# Naples Orchid Society

# NEWSLETTER

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**Our March monthly meeting is Thursday, March 1, 2018,**
**At the Moorings Presbyterian Church Baker Gym**
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**Flower Registration 6:30 p.m.**
**Flower Judging 7:10 p.m.**
**Meeting 7:30 p.m.**
**Program 7:45 p.m.**
**Talented hobbyist John Budree will speak on "Bulbophyllums"**
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**Bill's Mini Culture Class in March will be Orchid Doctor.**

**Deadline for entries in the Newsletter are due the 15th of each month, 3 pm.**
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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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## MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

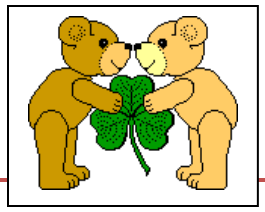
**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**
**April 5, 2018**
**Speaker AOS Judge David Junka**
**"Repotting"**

**2018 MASTER GARDENER EDUCATIONAL GARDEN WORKSHOP SERIES**
**Thursdays, continuing thru March 15, 2018**
**See pg. 3 for more information**

**NEXT NOS BOD & SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING**
**March 22, 2018**
**All are welcome.**

**AOS JUDGING**
**WPB Judging Center next judging date is March 24, Flamingo Gardens**
**3750 S. Flamingo Rd.**
**Davie, FL 33330**
**Info: www.wpbjudging.org**

**Photos from our February meeting will be in the e-version of the March Newsletter.**



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DICK PIPPEN, RPIPPEN@COMCAST.NET

**Greetings Orchid Lovers—Ron Kruger, a very experienced hobby grower from the Sarasota area, was our featured speaker at the February meeting. He shared with us his ideas of orchids that we should definitely grow—quite a few, in fact! Eighty-eight people now have a better idea of what orchids to look for at our upcoming show at the end of February .**

**Our Basics of Orchid Culture Program (the "Culture Class") has been another success. We have had 24 people enrolled in the program, all of whom have been very appreciative of the information they have received (as well as the several orchid plants, too). I want to thank Carolyn Booker, Karen Davenport, Jim Longwell, Kris Morton, and David Orr, our "guest" presenters in the program. All did an excellent job and were well received by the participants in the program. I really appreciate your taking your time and sharing your expertise.**

**The speaker for our March meeting has been changed from that which was listed in the February Newsletter. Instead of David Junka breaking pots and telling us how to repot, John Budree, from the Miami area, will be here to talk about one of my favorite groups of orchids—Bulbophllums. Hope you all can make it for that meeting.**

**Until then—keep your orchids happy. *Dick***

***FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE: 88 RAFFLE PROCEEDS: $146***
***CARE AND CONDOLENCE: A GET WELL CARD WAS SENT TO MEMBER DIANE DAHL***

## 2018 NOS DUES ARE NOW DUE

**Membership Chair Veronica Catrombon will be accepting membership renewals for 2018 at our NOS ORCHID SHOW & at the March 2018 monthly meeting. You may also pay by check mailed to Naples Orchids Society, PO Box 7998, Naples, FL 34101, or by Pay Pal at www.naplesorchidsociety.org.**
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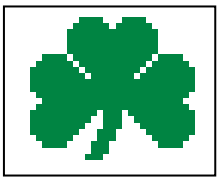

**Thank you to our refreshment providers: Joylett Davis, Sharron Abrams, Barbara Crist, Ralph Brand, Terry McQuillan, Rae Jean Walker, Jane Peterson & Wes Robinson; Plant table: Carolyn Booker, Karen Davenport & Barbara Crist; Raffle table: Sue Roehl & Laura Stacell.**
**Please contact Mary Jo Shively @ maryjoshively@gmail.com if you would like to bring refreshments for our March or April monthly meetings.**

**Please welcome our newest NOS members Jerri Campbell, Toni Carosella, Diane Glover, Sue Marquardt & returning member Carol Sweat.**

**Thursdays thru March 15: UF/IFAS Collier County Ext. Master Gardeners Educational Workshop Series, 10 AM – 11:30 AM, Unity of Naples Church, 2000 Unity Way, Naples, FL. Info: 239-252-4800. Judy White of Jade Orchids will be speaking March 15 at Workshop Series on Orchid Pests & Diseases!**
**March 2-3: Englewood Area Orchid Society "Orchids by Lemon Bay," Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn Street, Englewood, FL; Contact: Mary Anne DiGrazia, 941-697-9237; tommaryanne@centurylink.net.**
**March 2-4: Martin County Orchid Society "Orchids of the Wild Wild West," Martin Co. Fairgrounds, Bldg. G, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy., Stuart, FL; Contact: Debbie Wilson & Bobbie Martin, 561-351-1515; davedebwilson@hotmail.com.**
**March 3-4: Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show "The Orchid Round Up," The Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL; Contact: Eileen Hector, 813-368-7353; TampaBayOrchidSociety@verion.com.**
**March 8-11: Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show, North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Rd., Naples, FL; Contact: Jim Longwell, 239-340-5520; jlongwell1@comcast.net.**
**March 9-11: Orchid Society of Coral Gables Show, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Garden Room, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL; Contact: Melana Davison, 760-212-8919. orchidiva@att.net.**

**TASKS FOR MARCH**
***From Florida Orchid Growing***
***Month by Month by Martin Motes, Ph.D.***

- **Watch out for mites.**
- **Spray for *Thrips*.**
- **Repot genera emerging from dormancy: Catasetums, Calanthes, and soft cane Dendrobiums.**
- **Make top cutting of teretes, semi-teretes & reed stem Epidendrums.**
- **Move landscape plants gradually to brighter light.**
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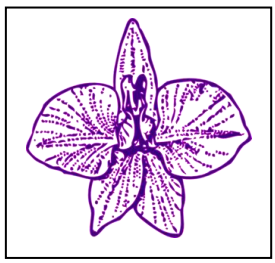
- **Apply time release fertilizer.**



## From Your AOS Rep, Marilyn Moser

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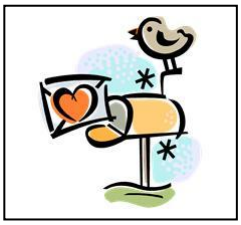
**Our annual show is very near. Please remember that the more plants we have, the better the show. I know from all the beautiful orchids you bring in every month that we have many wonderful growers. So if it is in bloom, bring it to the show! You never know. You could win a ribbon and you'll be helping make our show successful. Get those plants ready…stake the flowers and clean those leaves. Find the parents so you can be ready with your green registration cards. Registration starts on Thursday morning at 9am. And please remember, to enter exhibit competition you must be a member of NOS. To enter individual plants, you must have owned the plant 6 months. Please read the show rules and regulations before entering plants or exhibits. Let's have a great show!!**



**Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting**
**February 1, 2018**
**Submitted by Cynthia Bock, Secretary**

**President Dick Pippen opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. He reviewed the emergency exit procedures and thanked the refreshment providers.**
**Our annual show is on Feb. 24 & 25th at Naples Botanical Garden. Volunteers are needed for set up, hosting, and break down. Information on entering was distributed and available on our website. To get into show free, you must have paid your 2018 membership and present your card at the entrance to the Gardens.**
**Our March meeting will be March 1 and speaker will be John Budree on Bulbophylums.**
**Bill Simpson has orchid racks for sale. Call him 239-777-9215**
**Veronica Catrombon, membership chair, announced 4 new members, bringing us up to 143 members. Check out our Facebook page. We now have 263 followers on Facebook. Password to members only area is nos2017. If your name tag's magnet is coming apart, bring to Veronica and she will get it fixed.**
**David Orr has a sign-up sheet for exhibits at the show. There is limited space, so sign up early. Set up starts at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 21.**
**Kris Morton has sign up sheets for volunteers. Need host and hostesses, set up and take down, and holding areas. Sunday 9am to 12 is doggy day at the garden and we need volunteers to watch dogs while owners go through the show.**
**David Orr introduced our speaker, Roy Krueger, who spoke on "Orchids We All Should Grow."**
**Plant winners were announced and raffle winners were drawn.**
**Meeting adjourned.**

# PHOTOS FROM OUR FEBRUARY 2018 MONTHLY MEETING

***Photos by Dick Pippen***

# An Orchid Vignette--Sweet Sugar (*Oncidium* Sweet Sugar)

**There are between 300 and 600 species in the genus *Oncidium (Onc.)* that occur in distribution from south Florida all the way to southern Brazil. That the variation in number of species is so great is due to considerable confusion right now because of the recent DNA studies that have resulted in lots of "switching around" of species within the genus *Oncidium* and related genera in the *Oncidium* Alliance. In addition to the species there are thousands of hybrids involving *Oncidium*. With such a large a number, there are, as you might imagine many, many variations in size, shape and color. Most typical of the Oncidiums are the "Dancing Ladies" orchids so called because of the large "flared-skirt" like lip that "dances" in the breeze. True Oncidiums have fairly large, flattened pseudobulbs that give rise to one or two flat, strap-shaped leaves at the tip. On each side of the pseudobulb a leaf-like bract forms and the flowering spikes arise from the base between the pseudobulb and the leaf-like bract instead of from the tip of the pseudobulb. On most Oncidiums the leaves are much thinner and softer than those in the *Cattleya* group, thus they usually prefer a little less light and more moisture.**

**One of my favorites is *Oncidium* Sweet Sugar, a "sweet little" plant! It produces large (for an *Oncidium*) flowers, on a branched inflorescence, that have a big bright yellow "skirt-lip" (1.5 inches across) and an orange "bodice"; Unlike many of its relatives that have spikes several feet long, this one usually stops at about 1.5 to 2 feet, so it is a more compact, manageable plant. Erich Herath brought in a beautiful specimen of *Onc*. Sweet Sugar at the February 2018 NOS meeting (it earned a second place, red ribbon).**

**The parents of Sweet Sugar are *Oncidium* Aloha Iwanaga x *Oncidium* varicosum, both of which have flowers similar to their offspring. The plant was registered by M. Sato in 1990. Only two AOS awards have been earned by this hybrid, a CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit) in 2005 and a HCC (Highly Commendable Certificate) in 2015. Well—thanks to recent DNA studies, both of the parents have been reclassified so that *Onc*. Aloha Iwanaga is now *Oncidesa* [*Oncsa*.] Aloha Iwanaga and *Onc. varicosum* is now *Gomesa* [*Gom*.] *varicosa* (all of the Brazilian Oncidiums have now been transferred to the genus *Gomesa*). So that means that our Sweet Sugar is now in the genus *Oncidesa.* Ah me, even so, that does not make it any less sweet □.**

**My plants bloom in the Spring and again in the Fall and the spikes stay in flower for at least two months. I grow my plant in a plastic pot in sphagnum moss-bark mix, in a west facing pool cage, but in an area that gets sun mostly in the afternoon. This would be a great addition to your collection if you do not already have it.** ***Contributed by Dick Pippen***

# FEBRUARY 2018 FIRST PLACE PLANT TABLE WINNERS

***Photos by Marilyn Moser***

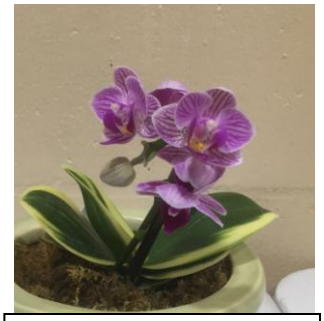
**Large Cattleyas**
**Bc. Languedoc 'Sabonrin**

**Small Cattleyas**
**Cattleya Astracea 'Ginny'**

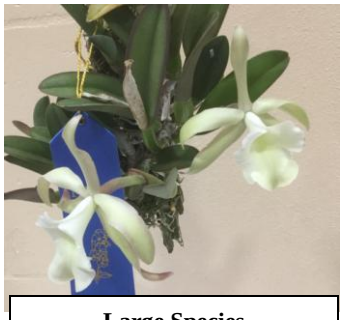
**Small Vandas**
**Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'**

**Dendrobiums**
**Den. Youppadeewan**

**Large Phalaenopsis**
**Phal. KY Fast Puppie**



**Small Phalaenopsis**
**Phal. I-HsinDron Vivien**



**Large Species**
***Rhyncholaelia glauca***

**Medium Species**
***V. lamellate v. boxallii***

**Small Species**
***Epi. magnoliae***

**Slipper Orchids**
**(Paph. Supersuk 'Eureka" x Paph. Raisin Pie)**

**Oncidium Alliance**
**Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop'**

# PLANT TABLE AWARDS FEBRUARY 2018

***Photos by Sue Roehl***

**BEST HYBRID AWARD (tie)**
***V.* Bitz's Heartthtrob x *V.* Dr. Anek**
**Owner: Jim Longwell**

**BEST HYBRID (tie)**
***Lys.* Red Jewel**
**Owner: Wendy Mazuk**

**Naples Orchid Society**
**Monthly Plant Table Results**
**Feb 1, 2018**

**Large Cattleyas**
**First Place: Bc. Languedoc 'Sabonrin'**
**Owner: Tom & Christine O'Donnell**
**Second Place: Blc. Lawless Zauberflote 'Apricot'**
**Owner: Kathryn Romine**
**Third Place: Pot. Haw Yuan Gold 'Yung Kang#2'**
**Owner: RaeJean Walker**

**Small Cattleyas**
**First Place: Cattleya Astracea 'Ginny'**
**Owner: Jim Longwell**
**Second Place: Blc Cruzan Tangelo 'Carib'**
**Owner: Eunice Walker**
**Third Place: Slc. Japanese Beauty 'Sakora'**
**Owner: Tom & Christine O'Donnell**

**Large Vandas**
**First Place: V. Bitz's Heartthrob x V. Dr. Anek**
**Owner: Jim Longwell**
**Second Place: V. Adisak x V. Katsuulea**
**Owner: Karen Davenport**
**Third Place: V. Sanchai Gold Spot**
**Owner: Elaine Gates**

**Small Vandas**
**First Place: Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'**
**Owner: Karen Davenport**
**Second Place: Rhynchovanda Sri Siam x Rhynchovanda gigantea**
**Owner: Michael Cassar**

**Dendrobiums**
**First Place: Den Youppadeewan**
**Owner: Karen Davenport**

**Large Phalaenopsis**
**First Place: Phal. KY Fast Puppie**
**Owner: Tom & Christine O'Donnell**

**Small Phalaenopsis**
**First Place: Phal. I-Hsin Dron Vivien**
**Owner: Tom & Christine O'Donnell**

**Large Species**
**First Place: Rhyncholaelia glauca**
**Owner: Eunice Walker**

**Medium Species**
**First Place: V. lamellata v. boxallii**
**Owner: Elaine Gates**
**Second Place: Rhynchostylis gigantea**
**Owner: Tom & Christine O'Donnell**
**Third Place: Den. farmeri**
**Owner: Carolyn Booker**

**Small Species**
**First Place: Epi. magnoliae**
**Owner: Kit Kitchen-Maran**

**Oncidium Alliance**
**First Place: Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop'**
**Owner: Erich Herath**
**Second Place: Onc. Twinkle**
**Owner: Jim Longwell**
**Third Place: Onc. Twinkle**
**Owner: Mary Southall**

**Slipper Orchids**
**First Place: (Paph. Supersuk 'Eureka' x Paph. Raisin Pie)**
**Owner: Dianna Anderson**

**Other Tribes**
**First Place: Lys. Red Jewel**
**Owner: Wendy Mazuk**
**Second Place: Zygopetalum Advance Australia 'HOF' AM/AOS**
**Owner: Michael Cassar**

**Green Tag**
**Plant Name: Den. Little Astro**
**Owner: Karen Davenport**

**Best Hybrid (Tie)**
**Plant Name: V. Bitz's Heartthrob x V. Dr. Anek**
**Owner: Jim Longwell**
**Plant Name: Lys. Red Jewel**
**Owner: Wendy Mazuk**

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