MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

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NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting

Thursday March 7, 2024

Moorings Presbyterian Church
Moss Hall
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.

Rae Jean Walker
"Q & A of Your Orchids – Bring Healthy Plants or Pictures of Diseased Plants For Discussion"

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

Featured Speaker - **Jose Esposito of Soroa Orchids**
Presenting: "**Growing Orchids in South Florida, a Survival Guide**"

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Date: March 6, 2024 6:30 p.m.
See page 3 for details
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Elizabeth Millen, Beverly & Charles Drum, Roger Dunlap (welcome back!), Ali & Ron Bergeron, Robert Fink, Ann Kohler, Amanda Hawkins-Vogel, Shirnett Williamson & Derek Grant, Diego Avila, Diana Beland, Marta Bogater, Claire Drosdick, Gloria Mori, Dede Schoenberg, Anne Troemner, Linda Wallace, Brenda Brown, Jeanne Hayslip, William Martin, Marcia O'Reilly, Betty Jane Petronella, Cherie Pieper, Rosalie Tischler, Sara Watkins, Lee Weiss, Tandy White, Janice Dimitriou, Meredith Musick, Debbie Reyes, Barbara Lupient, Nan Fiala, Mira Mulvihill, Barbara Mueller and Irene Ruben

Contact Marie Harris, Membership Chair with any membership questions you have. mharris@naplesproperties.com, 239-877-1717

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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

March 2024

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

This month was our annual Orchid Show and Sale at Naples Botanical Garden on February 16, 17, and 18. Our show theme was "An Orchid Jubilee" honoring the 50th Anniversary of our first AOS-judged show a little over 50 years ago. We invited our sister society, Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance, to participate with us in the Show.

We had six of Florida's best and largest orchid vendors plus two orchid supply and equipment vendors on the Performance Lawn in front of Kapnick Hall. AOS supplied a team of 16 judges who were divided into four teams, with each team assisted by three to four clerks supplied by NOS. Four teams were needed to look at a recent record number of entries, with 530 plants and exhibits entered.

Led by new Show Committee Chair Stu Rubin and ably assisted by Co-Chair Jim Rawson, our Show Committee did a well-organized and professional job of managing the Show, soliciting and pampering the judges and vendors, placing advertising, and ordering new show graphics for advertising and show theme promotions. We had good success with our solicitations of sponsors and donors plus nine orchid baskets for our annual raffle prizes plus an unannounced silent auction for spa visits, wine tasting parties, selected estate wines, golf rounds for four players, and framed art featuring orchids, of course.

For the first two days of the Show, it appeared we were well on our way to yet another attendance record. However, a seasonal cold front came through Sunday morning accompanied by blustery winds and bands of cold showers most of the day. We eked out only an estimated 500 visitors that day. We hope to do better next year. While the weather cooperated, we did very well, taking in many new members, selling orchid books, hats and shirts, and we were pleased to register a number of additional students for our Orchid University 101 Culture Classes starting March 2 in Buehler Hall on the FGCU campus. Not only do students hear from experienced growers during each interactive class, they receive The Fundamentals of Growing Orchids Handbook, the Motes book on growing orchids month by month in Florida and four free orchid plants to anchor their new collections. Tell your friends we still have room for just a few more students!

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a good assortment of photos taken during the Show. I am sure you will agree that this Show was a stunning visual tour de force. The blooming orchid plants, cut flower arrangements, large and small container exhibits, table top displays, both large and small, plus orchid educational displays were thoughtfully organized to maximize visibility and pedestrian traffic flow. When we volunteers walked into Kapnick Hall Friday morning just before 8 am, the smell and sight of so many orchids was amazing!

With the arrival of March, our so-called "Winter in Naples" is pretty well over. Our dry season, which started back in October, will usually last until June or even July. However, even in South Florida, spring is still the time of year when orchids and many other plants feel the longer days and start growing much more rapidly than in prior months. Pests and diseases prefer soft, lush new growths to eat or grow in our orchids. Therefore, stay alert, watch carefully, and spray early and alternate chemicals used for insects and infections so as to not raise superbugs.

Richard Davenport
President

Board of Directors Meeting for March 2024

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday March 6, 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

February 1, 2024
Please access this link for more details:
Monthly-Meeting-Minutes-February-1-20241.pdf (naplesorchidsociety.org)

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We have 44 new members so far this year! For 2024, we had 13 new members join in January and 31 so far in February.

The Naples Orchid Society is THE place to be for learning more about growing orchids!

OUR NOS MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

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

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

A HUGE thank you to the over 90 NOS members who volunteered their time and gave countless hours to ensure that our annual orchid show, An Orchid Jubilee, was a tremendous success. We appreciate each one of you so much and value your NOS membership.

Thank you all !!!!!!!!

March Presenter: Jose Esposito of Soroa Orchids

Jose Esposito, founder of Soroa Orchids, is a senior judge of the American Orchid Society, past President of the Coalition for Orchid species, and Vice President of the Redland Orchid Growers, the hosts and organizers of the largest International Orchid Festival taking place annually in the USA. He lectures on orchid growing and hybridizing all over the world including past World Orchid Conferences in Rio de Janeiro and in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Born in Cuba, his love and passion for plants and orchids has blossomed to over 30 years of growing, developing, and becoming one of the world's leaders in the orchid industry today.

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.

YOUR AOS REP
Kris Morton
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AOS CORNER

From your AOS rep Kris Morton

The AOS February 2024 issue of "Orchids" offers tips on TIMED-RELEASE PESTICIDES, CYMBIDIUM POTTING MEDIUM, REPOTTING AN OVERGROWN PLANT, LED SUPPLEMENTAL LIGHTING & SPENT PHALAENOPSIS.
See pages 92-93.

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. ☺

NOTE: The AOS 2024 Spring Members Meeting & 5th Culture Day in Apopka has been rescheduled to April 3-6, 2024.

In addition, The American Orchid Society is proud to announce its 5th Orchid Culture Day, "Orchids for Enjoyment," March 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Info: www.aos.org.

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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CULTURE CLASS 2024

DO NOT FORGET TO REGISTER!

MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, APRIL 6 AND 13

LIMITED SPACE!

$99.00 FOR NOS MEMBERS / $149.00 NON-MEMBERS

INTERACTIVE CLASSES PLUS FOUR FREE ORCHIDS!

AOS WEBINARS AND LINKS

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.

March 03, 2024: Sunday, 10 am – 3 pm, EST. Topic: Orchid Culture Day Online Seminar "Explore the Wonders of Four Fascinating Genera." Presenter: Four Guest Speakers. $35 registration.

March 14, 2024: Thursday, 8:30 pm EST. Topic: "Designing and Building Home Greenhouses" *Environmental Necessities to Help Your Orchids Thrive; Presenter: Jean Allen-Ikeson, National Judging Education Coordinator*

Continuing through March 14, 2024, Thursday mornings: UF/IFAS Extension Collier County Master Gardener Volunteers 2024 Educational Garden Workshop Series, Collier Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples, FL. https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/collierco/2023/11/27/2024-educational-garden-workshop-series/

March 1-3, 2024: Martin County Orchid Society's "Oceans of Orchids," Stuart, FL; Contact: aspeddy@bellsouth.net

March 2-3, 2024: Tampa Bay Orchid Society's "Orchid Elegance;" Contact: Fran Roberts, 813-597-8322; fafie328@aol.com

March 22-24, 2024: Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance's "Fairytales and Orchids," Naples, FL; Contact: Jim Longwell, 239-340-5520; jlongwell1@comcast.net

March 23-24, 2024: Orchid Society of Highlands County's "Orchids and Pearls-Celebrating 30 Years of the OSHC;" Contact: Susie Whitehead, 863-381-0522; susan_whitehead@aol.com

March 30-31, 2024: Flamingo Gardens Orchid Society Show, Davie, FL; Contact: Lucy Matos Lodato, 305-308-6531; lucylodato@aol.com

TASKS FOR MARCH

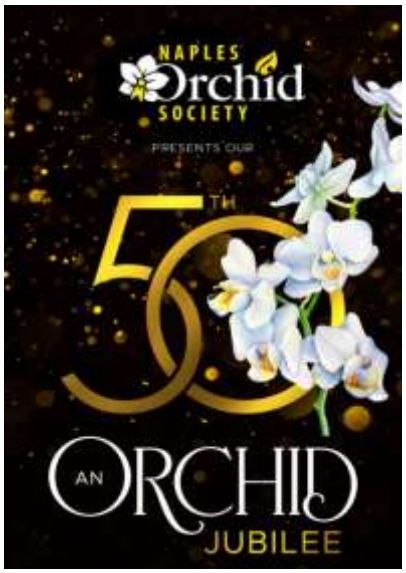
From Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month by Martin Motes, PhD

- 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, and 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.

*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)**

Snapshots From our February 2024 Meeting

Rae Jean Walker
Discussing "Preparing Your Plants for the Orchid Show"



An Orchid Jubilee Is a Big Success

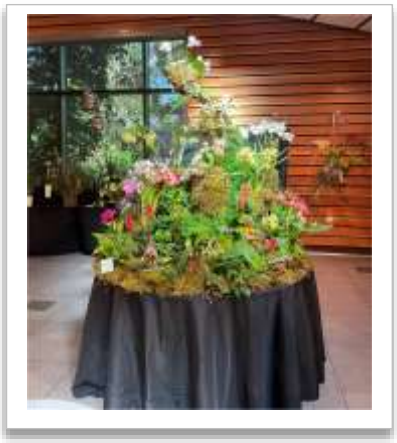
This month we hosted our annual Orchid Show, Richard Davenport, Jim Rawson, Stu Rubin, and David Orr did a wonderful job meeting with the Botanical Garden folks to work out all of the advanced planning to make our show a tremendous success.

Below are some pictures from our show!

Thank You to Food Donators for the 2024 Show

Lanelle and Carolyn want to thank all the Bakers and Gifts of food to help feed the workers and vendors. We could not make it without your generosity. Many helpers loading and unloading, lifting. Chef Greg is tired and resting up for the next Show with GCOA. We will call on you again Next Year. Happy growing in 2024.

A FEW BEAUTIFUL SHOW ORCHID ARRANGEMENTS



More Pictures from our An Orchid Jubilee Show

Orchid Basket Winner
Tamara Allen

Rae Jean Walker Displays
Her AOS Awards Orchid

One of Our Happy Vendors
Setup for Customer Sales

Our Raffle Tickets Table Generated Lots
of Customer Sales

Marie Harris and Our Volunteers at
the Membership Table

More Pictures from our An Orchid Jubilee Show
Can be Found Utilizing the Link Below:

Photo Gallery–Annual Orchid Shows – Naples Orchid Society

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's Blooming in My Collection?

Lc. Gold Digger 'Orglades'
Karen Davenport

Cym. Chen's Ruby
Rae Jean Walker

Rth. Mildred Hollingsworth 'Sunbulb'
Linda Van Blerkom

Rhy. Gigantea
Rae Jean Walker

Lc. Siamese Doll 'Kiwi'
Karen Davenport

Myc. Victor Elliott's Suncoast
Rae Jean Walker

*Rhy. G*igantea cartoon
Karen Davenport

Sl. Tint Star
Rae Jean Walker

Cym. Chen's Ruby *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

February 1, 2024

Submitted by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Rlc.* Young Kong 'Sun #16
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Blc.* Edisto x Mem Crispin Rosales
Owner: K Romine

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Ctt.* Verut Startrack 'Golden Tiger'. Owner: Leah Ray.
Second Place: *Blc.* Booth Lee 'Venice' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Bc.* Maikai 'Louise' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Vandas
First Place: Angraecum Alabaster 'Williamsburg's 76'
Owner Karen Davenport
Second Place: V Sanrom Phang x Chao Praya
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: V Joyce Farmer
Owner: Terre Moore

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den*. China Dream
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: Den Sherry Abe
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: Den Golden Twist
Owner: Jim Rawson

Small Vandas
First Place: V Sasivha X Rhy gigantea
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: Vandachostylis Colmarie
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Species
First Place: V sanderiana X rolphson
Owner: Jim Longwell

Medium Species
First Place: *Rhyn.* gigantea 'Cartoon'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Rhy*. gigantea
Owner: Rae Jean Walker
Third Place: *Rhyn.* gigantea
Owner: Jim Longwell

Small Species
First Place: *Rhyn*. gigantea
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: *Epi.* magnolia
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: Trichoglottis latisepala
Owner: Diane Ervin

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Onc.* Hilo Firecracker 'Lucky Strike'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Slippers
First Place: *Paph*. Susan Booth x Prince Edward of York
Owner: David Orr

Other Tribes
First Place: *Cym.* Chen's Ruby
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Orphans
First Place: *Paph.*
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: unknown
Owner: Dianna Anderson
Third Place: unknown
Owner: Kathryn Romine

Best Species Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: C maxima
Owner: Kathryn Romine

Best Hybrid Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: *Cym*. Chen's Ruby
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Green Tag Plant Winner
Winner: Marie Harris
Plant: *Onc.* Gower Ramsey

Gold Ribbon Winners February 1, 2024

Photos on this page by Sue Roehl, Webmaster

BEST HYBRID
First Place: *Cymbidium* Chen's Ruby
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

BEST SPECIES
Plant Name: Cattleya maxima 'Stevie'
Owner: Kathryn Romine

Blue Ribbon Winners February 1, 2024

Blue Ribbon Winner Photos by Marilyn Moser

LARGE CATTLEYAS
First Place: *Rlc.* Young Kong 'Sun #16
Owner: Karen Davenport

LARGE VANDA
First Place: Angraecum Alabaster 'Williamsburg's 76'
Owner: Karen Davenport

SMALL CATTLEYAS
First Place: *Ctt.* Verut Startrack 'Golden Tiger'.
Owner: Leah Ray

DENDROBIUMS
First Place: *Den*. China Dream
Owner: Jim Longwell

SMALL VANDA
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Owner: Jim Longwell

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ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
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OTHER TRIBES
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SLIPPER ORCHIDS
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ORPHANS
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