OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Karen Davenport
Rlc. Amazing Thailand 'Rainbow'

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday October 5, 2023
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Baker Gym

Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.
Rae Jean Walker
"Q & A – How to Repot, Mount, Stake and Clean Your Orchids"
NOTE: If a member has a sick plant, remember to bring it in a closed Ziploc bag, so it does not contaminate other plants!
Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 p.m.

Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
Featured Program: **Bret and Ruth Ullery of Accent Orchids.**

Program Theme "Dendrobiums"

See Write-up on page 4

Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: October 17, 2023 6:30 p.m.
See page 3 for details
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

President: Richard Davenport
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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

October 2023

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

Did you ever wonder how NOS started and how we got to where we are? Almost 63 years ago, the first meeting of 21 local orchid lovers was held May 3, 1962, at the Voodoo Orchid Range, one of five retail orchid vendors then located in Collier County. Our first President was Lloyd Easterling, then Mayor of Naples. By August 1962, membership had grown to 32 members. The first raffle was held, raising the grand sum of $13.80! Subsequent events and milestones include:

- October 1962, NOS decided to join the American Orchid Society
- March 1963, NOS made its first donation - $10.00 to the Naples Garden Club.
- March 1977, marked our first AOS judged orchid show. Our first year AOS show was budgeted at $750.00. That same year, NOS was formally incorporated and approved as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt educational and charitable organization.
- Therefore, the 2024 Orchid Show and Sale at the Naples Botanical Garden will be our **50TH Annual Orchid Show and Sale!** Let us make it a Golden Jubilee!

Your Board of Directors and Orchid Show Committee are already preparing for our 2024 activities. We need many volunteers, including **you**:

- Second Vice President – Activities & Food Service (Board Position)
- Advertising & Public Relations (Board position)
- Social media manager (NEW Position – writes and posts commentary, pictures, & possibly videos of NOS events to various social media website accounts)
- Orchid Show hosts/greeters
- Orchid Show display set-up & take-down teams
- Sponsor solicitations – written & in person
- Plant registration before Show
- Data input during plant and exhibit registration
- "Clerking" during AOS judging
- Orchid Show Raffle basket design & creation
- Raffle ticket sales at Show
- NOS & AOS membership table volunteers at Show
- NOS shirt, hat and book sales at Show
- Vendor support

There are many diverse ways for you to volunteer, participate, learn, and make new friends while doing so.

October marks the end of the SW Florida rainy season and the start of more moderate temperatures. Reduce your watering for vandaceous plants to once a day after we drop out of the 90+ degree daily weather forecasts. Start trimming and cleaning your potential show plants now in order to not have to deal with plant shock the week before our big show.

Richard Davenport
President

In-Person Board of Directors Meeting for October 2023

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday October 17, 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

September 7, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Lanelle Bishop, Second Vice President

The meeting was held in Moss Hall of Moorings Presbyterian Church. 57 attendees enjoyed donated snacks.

- Orchid Doctor was Rae Jean Walker who described and demonstrated correct orchid repotting, identifying which roots to prune.
- Sue Roehl sold raffle tickets. $225.00 was collected.
- Richard Davenport, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Emergency Exits were discussed.
- Richard advised the meeting attendees that our Board of Directors voted to support the Everglades Coalition in its mission to protect and restore America's Everglades. This unanimous vote was the result of the research of this project by Chuck Ferber, NOS Director.
- David Orr, Treasurer, reported there is $25,963.86 in our checking account and $35,998.15 in CD's. David also reported that NOS has received a check in the amount of $14,422.00 from the Naples Botanical Garden as our share of the proceeds of the 2023 Show.
- Marie Harris, Membership Chair, renewed existing memberships and welcomed new members. Name badges were handed out. Marie reported NOS currently has 196 members.
- Members were encouraged to vote for orchids brought in my members.
- Carolyn Booker and Karen Davenport tallied ballots.
- Stu Rubin described the items on the raffle table and announced that T-Shirts and hats with our new NOS Logo are available for purchase.
- Stu introduced the Speakers, Jim and Melana Davidson of Jim N I Orchids who are both AOS judges. Their subject was Brassovolas.
- John Ervin announced plant ribbon winners.
- Stu Rubin announced raffle winners.
- Elaine Gates announced that the Orchid Auction for GCOA would be September 21, 2023. For more information, you can call 239-269-6389.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

October Speakers: Bret and Ruth Ullery

Bret & Ruth Ullery of Accent Orchids, in St. Petersburg will be talking to us about Dendrobiums. Bret and his wife Ruth started Accent Orchids in 2012, with Bret building the shade houses. Bret loves to educate people about dendrobium orchids, especially on how to grow them. He also likes Myrmecophila (formerly Schomburgkia) and Grammatophyllum." Bret has been the president of the Tampa Bay Orchid Society and is currently the president of the Florida West Coast Orchid Society.

TIME FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is that time again. Time to renew your membership for 2024. Renew prior to January 1, 2024 for a chance to win a renewal raffle prize, valued at $100 (orchid and/or supplies). Renew early for more chances to win.

Please Renew by:

October 31 for 3 drawing tickets / November 30 for 2 drawing tickets / December 31 for 1 drawing ticket.

All dues must be paid by January 31.

Individual Membership: $40

Joint Membership: $60

Renew at our meetings or on-line. Tickets will be placed in the drawing for you.

MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

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

GET OUR "FREE" RAFFLE TICKET

2nd VP & Hospitality Hostess (with the mostest!) has requested for more members to bring in food to share at our NOS monthly meetings. You will also receive a FREE raffle ticket!

Please volunteer to help 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.

SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendees: 57
Plants entered: 34 – 28 voted
Plant Raffle: $225.00

Many Thanks to Our August Monthly Meeting Volunteers

Set up: Richard & Karen Davenport, Jim Rawson, Marie Harris, Lanelle Bishop, Chuck & Nancy Ferber, Carolyn Booker & Stu Rubin. **Greeter:** Marie Harris. **Orchid Doctor:** Rae Jean Walker. **Raffle:** Sue Roehl & Stu Rubin. **Hospitality:** Lanelle Bishop. **Plant table:** Carolyn Booker & Karen Davenport. **Take down:** Richard & Karen Davenport, Carolyn Booker, Marie Harris, Jim Rawson, Stu Rubin, Rae Jean Walker & Lanelle Bishop. **AOS Rep:** Marilyn Moser

CARE AND CONDOLENCE

Care card was sent to NOS member and past president Richard Pippen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 20-22, 2023: The Rare Plant Festival will be at the Fruit and Spice Park in the Redland. Information: www.rareplantfestival.com.

October 21, 2023, Saturday: Fall 2023 Virtual Members Meeting. The AOS board of Trustees has approved the Fall Members Meeting to be held virtually this year. It will be free to attend, but you will need to register to do so. Registration link and information will be forthcoming as planning progresses.

October 21-22, 2023: Gainesville Orchid Society's "Orchids in the Garden," Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700 SW 58th Dr, Gainesville, FL; Contact: Ghislaine Carr, 305-804-9495; ghislainecarr@yahoo.com.

October 28-29, 2023: Collier County Master Gardener Yard & Garden Show, IFAS Collier County Extension, Saturday 9 am – 4 pm, Sunday 9 am – 3 pm. Location: 14700 Immokalee Road.
Contact: 239-252-4800.@yahoo.com. See the flyer in this newsletter.

December 9-10, 2023: Fort Pierce Orchid Society Show and Sale, River Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Dr, Fort Pierce, FL; Contact: Rita Zeblin, 772-418-7426 (text only); rita2zfpos@gmil.com.

February 23-28, 2024: The 23rd World Orchid Conference in Tainan, Taiwan. Contact Information: conference@woc23.com; Exhibition: service@woc23.com.

2024 ORCHID SHOW

The 2024 Annual Orchid Show & Sale will be held on Feb 16th, 17th and 18th at the Naples Botanical Gardens, 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples, FL. On Friday the 16th, the plant sale will be held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and the show will be held from 12pm to 5.00 pm. On Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th, the show and sale hours will be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The theme for the 2024 show is 'An Orchid Jubilee'.

Admission to the show will be our membership(s) in the Naples Orchid Society, the Naples Botanical Garden, or the normal entrance fees taken by the garden.

The show will feature prize-winning orchids of many species and hybrids. Card-table size and floor-size artistic displays of blooming orchid plants, containers full of potted orchids and cut orchid flower arrangements will compete for ribbons and awards.

American Orchid Society judges will award outstanding single plants for best in show in a variety of classes. Information about the exhibits and plant competitions are contained in the rules and regulations for the show entries.

Only hobby grower members are eligible for the Naples Orchid Society awards, but anyone entering an individual orchid can be judged for AOS awards. If awarded, the owner of the plant has to pay for any AOS award, but can opt out of accepting AOS awards when registering the entry.

Orchid vendors will be present at the show selling beautiful blooming orchids and orchid supplies. The vendors for 2023 will be Krull-Smith Orchids, Mac's Orchids, Odom's Orchids, Bredren Orchids, Springwater Orchids, OFE International—Orchid Supplies, and Bactra Orchid Benches. NOS members will host the show and will be available to explain how to care for and grow all kinds of different orchids.

Attention Members: Below is our slate of Directors and Officers for the Naples Orchid Society Board which will be presented to the membership at the October 5, 2023 monthly meeting for ratification.

NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY
PROPOSED SLATE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS
FOR 2024

PRESIDENT	**RICHARD DAVENPORT**
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SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	**OPEN**
TREASURER	**DAVID ORR**
SECRETARY	**KAREN DAVENPORT**
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DIRECTOR	**CAROLYN BOOKER**
DIRECTOR	**CHUCK FERBER**
WEBMASTER	**SUE ROEHL**
AOS REPRESENTATIVE	**KRIS MORTON (NEW)**
NEWSLETTER EDITOR/PUBLISHER	**BOB CASTONGUAY (NEW)**
PUBLICITY	**OPEN**
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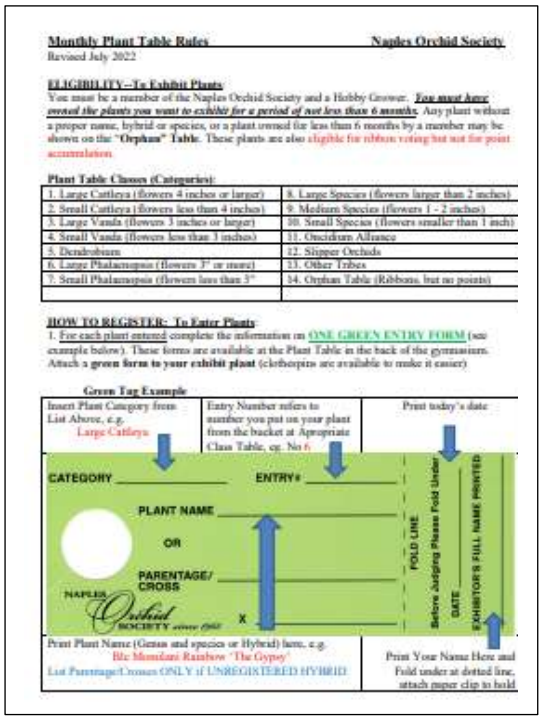
NOS Monthly Meeting Plant competition Rules and Instructions

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):

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 bracket at Appropriate Class Table, eg. No 6
Print today's date
CATEGORY
ENTRY#
PLANT NAME
OR
PARENTAGE/ CROSS
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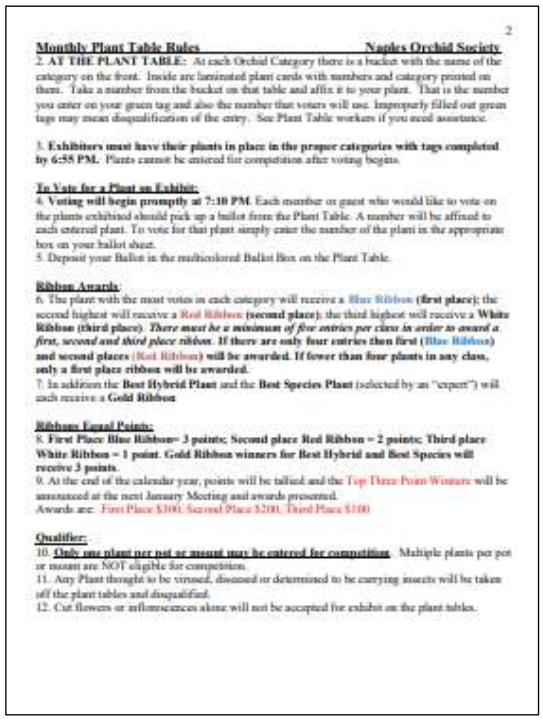
X
FOLD LINE
Before Judging Please Fold Under
DATE
EXHIBITOR'S FULL NAME PRINTED
Print Plant Name (Genus and species or Hybrid) here, e.g. Blc Mendani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'
List Parentage/Crosses ONLY if UNREGISTERED HYBRID
Print Your Name Here and Fold under at dotted line, attach paper clip to hold



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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 virussed, 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 September 2023 Meeting

Rae Jean Walker
Orchid Doctor –Instructs & Discusses "What Are Good Orchid Roots & How to Prepare Them for Repotting"

Jim and Melana Davison present "Brassavolas – The Star of the Show" to meeting attendees.

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.

For more information: www.orchidconservationalliance.org

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Upcoming Naples Yard and Garden Show

We are pleased to announce many new and returning vendors to the 2023 Naples Yard and Garden Show sponsored by the Collier County Master Gardeners at the County Extension Office "under the Oaks". We will be updating our vendor list with additional vendors, as we get closer to the event. Look for our advertisements on the County Website, Facebook, and Eventbrite and in the Naples News.

Plant Vendors

- **So Orchids**, Lakeland Fl
- **Deco Pots by Mary,** Port Charlotte Fl
- **Calusa Palms Nursery**, Naples, Fl
- **Beach Shack Chic**, Englewood, Fl
- **Bonita Bromeliads**, Bonita Beach Fl
- **Wallace Nursery**, New Port Richy, Fl
- **Kreative Gardens**, Miami, Fl
- **Soroa Orchids**, Homestead, Fl
- **Florida Orchid House,** Myakka, FL
- **Judy's Jungle**, Arcadia, Fl
- **Rege Malone Horticulturist,** Naples, Fl
- **Green Door Nursey**, Naples Fl
- **Red Hawk Nursery**, Alva, Fl
- **Smiley's Orchids**, Clermont, Fl
- **Orchids in Bloom,** Apopka, Fl
- **Lady Vanda Orchids,** Homestead, Fl
- **Tim's Tropical Treasure**, Lithia, Fl

Informational Vendors

- **Collier County Pollution Control**, Naples, Fl
- **Naples Botanical Gardens,** Naples, Fl
- **Naples Orchid Society**, Naples, Fl
- **Essential Art**, Naples, Fl
- **Collier Fruit Growers**, Naples, Fl

We hope to see you there!

YOUR AOS REP
Marilyn Moser
Mm3purple@aol.com

AOS WEBINARS

October 12, 2023: 8:30 pm EDT, Thursday. Topic: *Lycaste,* Current trends in hybridizing & judging. Presenter: Tim Culbertson, Historian, AOS Judge, Hybridizer for SVO, SOA Board Member.

October 17, 2023: 8:30 pm EDT, Tuesday. Topic: Greenhouse Chat, Orchid Q & A. Send in your photos & questions by October 14. Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education & Science Officer.

Choose your topic from RECORDED WEBINARS. Hobbyists, expert growers, AOS judges, conservationists & more. Check out the timeless collection of recoded webinars on the AOS website:
http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx

We digitize the webinars & they are available to view at your leisure. GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.

Updated - Save the Date!

Fall 2023 Virtual Members Meeting

Saturday, October 28th

The AOS Board of Trustees has approved the Fall Members Meeting to be held virtually this year.

It will be free to attend, but you will need to register to do so. Registration link and information will be forthcoming as planning progresses.

SELECTED BOTANICAL TERMS

From "Orchids" Magazine, August 2023

From the September 2023 AOS Orchids Magazine

- bilobed – having two parts
- emarginate – notched tip
- orbicular – disk-shaped
- phenology – blooming period

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

From jack Kramer's "100 Orchids for Florida"

****What are the rules for growing orchids under artificial light?*

There are too many rules to list here, but basically under lights orchids need excellent air circulation, a difference in day & night temperatures & most important, the timed light sequence must be correct. Some orchids need thirteen hours under lights, other fourteen, & so on. Consult a good book on growing plants under artificial light.

****Mildew has attacked some of my orchids. What am I doing wrong?*

If night temperatures are cool (in the 50s) & humidity too high, botrytis can result in plants. Keep air moving in the growing area (a small fan works fine) & try to maintain warmer night temperatures by a few degrees

Orchidist's Word of the Month

From the September AOS Orchid-gram

lithophyte (LITH-oh-fyte):

A plant that grows on rocks.

TASKS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

- Space plants to increase air circulation.
- Water as early as possible in the day.
- Move Himalayan dendrobiums, catasetums, calanthes and other seasonally dormant plants to dry bright locations.
- Reduce general fertilizer.
- Apply extra magnesium and potassium.

PROGRESS OF THE SEASON

(From Martin Motes September 2023 Monthly Newsletter)

An exceptionally wet August has concluded in a more typical fashion with bright mornings and afternoon thunder showers. Our orchids are finally getting some relief from the unrelenting disease pressure of this wet August. Now is an opportunity to dry them "hard" and set back the ubiquitous fungi. Should our luck hold and September prove drier than usual, the next application of water should be in the form of liquid fertilizer as the abundant rain has leached nutrients from our plants and medium. Our sympodial plants are maturing their bulbs and will benefit from a little extra food.

Vandas, too, will relish some extra grub. They are heavy feeders, so give them two teaspoons per gallon of the recommended fertilizer, 15-5-15 plus Cal/Mag. Be sure to check daily for any sign of crown rot and apply hydrogen peroxide 3%. Blessedly, mites and *Thrips* have been washed away by the rains and are not likely to reemerge in the typical drizzle of September. Leaf spotting fungi may well be more problematic than usual this September, so the spray practices recommended in *Fla. Orchid Growing* will be particularly valuable this year.

Snails, of course, are delighting in the extra rain and have traveled long distances to feast on the flowers and buds of your orchids. This year, in particular, a late application of snail bait is called for. Remember, it is bait and the snails are fatally attracted to it, so apply it very lightly while the surfaces are still wet or likely to be soon wet. A second application in two weeks should carry the collection safely into February. The smaller the pellets, the better as they are less likely to lodge somewhere that will be inappropriate.

The shortening nights of September also bring cooler mornings. Be sure to get an early start on any physical tasks and enjoy the coolness.
Martin Motes

Sign up for Martin Motes Newsletter here:
https://www.motesorchids.com/

PLANT (& ORCHID) FESTIVAL NEWS!

The Rare Plant Festival is coming! This October 20-22, 2023, return to the Redland Fruit and Spice Park for another plant mecca. Modeled after the Redland International Orchid Festival and featuring many of your favorite orchid growers plus really cool plant growers, the Rare Plant Festival is not to be missed!

Tickets and more information available at the website. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the date!
OCTOBER 20-22, 2023

GET YOUR NOS SHIRTS & HATS!

We will be offering our new NOS shirts & hats (with the NEW logo) at our upcoming meetings. Sizes for women shirts are S, M, L & men's are available in S, M, and L & XL. Special orders are accepted.

Shirts are $30 and hats are $20.
(Support and Advertise our Society Today)

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

What's Blooming in My Collection?

Lc. C.G. Roebling
Karen Davenport

Bulbophyllum longissimam x Bulbophyllum phalaeonopsis
Karolyn Hall

C Purple Splendor x C Sydney J
Marilyn Moser

Rlc. Memoria Nancy Ginocchio
Karen Davenport

Epc. Rosy Ochoa
Karolyn Hall

Key Lime Star
Stuart Rubin

Ctsm. Portagee Star x Ctsm Lucid
Karen Davenport

Cattleya Panache Amphora
Nancy Castonguay

Phal. AL Red Sun Queen
Stuart Rubin

Do you have a blooming orchid in your collection? Please send us your orchid photo and name so we can feature it here! Send to bcastlts@comcast.net

Naples Orchid Society
Monthly Plant Table Results

September 7, 2023

Submitted by Dick Pippen

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Rlc*. Volcano Plum 'Volcano Queen' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Rhynchobrassoleya* Lime Cooler
Owner: Mary Southall
Third Place: *Blc*. Ports of Paradise 'Emerald Isle'
Owner: Diane Ervin

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Bc*. Theresa Ricci
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: *Cattleya* Tiny Star
Owner: Rae Jean Walker
Third Place: *Blc*. Gulfshore's Beauty
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Large Vandas
First Place: *V*. Sankamphaeng x *V*. Chao Praya Sapphire
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Vandas
First Place: *V*. Nopporn Gold
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Christieara* Susanna Coffey
Owner: Diane Ervin

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den*. Enobi Purple 'Splash'
Owner: Marie Harris
Second Place: *Den*. Poppy
Owner: Nancy Castonguay
Third Place: *Den*. Caesar
Owner: Mary Southall

Small Phalaenopsis
First Place: *Phal*. OX Happy Girl
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Large Species
First Place: *Brassavola cucullata*
Owner: Diane Ervin

Medium Species
First Place: *Trichoglottis atropurpurea*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Mtssa*. Shelob
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

Slipper Orchids
First Place: *Paph*. Red Shift x *Paph*. Alma Gevaert 'Terry's Choice' x *Paph. charlesworthii* 'Bordeaux'
Owner: Stuart Rubin

Other Tribes
First Place: *Bulbophyllum* Linda Kraus
Owner: Diane Ervin

Best Species Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: *Trichoglottis atropurpurea*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Hybrid Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: *Rlc*. Volcano Plum 'Volcano Queen' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: *Cattleya* Panache Amphora
Winner: Nancy Castonguay

Gold Ribbon Winners September 7, 2023

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LARGE CATTLEYA
Plant Name: *Rlc.* Volcano Plum 'Volcano Queen' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

MEDIUM SPECIES
Plant Name: *Trichoglottis atropurpurea*
Owner: Karen Davenport

Blue Ribbon Winners September 7, 2023

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LARGE CATTLEYAS
Plant Name: *Rlc*. Volcano Plum 'Volcano Queen' AM/AOS
Owner: Karen Davenport

SMALL CATTLEYAS
Plant Name: *Bc*. Theresa Ricci
Owner: Diane Ervin

LARGE VANDA
Plant Name: *V*. Sankamphaeng x *V*. Chao Praya Sapphire
Owner: Karen Davenport

SMALL PHALAENOPSIS
Plant Name: *Phal*. OX Happy Girl
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

DENDROBIUMS
Plant Name: *Den*. Enobi Purple 'Splash'
Owner: Marie Harris

SMALL VANDA
Plant Name: *V.* Nopporn Gold
Owner: Karen Davenport

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
Plant Name: *Mtssa.* Shelob
Owner: Rae Jean Walker

LARGE SPECIES
Plant Name: *Brassavola cucullata*
Owner: Diane Ervin

SLIPPER ORCHIDS
Plant Name: *Paph.* Red Shift x *Paph.* Alma Gevaert 'Terry's Choice' x *Paph. charlesworthii* 'Bordeaux'
Owner: Stuart Rubin

MEDIUM SPECIES
Plant Name: *Trichoglottis atropurpurea*
Owner: Karen Davenport

OTHER TRIBES
Plant Name: *Bulbophyllum* Linda Kraus
Owner: Diane Ervin

An Orchid Vignette - Orchids as Food and Medicine, Part 2

Contributed by Dick Pippen

Medicinal Uses - *Dendrobium hancockii* is a native of China. The stems look "kinda" bamboo like and the flowers have a honey-like fragrance. The stems of this species are harvested, dried and used in folk medicine as a remedy for fever, thirst and coughs. It is estimated that 4500 stems (250 kg) are harvested every day!!! Another *Dendrobium*, *Den. nobile*, native to China, is well known in the orchid trade, a beautiful spring blooming orchid, with many hybrid forms. In its native country, it is well known as an important traditional medicine called ***Shi hu***. Shi hu (which means dendrobium stems) are dried and drunk as a tea. Supposedly, they are useful for curing gastrointestinal ailments, losing weight, and living longer. Hmm—think I will leave that to the traditional herbal folks. Word of caution on Shi hu—the European Union has determined that it is toxic for human consumption. It is estimated that 4500 stems (150 kg) of *Dendrobium nobile* are harvested each day! Amazing. Because these plants are common in the horticultural trade, the species are probably sustainable. Photo left is of dried *Den. nobile* stems.

Another orchid that has been an important as a traditional medicinal plant is *Bulbophyllum kwangtungense* (Photos right). A native to southern China, growing on rocks, the pseudo bulbs have been used medicinally "to treat cough, sore throat, rheumatism, traumatic injuries, reduce "heat" in the body and removing "wind" in the body. It can be either used fresh or made into powder form." Apparently, traditional use of this plant in China has been going on "for centuries" and it is still considered common in occurrence. A tough little plant!

Stay tuned for Part 3 in next month's issue of your NOS newsletter. Yes, this will be the last one 😊.