NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1962

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Our February monthly meeting is Thursday,
February 6, 2020
at the Moorings Presbyterian Church, Baker Gym

Flower Registration
6:30 pm
Flower Judging
7:10 pm
Meeting
7:30 pm
Program
7:45 pm

PROGRAM:
Preparing for our 47th Annual Orchid Show-Part 2

Flower Awards
Raffle --- Refreshments

UPCOMING NOS EVENTS

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2020
Mac Rivenbark
Mac's Orchids **Topic TBA**

Fundamentals of Orchid Growing
Six Week Course
Continues Saturdays until February 15
See page 11 for more info

Bus Trip to Redland International Orchid Festival
Saturday May 16, 2020
See page 2 for more info

NOS BOD and Show Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2020 6:30 pm
All members are welcome to attend
AvAirPros
3555 Kraft Road, Suite 300
Naples, FL 34105
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https://www.google.com/maps/place/3555+Kraft+Rd+%2

President: Richard Pippen
rpippen@comcast.net

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

***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.NaplesOrchid Society.org

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dick Pippen
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Greetings Orchid Lovers—Show time is just around the corner—can you believe it!!! As you all know the theme for the 2020 Naples Orchid Society Show is 'Wild About Orchids.' Thanks Diane Glover for submitting the winning suggestion. So, our January and February monthly meeting programs are centered around getting ready for the Show. At our January meeting Kit Kitchen-Maran showed us all how to make a "judgable" and lovely Orchid Cut Flower Arrangement. I even got some ideas so watch out—here I come (maybe). This was followed by a brief presentation by Dick Pippen (oh, I guess that's me—or I should say that is I) on how to fill out the green tags for all the exhibits. You probably already know they are somewhat different from the green tags used at the monthly meetings. He also demonstrated that unlike the monthly meeting plant competition where all the orchids in the different groupings compete with each other, for example all the large cattleyas compete against large cattleyas, small cattleyas against small cattleyas, large vandas against large vandas, small vandas against small vandas, etc. In the Show each of these categories is subdivided into smaller groupings (classes). So, for example in the large cattleyas, there are at least eight classes including white, bicolored, solid color but not white, spotted, striped, etc. and plants only compete against each other in these smaller classes (so white against white, bicolor against bicolor, etc.). Thus, in the Show your plant stands a much better chance of winning a ribbon than in the monthly meeting competition, in other words don't hesitate to bring your plant to the show. Hope this makes some sense. You can download the document that lists all these classes from our website. It is called "***Trophy Awards and Classes for Exhibition***." Check it out.

The program for our February meeting will consist of how to prepare a container and small table-top exhibits and how to prepare your individual plants for exhibition. Remember that NOS members get into the Show FREE, but you must be sure your membership is current for 2020.

At our January meetings we always recognize the top three "point getters" from the plant table from the previous year. For 2019 the winners are: First Place—Karen Davenport; Second Place—Eunice Walker; Third Place—Barbara Crist. Congratulations to these people and also to all of you who brought plants in for our monthly competition. Please keep it up.

I look forward to seeing y'all at our February meeting. Until then keep your orchids happy.

Dick

Bus Trip to Redland International Orchid Festival

Saturday, May 16, 2020

http://www.redlandorchidfest.org/

We are taking another Bus Trip!!!! This one is to Redland, Fruit and Spice Park,in Homestead,FL. May,16, 2020 on a Saturday....**Cost is $30** which includes **Bus and Entry Fee**. We leave from **Naples at 8:30** and arrive back home at 5:30....We are teaming with three other Orchid Societies so **FIRST PAY, FIRST RIDE...space is limited. Www.redlandorchidfest.org for Show details.**

Contact: Lanelle Bishop (lbishop52@gmail.com, 239-352-1860)

or

Carolyn Booker (Cbrnwcc@gmail.com 239-777-4814)

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
9 January 2020

Respectfully submitted by Veronica Catrombon

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by **President Dick Pippen.** He reviewed the emergency procedures and thanked the refreshment providers and **Mary Jo Shively** for coordinating. He also thanked **Lanelle Bishop** and her elves for the wonderful Holiday Party in December.

Dick thanked **Diane Glover** for submitting the winning theme for our 2020 Orchid Show—"**Wild About Orchids**" and presented a check for $50 to her.

Culture Class is beginning on Saturday 11 January and will run until Saturday 15 February.

Orchid Fest at Naples Botanical Garden will be a week before and a week after our show. Members of NOS will enjoy free access to the Garden for each day of our Orchid Show. The Garden and our Show will open at 8:00am for NOS and Garden Members.

Make sure to sign up to volunteer at our orchid show—**Kris Morton** has sign up sheets at the meeting tonight.

The points leaders for our 2019 Plant Tables were announced. Many thanks to all who exhibited plants**. Karen Davenport**, First Place, $300; **Eunice Walker**, Second Place, $200; and **Barbara Crist,** Third Place $100. An **Honorable Mention** was awarded to **Cheryle Daniel** for her excellent showing in the three years that she has been an NOS member.

Sheila Demkovich, Treasurer, reported our balance in checking is $17,302 as of 31 December 2019.

Sheila also reviewed the Show budgeting. Our Show costs the Society $10,000 to present. The Garden provides a portion of the admission proceeds to us, which has been about $10,000.

Veronica Catrombon, Membership Chair, reported that membership is now 88 paid members with 1158 followers on Facebook. Many thanks to **Christine O'Donnell** for inviting her Facebook Friends to follow NOS. Because of this, our followers jumped from 515 followers in November 2019 to 1158. Please share the posts that you will see in the weeks ahead advertising our Show.

Please check your listing on the roster on our website. You can send **Veronica** an email to update your information right from the roster—just click her email address skychik8@hotmail.com or naplesorchidsociety@gmail.com

Kris Morton, Show Volunteer Coordinator, advised Set up and Take down volunteers are needed. Also, volunteers for Registration Day, Hosts and Hostesses on Show Days, and for Orchid Holding Areas on Show Days.

Orchid Doctor is in need of some volunteers, too.

Kris reminded us that this is OUR Orchid Society and that many hands are necessary to make OUR Show a big success. Whether you are an exhibitor, a show hostess, or on the setup and take-down crew, every volunteer hour helps us reach that goal. Consider volunteering--even if you are not sure what job you can do, the Show Committee will ensure that you'll have a job that matters. Contact **Kris Morton** kwmehm@comcast.net and lend a hand!

Rae Jean Walker would like to hear from you if you are interested in NOS Golf Shirts. Contact **Rae Jean** raejean@tiretracksusa.com

Dick Pippen remarked that the revised Show Rules and Awards Documents have been distributed to the membership and posted on our website on the ORCHID SHOW page, accessed by clicking a button on the home page of our website. Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in many categories.

Dick Pippen introduced our speakers **Dick Pippen** and **Kit Kitchen-Maran,** each presenting on preparing exhibits for our Orchid Show: How to Fill Out Green Tags and Who Me? I Can't—YES YOU CAN! Respectively.

The Plant Table winners were announced, and Raffle winners were announced.

The meeting was adjourned.

Welcome New Members!

Mary Bieker, Bob Castonguay, Nancy Castonguay, Brenda Chambers, Roxane Cunningham, Kelly Daniel, Diane Ervin, John Ervin, Michael Finkel and Family, Mary Greto-Pierce, Lori Hamilton, Karen Harris, Angela Kim, Joe Lema, Joyce Lema, Katie Margolis, Margarita Martin, Lindsey McCaskey, Linda Nelson, Harriet Nolan, Roberta Norton, Pat Orr, Marla Taub, Steven Taub, Mimi Villanova, Lynn Wardle, and Carey Wennerlyn.

Upcoming Events

Continuing thru March 12, 2020: Thursdays, 10 AM – 11:30 AM, 2020 Educational Garden Workshop Series, hosted by UF/IFAS Collier Co. Master Gardeners. LOCATION CHANGE: All lecture sessions will be held at the South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy, Naples, FL. 34113.
Complete series is $40 or $10 per lecture & open to the public. Info: blogs.ifas.ufl.edu>collierco.

February 1-2, 2020: Venice Area Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL; Contact: Carol Wood, 941-497-4995; cwood12@msn.com.

February 8-9, 2020: Boca Raton Orchid Society Show "In Love With…Orchids," Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL; Contact: Carla Lacher, 561-843-6134; cmlacher@hotmail.com.

February 14-16, 2020: Greater Orlando Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale, Orlando Garden Club, Inc., 710 East Rollins Street, Orlando, FL; Contact: John Meyer, 407-695-2122 or David White, 407-712-3818.

February 15-16, 2020: Orchid Society of Highlands County "Orchids from the Heart," Agri-Civic Center, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring, FL; Contact: Susie Whitehead, Lori Coon, Marlene Martinez, 863-446-0189; cmghmartinez@gmail.com.

February 15-16, 2020: Port St. Lucie Orchid Show "Orchid Jungle Book," Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL; Contact: Claudia Young, 757-879-2142; oma.young@ymail.com.

February 22-23, 2020: Naples Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale "Wild About Orchids," Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Dr., Naples, FL. www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

March 6-8, 2020: Martin County Orchid Society Show, Martin County Fairgrounds, Building G, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy., Stuart, FL; Contact: Debbie Wilson, 561- 351-1515; davedebwilson@hotmail.com.

March 7-8, 2020: Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show "Orchids 20/20 Perfect Vision," Tampa Scottish Rite Center, 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL; Contact: Eileen Hector, 813-368-7353; TampaBayOrchidSociety@verizon.net.

March 13-14, 2020: Englewood Area Orchid Society "Orchids by Lemon Bay," Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood, FL; Contact: Mary Anne DiGrazia, 941-697-9237; tommaryanne@centurylink.net.

March 13-15, 2020: Orchid Society of Coral Gables Show, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Garden Room, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL; Contact: Melana Davison, 760-212-8919; orchidiva@att.net.

March 20-22, 2020: Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show, North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, FL; Contact: Jim Longwell, 239-340-5520; jlongwell1@comcast.net.

March 28-29, 2020: Central Florida Orchid Society Show "It's Raining Orchids," National Guard Armory, 28 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando, FL; Contact: Teri Scott, 407-463-0274; teriscottfla57@aol.com.

April 10, 2021: AOS Centennial Gala, American Orchid Society 100th Anniversary, 1921-2021.

January 2020 Meeting Attendance, Raffle Proceeds and Our Volunteers

Monthly meeting attendance: 60
Raffle proceeds: $110.00

Thank you to our plant table workers: Sheila Demkovich and Karen Davenport

Thank you to our raffle table worker: Sue Roehl and Rae Jean Walker

Refreshment Providers for January 2020

Many thanks to our Refreshment Providers **Cheryle Daniel, Marija Rosenfeld, Rae Jean Walker, Lia Hemphill, Kate Hanes, Judy Trotta and Mary Lane**

Contact me if you can provide refreshments for one of our future meetings:

Mary Jo Shively, NOS Director and Refreshment Coordinator
maryjoshively@gmail.com

Care Cards

A get well card was sent to Lanelle Bishop's son, "Chef" Greg Bishop. He did some fabulous cooking for us during several orchid shows.

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.

AOS PLANT JUDGING

WPB Judging Center next judging date is

February 22, 2020

Flamingo Gardens
3750 S. Flamingo Rd.
Davie, FL 33330

https://www.wpbjc.org/

OUR NOS ORCHID DOCTOR CLINIC AT NBG CONTINUES THRU MARCH

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NBG THE NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY IS ONCE AGAIN OFFERING AN **ORCHID DOCTOR CLINIC** ON THE FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAY AFTERNOONS, 1 PM – 4 PM, RUNNING **DECEMBER 2019 THRU MARCH 2020.**

- NBG SETS UP A TABLE WITH CHAIRS UNDER COVER AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GARDEN.
- NOS SUPPLIES THE HANDOUTS – (APPLICATIONS FOR NOS MEMBERSHIP, NOS CULTURE CLASS APPLICATION FORMS, CULTURE INFORMATION ON THE COMMON TYPES OF ORCHIDS, ALONG WITH UPCOMING EVENTS.)
- WE ANSWER ORCHID QUESTIONS ABOUT CULTURE, POTTING AND PESTS/DISEASES, ETC., ALONG WITH INFORMING THE PUBLIC ABOUT OUR UPCOMING NOS ORCHID CULTURE CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY & OUR FEBRUARY NOS ORCHID SHOW & SALE.
- WE LIKE AT LEAST 2 NOS MEMBERS EACH SATURDAY.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE SATURDAYS.

IT'S A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY A LOVELY SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MEET NEW PEOPLE, HAVE FUN & GIVE BACK TO THE NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY.

CONTACT: Kris Morton Kwmehm@comcast.net
239-732-0407 (leave message if I don't answer.)

TASKS FOR FEBRUARY

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

- **Spread snail bait lightly. Spread again lightly in two weeks.**
- **Spray for *Botrytis* using Florida recommended fungicides or bicarbonate of soda.**
- **Begin spring potting.**
- **Watch for mites.**

Time to Renew!

Membership Chair Veronica Catrombon will be accepting membership renewals for 2020 at our February 2020 monthly meeting. You may also pay by check mailed to Naples Orchids Society, PO Box 7998, Naples, FL 34101, or by credit card at www.naplesorchidsociety.org

Single membership $40, Family membership $50.

Question about Membership? Email Veronica at **naplesorchidsociety@gmail.com**

YOUR AOS REP
Marilyn Moser
Mm3purple@aol.com

AOS WEBINARS – COMING ATTRACTIONS

(registration required: www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx - webinars are available to view at your leisure from the same page if you are not available at that time.*)*

February 11, 2020: 8:30 pm EST, Tuesday. Topic: Large Flowered Cattleyas. Presenter: Art Chadwick, Founder Chadwick & Son Orchids, Inc.

February 18, 2020: 8:30 pm EST, Tuesday. Topic: Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q & A.) *Send your questions!* Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education and Science Officer.

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.

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

by Robert M. Scully Jr.

- Observe plants carefully for signs of disease and insects. Do not overlook companion plants, such as ferns & aroids; they often provide cover for insect populations that may spread to orchids.
- An occasional fertilizer treatment is appropriate for cattleyas, even though temperature and light conditions are not ideal for growth. Apply dyed fertilizers with care to prevent staining the blooms rising in the sealed sheaths. Sometimes it is necessary to split open a sheath with a sterile blade to reduce pressure on the emerging buds or to allow accumulated condensation (possibly from fluctuating temperatures) to dissipate.
- Apply a weak fertilizer solution to *Phalaenopsis.* Be careful not to splatter the flowers or they will stain. As with any orchid, do not fertilize a dry pot; water today & fertilize tomorrow. Phalaenopsis exude a honey-like substance on the developing inflorescence; it attracts scale insects. Watch for signs of any problem that could be spot treated before it becomes a major situation. Avoid spraying insecticides on blossoms.
- Watch for flower buds on dendrobiums – *Den. linndleyi*, *Den. nobile* hybrids, *Den. superbum* (syn. *Den. anosmum*), and other deciduous species & hybrids. These have longer-lasting flowering when exposed to cooler night temperatures as the blooms open and mature. Avoid dousing open flowers when watering; give slightly more water to these plants (which have been kept reasonably dry prior to flowering) once they begin to bloom. Continue to protect evergreen-type dendrobiums from low temperatures that may cause leaf loss.

HOME REMEDIES

From "Orchids" January 2020 edition

- Rather than expensive & potentially dangerous herbicides, spray full-strength vinegar to kill weeds between pavers & on greenhouse floors. (Do not spray on orchids.)
- Aspirin (just ¾ of one 325 mg tablet/gallon of water) helps protect plants from fungal & viral pathogens when used as a spray. More is NOT better. Do not exceed this amount.
- Homemade insecticide (mix in a 1 gallon jug): 1 pint rubbing alcohol, 1 pint 409 spray cleaner, & 3 quarts water. Apply as spray.
- Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol can be put into an empty spray bottle & used to treat scale, mealybugs, thrips, aphids, red spider mites & perhaps other pests. It works only while wet & must contact the insect.
- Neosporin has been reportedly used to treat orchid crown rot; remove rotted area of plant before treatment.

2020 Orchid Show Page

Wild About Orchids!

2020 Orchid Show Rules

https://naplesorchidsociety.org/orchid-show/

Our Annual Orchid Show rules have been updated and published on our website (click on link above). More information about the registration process and changes to categories will be presented at our upcoming meetings. It is recommended that exhibitors review these documents early so that any questions may be raised and addressed before our show week.

Dick Pippen
President

David Orr
Show Rules Committee Chair

2020 Orchid Show Sponsorship Opportunity

If you or someone you know owns a business and would like to be a sponsor of our 47th Annual Orchid Show and Sale to be held February 22 and 23, 2020, please contact our Sponsorship Chair **Diane Glover 239-877-4665 or email Diane@GulfHomeLifestyle.com for more details**.

Check out our 2020 Sponsor and Donor pages at the end of this newsletter!

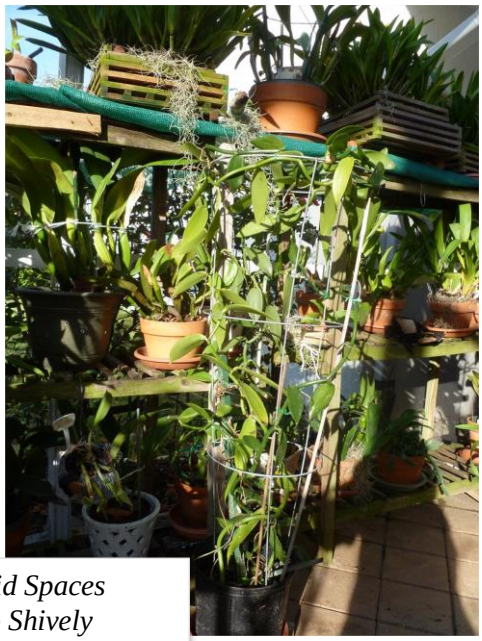
*****Orchid Show Ribbons*****

OUR SUPPLY OF RIBBONS FOR HOST, HOSTESS & VOLUNTEERS FOR THE YEARLY NOS SHOW & SALE ARE NOW DOWN TO:
3 – VOLUNTEER; 2 - HOST; 1 – HOSTESS.
PLEASE CHECK AT HOME TO SEE IF YOU MIGHT STILL HAVE ANY & BRING TO ONE OF OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS.
I'LL HAVE SIGN UP SHEETS FOR VOLUNTEERS AT THE JANUARY & FEBRUARY MEETING.
THX. KRIS MORTON

Look what's blooming in my collection!

Mary Jo Shively and Veronica Catrombon share some happy orchids from their collections.

Mary Jo Shively



My Orchid Spaces
Mary Jo Shively

Epc. Lime Sherbert 4N x B. nodosa 4N
Veronica Catrombon

Cattleya intermedia
Veronica Catrombon

Send a few photos of your blooming orchids!

We would love to see them in our newsletter!

Veronica Catrombon
Naplesorchidsociety@gmail.com

Education Update

Kit Kitchen-Maran
Education Chair and Past President

Coming to a US Post Office near you in 2020!

Watch for the new issue of USA Forever Wild Orchid Stamps this year!

Dr. Lawrence Zettler from Illinois College, will be speaking at the unveiling of the new stamps by the USPS on February 21st in Miami, probably at Fairchild Gardens. Zettler, who has contributed so much new information about the SWFL native orchids, especially the Ghost Orchid (Dendrophylax lindenii), was invited by the Postal Service at the suggestion of Susan Wedegaertner, President of the American Orchid Society. The nine US native orchid species feature a few of the SWFL orchids (Spiranthes odorata and Calopogon tuberosis: and Triphora trianthophoros grows in Northern Florida) Anyway they are beautiful and will add to our notes, cards and bills! that we send. The ten new stamps will come in booklets of 20 and coils of 3,000 and 10,000 - in case you send a lot of mail. The postage rate for first class holds at 55 cents per stamp this year, but get them while they're available. They are sure to be hot items here in Florida.

Dr. Zettler is a recognized authority on native orchids and for the past eight years, he has sent his students (15 of them!) to the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge on NOS internships, to study and collect data on various facets of the nearly 50 native Florida species found in SWFL. The past five years, they have concentrated on the Ghost data, which has been coordinated with information collected on the Cuban variety of this orchid. As a result, Dr. Zettler has been able to publish scientific papers and speak at international conferences about this data collection, thus sharing his, his students' and colleagues' information, and furthering education about conservation and preservation of these orchids. He acknowledges our society for helping fund the interns and make this information available.

Soon, in February, there will be a conference in Havana, Cuba, where Dr. Zettler, Dr. Ernesto Mujica and Dr. Michael Kane will be presenting several research talks on the Ghost Orchid 5-year data which our NOS interns have collected. This conference is an international one linked to the United Nations. In addition, Zettler will be presenting this information that NOS has helped make possible, to the 23rd World Orchid Conference in Taiwan in March. This will probably be published as part of the conference proceedings. In addition, another paper related to the Ghost will soon be published as well.

Our society, through our intern program, is very active on furthering our goals of education, conservation and preservation of our native orchids as declared in our mission statement. Good for us!

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!

Fundamentals of Orchid Growing

Class Dates are January 11 – February 15, 2020.
https://naplesorchidsociety.org/culture-class/

Registration form for 2020 to complete and send with your payment may be found **HERE.**

The Orchid Culture Programs will be presented in the **Buehler Auditorium at the Naples Botanical Garden,** 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples, Florida, for six consecutive Saturdays beginning in January and ending in February. Programs begin at **9:30 AM and end at 12:30 PM** (the six classes will each be three hours long with one break). 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 $75.00 for members, $120.00 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 and Phalaenopsis
Oncidiums and their Relatives
Slipper Orchids & Catasetums
Vandas and their Relatives
Orchids for the Beginner and the Collector
Pests and Diseases and "Cures"

If you have any questions before the classes start, please email info@naplesorchidsociety.org and put "Dr. Pippen" in the subject line.

An Orchid Vignette—Twinkle Twinkle Little Star--Oncidium

Contributed by Dick Pippen

I want to tell you about what has become one of my favorite miniature orchids—*Oncidium* Twinkle. .*Oncidium* Twinkle is a "miniature" *Oncidium*, that rarely gets more than 8-10 inches in height. It has ovoid pseudobulbs that are about one to two inches in height and width, from the top of which, one or two leaves arise, and flowering spikes that arise from the base of the pseudobulbs; and when I say flowering spikes, I mean flowering spikes! Some Twinkles have produced as many as 8000 flowers on 114 spikes—that is one plant!!! (not mine, of course ☹.)

Onc. Twinkle is a primary hybrid which means it is a cross between two species instead of two hybrids. The parents of *Onc*. Twinkle are *Onc. cheirophorum* and *Onc. sotoanum* (formerly *Onc. ornithorhyncum*). Both of the parents are native to Mexico, Central and northern South America. *Onc. cheirophorum* is yellow-flowered and *Onc. sotoanum* has pink flowers. Twinkle comes in a variety of colors from white-, pale yellow-, pink- and red-flowered forms. This grex was created by W.W. Moir, in Hawaii, and registered by him in 1958, so it has definitely been around awhile. Twinkle has earned 41 AOS and international awards and has been used as a parent in 18 crosses.

My first *Onc*. Twinkle was a red flowered form (cultivar 'Red Fantasy') which I purchased with two spikes "on the tail end of blooming" in February 2009 from Eastfork Orchids in Bonita Springs. The plant continued to bloom for me every January or February until 2013 when I transferred it out-of-doors, in a small netted pot, hanging in a tree. From then until just recently I neglected it and the plant did poorly. My interest in Twinkle was recently rejuvenated, and so I am now trying to resurrect and rejuvenate this plant. I have repotted it in a 4" plastic pot in bark mix (bark, charcoal and sponge rock) and brought it into the pool cage.

My second *Onc*. Twinkle was obtained at the 2018 culture class, a nice little plant with three spikes and white flowers. The label listed the cultivar as 'Fantasy' which I cannot find registered although there are several awarded cultivars called 'Fragrant Fantasy' or Fragrance Fantasy.' I think that mine is probably really 'Fragrant Fantasy,' but I cannot prove it.

My third *Onc*. Twinkle was most recently purchased at the 2018 GCOA Orchid Show from Accent Orchids of St. Petersburg. This is a little different in the flowers spikes are longer than the other two plants and the flowers are yellow. It was labeled as the cultivar 'Sunlight' which I can find reference to on the Internet, but I do not think this is a registered cultivar—yet.

So, after some limited success I am once again excited about these miniature orchids. I hope I can keep all three of them going. I'll keep you posted. You should try at least one of these. It will definitely put a twinkle in your eye. *Dick Pippen*

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results
January 9, 2020

Large Cattleyas
First Place: Potinara Haw Yuan Gold 'Yung Kong #2 FCC/RHS
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Rlc. Jessie Lee
Owner: Kathryn Romine
Third Place: Rlc. Midori Sato
Owner: RaeJean Walker

Small Cattleyas
First Place: Rth. Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Encyclia Rioclarense
Owner: Mary Lane
Third Place: Bc Maikai 'Louise'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Vandas
First Place: Vanda Gracie's Heartthrob
Owner: Kimla Stewart

Small Vandas
First Place: Vanda John DiBiase 'Blue'
Owner: Cheryle Daniel
Second Place: Vanda Crownfox Golden Dawn 'Keri Romani'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Dendrobiums
First Place: Den. bractesum x Den. tanil
Owner: Kathryn Romine
Second Place: Den. Blue Twinkle
Owner: Cheryle Daniel
Third Place: Den. Roy Tokunaga
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal. I-Hsin Pudding 'Puppy Harlequin'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Phalaenopsis
First Place: Phal Mituo Prince x Phal LD Double Dragon
Owner: Cheryle Daniel

Medium Species
First Place: Laelia marginata x sib
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Species
First Place: Den. goldschmidtianum
Owner: Barbara Crist
Second Place: Pleurothallis leptotifolia 'Gold Country'
Owner: Barbara Crist

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: Tolu. Jairak Rainbow
Owner: Eunice Walker
Second Place: Onc. Tsiku Marguerite '
Owner: Kathryn Romine
Third Place: Wils. Fueo 'Ibeal'
Owner: Rosa Chaparro

Other Tribes
First Place: Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite
Owner: Mary Lane

Orphan Table
First Place: Pretty Spider
Owner: Marija Rosenfeld

Green Tag
Plant Name: Den. Samari
Owner: Kathryn Romine

Best Species
Plant Name: Laelia marginata x sib
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Hybrid
Plant Name: Blc Hausermann's Jade 'Addison'
Owner: Karen Davenport

First Place Plant Table Winners

January 2020

64 plants -- 32 voters

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SMALL CATTLEYA
Rth. Momilano Rainbow 'The Gypsy'

LARGE VANDA
Vanda Gracie's Heartthrob

DENDROBIUM
Den. Bractesum x Den. tamil

SMALL VANDA
Vanda John DiBiase 'Blue'

LARGE PHALAENOPSIS
Phal. I-Hsin Pudding Puppy 'Harlequin'

LARGE CATTLEYA
Potinara Haw Yuan Gold 'Yung Kong #2' FCC/RHS

LARGE PHALAENOPSIS
Phal. Mituo Prince x Phal. LD Double Dragon

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ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
Tolumnia Jairak Rainbow

SMALL SPECIES
Den. goldschmidtianum

MEDIUM SPECIES
Laelia marginata x sib

OTHER TRIBES
Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite

ORPHAN
Pretty Spider

Gold Ribbon Plant Table Winners

January 2020

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BEST SPECIES

Laelia marginata x sib

Owner: Karen Davenport

BEST HYBRID

Blc. Hausermann's Jade 'Addison'

Owner: Karen Davenport

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