NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1962

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Color of the Season!

Lanelle Bishop's glorious
Eplc. Volcano Queen 'Paradise'

NOS EVENTS

Upcoming Monthly Meeting
Thursday October 7, 2021
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Baker Gym
Orchid Doctor begins at 6:30 pm
"Grow the Best Cattleyas"
with Ralph Brand
Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 pm
Meeting begins at 7:30 pm
Program: "Show 'Em Where You Grow 'Em"
Speaker: Elaine Gates
Raffle Plants
Light Refreshments

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday November 4, 2021
Speaker: Fred Clarke
Sun Valley Orchids
Topic: Australian Dendrobiums
Plant Sale

See page 5 for information about our December Holiday Gathering

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.

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President's Letter

October 2021

Richard Davenport
President, Naples Orchid Society, Inc.
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Fall Events in Southwest Florida

October is a transitional month in Southwest Florida. Fall, yes, but very subtle. The summer rainy season starts to dry up, with fewer afternoon thundershowers. Both the forecast daily high and low temperatures slowly drop. Water temperatures at the Gulf beaches seem to go from too warm high 80's to a noticeably cooler low 80's in just a week or two span. With just such slight downward changes in water temperatures, fish (and fishers) become more active.

Your orchids react to the changes too. If you are watering your vandas twice a day, you can cut out the afternoon sprinkle. Check and adjust both your watering and fan timers, especially as the end of daylight savings time occurs. Shorter days and longer nights with lower temperatures trigger flower development for blooms several months from now. Many plants do not need as much water during the cooler months when foliage and root growth typically slow. Over-watering kills or injures many plants by creating environments favorable to fungus and rot. The risk to your plants can be reduced by improving air circulation, not for cooling, but for drying.

The 2021 Tamiami International Orchid Festival moves to a new venue, the Redlands Fruit and Spice Park in the Redlands near Homestead on October 1 through October 3. This is the first large show of the 2021-2022 season with 44 plant vendors and 14 suppliers. Note the bus trip on Saturday, 10-2-21, has been canceled due to Covid 19 concerns. If you plan on going on your own or with vaccinated friends, remember to prepare with comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, hats, bug repellent, lots of water, and a rolling metal basket or beach wagon to carry plants and supplies back to your vehicles.

Elsewhere in the newsletter, your Board Nominating Committee lists your candidates for the November election of officers and directors. Please review the list and make a point of meeting and talking with anyone you do not yet know. Be an informed voter. We will also start the process of recruiting volunteers soon for our own AOS judged show and sale at the Naples Botanical Gardens in February, 2022.

We encourage all members to share their best blooming orchids with other members and guests by entering them in the friendly plant competition preceding each meeting. Each exhibitor is automatically entered into a raffle solely for exhibitors with the prize of a new blooming orchid for their collections in addition to prize ribbons, including the much sought-after gold ribbons for the best species and best hybrid in the monthly show. Each entry requires a tag for the plant with its name (and parentage, if a hybrid) plus a copy for the tabulation team – just like those you will need for the February AOS show. There are always helpful members ready to assist you with the registration process and answer any questions. And if you have a plant that is in bloom, but you do not know what it is, bring it in anyway. We can possibly identify it or let you exhibit it on the Orphan Table with other "NO-IDs". Exhibiting provides each member with invaluable experience and preparation for the February show.

Looking forward to seeing you at our October meeting!

Richard Davenport
President

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Naples Orchid Society
September 2, 2021

Called to order at 7:30pm

Pres. Richard Davenport welcomed members and guests. Richard reviewed the emergency procedures. Richard reviewed the safety measures being observed (masks and social distancing). Richard discussed openings on the board and the upcoming Naples Orchid Show (Feb 2022). Volunteers are needed for the show. No treasurers report.

Lanelle Bishop reported that the bus trip has been cancelled. Refunds have been issued. There may be another trip in January, depending on Covid. The show has not been cancelled, just the bus trip there.

The speaker, Phil Hamilton from Bredren Orchids presented on "Phalaenopsis: A Look at their Culture and Novelty Types."

The plant table and raffle winners were announced.

Meeting adjourned.

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!

$17.11
For the period April 1 – June 30, 2021

SEPTEMBER 2021 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendees: 37
Raffle Proceeds: $126
Plants Entered: 17
Votes: 13

Many Thanks

to our Plant Table Volunteers Susan Roehl and Karen Davenport, and Raffle Table Volunteers Lanelle Bishop and Carolyn Booker

CARE AND CONDOLENCE

Submitted by Kris Morton

Condolence card was sent to the family of former NOS member Joe Kratt Sr., who passed in September 2021
Get Well Soon card sent to Kris Morton

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Sheila Demkovich

Regions Bank checking account balance as of September 30, 2021, is $13,677.20.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Submitted by Veronica Catrombon

2021 Members: 178

New Members for 2021: 46

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/

JOIN or RENEW now and receive the balance of 2021 and the full year 2022!
This includes the Holiday Gift of Orchids for each year.

NEW RATES for 2022: Single membership $40, Family membership $50
Add $10.00 for a magnetic engraved nametag!

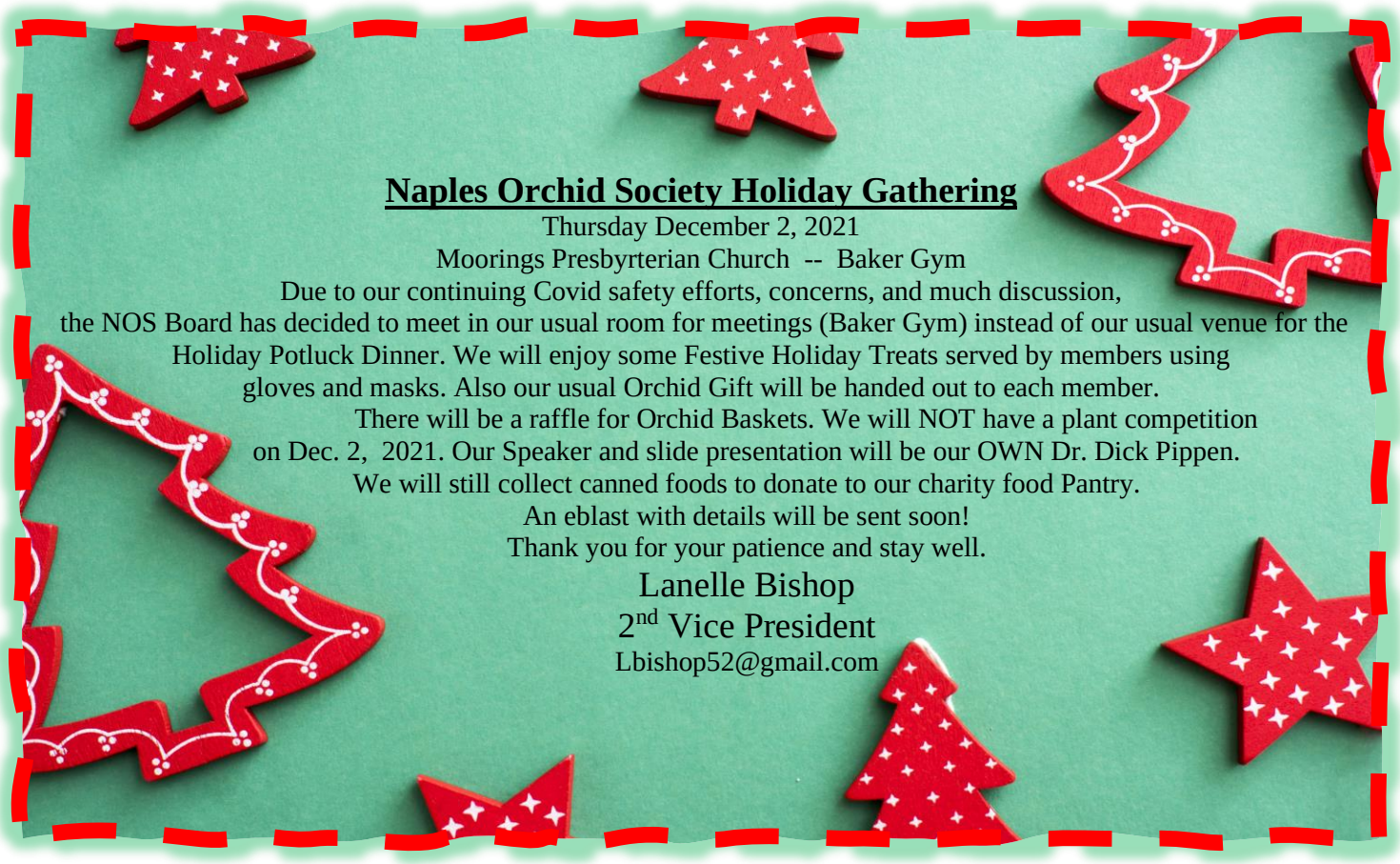
Question about Membership?
Email Veronica Catrombon -- **Membership@Naplesorchidsociety.org**

In-Person Board of Directors Meeting for October 2021

Tuesday, October 19, 2021
6:30PM
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.



Naples Orchid Society Holiday Gathering

Thursday December 2, 2021
Moorings Presbyrterian Church -- Baker Gym
Due to our continuing Covid safety efforts, concerns, and much discussion, the NOS Board has decided to meet in our usual room for meetings (Baker Gym) instead of our usual venue for the Holiday Potluck Dinner. We will enjoy some Festive Holiday Treats served by members using gloves and masks. Also our usual Orchid Gift will be handed out to each member.
There will be a raffle for Orchid Baskets. We will NOT have a plant competition on Dec. 2, 2021. Our Speaker and slide presentation will be our OWN Dr. Dick Pippen.
We will still collect canned foods to donate to our charity food Pantry.
An eblast with details will be sent soon!
Thank you for your patience and stay well.

Lanelle Bishop
2nd Vice President
Lbishop52@gmail.com

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AT THE FRONT TABLE TO GREET THE MONTHLY NOS MEETING ATTENDEES. PLEASE CONTACT RAE JEAN WALKER AT raejean@tiretracksusa.com

Election of Officers and Directors for 2022

The Nominating Committee (consisting of the two Directors who are not Officers) has prepared a slate of Officers and Directors for 2022 that has been presented to and approved by the Board of Directors. This slate appears below.

Our custom has been to present the slate of officers and directors to the membership at the October meeting and have the official vote at the November meeting. Normally, at the November meeting there would also be a call for nominations from the floor. This year the Nominating Committee sent an email "blast" calling for volunteers to serve on the Board. I am interpreting this as a "call for nominations" and since this resulted in no more than one candidate for each position, the slate of officers and directors recommended by the Nominating Committee will constitute the official slate of officers to be voted upon.

The slate will appear again in the November Newsletter and afterward an email ballot will be sent to each of the members (and a snail mail ballot for those who do not receive email) for your vote.

President: Richard Davenport
1st Vice-President: Jim Rawson
2nd Vice-President: David Orr
Treasurer: OPEN POSITION
Secretary: OPEN POSITION
Newsletter Chair: Kris Morton
Membership Chair: Mary Lane
1 year Director: Lanelle Bishop
2 year Director: Rae Jean Walker
3 year Director: Carolyn Booker
AOS Representative: Marilyn Moser
Webmaster: Susan Roehl

Past President: Richard Pippen (non voting)
Education Chairman: OPEN POSITION (non voting)
Newsletter Publisher: Veronica Catrombon (non voting)
2021 Orchid Show Chairman: Jim Rawson (non voting in this position)
Publicity: Mary Jo Shively (non voting)

NOS Plant competition Rules and Instructions

1) All plants must be registered and in place by 6:55 p.m. Voting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

2) You must take a number to register plants to avoid congestion at the plant registration table.

3) The corrected Monthly Plant Table Rules form on the website has been updated to reflect the time changes.

4) There is a white entry tag with no hole printed to be used for plant registration. The Green Tag will still be placed on the plant.

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/**

From: Jeanne Bold, Bold Solutions LLC (NOS Website Consultant) who retired this year
To: Naples Orchid Society

Hi,
I have been in Canada for a few weeks but when I came home, I was greeted by the most beautiful note from Naples Orchid Society. I was astounded. It was beautiful and with kind notes from many board members. I am very touched. I worked with several nonprofits but none took the time to do what NOS did.

I truly appreciate the kindness and have loved working with you and the rest of the wonderful folks I've met through my association with Naples Orchid Society. Words don't really express my appreciation.

Best always,
Jeanne

Jeanne,

On behalf of ***Naples Orchid Society****, we thank you for your many years of gentle guidance as we explored the depths of an online presence! Here are a few words and heartfelt best wishes from your fans at NOS:*

Kit Kitchen-Maran, Education Chair: "Jeanne, many wishes for a most wonderful retirement. Grateful thanks for all the work and assistance in making NOS look good! We can't thank you enough for all the help and training you have given through the years."
Lanelle Bishop, 2nd Vice President: "Wishing you a Happy Retirement... taking up a Hobby like growing orchids will challenge you in your new adventures!"
Mary Jo Shively, Director: "Best wishes for your good future"
Rae Jean Walker, Director: "Wishing you all the blessings in what life brings in your future retirement."
Richard Davenport, President
Dick Pippen, Immediate Past President
Sheila Demkovich, Treasurer: "Jeanne-happy retirement, wherever your travels take you!"
Jim Rawson, 1st Vice President
Cynthia Book, Secretary
Susan Roehl, Webmaster: "You have been amazing!"
Kris Morton, Newsletter Chair: "Thank you for your wonderful work over the years for NOS."
Carolyn Booker, Director: "Wishing you a happy retirement!!
Marilyn Moser, AOS Representative: "Thank you for all your help & guidance"
Veronica Catrombon, Newsletter Publisher: "Your exemplary patience is legendary! It has been a pleasure working with you in support of the NOS database and website."

Upcoming Events

October 23-24, 2021: Ridge Orchid Society 59th Show "The Sound of Orchids," WH Stuart Center, 1702 US Hwy 17 S, Bartow FL; Contact: Keith Emig, 863-412-4762; dkemig@gmail.com.

October 23-24, 2021: Gainesville Orchid Society's "Orchids in the Garden," Lanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville, FL; Contact: Joan MacLeod, 352-665-2640; nealmacleod@bellsouth.net.

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

November 5-7, 2021: 1st International Vanda & Slipper Orchid Symposium. Sponsored & hosted by Krull-Smith. Info: www.slippersymposium.com

SAVE THE DATE!!! **November 13-14, 2021:** Naples Yard & Garden Show, UF/IFAS Extension Collier County. Info: 239-252-4800; *Facebook:* NaplesYardAndGardenShow

Orchidist's Word of the Month

Cataphyll (KAT-a-fill):

An undeveloped leaf, as at the beginning of a growth; a rudimentary leaf form, as a bud scale, at the beginning of a growth.

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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.*)*

October 05, 2021: 8:30pm EDT, Tuesday. Topic: Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) – send in your questions. Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education & Senior Officer.

October 21, 2021: 8:30pm, EDT, Thursday. Topic: "Black Orchids." The Lure, The Lust & Licentiousness. Presenter: Dr. Leslie Ee, ND, Associate Judge, President of COC.

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

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
2021
If you are interested in attending any upcoming education sessions, contact
Jackie Wood
WPBJC Chair
bocaorchidlady@aol.com
for topics and additional information.

Flamingo Gardens Botanical Gardens & Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary
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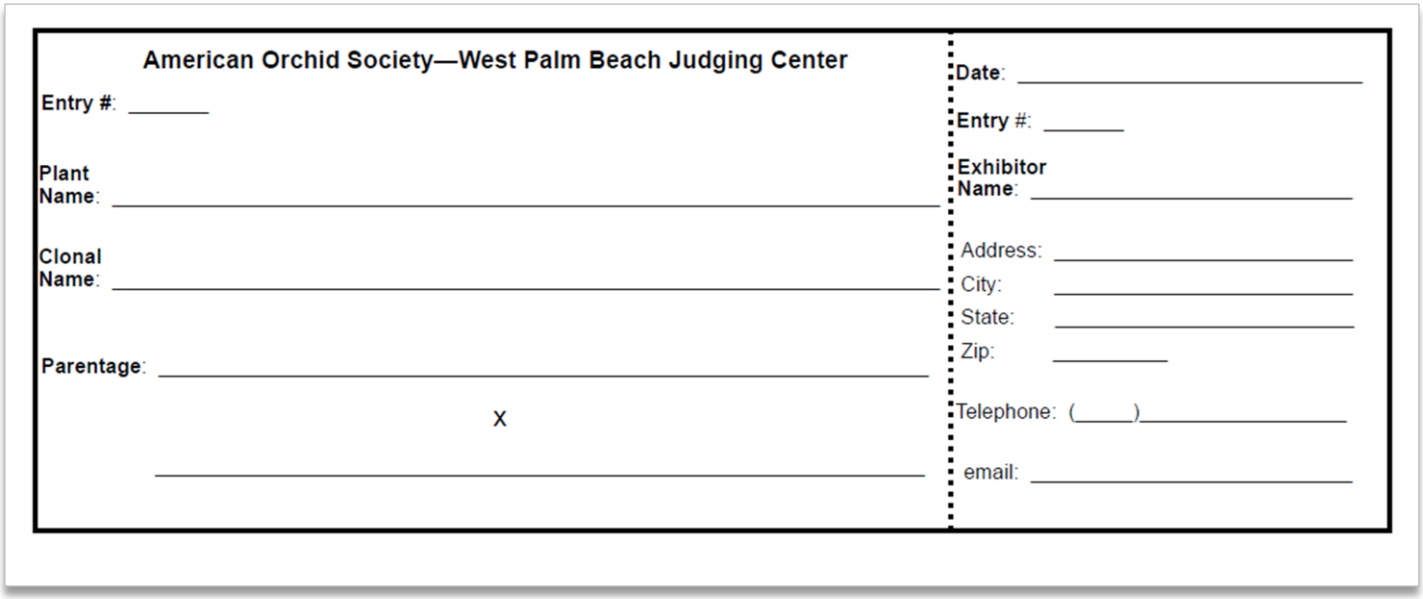

American Orchid Society—West Palm Beach Judging Center

Entry #: _____

Plant Name: _____

Clonal Name: _____

Parentage: _____

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_____

Date: _____

Entry #: _____

Exhibitor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____)_____

email: _____

WPBJC Affiliated Orchid Society Shows:

Questions about any of these shows?
Contact Jackie Wood at *bocaorchidlady@aol.com*

Judging Date:

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

November 13, 2021 Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Show (11/13 thru 11/14)
Judging Chair: Joan Connors
Location: Safe Schools, Boca Raton, FL

November 13, 2021 Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show (11/13 thru 11/14)
Judging Chair: Angie O'Neil-Butler
Location: River Walk Center, Fort Pierce, FL

February 12, 2022 Boca Raton Orchid Society Show (2/12 thru 2/13)
Judging Chair: Carol Holdren
Location: Safe Schools, Boca Raton, FL

February 12, 2022 Port St. Lucie Orchid Society Show (2/12 thru 2/13)
Judging Chair: Angie O'Neil-Butler
Location: Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, Port St. Lucie, FL

To contact or learn more about the
West Palm Beach Judging Center,
email any questions or comments to
bocaorchidlady@aol.com

UF IFAS Extension
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA
UF/IFAS Extension
Collier County
14700 Immokalee Road
Naples, FL 34120
(239) 252-4800

Naples Yard and Garden Show will have over 45 vendors with unique and rare plants. **Master Gardener Volunteers** will provide Hands-on demonstrations and tours in the orchard and horticulture display gardens. See schedule posted on social media.

Food and drink 'for sale' benefits 4-H.

For a complete list of presenters, visit us on at:

naplesyardandgardenshow.eventbrite.com

Donate: **ufgive.to/colliermgv**

239-252-4800

Passiflora incarnata photo by: Twyla Leigh, UF/IFAS Extension Collier County

The AOS Centennial Celebration Gala
2021 Fall Members Meeting Registration

POSTPONED until April 6th -9th 2022

Dear Orchid Friends,

Due to concerns over the ongoing Covid-19 and its delta variant coupled with Miami-Dade county's continued high positivity rates for the virus, and in consideration for the health and wellbeing of our members, volunteers, and guests, the Centennial Celebration Committee and the AOS Board of Trustees have opted to postpone the Centennial Celebration event and activities which were to take place October 27th - 30th, 2021 **until April 6th - 9th, 2022.**

Please note:

- If you are already registered for the event, your current registration will be rolled over to the new dates.
- If you have hotel reservations at the Biltmore Hotel, they will be automatically moved to the equivalent dates in the new time frame.

Taking this initiative allows us the opportunity to reschedule with enough time to allow everyone who wishes to participate in this momentous event to do so. Your safety is of utmost importance to us. Any questions can be addressed to the AOS Headquarters office at TheAOS@AOS.org .

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and kindly ask for your understanding. We hope that you are able to join us in Coral Gables in the Spring.

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Did you know that Naples Orchid Society will be 60 years old in 2022?

NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1962

2022 Orchid Show Theme Contest

Our 2022 Naples Orchid Society Show & Sale is only a few months away and we need a theme. Put on your thinking caps.

There will be a box at our monthly meetings starting in October for your suggestions, or you can email 1st VP Jim Rawson jenoswar@aol.com.

The winner will be announced in December and will receive a gift card.

FROM MARTIN MOTES AUGUST 2021 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Progress of the Season

August was considerably drier than usual. This respite from rain was exceptionally beneficial to our orchids, relieving them from the typical mounting of disease pressure that the ongoing rainy season normally brings. Those of us who have watered judiciously have the upper hand as we enter the drizzling weather of September. The first week of September is always an excellent time to apply the fungicides recommended in *Florida Orchid Growing* as an ounce of prevention is always worth more than a pound of cure. This rainy season in a world of climate change may well be prolonged later into October making all our best practices at disease prevention even more vital. Be sure that plants have the brightest light they can sustain and the greatest air movement.

The drier weather of August has opened an opportunity to both *Thrips* and mites to a greater extent than in a typical year. Control of both of these pests is described in *Florida Orchid Growing* . Mites demand special attention as their damage is slower and more cumulative. A probable evolutionary reason for deciduous orchids losing their leaves is to shed mites. Often mistaken for fungal damage, black spots that do not penetrate the through the leaf are caused by mites. Liquid soap at 2 oz per gal can be applied to plants that have been thoroughly watered, initially, then again in 7-10 days. This two-fold application is essential with any treatment for mites as the total population and all eggs are rarely destroyed in a single treatment.

With luck, this September also will be drier than usual but, as always, best watering practices should prevail: Water early, thoroughly, and only when absolutely necessary. September can be somewhat gloomy but remember the rains also cool us down, so September like every month in Florida is a season to be enjoyed.

Martin Motes

TASKS FOR OCTOBER

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

- Space plants to increase air circulation.
- Water as early as possible in the day.
- Move Himalayan dendrobiums, catasetums, calanthes and other seasonally dormant plants to dry bright locations.
- Reduce general fertilizer.
- Apply extra magnesium and potassium.

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

By Robert M. Scully Jr.

- Observe the rate at which your plants dry after each watering. With cooler and shorter days, expect a longer term between watering. Watch those plants that have been in the brightest of light through the summer because they are probably going to need some extra watering when first brought in from the outdoors (if necessary.)

EDUCATION UPDATE

Kit Kitchen-Maran
Education Chair

Thank so much to all our Orchid Docs for 2021!!!!!

As I wrote in the June newsletter: One of our most popular parts of the evening during our NOS meetings has been the Orchid Doctor program. In the past, Bill Overton served that role well. He would meet from 6:00 to 6:30 pm with members who were interested. He would give a short 15 to 20 minute talk on whatever orchid subject he wanted and then take questions and let the audience discuss. Since Bill moved to Michigan, we have not had a replacement, and no program as part of our meetings.

In April, the NOS board decided to reinstate the Orchid Doctor program as a member-sharing of orchid-growing information for a half-hour from about 6:00 pm to 6:30pm before the monthly meeting starts. Our members have a lot to share and this also provides an opportunity for new and long-time members to get to know one another as well as new techniques. The 2021 Orchid Docs have provided a variety of interesting aspects of orchid-growing details since May. Although La Raw and I haven't been able to attend meetings, we appreciate their willingness to contribute their time and take the opportunity to give valuable tips to others.

Elaine Gates stepped up to be the first Orchid Doc at our May meeting. With only days to get things together, she provided a demonstration/discussion about what to with your Phals that have gone out of bloom. Elaine is a long-time member of NOS and is very talented and knowledgeable about orchids and how to use them as displays and cut arrangements.

In June, Kris Morton showed how to repot Catasetums. Although you may not grow this genera yet, you may have learned a lot about this group of orchids. Kris is a Master Gardener and has organized a number of workshops and garden events around the Naples area. She has also been a volunteer at the Naples Botanical Garden for a number of years and is their go-to person for orchid information.

Rae Jean Walker was Orchid Doctor for July and presented Mounting Orchids, information which I'm sure came in handy as members divided and repotted collections over the summer. Rae Jean enjoys being in the out-doors and probably has seen a lot of native orchids in their natural state. Mounted orchids do well in Naples as the climate and epiphytic nature of orchids make most orchids thrive with this treatment.

Chuck and Nancy Ferber, although not new members, (and he is a lawyer and not an MD) gave the August Orchid Doc presentation, "New Orchid Growers: Perspectives on growing orchids". They have been especially diligent on seeking out new information on orchids and how to grow them. I am sure their collection has grown as their knowledge has over the years.

In September, Twyla Leigh, UF/IFAS Extension Collier County Extension Director, provided information on "Suspending Your Orchid Collection". This helpful presentation probably paired very well with Rae Jean's. First you mount your orchids, then you hang them. Unless Twyla gave her audience suggestions about how to stop collecting more orchids; don't know, wasn't there. But I do know Twyla knows her stuff. As orchid collections grow, our living spaces don't and sometimes it's difficult to know how the orchids we get from those Redlands and Miami shows will fit in. I hope you were able to attend Twyla's Orchid Doc talk; those shows are fun and the orchids are plentiful. *(Continued next page)*

EDUCATION UPDATE *(Continued)*

Ralph Brand, Life Member of NOS, will tell you how to grow the best Cattleyas when you attend his Orchid Doctor discussion at the October meeting. Ralph has grown all kinds of orchids and is a specialist in Paphs AND Cattleyas. He is interested in sharing tips and techniques for selecting and enhancing your Cats for the most enjoyment from them. Be sure and get there early so you don't miss this coming Orchid Doc attraction at the next meeting on October 7th.

To round out this year's Orchid Doctor presentations, Mary Lane will show you tricks of Vanda growing in Southwest Florida, where the conditions for growing huge Vanda are ideal. Her discussion will take place on November 4th. And in December, 2021, our our final meeting of the year will not have the monthly plant competition, but will offer special refreshments and a colorful presentation by NOS president emeritus Dick Pippen plus attending members will each receive the gift of a new orchid plant to add to their collection

Now that the Orchid Doctor program is back, and you have been able to enjoy meeting and learning about orchidology from your fellow members, please volunteer to share your orchid interests with others by stepping up to be an Orchid Doctor for one half hour during a meeting in 2022.

If you have enjoyed and learned even one thing from an Orchid Doctor program this year, Would YOU please help NOS keep this program going and sign up for presenting one program at one monthly meeting, 6:00 to 6:30, this year? I can't be there in person to ask you personally, but if you will help out NOS meetings by continuing the Orchid Doc program, please contact me at kachinusa@aol.com to sign up for one meeting and let me know the month you prefer and the subject you would like to present. Thanks!

Happy Orchid Growing! Stay safe!

Kit

Orchid Doctor Presentation
September 2021
Twyla Leigh

What's Blooming in My Collection?

Vanda Varavuth 'Purple'
Lanelle Bishop

Myc. Memoria Louise Fuchs
Lanelle Bishop

Vanda Dear Jay x *V.*
Motes Ruby Pixie

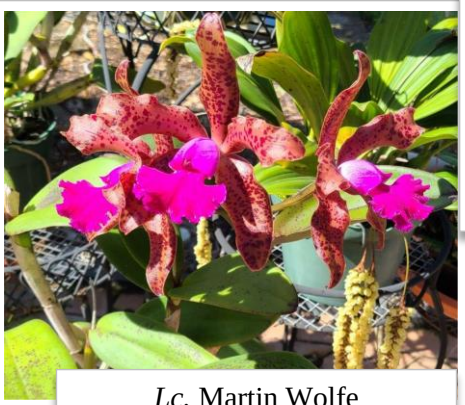
Epi. Rhody
Marilyn Moser

C. labiata 'September Mist'
Dick Pippen

Dick Pippen writes:

These are in bloom today. The C labiata is from Kalapana and was one of the plants we gave out in the Culture Class in 2017. The second is Lc Martin Wolfe. It bloomed in June and again now. (Yes, that is Judy in the background of the C labiata ☺)

Lsu. Dick Pippen's Suncoast
Marilyn Moser



Lc. Martin Wolfe
Dick Pippen

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results
September 2, 2021

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Rlc* Volcano Plum 'Volcano Queen' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Cattleya* Brabantiae
Owner: Steven Burdette

Large Vandas
First Place: *V* Dr. Anek x *V* Kulwadee Fragrance 'Red Spot'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vandas
First Place: *Pda* Kyra Green 'Minghus'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Vasco* Roll All Red
Owner: Karen Davenport

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den* Rosy's Delight
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Species
First Place: *Trichoglottis brachiata*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Species
First Place: *Den wassellii*
Owner: Dick Pippen

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Psychopsis* Mariposa 'Peloric
Owner: Karen Davenport

Other Tribes
First Place: *Coryanthes bergoldii*
Owner: Steven Burdette

Best Species Award
Plant Name: *Trichoglottis brachiata*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *Rlc* Volcano Plum 'Volcano Queen' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: *Den* Enobi Purple 'Splash' AM/AOS
Winner: Steven Burdette

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 September 2, 2021

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Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *Rlc.* Volcano Plum 'Volcano Queen' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Species Award
Plant Name: *Trichoglottis brachiata*
Owner: Karen Davenport

First Place Winners September 2, 2021

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DENDROBIUM
Dendrobium Rosy's Delight
Karen Davenport

SMALL SPECIES
Dendrobium wassellii
Dick Pippen

SMALL CATTLEYAS
Cattleya Brabantiae
Steven Burdette

LARGE SPECIES
Trichoglottis brachiata
Karen Davenport

OTHER TRIBES
Coryanthes bergoldii
Steven Burdette

LARGE CATTLEYAS
Rlc. Volcano Plum 'Volcano Queen' AM/AOS
Karen Davenport

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
Psychopsis Mariposa 'Peloric'
Karen Davenport

LARGE VANDAS
Vanda Dr. Anek x *V.* Kulwadee Fragrance 'Red Spot'
Karen Davenport

SMALL VANDAS
Pda. Kyra Green 'Minghus'
Karen Davenport

An Orchid Vignette—A Success (?) Story—Phalaenopsis equestris

Contributed by Dick Pippen

Like most orchid hobbyists I find *Phalaenopsis* (appropriately known as the Moth Orchid) very attractive. And why not—they have nice "well behaved" leaves and long-lasting sprays of flowers that are usually "good sized" and come in a variety of colors and patterns. However, I do not have good success at growing *Phalaenopsis*. Oh, I have tried. At various times I have had over forty different plants in my collection, but right now I only have three. The rest made their way out of my collection mostly by way of Waste Management. Oddly enough, the first orchid that I bought when I moved to Florida in 2004 was *Phalaenopsis* Baldan's Kaleidoscope (a special at Home Depot). I still have that plant and it faithfully produces two flowering spikes every year. I know that I am rambling, and you might think that I was hard up at something to write this month—but there is a point to all of this.

Against my better judgement, and because of the persuasive presentations of a couple of our NOS speakers (and probably because I like the "stuff" that Phillip Hamilton and Bredren Orchids and the Davisons of *Jim-n-I Orchids* grow) I bought a little plant of *Phalaenopsis equestris* f *cyanochilis*, one of the very small flowered "novelty" orchids. When I bought this from *Jim-n-I Orchids* at our NOS monthly meeting in August 2019 it had two very nice inflorescences. Since my success rate with Phals is not good, I decided to try what someone (or more than someone) had suggested, that these Phals would do well mounted and placed where they would receive more light than the "standard" Phals. So, that's what I did. I wasn't sure the plant would make it, when I checked on it periodically (and watered it almost faithfully every day) it didn't look so good.

Well, imagine my surprise when in late August (2021) the plant developed one "nice little" inflorescence!! So, is it a success story? From my point of view and with my past-history, I think so.

Oh, a little background on *Phalaenopsis equestris*. It is a native of the Philippines and Southern Taiwan, growing from sea level to about 300 meters, so it adapts well to growing in South Florida. The plant is a miniature, producing about 3-5 leaves and small flowers on a much shorter spike than the "standard" *Phalaenopsis*. The species name is derived from the leaves being "on top of one another," like sitting "astride a horse," and thus has the common name of "the Horse Phalaenopsis" (not very flattering in my opinion—unless, I guess, you are a horse lover). *(Continued next page)*

An Orchid Vignette *(continued)*

The plant was first described by a German botanist, Schauer, as *Stauroglottis equestris* in 1843 and was transferred to the genus *Phalaenopsis* by another (very famous) German orchidologist, H. G. Reichenbach (the son of H. G. Reichenbach—their middle names were different) in 1850. There is much variation in the flower color and there are several "official" color forms in addition to *f cyanochilis*. The species has earned 133 AOS and international awards. '*Forma cyanochilis'* earned an AM/AOS in 2019 with two inflorescences bearing 22 flowers and 29 buds for exhibitor Carlos Fighetti, a former AOS president. The species has been used as a parent in 566 crosses and has over 23,000 "grandkids" and "great-grandkids," wow, a very popular breeder indeed!!! You may already have this "horsey" little Phal or one of its many offspring in your collection, look for it—if not, then think about adding one. I think you'll like it (smile).