MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Paraphaleonopsis labukensis
Karen Davenport

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday May 2, 2024
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Moss Hall
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.
Mystery Guest
"Orchid Pests, Diseases and Fungal Infections"

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

Featured Speaker – ***Rae Jean Walker***
Presenting: **"Mounting Your Orchids"**
See Write-up on Page 4

Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: May 14, 2024 6:30 p.m.
See page 3 for details
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kristina Dawson, Melinda Gunther and Lois Klesmer

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

President: Richard Davenport
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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

May 2024

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

What will our NOS 2025 Orchid Show theme be? Are we talking about that already? Yes, we are starting the entire process earlier this year to help assure the 2025 show will be our biggest and best. All theme entries must be turned in no later than our May 2nd meeting.

Why do we spend so much time and effort on our annual show? The show and sale make up our largest fundraising activity of the entire year. The funds generated go to support many NOS activities, including grants for original orchid research in SW Florida by interns, graduates, and post-doctoral recipients, support for the "Orchid University 101" spring culture classes designed especially for orchid newcomers, financial support for the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center and the AOS itself, plus rents, supplies, speaker fees and expense costs, advertising, IT support, raffle supplies, cash and ribbon awards, insurance, etc. In addition, members learn more about orchids during the show by talking to other members about their plants, judges about how they score exhibits or orchid displays and vendors in search of tips and tricks to become better skilled at growing what can sometimes be challenging plants for all of us.

This coming year, I hope we as NOS members can:

- Introduce more people to the amazing world of orchids.
- Educate more people about best orchid culture practices in SW Florida.
- Share our combined expertise by presentations to civic, social, cultural, and homeowner association groups.
- Help protect and preserve native orchids and their habitats.
- Explore the feasibility of "re-wilding" selected native orchids into portions of their prior ranges in Southwest Florida.
- Continue to provide grants for primary orchid research focused on Southwest Florida.
- Have fun, make new friends, and continue learning about orchids while doing well for our society and our community.

To meet these goals, we need more volunteers. Right now, we are searching for volunteers for the following positions, each of which is also a voting member of the NOS Board of Directors:

1. **Treasurer.** Responsible for basic non-profit source and use accounting / bookkeeping. File short reports with insurance companies and the State of Florida. Prepare checks and online transfers for signature or approval by other NOS officers. Must be bondable. Train with David Orr.

2. **Publicity**. Coordinate public relations, advertising, image issues, printing of banners and orchid show materials. Monitor Facebook and other social media posts. Train with Jim Rawson.

Are you interested? Consider talking with me, the outgoing officer listed with each position above or any other Board member. Come to a Board meeting and see if you like it. Member guests are always welcome as observers at all NOS Board meetings.

Everyone talks about it, but no one can do much about it, the weather, that is. We are well into the southwest Florida dry season. Spray for thrips every ten days or so, alternating insecticide types to avoid creating "super bugs". Water vanda alliance plants twice a day, early morning and early afternoon, so that they can dry before nightfall. If you are thinking about mounting plants on trees in your yard or neighborhood, it is best to wait until mid-June or even July if the plants will be dependent upon rainfall for moisture while they root and get established. If they receive irrigation in the trees, it is fine to start earlier as soon as the plants show new root growth. Tie tightly with the new growth closest to the tree.

Rae Jean Walker will be our Featured Speaker at the May meeting. She is one of the best, most prolific and successful orchid mounters in town. We also have a "mystery" guest as Orchid Doctor so come early, around 6:15, for a good seat.

Happy learning and growing.

Richard Davenport
President

Board of Directors Meeting for May 2024

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday May 14, 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

April 4, 2024

Please access this link for more details:

Monthly-Meeting-Minutes-April-4-20241.pdf (naplesorchidsociety.org)

APRIL MONTHLY MEETING FOOD ORGANIZERS

Thank you to the following members who brought food goods to our April meeting:

Susan Roehl, Kenneth Davis, Shirley Davis, Donna Bliznak, Marie Harris, Mary Southall and Karen Davenport

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We are very happy to report that our membership is healthy with 237 members. We continue to have record attendance at meetings with fabulous speakers and great learning opportunities.

OUR NOS MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

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

FEATURED SPEAKER - RAE JEAN WALKER

NOS BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBER

Rae Jean Walker lived and worked in Joliet, Illinois all of her life until 2013 when she and her husband moved full-time to Naples. They had been coming to Naples part-time since 2004. Rae Jean has been married to her wonderful husband, Perry Walker, for thirty-four years. During that time, she served as the Office Manager for their 15 store, retail tire and auto business from 1985 until her 2013 retirement. Perry gave Rae Jean her first orchid (cattleya) from Hausermanns Orchids in 1982 and she still has that plant. Since that time, she has been in love with orchids and enjoys her collection.

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 April 2024 issue of "Orchids" offers tips on UNOPENED LEAF, VIRUS, MOUNTED CARE & STUNTED GROWTH (pgs. 250-251.) these topics have been composed & compiled from the monthly Q&A webinars done by Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Education & Science Officer.

St. Augustine Orchid Society (SAOS) frequent "Orchids" magazine contributor Sue Bottom (with colorful photographs from her husband Terry) has a great article on "Repotting Phalaenopsis" (see pg.256-258.)

"A Ghost Story" by Lawrence Zettler & Phillip Seaton features last year's Chelsea Flower Show (pgs. 260-263) and mentions some familiar names including NOS, IL College partner Dr. Larry Zettler & his work, one of our NOS scholarship winners and Naples Botanical Garden.

Joining an orchid society is a start to learning about growing orchids. Joining AOS can be the next step. We encourage you to join AOS, even if it is only for the online knowledge.

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. 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. ☺

AOS WEBINARS

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.

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

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that the Brand family announce the peaceful passing of Ralph Brand. Ralph, a long time NOS member passed away earlier in April. We send our condolences to his family. He will be missed!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3-5, 2024: Platinum Coast Orchid Society's "Welcome to the Orchid Jungle," Merritt Island, FL; Contact: Patti Scholes, 321-459-9327; orchidpat@aol.com

May 4-5, 2024: Miami Beach Orchid Society's "Orchids and Arts Festival," Miami Beach Botanical Garden, Miami Beach, FL; Contact: Dr. Juraj Kojs, 434-284-2985; j.kojs@miami.edu

May 11-12, 2024: Volusia County Orchid Society's "Down the Rabbit Hole," Deland, FL; Contact: Kristin Lochte-Keeler, 386-316-8528; superwoman78@msn.com

May 17-19,2024: Miami Orchid Society's "Redland International Orchid Festival," Redland Fruit & Spice Park, Homestead, FL; Contact: Martin Motes, 305-282-7520; martin.motes@gmail.com

TASKS FOR MAY

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

- Space plants properly for good air circulation.
- Trim excessive foliage on trees & shrubs.
- Repot *Phalaenopsis* out of sphagnum.
- Finish repotting of various genera.
- Reset vandaceous plants and remove kiekies.
- Water heavily early in the month, more guardedly later.
- Initiate preventive spray maintenance program.

*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)**

Congratulations Rae Jean Walker!

On April 14th at RF Orchids Rae Jean was awarded with 2 AOS Awards!

Cattleya Amethyst Star, Award of Merit, Clonal Name: Rae Jean's 1st

Vanda Edwin Hauserman, Award of Merit, Clonal Name: Rae Jean's 2nd

Rae Jean with Orchid Royalty: left to right, Bob Fuchs, Rae Jean Walker, Paul Wetter and Dr. Martin Motes

ORCHID CLASS UPDATE

Part of the Mission of the Naples Orchid Society is to further the appreciation and cultivation of orchids in southwest Florida. To that end, NOS offers an annual six-week course, Orchid University 101, to members and non-members. Speakers introduce attendees to just what is an orchid, seven different orchid genera, and how to care for them. A hands-on potting session was introduced this year. Each student received Dr. Richard Pippen's study guide handbook plus Dr. Martin Mote's book on monthly orchid care.

The following made up our awesome and knowledgeable group of speakers: Richard Davenport, Jim Rawson, Jim Longwell, David Orr, Karolyn Hall, Elaine Gates, John Finer, and Karen Davenport. There were more than 40 attendees this year who not only enjoyed classroom presentations, but also received four free plants. This program continues to be a great success.

Do you recognize these people?

Snapshots From our April 2024 Meeting

Orchid Doctor Presentation
"Joylett Davis Engages in Q&A on Orchids With Members "

Nick Ewy - Presents
"Landscaping with Orchids and Other Companion Plants"

NOS HOSTS SUCCESSFUL DICK PIPPEN ORCHID AUCTION

The Naples Orchid Society hosted a private auction for The Richard Pippen Orchid Collection. Dick is the President Emeritus for the Naples Orchid Society and a dear friend to many. We were successful in selling over 300 orchid plants, many of which were specimens or unusual collectibles. Successful bidders left with some amazing plants! Pictured are most of the volunteers who made this event a success! A huge "Thank You" to Jim Rawson for all his work organizing this sale!

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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?

Phal. Lea Marie Salazar
Marilyn Moser

Den. ampullacea x self
Karen Davenport

Hawaiian Thrill x Blc. Goldenzelle
Nancy Castonguay

Lcn. Taiwan Orange 'Karen's Joy' CCM/AOS
Karen Davenport

C. intermedia var alba 'Penn Valley'
Karen Davenport

Phal. Sogo Lisa 'Pixie'
Marilyn Moser

Epc. Frances Dyer
Marilyn Moser

Coelogyne pandurata
Karen Davenport

Dendrobium Nestor Variegated
Nancy Castonguay

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

April 4, 2024

Submitted by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Myc.* Mem Louise Fuchs x C Mark Jones
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: *Lc.* Orglade's Grand 'Yow Chang Beauty
Owner: Mary Southall
Third Place: *Rlc.* Nancy Ginnochio
Owner: Jim Longwell

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Lcn.* Taiwan Orange 'Karen's Joy'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Lsa.* Dick Pippen 'Cute t ' Boot'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Rlc.* California Queen x Paradise Rose
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

Large Vandas
First Place: V Tavesuka x Bitz's Heartthrob
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: V Purple Star
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: V Fantastic Fanfare x V Coerulea Blue
Owner: Diane Ervin

Small Phalaenopsis
First Place: *Phal.* Chingruey's Goldstar
Owner: Stuart Rubin
Second Place: *Phal.* Prince Sun
Owner: Mary Southall
Third Place: *Phal.* G.C. Reyoong Princess
Owner: Jim Longwell

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den*. Fire Wings
Owner: Ann Marie Fox
Second Place: *Den*. Nestor J.G. Small
Owner: Joylett Davis
Third Place: *Den.* Mini Snowflake
Owner: Nancy Castonguay

Large Phalaenopsis
First Place: *Phal*. Golden Peoker
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vanda
First Place: *Vct.* Florida Blues
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: Hybrid Pinky Red
Owner: Dianna Anderson
Third Place: Aranda Noorah Alsagoff
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Species
First Place: Coelogyne pandurata
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Den.* spectabile
Owner: Katherine Romine
Third Place: *Den*. anosum var. Superbum Pink
Owner: Diane Ervin

Medium Species
First Place: *Den.* aggregatum
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: Maxallaria tenufolia
Owner: K Romine
Third Place: *Phal.* amabilis
Owner: David Orr

Small Species
First Place: V garayi
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: V ampullacea x self
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: Trichoglottis oreludea
Owner: Diane Ervin

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Onc.* Mendenhall
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth
Second Place: *Onc*. Golden Anniversary
Owner: K Romine

Slipper
First Place: *Paph.* Prince of Booth
Owner: David Orr

Other Tribes
First Place: Bulb cercanthum x multiflorum
Owner: Karen Davenport

Orphans
First Place: Phalaenopsis
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth
Second Place: unknown
Owner: Marie Harris
Third Place: Small Cattleya
Owner: LaVonne Brekke

Best Hybrid Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: *Den.* Fire Wings
Owner: Ann Marie Fox

Best Hybrid Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: *Onc.* Mendenhall
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

Green Tag Plant Winner
Winner: Diane Ervin
Plant: *Epc.* Rufly Profuse 'Karen's Surprise'

Gold Ribbon Winners April 4, 2024

Photos on this page by Sue Roehl, Webmaster

BEST HYBRID
First Place: *Den. Fire Wings*
Owner: Ann Marie Fox

BEST HYBRID
Plant Name: *Oncidium Mendenhall*
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

Blue Ribbon Winners April 4, 2024

Blue Ribbon Winner Photos by Marilyn Moser

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SMALL PHALAENOPSIS
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