OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday October 3, 2024
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Moss Hall

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

Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.
Rae Jean Walker. Topic - "Orchid Q & A".

Please note: *When attending Orchid Doctor sessions, and bringing a plant, which may be diseased or have insect infestations that you want to discuss, please place a sample in a sealed Ziploc bag to bring to the meeting.*

Featured Speaker **– Windswept in Time, Edgar Shehli**
*Topic:"***Miniatures***"*
See Write-up on Page 5

Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: October 22, 2024 6:00 p.m.
See page 5 for details

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Diane Kooper, Clair Mohn and Diane Appleby

Please introduce yourself to these new members and make them feel welcome.

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

President: Richard Davenport
davenport.richardalan@gmail.com

Submit articles for the Newsletter by the 15th of each month to NOSNews@Naplesorchidsociety.org

Newsletter Editors*: Bob Castonguay, Karen Davenport, Marie Harris, Kris Morton and Marilyn Moser*

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 2024

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

This is our 2025 Orchid Show banner! I believe it is striking and well designed. We intend to use the design for multiple ads in the December and January 2025, issues of Orchid magazine, the American Orchid Society's national and international publication. We plan local distribution of "rack cards" to other orchid clubs, vendors, regional hotel concierge staffs, assisted living facilities, etc. This is all in addition to being used as banners at our actual show. We encourage members to pick up a supply of the cards at our NOS meetings and distribute them at neighborhood gathering places, clubs, churches, stores, friends and family.

Did you know this show will be the 51st NOS orchid show judged by teams of accredited AOS judges? It "takes a village" to prepare and present such a large-scale undertaking. We will be recruiting many volunteers for various service opportunities in the coming months. We know we can count on each of you to help, too.

Our show theme this year is "Orchids in the Garden". Blooming orchids really make any garden better, bringing an array of colors, differing shapes and sizes plus exotic fragrances. Did you know some orchids are also edible? Vanilla extracted from dried vanilla orchid seedpods makes great ice cream. Every Thai restaurant seems to use dendrobiums as a color accent on their spicy and fragrant dishes. How many of us know these flowers are edible in addition to being colorful?

Your Orchid Show Committee Chair, Jim Rawson, your officers and directors all want to help each member learn about the Show. Everyone should become familiar with the Show categories – there are many different types of exhibits: small and large tabletop displays, small and large container displays, cut flower arrangements in three different classes, education and conservation displays plus over 100 different classes of individual blooming orchid plants.

The Show is unlike our monthly member meeting plant competition. At the monthly meeting, the larger plant groupings, for example, the Cattleya Alliance, is subdivided into large and small cattleyas. Members and guests vote for the best large cattleya and the best small cattleya. Each plant category has first, second and third place ribbons awarded.

At the Show, there will be 29 different classes of Cattleya Alliance plants broken down by size, color, and parentage. There will be up to 87 ribbons awarded plus 7 cash awards restricted to Cattleya Alliance entries alone, plus the opportunity to compete for other awards and cash prizes. Confused? Yes, it is all a little daunting. However, the NOS old timers all know every year members enter plants and display exhibits that win award ribbons and cash awards that are unexpected, but well deserved. This could be your time to shine… But you have to enter first.

The 2025 Show categories and guidelines will be e-mailed to each member in October and will posted on our NOS website for future reference. Future meetings will feature "how to" create cut flower arrangements, container displays and how to prepare your plants to look their best for the Show.

Happy growing.

Richard Davenport
President

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We are 247 members strong! Your challenge for our October meeting is to introduce yourself to someone you have not met and get to know them. Better yet, try sitting with some different people. You will be glad you did!

Reminder: It's time to renew your membership now and be entered into the renewal raffle. Renew early for more chances.

OUR NOS MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

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

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

It's that time of year again. It's time to renew your membership for 2025. Renew early for more chances to win the special renewal raffle prize valued at $125.00 (orchids and supplies). **Renew now for more chances to win:**

Renew by October 31st for 3 raffle tickets

Renew by November 30th for 2 raffle tickets

Renew by December 31st for 1 raffle ticket

All fees are due and payable by December 31st to remain a member in good standing.

Individual Membership: $40

Joint Membership: $60

Renew at our meetings or on-line by credit card. Please complete a membership renewal form at time of renewal. Tickets will be placed in the drawing for you and drawing will be held at our January meeting.

Marie Harris, Membership Director Text/Call: 239-877-1717
MHarris@NaplesProperties.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SET UP AND TAKE DOWN

It takes a village to set up for our monthly meetings. Can you help with set up and/or take down?

It involves: arranging tables, setting up orchid display racks, setting up the plant registration table and materials at the various stations, setting up the membership table and doing it all in reverse at the end of the meeting.

2 volunteers are needed for each of these membership meetings:

October 3 & November 7

Please indicate which meeting or meetings you can be available for & willing to help with!

Start Time: 4:45

Thank you for pitching in!

Contact Marie Harris to volunteer. Text or call: 239-877-1717 Email: mharris@naplesproperties.com

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

2024 Naples Yard and Garden Show

October 26th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. October 27th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

UF/IFAS Collier County Extension, 14700 Immokalee Road Naples FL 34120

NOS will once again have an information table at the show. Please contact Marie to volunteer and indicate if you would like to work the morning or afternoon shift. See more details about the show on page 11.

Sign-Up sheets will be at our October 3rd meeting.

Contact Marie Harris Text or call: 239-877-1717 E-mail: mharris@naplesproperties.com

LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2024

Please access this link for more details:

Monthly-Meeting-Minutes-September-5^J-2024.pdf (naplesorchidsociety.org)

Board of Directors Meeting for October 2024

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday October 22, 2024
Time: 6:00 pm

Due to the unavailability of our usual meeting location, this meeting will be held in a private home. For this reason, the October Board meeting will be limited to NOS Board Officers and Directors only. If there is a topic you wish to have discussed, please email President, Richard Davenport. In addition, Board Meeting Minutes are always available on the NOS Website to all NOS members.

FEATURED SPEAKER – **Windswept in Time, Edgar Shehli**

My interest in orchids began when I was just six or seven years old. I found a plant growing in the roadside ditch near our house in North East Ohio. When my father got home from work, I dragged him over to see my discovery. He said "Oh! That's an orchid." My first orchid find was a Spiranthes (probably cernua). A few years later, my family drove to Alaska and back. On that trip, I found a Calypso bulbosa in Wyoming and several other orchids in Alaska and Canada.

While in high school, I began growing some tropical orchids, and soon had a small collection. While in my final year at Case we built a sunroom on the corner of our house. This of course allowed my orchid collection to get a little out of hand. Finally, in 1999 we began selling our plants to area florists, then through the orchid shows. We called our new business – Windswept in Time Orchids. We now attend close to fifteen shows a year, where our plants and exhibits have won many awards.

AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING FOOD ORGANIZERS

Thank you to all our members who brought a great variety of food goods to our July meeting including Linda Hoenig, Kathleen Hawryluk, Robin DeMattia, Pam Voss, Karen Davenport, Mary Southall, Tamara Allen, Marie Harris, Arlene Cluff, Nancy Castonguay, Nancy Ferber and Elaine Gates.

NEW FEATURE ADDED TO OUR NOS WEBSITE

ORCHID RESEARCH DATA - AT YOUR FINGER TIPS
Please access this link for more details:

ORCHID RESEARCH – Naples Orchid Society

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.

Snapshots From our September 2024 Meeting

Featured Speaker Phillip Hamilton from Bredren Orchids above presents Broughtonia in the wild to NOS members.

Orchid Doctor – David Orr shares his orchid growing expertise with members during Q & A.

Jim Rawson announces Theme for upcoming 2025 Orchid Show

YOUR AOS REP
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AOS CORNER

From your AOS Representative Kris Morton

The AOS September 2024 "Orchids" magazine offers interesting articles on "For the Novice - *Orchid Growing in a Nutshell,"* pgs. 668-669; the "*Bamboo Orchid*" pgs. 676-678; "*Adopt a Youth Program"* pgs. 684-685. Q & A on "*Aerial Roots," "Brown Spots," "Virus?"* & *"Yellow Patches"* pgs. 670-671.

The Orchid Conservation Alliance information may be found about OCA Orchids in the Wild Ecotours for 2025. Info: http://orchidconservationalliance.org.

ATTENTION ALL AOS MEMBERS!

In October two, members will win a 2-year Gold extension to their membership. Be on the lookout for the 2024 AOS Member Survey in October. Tell us what we can do for you. By filling out the survey, you will help us serve you better and you will have a chance to win a 2-year membership.

MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Hello and Happy End of Summer! I hope that your orchids have fared well over these past few months with the heat in much of the country, we worry over too much. In preparation for bringing orchids inside, make sure you check under leaves and in the pots for uninvited guests! If the pots were on the ground, even on stands, check for slugs. They can devour the roots when you are not looking. In addition, to be honest, even when you are looking, they can be munching away. An upside-down potato cut in quarters is good, or an apple. Beer in a cat food dish can help pull them out of hiding. However, beware of other critters, crickets, worms, things I have no descriptor for, all can take its toll on your plants. A good wash down with some rubbing alcohol, water, 409 and a little Dawn can also wash away uninvited visitors. I use it as a bath.

After a nice visit to Medellin for the orchid shows and the parade of the Silleteros, I am invigorated with a wonderful sprit of camaraderie in orchids. What wonderful people who are so welcoming. I even received a gift of a jeweled bracelet commemorating a loved one, from a total stranger who was intrigued by our visit.

I have also adopted a youth. His name is Ricardo, from Bogota but who lives right now in Medellin. He wants so much to learn more about orchids and is going to switch his studies over to plant science. He was warm, so helpful, taught himself almost perfect English! He and his friend Christian helped with judging and they want to be orchid judges too! Adopt a youth! "Everyone" should Adopt a Youth in our drive. If you don't know one, we have one in line that would like to be adopted. Pay for their digital membership in AOS, one or two years and help spread the word to the next inheritors of our planet. Check with the Deb Boersma @ debb@aos.org and she can provide you the name and information of a youth to sponsor. Maybe you know someone who is in your society that cannot afford to join, how bout sponsoring that person? Does not have to be a youth! Until next month! –
Cheryl Erins – cerins@aos.org

AOS WEBINARS & COMING ATTRACTIONS

October 10, 2024: Peter Zale, Associate Director, Conservation Horticulture and Plant Breeding at Longwood Gardens, will be presenting his first webinar for us, "Documentation and conservation of chikanda orchids in the highlands of southern Tanzania." Peter is AOS's 2024 recipient of the Philip E. Keenan Conservation Award, so this should be great.

Rounding out this fall, on **November 12th, 2024** Bob Sprague, former President of the Native Orchid Conference (NOC), will be presenting his 2nd webinar for us, "Citizen Scientists Meet Native Orchids." His first was module 6 of the Master Gardner Series, which I hope everyone has had a chance to watch.

At your leisure "Orchids for Everyone, *Master Gardener Series* Ready-to-Watch
Topics: Intro to Orchids; How to Identify Orchids; How to Divide, Repot, Mount; General Orchid Care; Pests & Diseases.
Presenters: Russ Vernon, Bob Sprague, Jay Balchan, Dr. Ron McHatton, Barb Schmidt Janeil & David Vandenbroek
*N*ote: This presentation was done by the Master Gardeners in Pennsylvania. For our NOS Snowbirds that are members of AOS this might be informative.*

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.

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Adopt-a Youth Program (New Initiative)

Read the article in the current *September* ORCHIDS for all the details of this exciting new program and get involved.

The AOS needs more youth within our orchid family. They are energetic, passionate about conservation and will carry the torch long after we have all faded away. We need to invest in our youth and the future existence of the AOS by supporting youth programs, nurturing their eagerness to learn about orchids and ensuring the survival of the natural world of orchids. We can accomplish this by adopting a youth, a new program designed to involve deserving youth.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4-6, 2024: East Everglades Orchid Society's "Fall in Love with Orchids," RF Orchids Banyan Pavilion, 28100 182nd Ave, Homestead, FL.
Contact: Tere Camacho & Kim Belisle, 305-401-8807; tere@bellsouth.net.

October 18-20, 2024: The Rare Plant Festival at Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Ave., Redland, FL 3303. Info: http://www.rareplantfestival.com.

October 19-20, 2024: Gainesville Orchid Society's "Orchids in the Garden," Kanapaha Botanical Garden, 4700 SW 58th Dr, Gainesville, FL;
Contact: Joan MacLeod, 352-665-6744; neilmacleod@bellsouth.net.

October 26-27, 2024: UF/IFAS Extension Collier County Master Gardener Volunteers *Naples Yard and Garden Show,* Saturday October 26th 9 AM-4 PM, Sunday October 27, 9AM-3 PM, 14700 Immokalee Rd., Naples, FL. 34120. Info: (239) 252-4800.

November 1-3, 2024: The Apopka International Fall Orchid Festival.
In conjunction with The International Phalaenopsis Alliance Symposium. Sponsored by Kull-Smith Nursery. Info: www.krullsmith.com.

The West Palm Beach Judging Center of The American Orchid Society meets every 4th Saturday (with 3rd Saturdays in November & December) at Flamingo Gardens Botanical Gardens & Wildlife Sanctuary, 3750 S Flamingo Rd., Davie, FL 33330. Education session starts at 12:30 PM with judging beginning at 2 PM. *(See Explore WPBJC for more information.)*

TASKS FOR OCTOBER

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.

For Martin Motes "Progress of the Season" monthly orchid newsletter click on link & Ctrl then on subscribe…https://www.redlandpress.com

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

What is Blooming in My Collection?

Bc. Salinas Beauty
Karen Davenport

Rth. Burana Beauty 'Burana'
Nancy Castonguay

Vanda Memoria Sylvia Walling Clark 'Double Delight'
Karen Davenport

Vanda vietnemica
Karen Davenport

C Purple Splendor x C Sydney J
Marilyn Moser

Miltonia moreliana
Karen Davenport

Blc. Robert's Choice 'Dee'
Karen Davenport

nodosa x c. small world
Nancy Castonguay

Rlc. Thamai Glory
Karen Davenport

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
September 5, 2024

Submitted by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Ctt.* Isle of Skye
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *C.* Marcella Koss
Owner: Mary Southall
Third Place: *B.* Jimminey Cricket
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *C.* Monte Elegante
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *C.* Hamlyn's Magic Leilani
Owner: Jim Rawson
Third Place: *Myc.* Memoria Louise Fuchs
Owner: Diane Ervin

Large Vandas
First Place: *V.* Sonia Daceach
Owner: Terre Moore
Second Place: *V.* Uraiwan Belle
Owner: Terre Moore
Third Place: *V.* Somsri Blue Classic x Fantastic Fanfare
Owner: Twyla Leigh

Small Phalaenopsis
First Place: *Phal.* Fangtastic Green Envy
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den.* Enobi Purple 'Splash'
Owner: Marie Harris
Second Place: *Den.* Caesar Red Big Lip
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Den.* Candy Stripe
Owner: Edvin Aguilar

Small Vanda
First Place: Vasco Pine Rivers x A. Lawrencea
Owner: Jim Longwell
Second Place: Aerides Koran Koki x Lawrencea
Owner: Mary Southall
Third Place: *V.* tesselloffe x Charles Goodfellow
Owner: Jim Longwell

Large Species
First Place: *C.* violacea semi alba flammea
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *C.* violacea
Owner: Jim Longwell

Medium Species
First Place: Trichoglottis atropurpurea
Owner: Diane Ervin

Small Species
First Place: Dendrochilum magnum 'Shawn'
Owner: Diane Ervin

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Onc.* Mendenhall
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth
Second Place: Alcra Pacific Nova 'Okika'
Owner: Stuart Rubin
Third Place: Trichocentrum Ollie Palmer
Owner: Karen Davenport

Other Tribes
First Place: *Ctsm.* Millies Frilly Dragon x Dagny
Owner: Diane Ervin
Second Place: Zygonisia Cynosure
Owner: Stuart Rubin
Third Place: *Ctsm*. Portage Star x Dagny
Owner: Diane Ervin

Orphan
First Place: Cattleya
Owner: Diane Ervin

Best Hybrid Gold Ribbon
First Place: Isle of Skye
Owner: Karen Davenport

Best Species Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: Trichoglottis atropurpurea
Owner: Diane Ervin

Green Tag Plant
C. maxima
Winner: Marie Harris

Gold Ribbon Winners September 5, 2024

Photos on this page by Sue Roehl, Webmaster

BEST HYBRID
Plant Name: Isle of Skye
Owner: Karen Davenport

BEST SPECIES
First Place: Trichoglottis atropurpurea
Owner: Diane Ervin

Blue Ribbon Winners September 5, 2024

Blue Ribbon Winner Photos by Marilyn Moser

LARGE CATTLEYA
First Place: *Ctt.* Isle of Skye
Owner: Karen Davenport

LARGE VANDA
First Place: *V.* Sonia Daceach
Owner: Terre Moore

SMALL CATTLEYA
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Owner: Karen Davenport

SMALL PHALAENOPSIS
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Owner: Diane Ervin

SMALL SPECIES
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Owner: Diane Ervin

OTHER TRIBES
First Place: *Ctsm.* Millies Frilly Dragon x Dagny
Owner: Diane Ervin

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
First Place: *Onc.* Mendenhall
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

ORPHANS
First Place: Cattleya
Owner: Diane Ervin