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AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

Our August monthly meeting
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

WOW!

Mary Jo Shively's Dendrobium orphan!

Check out more Dendrobiums in this issue!

UPCOMING NOS EVENTS

Next Monthly Meeting
Speaker: *To be announced*

NOS BOD and Show Committee Meeting
To be announced

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Submit articles for the Newsletter by the 15th of each month to: NaplesOrchidSociety@gmail.com

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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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dick Pippen
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Greetings Orchid Lovers— The Summer of 2020 will forever be known as the "Summer of Isolation." Early on, the saying was "This too shall pass," but I am not sure it ever will. As of this writing (mid July) the COVID-19 cases keep skyrocketing in the country, and especially in Florida. Like most of you I keep pretty much "self-isolated" and play a lot of Solitaire on the computer (when I am not caring for my orchids, of course 😊), and I hope you are doing the same. I miss our monthly meetings and interacting with all of you, but I fear it will be some time yet before we will feel safe in gatherings of more that 5-6 people. Even when we do meet again, I think it will be the "Masked Orchid Meeting!"

What's blooming in the collection?? I have several summer flowering orchids that are in bloom. One of my favorites is an unregistered cross between *Brassavola nodosa* and *Laeliocattleya* Wailea (photo right). As you know I am a big *Brassavola* fan and in this cross the *B. nodosa* dominates. (This picture is of two different plants growing next to each other). It also has a pleasant, delicate fragrance during the daytime.

Another delightful summer flowerer is *Brassavola* Myakka Stars, one of Jim Robert's (Florida SunCoast Orchids) creations. (photo left) It is a cross between *Brassavola reginae* and *B.* Little Stars. It blooms on every new growth, so I get flowers two or three time a year. Please overlook the not-so-pleasant background in this photo, it was taken in haste 😊.

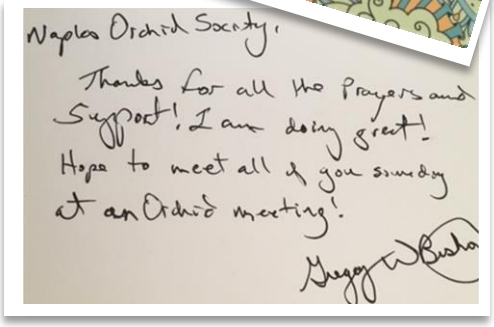
Speaking of Brassavolas, this month's Orchid Vignette features some *Brassavola* hybrids in the genus *Brassoepidendrum* ("*Bepi*" for short). My computer was compromised recently by a virus that has corrupted most of my documents, so I cannot at present access my Orchid Vignettes, so I am reprinting one that appeared in February 2014. Hopefully you will have forgotten that enough that it will appear "new" to you. I apologize but hope you enjoy reading it again.

Not sure when we will "see each other again," but until then, keep your orchids happy. *Dick*

CARE CARDS

A Sympathy Card was sent to Twyla Leigh for the loss of her Mother and Father.

A Sympathy Card was sent to Lifetime Member Eileen Davison for the loss of her husband Harold.



Upcoming Events

Omitted for this issue due to the numerous cancellations

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY: The Annual Meeting of Members, to have been held in Sacramento, CA in April has been postponed to October 21-24 (still in Sacramento.) If you had already registered for the show, you need do nothing to keep your registration in place. If you cannot attend the new meeting date, please contact AOS headquarters for a full refund.

AOS PLANT JUDGING
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**NOS member Mark Hudak has a limited number of starts of *Myrtus communis* (true Myrtle) to share. If interested call him for availability.
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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.*)*

August 26, 2020: 8:30 pm EST, Wednesday. Topic: *Maxillaria* - not just *tenufolia* anymore.
Presenter: Eric Sauer, Awarded Maxillariaologist & Greenhouse Grower.

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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.

MORE ORCHID TERMS

From " Orchids" AOS Magazine

- *apiculate* – ending abruptly in a small point
- *isthmus* – narrow area usually joining two parts
- *monophyletic* – a group sharing only single ancestor
- *pyriform* – pear-shaped

ORCHID TRIVIA

From AOS

Vanilla is actually an orchid. The vanilla bean is a capsule filled with thousands of seeds. The tiny dark specks seen in vanilla ice cream are the orchid seeds. The use of vanilla as a flavoring agent probably originated with the Aztecs. Today among chefs, the most highly prized vanilla is that from Tahiti.

Many orchids are fragrant, although many lose their scents when cut from the plant. Fragrances, designed to attract specific pollinators, range from the sweetest florals to coconut, chocolate, mentholatum, new-mown hay & the most foul. A fragrant orchid can fill an entire room with its aroma, good or bad.

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

by Robert M. Scully Jr.

Summer's higher temperatures, brighter light conditions & longer days induce orchids to manufacture the greatest amount of carbohydrates when provided with adequate fertilizer. Apply a slightly diluted concentration (2 t. of soluble fertilizer per gallon of water) each week.

Warm temperatures cause insect populations to increase. Pay attention to pest-control management. Observe your plants carefully & spray for both insects & disease when first noticed. Endure the discomforts of patrolling the hot, muggy atmosphere of a greenhouse now in order to maintain healthy orchids this autumn & next winter.

Current high temperatures are particularly stressful for phalaenopsis. In some areas, humidity conditions are quite high. Excessive heat & humidity promote bacterial *Pseudomonas* infections on the fleshy leaves. Keep light levels subdued & temperatures below 85 F; it may be necessary to operate additional fans to promote sufficient air circulation. Do not irrigate from above (to avoid splashing unseen disease inoculums from plant to plant.) Instead, water plants pot to pot & do not strike (bruise) the turgid leaves with the hose nozzle. Feed these rapid growers frequently to develop the strongest root systems & largest leaves possible prior to winter flowering season.

OUR WACKY WEATHER PLUS COVID 19 – AACCKK!!!

Submitted by Kris Morton

We went from one or two days of winter, then a few days of spring, then hot, hot, hot!!! Almost no rain, then too much rain, then too dry again. And the coup de gras was COVID 19!!! The dry weather did allow our orchids to harden off for awhile but that sent in the Thrips. Now (July 19) we're starting to get back in the pattern of afternoon rains. They do help wash off the Sahara dust & cool down the temps to a "balmy" humid 85 degrees. We still live in a garden paradise though. Once again I am including Dr. Motes' monthly advice for our hot summer. And please stay safe & healthy & hope you all are wearing masks & doing social distancing.

From Martin Motes, PhD

Following an unusually wet May which set off an extra early start to the rainy season, June began with more of the same. The unrelenting onslaught put disease pressure on our orchids which is not typically seen until September. Blessedly, the last of June has been unusually dry. The lack of rain has given our plants welcome relief from diseases that are ever present in our subtropical gardens. We now need to take advantage of this opportunity to dry our plants hard. Water only when plants have become completely and thoroughly dry. Be sure to water with several applications of water spaced a few minutes apart. Then let plants dry thoroughly again. This is a year to definitely err on the dry side until conditions return to normal.

For vandas and other monopodial orchids a hard drying with summer temperatures in the mid-90's means letting them go un-watered for 2 days once or twice a week. When one waters subsequent to this drying, remember the roots may have started to behave like corks in wine bottles and will perhaps need 3-4 applications of water to the point of run of in order to achieve the desirable overall dark green color which tells us they are saturated. With the extreme heat that we are experiencing, on days when they have been watered, a light misting can be beneficial in the afternoon as is done in Thailand where conditions are similar to those we are having.

Thrips are always a threat when more than 5 days pass without rain. Control them with the methods set forth in Fla. Vanda Growing. If using soap to control thrips and mites, remember to water thoroughly the day before as soap is dehydrating.

Usually mites are washed away by the heavy rains of June and July. This year without those rains and with the excessive heat, mites could be savage. Scout for them on soft cane dendrobiums, catasetums, oncidiums and paphs. Remember that in order to control mites two sprayings 7-10 days apart are required. Control of mites is covered in Fla. Orchid Growing.

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TASKS FOR AUGUST

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

- Finish cutting teretes & reed stem epidendrums early in month.
- Reset strap leaf vandas early or not at all.
- Dry hard once or twice.
- Continue anti-fungal spray program.
- Apply snail bait lightly twice, ten days apart.

It's Dendrobium Time!

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Dick Pippen

April, 2020

Dear Orchid Friends,

Our Gala Centennial Celebration is just a year away! Our campaign to raise funds for conservation is well underway, we want to thank everyone who has contributed so far. Remember, the profits for this event go directly to our permanent Conservation Fund endowment, to help preserve threatened orchid habitat around the world. Protecting the habitat protects more than the orchids, too – all of the other plants and all of the critters will benefit!

There's still time to participate. Please review the sponsor opportunities flyer and send your contribution today!

The Gala is scheduled for April 10, 2021, at the fabulous, historic Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. Individual tickets to the banquet can be reserved, see the flyer for details.

That weekend will also include our Spring Members' and Trustees Meeting, with many activities and a fantastic auction as well. Proceeds from the auction also benefit the Conservation Fund endowment. The Biltmore Hotel has given us a very special room rate for this event. Use booking ID code 321 when you make your reservation. You can contact the hotel by phone, toll-free number (855) 311-6903 or on their website: https://www.biltmorehotel.com/

On behalf of the entire 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. Enclosed please find an information page about donor and sponsor opportunities. Please don't hesitate to contact me for additional information.

Very Truly Yours,

Robert Fuchs
Vice President
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Centennial Committee Chair

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Education Update

Kit Kitchen-Maran
Education Chair and Past President

SURPRISE!!!!

I promised everybody a surprise in the June newsletter which I expected to reveal in the July newsletter, but the virus has delayed our usual mailings. I finally got my July issue of Orchids magazine late this week and hope you have yours, and so here it is…!!!

Surprise! There is a lengthy article by our friends (and newest NOS Life Member) Dr. Larry Zettler and Dr. Ernesto Mujica on pages 542-547 of the July 2020 Orchids magazine. The title is Cuban Treasures. If you are not a member of AOS so you receive this treasure of a magazine monthly, plus many other benefits, you should be. So, beg, borrow or join so you can read this account of how the collaboration of these two orchid specialists came about and what they have learned about Cuban and SW Florida Dendrophylax lindenii, or Ghost Orchids. And we, the Naples Orchid Society have helped with these discoveries!

Much of the data in both countries have been collected by Dr. Zettler's students from Illinois College who have been receiving several NOS internships annually since 2011. And Dr. Mujica has been given three NOS grants to help him come to the U.S to participate in data collection and student training at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, although he was not able to obtain a U.S. visa this year again.

If you read this story, you will remember being introduced at each July NOS meeting to many of these young people who have contributed to this groundbreaking research. Regrettably, our 2020 July meeting was cancelled, but our interns have still been out in the Refuge during July making new inroads in orchid research. Recently Dr. Zettler emailed me saying, "…they are getting great data down at the Refuge. It's been very dry there. Michael has successfully collected nectar from Ghost Orchids and even some droplets from the labellum." What a change from the last several years when water was chest high!

Our NOS contributions are noted in the last paragraph by Dr. Zettler thusly: "We are especially grateful to the Naples Orchid Society for their generous annual funding for Dr. Mujica and student interns at the Florida Panther NWR." And so, we are meeting our mission statement goals of providing research and education about our SW Florida native orchid species and we all should be very proud of their and our achievements. --*Kit*

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It's Ghost Orchid Time!

In the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge!!

Photos by Adam Herdman

From left: Adam Herdman, Jack Lu, Michael LaRusso

Adam reports that it's a very successful year and new ghosts have been discovered. See the interns' final report on NOS website.

At Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary!!

Corskcrew is currently closed to visitors, but they are keeping us up to date with the Ghost Orchid activity. Check out this year's Super Ghost Orchid, as well as information about pollination and past years blooms.

https://corkscrew.audubon.org/visit/corkscrews-ghost-orchid

Naples Botanical GARDEN

Check out the article "Orchid Whisperer" about Nick Ewy, Director of Collections at Naples Botanical Garden. Nick has presented at our monthly meetings multiple times about his work with orchids at NBG.

https://www.naplesgarden.org/visit/plan-your-visit/plan-your-visit/

Navigate using this link, and scroll down to see the latest version of NBG's magazine. The article is on page 13. If you are a Member of NBG, you will have received the hard copy in your mail.

Learn How To Grow Orchids

Naples Orchid Society's Fundaments of Growing Orchids Program

WHEN: Every Saturday, January 09 through February 13, 2021 (A SIX Week Program)
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An Orchid Vignette—And Then There's Bepi! *(originally published Feb 2014 Newsletter, updated for August 2020 Newsletter)*

Contributed by Dick Pippen

I just love that name—"Bepi!" It is just fun to say—and the orchids that belong to the name are just as fun to look at if you like green and white and spots! *Bepi,* is short for *Brassoepidendrum* (see why I like "Bepi" so much better ☺), which is a combination of *Brassavola* and *Epidendrum*. Here are three of my favorites.

Bepi, Phoenix (photo left) is a cross between *Brassavola nodosa* and *Epidendrum phoeniceum*. It was created by Oscar Kirsch of Hawaii and registered by him in 1960. So this cross is now more than 50 years old!! The flowers are dominated by the *B. nodosa* parent as evidenced by the shape of the lip and all those delightful spots! The plant also resembles *B. nodosa* with long narrow leaves. In all those 50 years this grex has only earned five awards and the first was not until 2011 when it earned an AM/AOS! It has been used as a parent in 14 crosses and has nine grandkids. Unfortunately, this grex only flowers once a year, in November (for me) but the flowers last for about 2-3 months. It was growing in a clay pot in a lava/charcoal/Hydroton until it decided to vacate my premises for Orchid Heaven.

My second favorite "Bepi" is *Bepi*. Memoria Carl Chenowith, one of *Bepi*. Phoenix's "kids." (*Bepi* Phoenix x *Epidendrum alatum*). (photo right) This cross was created by Margaret Chenowith of Miami, Florida, and registered by her in 1985. This hybrid has only earned one AOS award and that was an AM in 1988. It has not been used as parent in any crosses. You can see that the *Epidendrum* parent is more represented in these flowers in the maroon-brown color in the sepals and petals. And the purple "spotting" is more like lines of color painted on the white lip. For me this grex flowers in mid-summer, with the flowers lasting about two months or so (and spikes almost 2 feet long). I had trouble getting this plant to grow and I now have it in a plastic pot in a bark mix. It appears happier and is in flower at the time of this writing (mid July, 2020).

Ah, since I still have space—here is a third favorite "Bepi." This is *Bepi*. Pseudosa (photo below left). Now, this one is very different from the other two. The flowers are smaller, the sepals and petals a bright apple green, and the lip is yellow with no spots! This is a cross between *Brassavola nodosa* and *Epidendrum pseudoepidendrum* (don't you just love these names!!). *Epi. pseudoepidendrum* is one of the reed epidendrums, thus lacking pseudobulbs, and that trait is passed on to this grex. Pseudosa was created and registered by Claude Simmons of Voo Doo Orchids, Naples Fl. in 1974. This hybrid has earned one AOS award, an AM in1978. It has been used as a parent in seven crosses. For me, this plant, growing in a plastic pot, in a bark mix, flowers on every new growth.

Alas, only this third grex is still truly a "Bepi" because *Epi. phoeniceum* and *Epi. alatum* have been transferred to the genus *Encyclia* (where they should be). That means that the correct genus for both *Bepi*. Phoenix and Mem. Carl Chenowith is *Encyvola*! Yuk, that just doesn't roll of the tongue nearly as well ☹. However, they are still great plants and they will "always be Bepi to me!"

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