDIBLE FUN ORCHID FACTS THAT YOU NEED TO SEE

From Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens

- There can be up to 3 million seeds in a single orchid seedpod. You'll never see them though as they are the size of a speck of dust and are only visible under a microscope. Part of the reason for their small size is that they lack an endosperm and have no nutrients within. They require contact with a particular fungus to germinate and grow. We find this particularly interesting!

- It takes PATIENCE to grow an orchid. The plant's first flowers won't appear until at least 5 to 7 years after germination. The houseplants you find in stores are often a decade old. From duck to swan.

DENDROBIUM LEAF SPOT

Caused by Cercospora dendrobii
AOS GUIDE TO ORCHID PESTS AND DISEASES

This problem affects both deciduous and evergreen Dendrobiums. First symptoms show on the underside of the leaves as light yellow spots that continue to enlarge and may eventually engulf the entire leaf. Heavily infected leaves usually fall from plant prematurely & especially if infection takes place near base of leaf. When you discover this problem ISOLATE the plant immediately and remove all affected leaves, reduce leaf wetness & increase air circulation in area, making sure all of your plants are well spaced. If the incidence becomes severe use a systemic fungicide available for widespread use on orchids that contains thiophanate methyl. Alternative protectant fungicides include mancozeb and ferbam. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ON LABEL.

Photo at left:

90 Dendrobium nobile arrived at NBG Orchid House days before the NBG/NOS Orchid Sale. Packing & transportation from shipper allowed for fungus to build up on leaves. All flowers & buds were safe but many leaves had to be stripped. Spots are mostly cosmetic & plants will be sprouting new leaves soon. Be sure to unwrap any new orchids you purchase & check for too much moisture that might have accumulated during shipping.

Submitted by Kris Morton

Not an orchid, but still amazing!

Jade Vine, *Strongylodon macrobotrys*, all along walkway and above the ticket offices at Naples Botanical Garden. Spectacular!

January 11-March 18, 2021

Thursdays
10 - 11:30 a.m.
Using Zoom

ADMISSION is FREE!

Requires pre-registration on Eventbrite

https://2021gws.eventbrite.com

For more information, call 239-252-4800

DATE	ZOOM WORKSHOP
January 14	**MINA EDISON'S MOONLIGHT GARDEN: A RETROSPECTIVE** Debbie Hughes, Horticulture Director, Edison Ford Estates
January 21	**CONTAINER GARDENING-GROW A MASTERPIECE** Tom Becker, Residential Horticulture Agent, UF/IFAS Extension Collier County
January 28	**TREE SELECTION, PLANTING & MAINTENANCE BEST PRACTICES** Dr. Mike Orfanedes, UF/IFAS Broward Extension County Commercial Horticulture Agent
February 4	**PESTICIDES: LEGAL, BANNED AND CONTROVERSIAL** Bob Cook, Florida Horticulture Professional, FNGLA
February 11	**WHAT ARE POLLINATORS: ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES, BIRDS & MORE** Andee Naccarato & Wade Gurley, Naples Chapter, Florida Native Plant Society
February 18	**LANDSCAPE PALM DISEASES ANYWHERE AND ANYTIME** Stephen Brown, Horticulture Agent, UF/IFAS Extension Lee County
February 25	**ORCHIDS FOR BEGINNERS AND ORCHID ENTHUSIASTS** Chris Gilbert, Master Gardener Volunteer, UF/IFAS Extension Collier County
March 4	**ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR TURFGRASS** Dr. Marco Schiavon, Turfgrass Extension Specialist, Fort Lauderdale REC
March 11	**LATEST UPDATES ON RED TIDE & BLUE-GREEN ALGAE** Dr. Michael Parsons, Professor of Marine Science, FGCU
March 18	**Guided, Small Group Tours** (by appointment 9 a.m. - Noon) **UF/IFAS Extension Collier Display Gardens. New Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Containers** UF/IFAS Extension Collier County, 14700 Immokalee Rd. Naples, FL 34120

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NOS ORCHID SALE AT NBG

See more photos on our website!

From a Visitor:

Thank you for a wonderful orchid sale at the Botanical garden!! Cudos to the Director. We met while exiting the garden yesterday and you gave us great tips on orchid care. We so appreciate the time you took to talk with us! I'd love to get involved.
Just another Midwest transplant that loves gardening!

Thanks again!

Karen M Thorpe

COLOR CHANGES OF ORCHID FLOWERS

From Kris Morton

The two photos below are of my *C. lueddemanniana v. coerulea* showing Mother Nature and her "coloring" of "blue" orchids. The first photo was taken February 11. The petals/sepals look almost white. The second photo was taken February 13. Notice how the petals/sepals are more lavender (aka "blue.") During this COVID pandemic & isolation take the time to enjoy your orchid collection and all the beauty in nature.

AOS Centennial Celebration is coming!

Postponed until October 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EDUCATION UPDATE

Kit Kitchen-Maran
Education Chair

Hurry Spring!

Spring is due in on March 20th, but the temperatures everywhere are a bit chill right now. No problems here (+12 and snow, update: Feb. 22, the coldest night of the year---40 below!); we are prepared for it though. We hope your orchids are thriving and that you are too, particularly if you've had to lug in loads of plants to safety in the garage or elsewhere.

The NOS board of directors has announced the grants for the Intern/Scholarship program for this summer. The recipients are: Adam Herdman for one month (probably July or August), Dr. Ernesto Mujica, who hopefully will come up from Cuba in November, and a colleague of Dr. Zettler's from Illinois College, Dr. Brent Chandler and his student. They will be in the FPNWR July 1-7, 2021.

Dr. Chandler is a professor in the Chemistry Department and is working on the analysis of Ghost Orchid nectar. He has been collaborating with Mark Danaher, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist at the refuge since last year. Our grant to him will also cover one of his students to help collect nectar from native epiphytic orchids which will be taken back to Illinois College for chemical analysis.

Dr. Zettler explained, "A prevailing assumption is that orchids reward pollinators with simple sugars as a source of energy, but the actual chemical composition of the nectar has not received study. If amino acids and other compounds are present in the nectar and identified, this has the potential to revolutionize our view of pollination ecology in orchids throughout the world." Talk about ground-breaking research that NOS is helping fund!!!

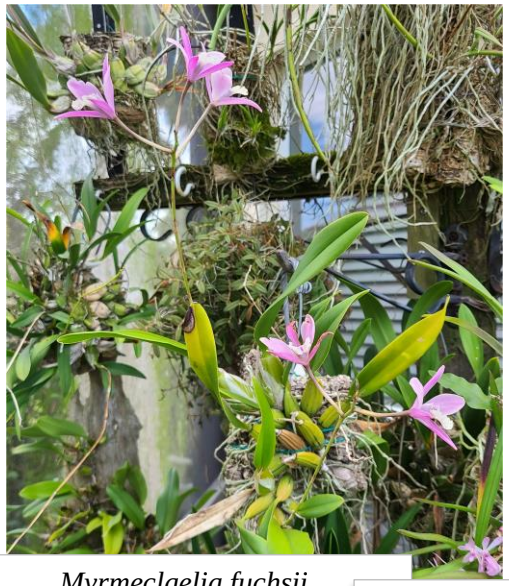
If politics and Covid19+ don't derail Dr. Mujica from receiving a U.S. visa for travel to the FPNWR this year, he will come in November to augment data collection on the continuing work that Adam does in the summer to document new Ghost Orchid seedlings. There is also the prospect of a possible workshop then, hosted by Dr. Mujica. Potential attendees would be regional land managers to learn his protocol for collecting data, which would extend the research on Ghost Orchids to other sites in Florida.

You also will be particularly gratified to know that after the past five years of doing field work at FPNWR with NOS support, Adam Herdman has decided to continue his pursuit of orchid research and is applying to the University of Florida to work on a Ph.D. after graduating with his M.S. from SIUE this fall. La Raw and I certainly are!

Stay warm…or cool. And grow those orchids!

Kit

What's Blooming in My Collection?



Myrmeclaelia fuchsii
Dick Pippen

See the article on pages 15-16 for more information about this orchid!

*Rynchola*elia glauca*
Dick Pippen

Phragmapedium China Dragon
Ralph Brand

Phragmapedium Fritz Schomburg (*besseae x kovachii*)
Ralph Brand

An Orchid Vignette—Fuchs's Myrmecolaelia

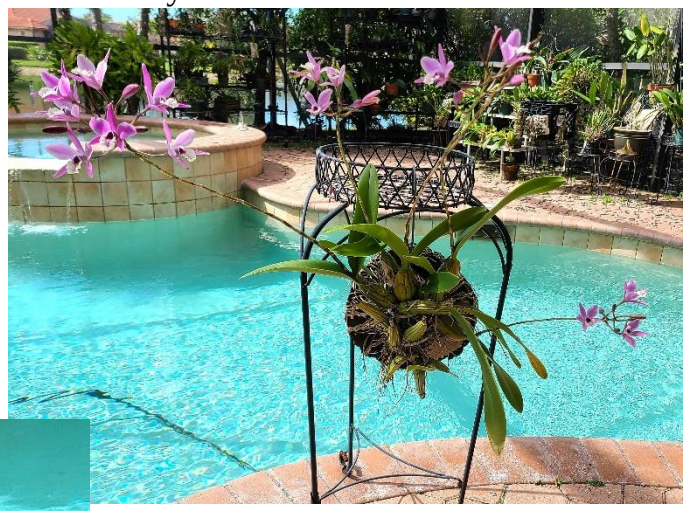
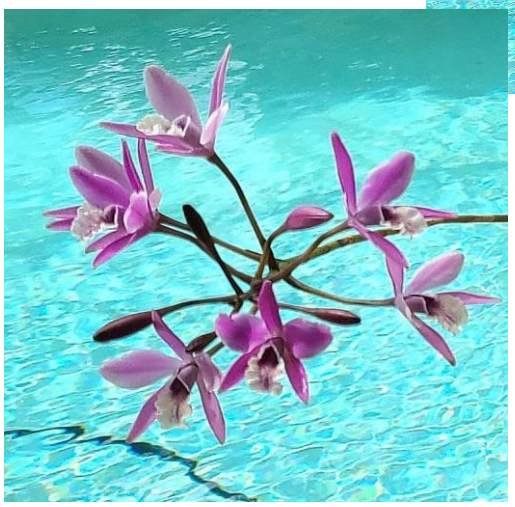
Contributed by Dick Pippen

I have an interesting story to tell you about this little plant. It will probably bore you to sleep, but I think it is interesting. This plant was discovered by Robert Fuchs (of RF Orchids) in 1976 on a trip to Nicaragua. It turned out to be a natural occurring hybrid between *Schomburgkia wendlandii* and *Laelia rubescens* and it was "known in the trade" as *Schombolaelia* x *fuchsii*. To complicate the story, the Schomburgkias, to which *Sch. wendlandii* belongs, were changed to *Myrmecophilia*, so our "little plant" became *Myrmecolaelia (Myl.) x fuchsii*. Both of these names, however, were unofficial since neither had ever been registered or officially recognized by the horticultural world.

So, in the Royal Horticultural Society's publication, New Orchid Hybrids, Nov-Dec 2003, the following note appeared "***Validation of the name Myrmecolaelia x fuchsii Hamer.*** *This name applies to a natural hybrid between Myrmecophila wendlandii and Laelia rubescens collected by Robert Fuchs during 1976, while engaged in a field trip in Nicaragua. . . . Unfortunately, the publication of Myc. fuchsii has not been accepted as valid due to a deficient Latin description. In order to validate the name, a Latin diagnosis based on the original Spanish and English description published by Fritz Hamer in Dodson, C. H. (1985) Icones Plantarum Tropicarum plate 1236 is provided here, at the request of staff at R. F. Orchids.*" And this was followed by a "official" Latin description. Now this is an officially recognized natural hybrid by both RHS and the Kew Checklist of Monocots, although it is treated in OrchidWiz as a species.

Ok, boring part over and our little plant is now official! I was looking for something different and Judy White at Jade Orchids said: "why don't you try this one, it is unusual." So, I acquired my *Myl. fuchsii* in December 2008. It was in a 4" plastic basket with coconut chunks but has since been transferred to a "plank" of mahogany. The plant only flowers once a year, usually in January, but the flowers are long lasting, about two months, and it has bloomed reliably every year since I acquired the plant. The small flowers, about 2 inches across, are pink-lavender with a white lip and fuchsia throat. They have a slight daytime fragrance, that is unusual, difficult to describe, pleasant but not "perfumy," more

like disinfectant (if you consider that pleasant 😊). The plant is compact, the pseudobulbs and their single leaves together are only about eight to ten inches tall.

I have been waiting for the 2021 blooming to include in this vignette. I had planned for the February issue, but the plant has been "slow to flower" and has just now come into its "full glory." This is the most blooms that it has had and I wanted to share this with you.

I must be about the only one that considers this a "neat little plant" because it has only earned two awards and those from the German Orchid Society. It has not been used as a parent in any crosses. I took it twice to monthly NOS meetings for ribbon judging, the first year nothing, the second year a blue! And that was quite some time ago. I think it is a "cute little orchid," a reliable winter bloomer and a good conversation piece. Jade Orchids may still have some if you are interested.