JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Rlc. Amazing Thailand '

This colorful beauty is a photo shared by Terre Moore from her prolific blooming orchid collection.

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday July 11, 2024
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Moss Hall
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.
Rae Jean Walker. Topic - "Orchid Q & A.

Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 p.m.
Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Please note: *When attending Orchid Doctor sessions, and you have a plant that may be diseased or have insect infestations that you want to discuss, please place a sample in a sealed Ziploc bag to bring to the meeting.*

Featured Speaker ***– Ghost Orchid Research Team***
Presenting: "Update on the 10 Year Ghost Orchid Research Program"

See Write-up on Page 4

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

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Submit articles for the Newsletter by the 15th of each month to NOSNews@Naplesorchidsociety.org

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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

July 2024
Richard Davenport
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REMINDER

Our July meeting is moved to July 11, 2024, the second Thursday in July due to 4th of July celebrations falling on our "normal" first Thursday date.

Our program will feature summary research findings of our 13-year orchid research project in the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park and the National Panther Wildlife Refuge. We will hear important results before they are published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal. Dr. Lawrence Zettler will also bring us insights into the recent Chelsea Flower Show and international orchid conservation efforts. He will introduce the intern research team of Adam Heardman, Tony Ruiz, and Toby McTammany.

Too Much Rain!

What should we all be doing about the prolonged rainy spell and its potential impacts on our orchids?

1. If you do not have a roofed greenhouse handy, turn off your automatic, watering system until the deluge passes. Wait for at least two days after seeing your shadow again before turning it back on.
2. Increase air circulation to promote drying. Run fans 24/7. This is good practice all year long too. Almost all orchid species are epiphytic (originally growing in trees) and appreciate the opportunity to dry out between rainstorms. Just like their home in the jungle.
3. Increase plant spacing to both increase airflow and to reduce the possibility of fungus spore transfer from one plant to another.
4. Spray with a good systemic fungicide once a week during the rainy season, alternating at least two different types (e.g., Captan and Thiomyl) to lessen the chances of creating a super fungus resistant to fungicides.

"Orchids in the Garden"

We hope that you see this phrase many times in the coming weeks. It is the theme selected for our 2025 Orchid Show in February 2025. You can make this wish come true by volunteering your intrapersonal and promotional skills as Publicity Chair! Talk to Jim Rawson or me for more information about this position. You will also become a voting member of the Board, meeting once a month. We need you now!

Richard Davenport
President

EDUCATION OUTREACH CORNER

In support of NOS Educational Outreach, member Rae Jean Walker spoke to several groups at the High Point Golf and Country Club and at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club. She discussed what an orchid is, the basics of growing orchids in southwest Florida, and how to mount orchids in trees. She brought with her many of her own orchids, tools and materials for growing or mounting orchids. At the end of each presentation, she answered attendee orchid questions.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We are very happy to report that our membership is holding strong with 240 members. Attendance at our monthly meetings remains high taking advantage of terrific speakers, great learning opportunities and an exchange of information between members.

OUR NOS MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

Marie Harris, Membership Director Text or Call: 239-877-1717 **Email: mharris@naplesproperties.com**

Board of Directors Meeting for July 2024

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday July 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.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2024

Please access this link for more details:

Monthly-Meeting-Minutes-June-6-2024.pdf (naplesorchidsociety.org)

JUNE MONTHLY MEETING FOOD ORGANIZERS

Thank you to all our members who brought a great variety of food goods to our June meeting including Marta Bogater, Brenda Brown, Marie Harris, Karen Davenport, Mary Southall, Gary Murza, Marija Rosenfeld, Karolyn Hall and Leah Ray.

FEATURED SPEAKER – ***Ghost Orchid Research Team***

We are pleased to welcome members of the Illinois College Orchid Conservation team that has been funded in part with grants by NOS for the past 13 years. Their principal speakers will be Dr. Lawrence Zettler and Adam Herdman, who is this year's field team leader. Both have spoken to us before and have co-authored peer-reviewed publications on their team's work in Orchid Conservation with ongoing emphasis on the Ghost Orchid. Adam went on to receive his MS from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, and is currently working on his Ph.D. at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

They will be updating us on their more than ten years of field evaluation and investigation into the Ghost Orchid and other endemic species. They will share their findings about the future viability of ghost orchids in South Florida, a "sneak preview" to NOS as one of their sponsors prior to publication.

Larry Zettler will report on Orchid Conservation issues as discussed at the recent Chelsea Flower Show in London last month. The Chelsea Flower Show made Orchid Conservation in the United Kingdom, India and the United States an important area of emphasis for the 2024 show.

Snapshots From our June 2024 Meeting

Keynote speaker - Thanh Nguyen of Springwater Orchids presents "Everything about growing orchids" to meeting attendees.

Orchid Doctor - Elaine Gates spoke to members about growing miniature orchids. She brought in many of her own miniatures to share with the attendees as well.

YOUR AOS REP
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AOS CORNER

From your AOS Representative Kris Morton

The June 2024 AOS "Orchids" magazine features two articles from the 2014 archives. Page 428 features "Repot Your Plants" by Ray Barkalow. Another article from Sue & Terry Bottom features "Orchid Parts and Why They Matter," pgs. 430-432. AOS Chief Education & Chief Education & Science Officer Ron McHatton's latest from the June 2024 issue of Q & A's will be found on pages 434-435 & include questions on unhealthy cattleya, virus symptoms, possible phalaenopsis problems/viruses from big box stores & a new greenhouse problem.

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. ☺

MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Hello to all, and welcome to any new societies out there. We at the AOS have been very busy with the launch of our new website, AOS.org. You all should check it out. Please report any glitches (everyone has those in something this new) to our office.

I would personally like to encourage your members to join the AOS if they are not members. We have so many benefits, like the webinars, Orchid Pro, our orchid encyclopedia, new culture sheets, QR scanable codes for your shows, and new pages online for culture questions. I personally would like to know why some are not members of the AOS. I invite you to tell me at cerins@aos.org. I will reply to them if I can answer any questions. IN ADDITION, we have a surprise coming for all affiliate reps that we will be promoting very shortly. Stay tuned! – *Cheryl Erins*

AOS WEBINARS

July 09, 2024: Tuesday, 8:30 m EDT. Topic: Greenhouse Chat, Orchid Q&A. Send in your photos & questions by July 07. Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education & Science Officer.

Registration is easy. http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.espx
Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry. Register now and view on your time schedule. Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and indexed by topic for future viewing.

UPCOMING EVENT TO CHECK OUT

September 28-29, 2024: Ridge Orchid Society's "Orchids: Nature's Steampunk," United Women's Club of Lakeland, 1515 Williamsburg Square, Lakeland FL; Contact: Keith Emig, 863-221-3172; dkemig@gmail.com.

TASKS FOR JULY

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

*For Martin Motes "Progress of the Season" monthly orchid newsletter click on link & Ctrl then on subscribe (**Subscribe to Motes Orchids Monthly Newsletter redlandpress.com)***

- Dry plants hard once or twice.
- Apply liquid fertilizer instead of water during dry patches.
- Watch for *Thrips* when rain has been sparse for several days.
- Finish top cutting and planting of vandaceous genera.

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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.

oca Orchid Conservation Alliance

Conserving Orchids by Conserving Orchid Habitat

The OCA conserves orchids by funding habitat preservation. Since inception in 2005 we have helped with the purchase of over 3000 acres of orchid habitat, protecting hundreds of orchid species in Brazil, Ecuador and Colombia. Many species of rare birds, trees, frogs, mammals also find refuge in these reserves.

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 is Blooming in My Collection?

Rlc. Dygbyana
Karen Davenport

Rlc. Greenwich 'Elmhurst'
Marie Harris

Bc. Salinas Beauty
Karen Davenport

C. Gaudi from Fred Clark
Jim Rawson

E moebusii x E phoenicea
Marilyn Moser

Den. Pretty Doll
Terre Moore

Brassavola Nodosa
Marie Harris

Gramm. Scriptum var. Leopard
Terre Moore

Stlma Kelly 'Lea'
Rae Jean Walker

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

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results
June 6, 2024

Submitted by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Blc.* Yen Surprise 'Seiko'
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth
Second Place: *Blc*. Clear Stars
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: *Blc*. Gulfshore's Brooke Vickerman
Owner: Marie Harris

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Lc*. Amethyst Star
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *C*. Tropical Pointer
Owner: Diane Ervin
Third Place: *C*. Claudehamiltonia 'Hidden Gold'
Owner: Mary Lane

Large Vandas
First Place: *V.* Pachara Delight
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: *V.* Fantastic Fan Fare x Tri Star Blue
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: *V.* Fantastic Fan Fare x Tri Star Blue
Owner: Jim Longwell

Small Phalaenopsis
First Place: *Phal.* Sweet Memory 'Bubbles'
Owner: Dianne Mieras

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den*. Caesar Warawan
Owner: Mary Southall
Second Place: *Den*. Bicentennial Blue
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vanda
First Place: *V.* Dec. 22nd
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *V.* Pine Rivers x Fuchs Sunset
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: *V.* Motes Burning Sands 'Mary Motes'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Species
First Place: *Rhyn.* digbyana
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Brassavola cucullata
Owner: Diane Ervin
Third Place: *L.* purpurata flamea
Owner: Karen Davenport

Medium Species
First Place: Encyclia tampensis
Owner: Marie Harris
Second Place: Doritis pulcherrima
Owner: Elaine Gates
Third Place: Cryptopodium andersonii
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Species
First Place: Chiloschista parishii
Owner: Elaine Gates

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Bnfd.* Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'
Owner: Leah Ray

Slipper
First Place: *Phrag.* Sorcerer's Apprentice x amazonica
Owner: Diane Ervin

Other Tribes
First Place: *Ctsm.* A A Orquideas
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Hybrid Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: Myrmecocattleya Louise Adel Fuchs
Owner: Marie Harris

Best Species Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: *Rl.* digbiana
Owner: Karen Davenport

Green Tag Plant Winner
Winner: Leah Ray
Plant: *Den*. Fire Wings

Gold Ribbon Winners June 6, 2024

Photos on this page by Sue Roehl, Webmaster

BEST SPECIES
First Place: *Rl. digbyana*
Owner: Karen Davenport

BEST HYBRID
Plant Name: Myrmecocattleya Louise Adel Fuchs
Owner: Marie Harris

Blue Ribbon Winners June 6, 2024

Blue Ribbon Winner Photos by Marilyn Moser

LARGE CATTLEYAS
First Place: *Blc.* Yen Surprise 'Seiko'
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

LARGE VANDA
First Place: *V.* Pachara Delight
Owner: Mary Lane

SMALL CATTLEYAS
First Place: *Lc.* Amethyst Star
Owner: Jim Longwell

SMALL PHALAENOPSIS
First Place: *Phal.* Sweet Memory 'Bubbles'
Owner: Dianne Mieras

DENDROBIUM
First Place: *Den.* Caesar Warawan
Owner: Mary Southall

LARGE SPECIES
First Place: *Rhyn. digbyana*
Owner: Karen Davenport

SMALL VANDA
First Place: *V.* Dec. 22nd
Owner: Jim Longwell

MEDIUM SPECIES
First Place: Encyclia tampensis
Owner: Marie Harris

SMALL SPECIES
First Place: Chiloschista parishii
Owner: Elaine Gates

SLIPPER
First Place: *Phrag.* Sorcerer's Apprentice X Amazonic
Owner: Diane Ervin

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
First Place: *Bnfd.* Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'
Owner: Leah Ray

OTHER TRIBES
First Place: *Ctsm.* A A Orquideas
Owner: Karen Davenport