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# MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

## Cover Worthy!

*Blc. Margery Kekauoha 'Royalty'*
Marilyn Moser

## NOS Events

**Next Monthly Meeting**
***Thursday March 2, 2023***
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Baker Gym
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.
**Steve Burdette**
**"Preparing Orchids for Spring Repotting"**

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

*Featured Speaker* - ***Gary and Barbara Murza***
*Presenting:* **"Phrags and Paphs"**

**Next Board of Directors Meeting and Show Committee Meeting**
Date: March 8, 2023 6:30 p.m.
***See pg. 3 for details***
**All Members are Welcome to Attend**

**President: Richard Davenport**
**davenport.richardalan@gmail.com**

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# President's Letter

***February 2022***

*Richard Davenport*
*President, Naples Orchid Society, Inc.*
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**Greetings to all Orchid Lovers!**

And heartfelt thanks to the many, many volunteers who contributed their time, talents and knowledge to the successful completion of Orchid Mardi Gras yesterday. Almost a year in the making and following both a severe hurricane with extensive coastal flooding due to storm surge and several old-fashioned Florida cold fronts with temperatures down into the high 30's in the early morning hours, our team persevered. We invited members of both the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance and the Southwest Florida Orchid Society to help in the show and to enter their best plants, cut flowers and displays in the AOS show judging.

Speaking of judging, we had eighteen AOS judges this year, led by Head Judge Dorothy Bennet from the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center (located in beautiful Flamingo Gardens in Davie, Florida, a long way from West Palm Beach, but that is another story). She divided the AOS judges into three separate teams, each led by a team captain and assisted by clerks from NOS, GCOA and SWFOS. The large show schedule offered 154 entry categories, with trophies, ribbons, cash awards, and regional bragging rights at stake.

Our show co-sponsor is Naples Botanical Garden. They sponsor many attractions in the Garden each year to attract new visitors, many of whom love what they experience while in the Garden and who soon become year-round members. We are happy to report that our show is once again the Garden's largest event of 2023, with an early entry count of 7,800 over the three show days.

A major contributor to both the financial aspects of the show and its beauty are our curated and especially invited orchid vendors. This year, we again had five of the best and biggest orchid vendors in Florida, joined by two additional vendors offering orchid supplies. We feel it is important to have vendors with established reputations and proven orchid expertise. We also make an effort to seek out vendors who do not offer the same plants as their neighbors, with the goal of a better selection of differing plants for purchasers. Lastly, we also ask each selected vendor to create an artistic display of his or her best and most sought-after plants. Such large and important displays in Kapnick Hall help set the competition bar high indeed. Bottom line for the vendors? They each had spectacular sales and all want to come back again next year.

So our show was great. Kudos to Senior Show Chair Jim Rawson on a yearlong chore superbly done! We will critique 2023 at an after-action meeting in March and see what we can do to make the show even better for 2024. Now will be the time to start planning for next year's show under the new leadership of Stuart "Stu" Rubin, who has been Jim's co-chair and understudy for the past year. If all this sounds exciting or more than a little interesting, talk to Stu. He could use a few good volunteers. In addition, you will assuredly learn a lot while you work.

*Richard Davenport*
*President*

## In-Person Board of Directors Meeting for March 2023

Date: Wednesday March 8, 2023

**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

February 2, 2023

Re*spectfully submitted by Lanette Bishop 2nd VP*

The meeting was held in the Baker Gym at Moorings Presbyterian Church. There were 58 attendees and all enjoyed delicious sweet donations.

- David Orr reported on membership renewals and welcomed new members. Name badges were handed out.
- Sue Roehl sold raffle tickets and $216.00 was collected.
- Steve Burdette, Education Chair, was Orchid Doctor and discussed preparing orchids for our upcoming Show and Sale.
- Richard Davenport, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Emergency exits were reviewed.
- David Orr, Treasurer, announced that there is $19,053.58 in the Regions Bank account. He also advised that CD's total $35,515.50. He also reminded everyone that dues for 2023 are due and that you need to renew in order to register plants for the Show.
- David also discussed our upcoming Culture Classes, which will be held at the Naples Botanical Garden during March and April. Member fee is $99.00 and non-member fee is $149.00.
- Twyla Leigh announced that the UF/IAFS Extension Center was offering a presentation on Plant Structure and Morphology on Friday, February 3, and that there was no fee.
- Richard Davenport announced that our Orchid Mardi Gras Show, hosted by NOS and NBG, will now include three orchid societies as participants: Naples Orchid Society, Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance and Southwest Florida Orchid Society.
- Jim Rawson, Show Co-Chair, announced that our Show still needs volunteers to be successful. He explained how to sign up on the Clip Boards, how to fill out the Green Registration Forms and discussed the rules for exhibits.
- Stu Rubin, First Vice President, announced our speaker, Liz Chehayl, Creator of Collections for the Naples Botanical Garden. She thanked NOS for our relationship with the Garden. Her presentation included expansion of the Garden, slides of the Orchid Garden and growing begonias.
- Orchid Ribbon Awards were presented. Raffle tickets were drawn.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## February 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendees: 58
Plant Raffle: $216
Plants entered: 38 – 35 voted

Please volunteer to help out at our monthly NOS meetings. We need help with set up & take down. Please contact Richard Davenport, Stu Rubin or Jim Rawson if you would like to participate.

## Many Thanks to Our Volunteers

Thank you to our NOS volunteers at the February monthly meeting: Our greeters - Stu Rubin, David Orr & Jim Rawson; Plant Table volunteers - Karen Davenport & Carolyn Booker; Raffle table - Sue Roehl & Lanelle Bishop; Orchid Doctor - Steve Burdette; Hospitality - Lanelle Bishop; Set up - Richard Davenport, Stu Rubin, Jim Rawson & Karen Davenport; Take down - Richard Davenport, Stu Rubin, Jim Rawson, Kenny & Joylett Davis, Karen Davenport, Carolyn Booker & Lanelle Bishop.

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

*Submitted and presented by Suzanne Fundingsland, Acting Membership Chair*

**2023 Members: 250**

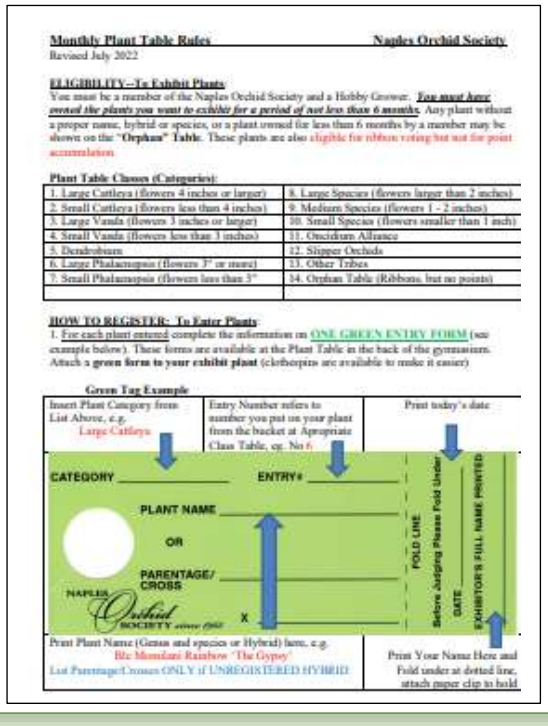
You may pay by **check** mailed to Naples Orchid Society, PO Box 7998, Naples, FL 34101,
or by **credit card** at https://naplesorchidsociety.org/join-us/
NEW RATES for 2023: Single membership $40, Family membership $50
Add $10.00 for a magnetic engraved nametag
*Question about Membership?*
Email **Membership@Naplesorchidsociety.org**

## CARE AND CONDOLENCE

A get well card was sent to NOS Members Marilyn Moser and Dick Pippen.

## NOS Monthly Meeting Plant competition Rules and Instructions

**See the Rules Document on our website here:** **https://naplesorchidsociety.org/monthly-meetings/**



**Monthly Plant Table Rules** — **Naples Orchid Society**
Revised July 2022

**ELIGIBILITY--To Exhibit Plants**
You must be a member of the Naples Orchid Society and a Hobby Grower. ***You must have owned the plants you want to exhibit for a period of not less than 6 months.*** Any plant without a proper name, hybrid or species, or a plant owned for less than 6 months by a member may be shown on the "**Orphan**" **Table**. These plants are also eligible for ribbon voting but not for point accumulation.

**Plant Table Classes (Categories):**

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| 1. Large Cattleya (flowers 4 inches or larger) | 8. Large Species (flowers larger than 2 inches) |
| 2. Small Cattleya (flowers less than 4 inches) | 9. Medium Species (flowers 1 - 2 inches) |
| 3. Large Vanda (flowers 3 inches or larger) | 10. Small Species (flowers smaller than 1 inch) |
| 4. Small Vanda (flowers less than 3 inches) | 11. Oncidium Alliance |
| 5. Dendrobium | 12. Slipper Orchids |
| 6. Large Phalaenopsis (flowers 3" or more) | 13. Other Tribes |
| 7. Small Phalaenopsis (flowers less than 3" | 14. Orphan Table (Ribbons, but no points) |
| | |

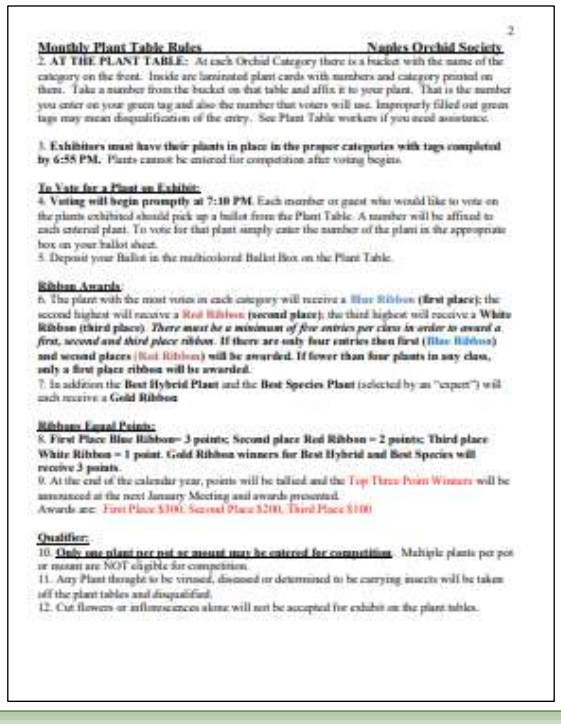
**HOW TO REGISTER: To Enter Plants**
1. For each plant entered complete the information on ONE GREEN ENTRY FORM (see example below). These forms are available at the Plant Table in the back of the gymnasium. Attach a **green form to your exhibit plant** (clothespins are available to make it easier)

**Green Tag Example**

Insert Plant Category from List Above, e.g. Large Cattleya | Entry Number refers to number you put on your plant from the bucket at Appropriate Class Table, eg. No 6 | Print today's date

CATEGORY _____ ENTRY# _____
PLANT NAME _____
OR
PARENTAGE/ CROSS _____
NAPLES Orchid SOCIETY since 1960
X _____
FOLD LINE
Before Judging Please Fold Under
DATE
EXHIBITOR'S FULL NAME PRINTED

Print Plant Name (Genus and species or Hybrid) here, e.g. Blc Mondani Rainbow 'The Gypsy' List Parentage/Crosses ONLY if UNREGISTERED HYBRID | Print Your Name Here and Fold under at dotted line, attach paper clip to hold



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**Monthly Plant Table Rules** — **Naples Orchid Society**

2. **AT THE PLANT TABLE:** At each Orchid Category there is a bucket with the name of the category on the front. Inside are laminated plant cards with numbers and category printed on them. Take a number from the bucket on that table and affix it to your plant. That is the number you enter on your green tag and also the number that voters will use. Improperly filled out green tags may mean disqualification of the entry. See Plant Table workers if you need assistance.

3. **Exhibitors must have their plants in place in the proper categories with tags completed by 6:55 PM.** Plants cannot be entered for competition after voting begins.

**To Vote for a Plant on Exhibit:**
4. **Voting will begin promptly at 7:10 PM.** Each member or guest who would like to vote on the plants exhibited should pick up a ballot from the Plant Table. A number will be affixed to each entered plant. To vote for that plant simply enter the number of the plant in the appropriate box on your ballot sheet.
5. Deposit your Ballot in the multicolored Ballot Box on the Plant Table.

**Ribbon Awards:**
6. The plant with the most votes in each category will receive a Blue Ribbon **(first place);** the second highest will receive a Red Ribbon **(second place);** the third highest will receive a **White Ribbon (third place).** ***There must be a minimum of five entries per class in order to award a first, second and third place ribbon.*** **If there are only four entries then first (Blue Ribbon) and second places (Red Ribbon) will be awarded. If fewer than four plants in any class, only a first place ribbon will be awarded.**
7. In addition the **Best Hybrid Plant** and the **Best Species Plant** (selected by an "expert") will each receive a **Gold Ribbon**.

**Ribbons Equal Points:**
8. **First Place Blue Ribbon= 3 points; Second place Red Ribbon = 2 points; Third place White Ribbon = 1 point. Gold Ribbon winners for Best Hybrid and Best Species will receive 3 points.**
9. At the end of the calendar year, points will be tallied and the Top Three Point Winners will be announced at the next January Meeting and awards presented.
Awards are: First Place $300, Second Place $200, Third Place $100

**Qualifier:**
10. **Only one plant per pot or mount may be entered for competition.** Multiple plants per pot or mount are NOT eligible for competition.
11. Any Plant thought to be virused, diseased or determined to be carrying insects will be taken off the plant tables and disqualified.
12. Cut flowers or inflorescences alone will not be accepted for exhibit on the plant tables.

# *Snapshots from our February 2023 Meeting*

Steve Burdette
Orchid Doctor
Discussion

**February Presenter**
**Liz Chehayl - Brian Holley Curator of Collections**
"Growing Tropical Plants in South Florida"
Photo by: Lanelle Bishop

# Orchid Mardi Gras Is A Big Success

This month we hosted our annual Orchid Show, Jim Rawson, Richard Davenport, Lanelle Bishop, Carolyn Booker, David Orr and Stu Rubin did a wonderful job meeting with the Botanical Garden folks to work out all of the advanced planning to make our show a tremendous success.

Here are some pictures from our show!

This AOS Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Dr. Richard Pippen by the AOS judges on the morning of our show judging.

## VENDOR DISPLAYS

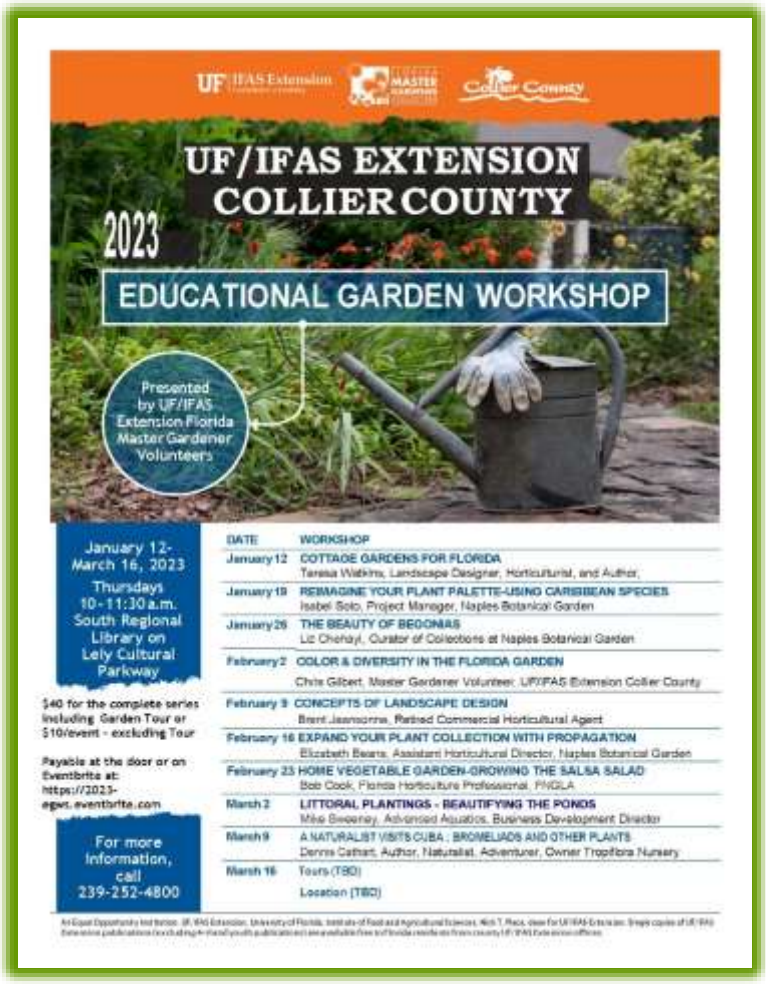
## Pictures from our Orchid Mardi Gras Event

Dick Pippen Busy at Orchid Registration

Helping To Get Things Organized

## Let the Orchid Award Judging Begin

## More Pictures from our Orchid Mardi Gras




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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**AOS WEBINARS**

**February 28, 2023:** 8:30 pm EST, Tuesday. Topic: *The Culture Grid: Culture Grid: Cultural Diversity in Orchids*, a simplified approach. Presenter: Catherine Higgins, Orchid Grower, AOS Judge & Trustee.

**March 09, 2023:** 8:30 pm EST, Thursday. Topic: *Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A.* Send in your photos & questions by March 07. Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education & Science Officer.

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**http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

- THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY'S SPRING MEMBERS MEETING HELD IN CONJUCTION WITH THE SAN DIEGO ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING SHOW, APRIL 21-23, 2023.
- MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA AT THE CASA *del* PRADO IN BALBOA PARK!
- *DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED TO WWW.AOS.ORG/MEMBERSMEETING AS THEY DEVELOP.*

**Member Mark Hudak has some free Amaryllis (Candy Cane) bulbs for anyone who would like them. Please contact him at his cell or email if interested.**
**Cell: 239-682-4921**
**Email: mark.hudak@comcast.net**

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CONTINUING: - March 16, 2023:** Thursdays, 10 AM – 11:30 AM, 2023 Educational Garden Workshop Series, hosted by UF/IFAS Collier Co. Master Gardeners. All nine-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 (purchase Series ticket & you will be able to go on the Garden Tour March 16 and tour a beautiful private garden. Info: 239-252-4800.

**March 3-5, 2023:** Martin County Orchid Society's "Orchid Express," Martin County Fair Grounds, Bldg G, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart, FL; Contact: Nancy Speedy, 772-485-5310; aspeddy@bellsouth.net.

**March 4-5, 2023:** Tampa Bay Orchid Society's "For the Love of Orchids," Sons of Italy Hall, 3315 W Lemon St., Tampa, FL; Contact: Pat Solakian, 203-214-7042; tampabayorchidsociety@gmail.com

**March 16-19, 2023:** Nature Coast Orchid Society Spring Show, VFW Post 8681 , 18940 Drayton St, Spring Hill, FL; Contact: Matt Riesz, 732-687-2407; mrfishnj@gmail.com.

**March 24-26, 2023:** Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show (our "Sister" Orchid Society, GCOA,) North Collier Regional Park (Exhibition Hall,) 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, FL; Contact: Jim Longwell, 239-340-5520; jlongwell1@comcast.net.

**March 25-26, 2023:** Orchid Society of Highlands County's "Art in Bloom," Agri-Civic Center, 4509 George Blvd, Sebring, FL; Contact: Marlen Martinez, 863-446-0189; cmghmartinez@gmail.com.

### Orchidist's Word of the Month

**reflasking (ree-flask-ing):**

Transplanting small seedlings from one flask into a flask of fresh medium to permit greater growth before deflasking the seedlings into community pots or thumb pots.

## TASKS FOR MARCH

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

- Watch out for mites.
- Spray for *Thrips.*
- Repot genera emerging from dormancy: catasetums, calanthes, and soft cane dendrobiums.
- Continue general re-potting of cattleyas, oncidiums, hard cane dendrobiums, etc.
- Make top cutting of teretes, semi-teretes and reed stem epidendrums.
- Move landscape plants gradually to brighter light.
- Apply time release fertilizer.

# PROGRESS OF THE SEASON

*(From Martin Motes 'February 2023 Monthly Newsletter*

***A Warm January Overal…***

This January has been one of the warmest ever, to the delight of our vandas and ourselves. The warmth of the Gulf has ameliorated the huge weather systems, which have devastated the north as they swept south and the Atlantic, have arrived in enfeebled states. These weak and dissipating fronts have also produced much less than typical rain.

A succession of these fronts has left us with much drier than usual air. Dry air radiates heat in the night and the swing of day to night temperatures has been extreme with low temperatures frequently exceeding forecasts. All this has been good for our orchids. Wide swings of day to night temperatures mimic the conditions in tropical mountains where most of our orchids originated, and stimulate roots and blooms.
Dry air is always good, tamping down fungal activity and putting us in control of the water our plants receive. As our plants' roots, potting medium and containers are extra dry, we must be sure to water them thoroughly. Three or sometimes four applications of water should be applied to the point of runoff and spaced a few minutes apart. Testing the weight of a plant to see that it is quite heavy is the best measure of thorough watering. If dry conditions continue to prevail, most potted orchid should be watered at 7–10-day intervals to ensure their bulbs stay plump.

Vandas are flourishing in this warm winter. Keep them well watered and fertilized. With the temperatures we are having, *Vanda* roots should remain in active growth and crowns should be pushing forth-new leaves. Each new leaf has an axial with a potential flower spike bud. With some extra care given to them, vandas will reward us with extra blooms.

*Thrips* are usually not problematic in February but with the temperature ranges and dryness we are experiencing, they could emerge at any time. Scout for them on the new root tips of vandas where the tissue is maturing. If a ring of pitted tissue is present, control them with the methods recommended in *Fla. Orchid Growing*.

Snail activity, which often renews in February, may be less this dry year but keep an eye out for them early mornings.

I hope that the superlative weather continues unabated, but weather with climate change has become less predictable and frost has occurred in South Florida in the first week of March. Continue to be prepared to protect our most cold sensitive genera while relishing the warmth for as long as it lasts.

The delightful mild winter weather is a great encouragement to stay outside and get a head start on re-potting and other orchid maintenance.

*Martin Motes*

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**https://www.motesorchids.com/**

# What's Blooming in My Collection?

*Ctny*. Why Not 'yellow'
Marilyn Moser

*Den*. Dendrobium Oriental Smile
Marilyn Moser

*Epi*. Stamfordianum
Karen Davenport

*Rlc*. Annie Belle
Karen Davenport

Dendrobium aggregatum
Karen Davenport

*Bc*. Glorious May
Karen Davenport

Naples Orchid Society
**Monthly Plant Table Results**

February 2, 2023

*Submitted by Dick Pippen*

**Large Cattleyas**
First Place: *Rlc*. Golf Green 'Hair Pig'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Myrmecatavola* Frances Fox
Owner: Karen Davenport

**Small Cattleyas**
First Place: *Cattleya* Solid Gold
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *Cattlianthe* Big Time
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Guaricyclia* Carol Wood's Suncoast 'Paradise'
Owner: Karen Davenport

**Large Vandas**
First Place: *Pda*. JVB x Kul Tara Ruby Red
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: *Vanda* Sarah Waddoups
Owner: Mary Lane

**Small Vandas**
First Place: *Renanthera* Kalsom 'Orange'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Rhynchostylis* Chorchalood
Owner: Jim Rawson
Third Place: *Vandochostylis* Conference Gold
Owner: Karen Davenport

**Dendrobiums**
First Place: *Dendrobium* Keiki Chip
Owner: Stuart Rubin

**Small Phalaenopsis**
First Place: *Phalaenopsis* Yaphon Yellow Bomb 'Wilson'
Owner: Jim Rawson

**Large Species**
First Place: *Laelia anceps*
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *Paphiopedilum philippinense*
Owner: Barb Murza
Third Place: *Cattleya walkeriana*
Owner: Jim Longwell

**Medium Species**
First Place: *Rhynchostylis gigantea* 'Mix Color'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Zygopetalum* Advance Australia 'HOF' AM/AOS
Owner: Mary Jo Shively

**Small Species**
First Place: *Aerides leeana*
Owner: Mary Lane

**Oncidium Alliance**
First Place: *Tolumnia* Jairak Firm
Owner: Kathryn Romine

**Other Tribes**
First Place: *Cymbidium* Vanessa Amorosi 'Paradise'
Owner: Steven Burdette

**Orphan Table**
First Place: A Neat Small *Phalaenopsis*
Owner: Marija Rosenfeld

**Best Species Award**
Plant Name: *Rhynchostylis gigantea* 'Mix Color'
Owner: Karen Davenport

**Best Hybrid Award**
Plant Name: *Rlc*. Golf Green 'Hair Pig'
Owner: Karen Davenport

**Green Tag Winner:**
Plant Name: *Paphiopedilum* Supersuk 'Eureka' AM/AOS
Winner: David Orr

# *Gold Ribbon Winners February 2, 2023*

*Photos this page by Susan Roehl, NOS Webmaster*

**MEDIUM SPECIES**
**Plant Name:** *Rhynchostylis gigantea* 'Mix Color'
**Owner:** Karen Davenport

**LARGE CATTLEYAS**
**Plant Name:** *Rlc.* Golf Green 'Hair Pig'
**Owner:** Karen Davenport

# *First Place Winners February 2, 2023*

*Photos this page by Susan Roehl, NOS Webmaster*

**SMALL PHAENOPSIS**
**Plant Name:** *Phalaenopsis* Yaphon Yellow Bomb 'Wilson'
**Owner:** Jim Rawson

*This photo by Jim Rawson, 1st Vice President*

**Oncidium Alliance**
**Plant Name:** *Tolumnia* Jairak Firm
**Owner:** Kathryn Romine

**ORPHAN TABLE**
**Plant Name:** A Neat Small *Phalaenopsis*
**Owner:** Marija Rosenfeld

**SMALL VANDAS**
**Plant Name:** *Renanthera* Kalsom 'Orange'
**Owner:** Karen Davenport

**SMALL SPECIES**
*Aerides leeana*
Mary Lane

*Photos this page by Susan Roehl, NOS Webmaster*

**SMALL CATTLEYAS**
*Cattleya* Solid Gold
Jim Longwell

**DENDROBIUMS**
*Dendrobium* Keiki Chip
Stuart Rubin

**OTHER TRIBES**
*Cymbidium* Vanessa Amorosi 'Paradise'
Steve Burdette

**LARGE VANDAS**
*Pda*. JVB x Kul Tara Ruby Red
Mary Lane

**LARGE SPECIES**
*Laelia anceps*
Jim Longwell

## An Orchid Vignette--Valentine Orchids

*Contributed by Dick Pippen*

[First published in the Naples Daily News Feb 12, 2010; modified for the NOS Newsletter 06/28/10 and updated for March 2023 NOS Newsletter]

*Slc*. Love Castle 'Kuremai'

*Slc*. Hsin Buu Lady 'YT'

Even though Valentine's Day has come and gone, it was not too long ago, and I cannot help call your attention to these two delightful orchids once again. If you like intense, bold, grab-your-attention, magenta-red flowers packed into compact, space-saving plants then Love Castle and Hsin Buu Lady are for you. Both of these plants are compact, less than a foot tall, and they produce flowers with the most gorgeous, intense colors. Photographs just do not do them justice.

Love Castle has very intense, magenta flowers with a crystal-like texture. The flowers are about 3 inches across, and the plants are very compact, about 6 – 8 inches tall. The traditional name for this orchid is *Slc*. (*Sophrolaeliocattleya*) Love Castle. Its parents are *Sl*. (*Sophrolaelia*) Psyche and *Lc*. (*Laeliocattleya*) Jose Dias Castro. It has earned 3 AOS and international awards. All to the cultivar 'Kuremai' which is the one that I have. It has been used as a parent in 31 crosses. The hybrid was created by the Dogashima Orchid Center in Japan and registered by them in 1991. Love Castle can bloom twice a year, often just in time for Valentine's Day.

*Slc*. Hsin Buu Lady, whose flowers are an equally vibrant cerise-red, but with some yellow in the throat, is another rewarding plant. Hsin Buu Lady usually produces a cluster of 3-4 flowers on a spike that extends above the foliage and the flowers are 3-4 inches across. The plants are compact, usually about 8-10 high. *Slc*. Hsin Buu Lady is a cross between *Slc*. Wendy's Valentine and *Laelia anceps*. In addition, with a parent called Wendy's Valentine, this plant would just have to bloom around Valentine's Day. It also blooms again later in the year. It has earned 7 AOS and international awards but has not been used as a parent in any crosses. The hybrid was created by Ching Hwa Orchids of Taiwan and registered by them in 2000.

The "S" in the names comes from *Sophronitis* which ("back in the good old days") was a group of small, South American orchids with red-and-orange-colored flowers, that grow in higher elevations, so these plants usually prefer a little less light that the typical "Cattleya-type" orchid and a little more moisture. These would also be good "windowsill" plants. The "L" in the name comes from *Laelia*, the "Laelias of Brazil," which were very similar to Cattleyas. Now *Sophronitis* has been reclassified to *Cattleya* as have the Laelias from Brazil. Thus, Love Castle is officially a *Cattleya*. The *Laelia* parent of Hsin Buu Lady, however, is *Laelia anceps*, from Mexico and that is still a *Laelia*, so officially Hsin Buu Lady is a *Laeliocattleya*. However come next Valentine's Day, I will still refer to them affectionately my Valentine Orchids! ☺