JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Karen Davenport
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NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday January 4, 2024
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Moss Hall

Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.
John Ervin
"Mounting Orchids"

Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 p.m.

Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
Featured Speaker - **Elaine Gates**
Presenting: "Preparing Orchids for the Show"

See Write-up on page 4

Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: January 9, 2024 6:30 p.m.
See page 3 for details
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

President: Richard Davenport

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The Naples Orchid Society is a non-profit organization, devoted to the promotion of, interest in, and the appreciation of orchids and the preservation of our native orchids. It is also our aim to disseminate information pertaining to their culture and hybridization.

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President's Letter

January 2024

Richard Davenport
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Happy New Year to all Orchid Lovers!

Get ready, next month is our annual Orchid Show and Sale at Naples Botanical Garden on February 16,17, and 18! This year's theme is "An Orchid Jubilee" honoring the 50th Anniversary of our first AOS-judged show a little over 50 years ago.

This year we are again inviting our sister society, Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance, to participate in the Show. Specifically, we are offering GCOA members who enter either plants, displays, or exhibits in the Show or who serve as volunteers, FREE admission to the Garden while working as a volunteer and during the three days of the public show. Every GCOA member who meets these easy criteria will be eligible for cash prizes or award ribbons with recognized bragging rights.

Every NOS member should sign up as a volunteer for the show. We need everyone to do what they can to make the Show and Sale a success. In addition, we have openings for a wide variety of talents, interests and time availabilities. Here are a few:

- Handy with small tools? Like to build things? Sign up for the set-up team starting Tuesday morning. Alternatively, the takedown team starting Sunday afternoon, 2-18-23. Alternatively, both days if you can. Help transform Kapnick Hall into an orchid showroom. And take it all down four short days later!
- Wednesday, 2-14-23, is the start of plant and display registration. We need computer input folks, assistance in bringing in plants from the parking area, placing the entries on appropriate display tables, checking tags and entry paperwork, helping with snacks and meals, etc. We can find doable assignments for everyone. While registration lasts all day, most volunteers work much shorter hours. You can too.
- Thursday, 2-15-23, is the start of AOS judging. You may sign up as a clerk to assist the judging teams. If you get one of these choice jobs, you may learn a lot about what true experts think about our orchids. AOS judging continues following lunch, well into the afternoon.
- Are you a people person? Friday, 2-16-23, is the start of orchid vendor sales opening for NBG, NOS, and GCOA "members only" at 8:00 and for the public at 9 a.m. Early bird shoppers get the best selection of orchids! The actual Orchid Show opens at 9 a.m. each day. Volunteers are needed as greeters and hosts, staffing the membership table, answering questions about NOS and AOS, helping set up lunch for other volunteers, and coordinating and selling raffle tickets for beautiful, large orchid baskets and other items donated by our sponsors.
- Saturday and Sunday remind me of Ground Hog Day, the movie. Many tasks and events repeat, but the experience is different each time because the great majority of visitors are new and seeing our orchid displays for the first time, even though they often ask identical questions of Show hosts (like you?!).
- Refer to the volunteer time schedule on page 7 for sign up details.

We anticipate thousands of visitors again this year. Just like restaurants, guests always remember their last visit most vividly and based on what they see and how they are treated. I believe we can count on each of you to do all you can to make this our best Show and Sale ever. Volunteer your time, learn new orchid tips and tricks, earn a prize award, make new acquaintances and have fun!

Thanks in advance for your time, talent and support.

Richard Davenport
President

Board of Directors Meeting for January 2024

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday January 9, 2024

All Current Members are Welcome

Time: 6:30 pm
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club
3855 Forest Glen Blvd
Naples, FL 34114 (at the Clubhouse)
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.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2023
Please access this link for more details:
12_07_23_Monthly-Meeting-Minutes-For-December-7-2023.pdf

TIME FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

RENEW NOW FOR 2024! You must be a paid member for 2024 to enter plants for ribbon judging at the monthly meetings and Show and for free admission to the Show at the Naples Botanical Gardens. Thank you!

Please Renew by:

All dues must be paid by January 31, 2024.

Individual Membership: $40

Joint Membership: $60

Renew at our meetings or on-line.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP COUNT IS 235

MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

Marie Harris, Membership Chair **Text or Call: 239-877-1717** **Email: Marie@NaplesProperties.com**

January Speaker: Elaine Gates

Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance (GCOA) First Vice President, Programs. Elaine Gates says she grows orchids "to have beautiful blooming plants in my house at all times!" Over decades, she has learned how to be successful in growing, mounting, and showing all kinds of orchids; and she loves sharing her expertise with others. Her love of growing orchids and of orchid-themed displays has led to several AOS exhibit and flower awards. She enjoys sharing how she grows in a small-screened lanai area, and how she incorporates unusual containers and display items with beautiful bloomers and artistic style to create her award-winning displays.

Having lived all over the world, Elaine has called Naples home for decades. She has been a Park Ranger with the National Park Service, a Peace Corps Volunteer, a small business owner, and a Librarian and Teacher. Currently, Elaine has a small business caring for orchids for clients and friends, importing orchids, creating displays for businesses and homeowners; and learning everything she can about orchids, from their rich history, complex environmental and botanical concerns, and their incredible beauty.

GET YOUR NOS SHIRTS & HATS!

We will be offering our new NOS shirts & hats (with the NEW logo) at our upcoming meetings. Sizes for ladies shirts are S, M, L & men's are available S, M, L & XL. Special orders are accepted.

Shirts are $30 and Hats are $20.

Members Only Holiday Gathering

Thursday December 7, 2023 6:00pm

Here's the link to more photos-- **PHOTOS – Naples Orchid Society**

Thank you for your donations to Collier Harvest Foundation!

We delivered 13 Trader Joe's bags and 10 Publix bags. It filled the Volunteer's SUV!

The 2024 annual Orchid Show and Sale will be held on February 16 through 18 at the Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive. The Orchid Sale will begin at 8:00 a.m. each day for members of NOS and NBG. Your current membership allows you free admission to the Garden and Show.

This year's theme is *An Orchid Jubilee.* Work began several months ago to make this, our 50th year of producing orchid shows, something special. Vendors will be creating wonderful displays on 60-inch round tables for you to enjoy. You and other society members will be entering your beautifully designed containers, tabletops, cut flowers, and individual plants for ribbon judging by accredited AOS Judges. Check out the cash prizes you could win for participating! Information about exhibits and plant competition are contained in the rules and regulations for show entries found on our website. We hope you are planning something special to help us make this a great celebration. Please join us for a weekend of orchid fun. It is never too early to start your planning.

Thank you,

Your Orchid Show Committee

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

AN ORCHID JUBILEE

SUPPORT YOUR NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY & VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Here are the dates, time & tasks where volunteers are needed. E-mail Marie Harris, marie@naplesproperties.com indicating which spots you would like. Please include your name, e-mail & phone number. We will also have sign-up sheets at the January and February monthly meetings. Volunteers must be paid members of NOS or GCOA for 2024. Thank you!

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:00 AM
Set Up

Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Direct Members Displaying Orchids to the Unloading Area
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Thursday, February 15, 2024
Clerks/Observers/Runners for AOS Judges (Please specify)
Clerks & Observers (Ribbon Judging) 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Runners (AOS Judging): Approximately 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Thursday, February 15, 2024
Volunteers to Direct Vendors to the Unloading Area and to the Tent Area and Help Vendors Set Up
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Friday, February 16, 2024
Hosts & Hostesses
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Friday, February 16, 2024
Membership Table to Welcome & Talk to the Public
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
2:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Saturday, February 17, 2024
Hosts & Hostesses
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, February 17, 2024
Membership Table to Welcome & Talk to the Public
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
2:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Hosts & Hostesses
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Membership Table to Welcome & Talk to the Public
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
2:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 18, 2024
5:00 PM Take Down

YOUR AOS REP
Kris Morton
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AOS CORNER

From your AOS rep Kris Morton

The AOS Orchids Magazine is a go-to for orchid growers. The Q & A section for the December 2023 issue (pgs. 892-893) covers mule-ear oncidiums, Phalaenopsis flowering & leaf problems. See page 902 for information on fertilizer mesh bags. Follow the great article on Ghost Orchids on page 900-902. There is also an index of all the articles for 2023 in the December issue, pgs. 951-953. Some of the BEST orchid experts from around the world write articles for this magazine. All of our Show judges are accredited AOS judges. The awarded orchids are always featured in each issue. You will also see many vendors of orchid supplies available to all.

Please consider joining AOS in 2024. Their website is **www.AOS.ORG** There are so many benefits & discounts with your membership including discounts at many gardens, the AOS bookstore, & more in addition to supporting orchid conservation. You will have a choice of their fabulous archive of articles along with either receiving the Orchids magazine as a hard copy or online. If you need an application, I always have them at each monthly meeting. We will also have a membership table at the 2024 NOS Orchid Show. ☺

For over 100 years, ***Your*** AOS has been a beacon of knowledge and support for orchid lovers. We are dedicated to the promotion, preservation, and appreciation of orchids. Your support can help us continue to develop new initiatives that support your membership:

1. **Orchid Conservation:** ***Your*** AOS is actively involved in orchid conservation efforts, working to protect and restore endangered orchid species and their habitats. One of our efforts is to raise funds for several orchid habitats, in conjunction with the Smithsonian's NAOCC, North American Orchid Conservation Center, and other organizations.
2. **Education:** What better way to support the AOS than through its education program for young people. Students at several schools are raising orchids as part of a scientific curriculum where students learn about our vanishing resources.
3. **Research:** We are expanding our knowledge and understanding of orchids, by helping to fund students studying growth habits, habitat changes, and genetic diversity.
4. **Community:** ***Your*** AOS connects you with other orchid enthusiasts around the world, and provides a platform for sharing knowledge and experiences. Your donation will help us maintain our community programs, such as our affiliated local orchid societies, judging, and our new website coming soon. It is ***Your*** AOS!

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AOS WEBINARS AND LINKS

Registration is easy. **American Orchid Society Webinars (aos.org)**
Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry. Register now and view on your time schedule. Send your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: **greenhousechat@aol.org.** Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and indexed by topic for future viewing.

January 03, 2024: 8:30 pm EST, Wednesday. Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A. Send in your Questions by Dec. 29. Ron McHatton, Chief Education & Science Officer.

January 23, 2024: 8:30 pm EST, Tuesday. Multi-floral Paphiopedilums. Desirable & highly awarded Slipper Orchids. Carol Klonowski, Hobby Grower & AOS Judge.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO CHECK OUT

January 3-4, 2024: Florida West Coast Orchid Society's "The Art of Orchids," **fwcos.secretary@gmail.com**

January 5-7, 2024: Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society Show "Orchid Jungle," **singersara@aol.com**

January 6-7, 2024: Sarasota Orchid Society's "Orchids in Paradise," **https://sarasotaorchidsociety.org/event/sos-annual-show-and-sale-jan-6th-7th/**

January 11- March 14, 2024, Thursday mornings: The UF/IFAS Extension Collier County Master Gardener Volunteers presents the 2024 Educational Garden Workshop Series, Collier South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples, FL. See blog & date change for two speakers: **https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/collierco/2023/11/27/2024-educational-garden-workshop-series/**

January 12-14, 2024: Tamiami International Orchid Festival. Information: www.tamiamiorchidfestival.com

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TASKS FOR JANUARY

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

- Water judiciously, only early in the day.
- Run plants on the dry side to preserve the possibility of using water for cold protection.
- Check irrigation system in anticipation of cold.
- Flush excess fertilizer salts from cattleyas and other sympodials.
- Spray for mites, then, spray again in 7-10 days.

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Dracula gigas (L), *D. trigonopetala* (R)
Dracula Reserve, Ecuador

Dracula lemurella (L), *Lepanthes escifera* (R)
La Selva de Ventanas Reserve, Colombia

We hope you will join us in promoting this important work. We invite you to become a member of the OCA, to make a donation, to take a trip with us to see Orchids in the Wild®, and to purchase merchandise through our website. Since we have no paid staff, all proceeds support orchid conservation. The OCA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

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A great resource for orchid information is the St. Augustine Orchid Society's website: https://staugorchidsociety.org/

What's Blooming in My Collection?

Lc. Ahmad Sheiki 'Mendenhall'
Karen Davenport

Dendrobium
Lea Leonard

Rth. Golden Chiefton 'Akukii'
Karen Davenport

C. luedamannia var "semialba" ksshapely
Jim Rawson

Wilhelmara Pinot Princess 'Scary'
Linda Van Blerkom

Onc. Sweet Sugar
Stuart Rubin

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Your Orchid Name
Your First & Last Name

Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Bluebird'
Stuart Rubin

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Do you have a blooming orchid in your collection? Please send us your orchid photo and name so we can feature it here! Submit to: bcastlts@comcast.net

An Orchid Vignette—Little Stars— You Spice Up the Night

Contributed by Dick Pippen (updated for the January 2024 Newsletter)

Little Stars is one of my favorite fall and early wintertime orchids. I think probably most of you have this delightful plant in your collection (especially those of you that attended the December 2012 NOS Holiday Party). The correct name of this grex is *Brassavola* Little Stars. It was created by crossing two *Brassavola* species, *B. nodosa* and *B. cordata*. *Brassavola nodosa* is the famous "Lady of the Night" orchid with its very delightful jasmine-like fragrance that starts about dusk and lasts well into the night. Little Stars' other parent, *Brassavola cordata*, I call the "Little Lady of the Night" because it has smaller flowers but a powerful spicy-citrous fragrance in the evening. Actually *B*. *cordata* has undergone a name change and it is now *B. subulifolia*, but it is still called *B. cordata* "in the trade."

Brassavola Little Stars has taken the fragrances from both its parents and created its own unique "elegant" spicy, "clove-like" aroma that starts at dusk and lasts well into the night. I love the way Little Stars "spices up" the lanai when I go out there at night

Stewart Orchids created little Stars when they were in California and registered by them in 1983. According to the 2021 edition of Orchid Wiz Little Stars has earned 26 AOS and international awards. One of the CCM awarded plants, 'Christine Parrish,' in 1997 had 93 inflorescences with 600 flowers!

Brassavola Little Stars is a great plant because it starts out small, "containable," and is easy to grow, although after a few years they can become very large. The pseudo bulbs and leaves together are about a foot long, narrow, and "half-round" in cross section. Here, in SW Florida, Little Stars grows well in a sunny area of the lanai or pool cage or out-of-doors hanging in a tree. The flowers are small, about 2–3 inches across. The sepals and petals are pale green, but the heart-shaped lip is white. Once established the plant will produce many spikes with 4–6 flowers on each spike. I can always count on Little Star to bloom in November or early December, and will continue to bloom for two to three months.

This grex has been used as a parent in 61 registered crosses. One of my favorite of Little Star's "kids" is *Bc*. Kosh Wallis (x *C*. Caudebec) with a "purplish, spotted lip and spicy daytime fragrance. I just recently acquired an unregistered cross with *Cattleya aurantiaca* which has yellow-golden flowers.

B. Little Stars is not a demanding orchid. I have plants growing in a pot in lava, in Osmunda fiber in a basket, even one mounted on grape wood. I keep them in a west facing pool cage, in as sunny a spot as I can find. Little Stars is richly rewarding not only for its "cute" little green-white flowers but also for its intense spicy nighttime fragrance. If you do not already have one—get one, you will not regret it.