SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Karen Davenport

C. Violacea Semi-Alba Flammea

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting

Thursday September 7, 2023

Moorings Presbyterian Church
Baker Gym
Orchid Doctor starts at 6:30 p.m.
Rae Jean Walker
"What Are Good Orchid Roots & How to Prepare Them for Repotting"

Plant Registration ENDS at 6:55 p.m.

Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
Featured Program: **Jim and Melana Davison**
Program Theme **"Brassavolas – The Star of the Show"**

See Write-up on page 4

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 12, 2023 6:30 p.m.
See page 3 for details
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

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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

September 2023

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

I hope you were one of the many members who turned out for our potting party on August third. Every member attendee received a near-blooming size Cattleya hybrid imported from Hawaii and ready for re-potting plus a new and larger pot, a circle of screen to keep media in the pot and quality Orchiata media. We all reviewed how to de-pot and re-pot, what roots need to be kept and what dead roots and leaves to trim. Advice, tips and tricks were shared by roaming experienced growers who shared their knowledge happily. All this for only $5.00 each for NOS members! It was a lot of fun and we plan to do it again next year. Remember to always spray new orchids before putting them in among other members of your growing collection. Bayer BioAdvanced three-in-one spray is recommended for its systemic anti-fungal, miticide and insecticide ingredients, helping assure a clean and healthy new plant.

Shhhhh! It is still (somewhat) a secret. You voted and selected our 2024 Orchid Show theme. In addition, the Show Committee is working with our graphic design team in California to select the best possible logotype and color scheme for the 2024 show signage and advertising. Stay tuned for details.

Next year is coming soon. Your Board of Directors and Orchid Show Committee are already working hard preparing for next year's activities. We need many volunteers, including you:

- Volunteer sign up coordination manager
- Show hosts/greeters
- Display set up & take down teams
- Signage – specific location and general
- Sponsor solicitations – written & in person
- Advertising
- Public relations
- Social media manager
- Plant registration before Show
- Data input during registration
- AOS clerking during AOS judging
- NOS trailer repair, maintenance & repainting (now)
- Food service – both meals and snacks
- Raffle basket design & creation
- Raffle ticket sales at Show
- NOS & AOS membership table volunteers at Show
- 2024 Culture Class registration at Show
- NOS shirt, hat and book sales at Show
- Vendor support

In addition, the list goes on… There are many diverse ways to volunteer, participate, learn, and make new friends while doing so.

September is a tough month. Hot, humid, and the statistical peak of hurricane season. Be very alert for fungus, mold, bacterial rot, scale, red spider mites (especially on dendrobiums and catasetums) and thrips. Keep the fans circulating air 24/7 until the weather cools. Do not crowd your plants. Water and spray early in the day to allow complete drying. Cooler weather finally arrives in October. I promise.

Remember, for best possible results; match your orchid plant collection with your growing environment. What does this mean? For answers, ask lots of questions of NOS members, our experienced Orchid Doctors, monthly meeting speakers and regional orchid growers. Consider taking the six NOS Orchid Culture classes on Saturday mornings in March and April 2024, at Naples Botanical Garden's FGCU campus. Learning is both fun and part of the process of becoming a successful orchid grower.

Happy Growing & Blooming!

Richard Davenport
President

In-Person Board of Directors Meeting for September 2023

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday September 12, 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

August 3, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Lanelle Bishop, Second Vice President

The meeting was held in the Baker Gym at Moorings Presbyterian Church. 47 attendees enjoyed delicious donated snacks.

- Members of the Board of Directors arrived early to set up tables with potting mix, hydrogen peroxide, pots, gloves and labels and to ensure membership badges were in order for paid members.
- Orchid Doctor was Richard Davenport who discussed what healthy/unhealthy roots look like and what roots to prune when repotting/mounting.
- Members were encouraged to vote on plants brought in for judging and Carolyn Booker and Marilyn Moser tallied the votes.
- President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and reviewed emergency exits.
- Membership Chair, Marie Harris, renewed and welcomed new members. Name badges were distributed and for a small fee, members received a new orchid for repotting at the meeting. Marie reported there are 188 current NOS members.
- Stu Rubin, Chairperson for our 50th Annual Orchid Show and Sale in February 2024, announced that if members had not yet voted for the Theme for the Show, they should pick up a ballot and do so before the end of the meeting.
- Elaine Gates presented a Certificate of International Registration from The Royal Horticultural Society to Ralph Brand, a longtime member of NOS. Palmer Orchids named *Phragmipedium QF Ralph Brand* after him for being such an accomplished grower of Phrags and Paphs.
- Karen Davenport demonstrated basic repotting techniques, answered questions and then asked members to take their new plant, a Ctna. Beverly Blush “Kalapana,” to a repotting table to repot their new plants. Experienced growers were available to help anyone who asked.
- Jim Rawson announced that since these cattleyas were all seedlings, there would be a prize for the first person who blooms it!
- Plant ribbon awards were presented.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

September Speakers: Jim and Melana Davison

Jim and Melana Davison are AOS Accredited Judges. They have an extensive and diverse orchid collection that seems to be continuously growing. Not only involved in caring for their orchids, they are actively involved in several South Florida orchid societies. Melana is the current President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and past President of the South Dade Amateur Orchid Club. Jim is the past President of the Orchid Society of Coral Gables and the East Everglades Orchid Society.

Jim's appreciation for orchids stems from his scientific background. Before his recent retirement, he worked as a Nuclear Chemistry Manager at the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. Melana is more interested in the aesthetic qualities of orchids, especially the ones that look strange and other worldly. She owns her own Orchid Maintenance business and is known as "The Orchidiva." They are currently preparing a new greenhouse and shade area and have opened their own retail nursery, Jim-N-I Orchids. Together, Jim and Melana have 7 grown children and five grandchildren. They live in Homestead with their 2 dogs, four of the five grandchildren and 5,000 plus orchids in their own collection, many more in the nursery.

They specialize in Catasetinae, Florida natives, and collectable species and hybrids. Jim and Melana want you to be successful in your orchid growing. That is why they strive to provide fully acclimated and rooted plants for sale. Their plants can go straight from the nursery to your growing space without skipping a beat.

WINNING NOS SHOW and SALE THEME

All Members, we want to thank everyone again for their participation in not only suggesting topics, but also helping vote on the final choice for our 2024 NOS Show and Sale Theme. Our goal was to get our members involved in this process this year. After all the votes were counted, the winning THEME is:

We want to thank Bob Castonguay for submitting this winning THEME! We also want to be transparent about the need to make some minor revisions to this winning THEME artwork.

Again, thanks for participating in our member Theme nomination and voting effort and we look forward to having a great 2024 Show!

Respectfully,

Stu Rubin – BOD First Vice President

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.

AUGUST 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendees: 49
No Plant Raffle Was Held
Plants entered: 33 – 30 voted

Many Thanks to Our August Monthly Meeting Volunteers

Set up: Richard & Karen Davenport, Jim Rawson, Marie & Norm Harris, Lanelle Bishop, Chuck & Nancy Ferber, Carolyn Booker & Stuart Rubin. **Greeters:** Marie & Norm Harris. **Orchid Doctor:** Richard Davenport. **Cashier & Plant Distributor:** Sue Roehl & Jim Rawson. **Hospitality:** Lanelle Bishop. **Plant table:** Carolyn Booker & Marilyn Moser. **Take down:** Richard & Karen Davenport, Carolyn Booker, Marie & Norm Harris, Chuck & Nancy Ferber, Kenny & Joylett Davis, Jim Rawson, Stu Archer & Lanelle Bishop. **AOS Rep:** Marilyn Moser.

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!

CARE AND CONDOLENCE

Care cards were sent to NOS member Perry Walker, Nancy & Chuck Ferber, Karolyn Hall & Carolyn Booker.

Upcoming NOS Monthly Meeting Events

October: Accent Orchids - Bret and Ruth Ullery will be bringing orchids for sale. Program presentation details will be shared in September.

November: Carol Holdren - AOS Accredited Judge will be presenting Tips and Tricks for Orchid growing and care.

December: Christmas Party where every member will receive a beautiful orchid.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: Our on-line membership roster has been updated to include all new members and any revisions provided. Please review your membership information and contact Marie Harris with any corrections.

RENEWAL: Have you renewed? We are still missing many of you. Please check your records to be certain you have paid your 2023 dues so you can continue to receive the many benefits of membership.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 193

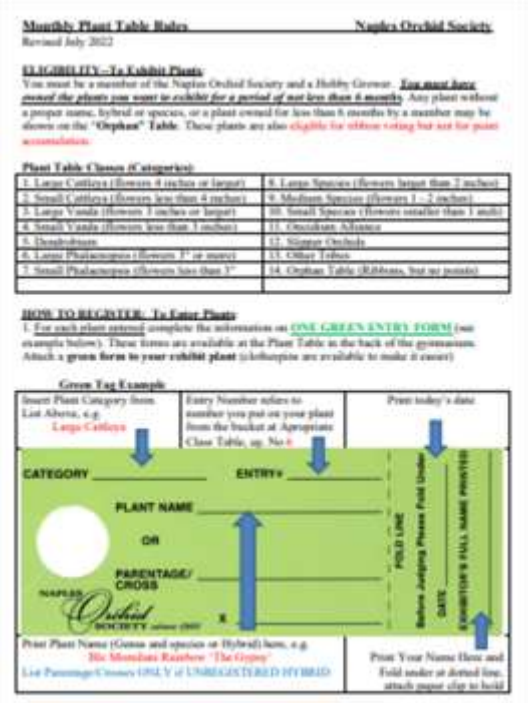
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to staff our Membership Table at the Naples Yard and Garden Show October 28th and 29th. Can we count on you to take a shift?

CONTACT

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

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 Tables
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

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 $100, 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 virused, 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 August 2023 Meeting

Marie Harris – Membership Chair, Norm Harris and Karen Davenport Positioned at Members Badge Table

Richard Davenport
Orchid Doctor –Instructs & Discusses
"What Are Good Orchid Roots & How to Prepare Them for Repotting"

Karen Davenport - facilitates "**Repotting Your New Orchids"** to meeting attendees…

NOS MEMBER GETS SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Ralph Brand, a longtime NOS member, has been recognized with a new Phragmipedium hybrid named after him, Phragmipedium QF Ralph Brand! Ralph received this honor in recognition of his renowned growing abilities and dedication to Phragmipediums and Phaphiopedilums.

This new *Phrag* is a cross of Phrag. Peruflora's Cirila Alva x Ekolu Quintal, and is a progeny of the famous and beautiful Phragmipedium kovachii!

This new recognition came about when Robert Palmer, owner of Palmer Orchids in Bradenton, wanted to honor Ralph as a master-orchidist and asked Quintal Farms in Hawaii to name a new hybrid after Ralph. Quintal Farms is also sending a complimentary in-spike seedling to Palmer's for Ralph to grow and bloom! Quite an honor for a great grower and a great person! Congratulations, Ralph!

RHS

CERTIFICATE
OF
INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION

This is to certify that

Phragmipedium QF Ralph Brand
(Peruflora's Cirila Alca x Ekolu Quintal)

was officially registered by

Quintal Farms
of Hawaii, USA

with the Royal Horticultural Society
acting as
International Cultivar Registration Authority for
Orchid Hybrids

Date registered 25th July 2023

Registrar's signature Digitally signed by Hannah Griffin

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

Plant OF THE WEEK

Our Plant of the Week, the **Alocasia odora California**, is a lush, large-leaf tropical plant. They take full to partial sun and can grow between 3-6' tall, with leaves up to 15".

Fun fact: **California Alocasias** produce a fragrant night-blooming flower!

For best results, water when the soil is dry to the touch and use a slow-release 8-2-12 fertilizer. Loyalty Members can purchase the 3-gallon **California Alocasia** for $12.99 (reg.

While supplies last - no other discount applies - not valid on prior purchases - cash and carry only.

JOIN OUR Loyalty Program!

Not a member of our Loyalty Program? Stop in the garden center and sign up today to maximize savings! Loyalty members are eligible for special promotions, such as our Plant of the Week, and receive points for every dollar spent to redeem on future store credits. This program is an excellent way to indulge your green thumb. Learn more about our Loyalty Program by tapping below.

Points are not awarded for deliveries, gift cards, labor, or sales tax

Learn More

Rewards Program | Driftwood Garden Center

YOUR AOS REP
Marilyn Moser
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AOS WEBINARS

September 19, 2023: 8:30 pm EDT, Tuesday. "Virtual Judging" used as a Training & Educational Exercise. Presenter: Sergey Skoropad, AOS Judge – NE Judging Center.

September 21, 2023: 8:30 pm EDT, Thursday. "Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A." Send in your photos & questions by September 19. Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education & Science Officer.

Choose your topic from **RECORDED WEBINARS. Hobbyists, expert growers, AOS judges, conservationists and 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.
Topics: Species & Hybrids, Pests & Diseases, Culture, Judging, Greenhouse Chats & more.

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/

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.

SELECTED BOTANICAL TERMS

From "Orchids" Magazine, August 2023

abaxially – facing away from the stem, lower surface of leaf
pseudostem – false stem composed of rolled up leaf bases
trichome – hairs or other fine protruding structures

MORE ABOUT ORCHIDS - Commonly Asked Questions

From Jack Kramer's "100 Orchids for Florida"

Is it true that too much plant food can result in many leaves & few flowers on some orchids?

Yes, if the plant food has high nitrogen content. Use a general plant food such as 30-10-10 or 20-10-10 a few months of the year & then switch to 10-30-20 the balance of the year.

What is the best potting medium for Orchids?

There is no perfect potting medium for orchids, & there are as many recipes for a good potting mix as there are for apple pie. Generally, fir bark is used, & most hobbyists report good plant growth in this medium. Also suggested - adding some charcoal chunks & perlite to the fir bark.

Orchidist's Word of the Month

From the July AOS Orchid-gram

boisduval scale (BWAS-doo-vahl skayl):

A pernicious sucking insect characterized by white extruded waxy coatings

TASKS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

- Space plants to permit more air circulation.
- Trim trees to permit more light & lessen the wind load on them.
- Clean up growing area removing any dead leaves or other organic matter.
- Tidy up old pots or other objects on the ground.
- Apply snail bait; lightly, frequently.
- Spray disinfectants (such as SA-20, Physan) on plants. Can be done on wet plants no more than every 7-10 days. (Some growers substitute pool algaecide, which contains the same active ingredient. Home Depot sells a brand called "Pool Time" which could be purchased legally to disinfect walks & pathways at rate of 1-2 tsp. /gal. of water.

PROGRESS OF THE SEASON

(From Martin Motes August 2023 Monthly Newsletter

This July has brought record-breaking amounts of heat and rain, both potential causes of distress to our plants. Successive days of rain keeping our plants wet for long periods provided many opportunities for the ever-present pathogens that surround our tropical paradise to assert themselves. In these volatile circumstances, constant vigilance is required. Good growers look at each of their plants, every day.

The various leaf-spotting fungi are slow to start and develop slowly but the water molds, *Pythium* and *Phytophthora* are incredibly infectious and swift to spread. Commonly referred to as "Black Rot" these diseases are suppressed and often times eliminated by the spray program set forth in *Fla. Orchid Growing*. Should they appear immediate action is required: infected plants should be removed to a dry place and all infected parts removed using a sanitized instrument. Unfortunately, most fungicides do not treat these diseases. Banrot is somewhat effective but Alliette is the best possible treatment, preventing infection and actually curing infected plants. The generic version Fosetyl Al 80% is less expensive if available. Stored in Augusta dry place these powders will last for many years and are an insurance policy in which every orchid grower in South Florida should invest.

Higher temperatures, which allow the air to hold the additional moisture to produce rain, also have the ability to dehydrate vandaceous orchids rapidly. Even at typical levels of relative humidity, increased temperature increase vapor pressure, the drying factor of the air. Even in periods of overall abundant or superabundant rainfall, vandas can dry severely with just a few days break in the rain and bright sunshine and temperatures in the mid or upper 90's. This is particularly true of plants grown under plastic or glass but can occur in vandas in exposed sites as well. An afternoon mist is often enough to relieve the stress of excessive heat.

All of that rain has provided some additional nitrogen for our plants but overall, it has stripped away nutrients in our plant's roots and in the growing medium. When our plants have dried sufficiently to think of watering them, replace the water with liquid fertilizer. Our plants are still in full growth and need to be nourished. Peter's 15-5-15 Cal/Mag is an excellent choice and widely available.

Snails, ever lurking with intent, are set to pounce on the still emerging new growth of our orchids. A very light application of snail bait in the smallest pellets available should be applied twice, about two weeks apart.

Despite the problems that it can bring, rain is a constant delight, lowering temperatures and making South Florida a wonderful place to live.

Martin Motes

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https://www.motesorchids.com/

AND A GOOD REMINDER FROM MARTIN MOTES

Vanda's have thrown an abundance of roots in response to these temperature shifts. It is essential that they receive sufficient water to sustain the growing roots. With temperature in the upper eighties and relative humidity in the 50%, range Vanda roots can dry exceptionally quickly. This is the time of the year when an afternoon misting of Vanda roots is of great benefit. Even a second thorough watering on alternate days is beneficial if the plants are dry by night. Getting the Vanda's off to a quick start also involves heavy feeding. With the abundance of water being given, fertilizer at as high a rate as 1 Tbs. per gal can be given every 5-6 days.

Take Advantage of your AOS Reciprocal Admission Program benefit this Summer

Did you know that as an American Orchid Society member, you receive free and discounted admission to 345+ botanical gardens, conservatories and arboreta nationwide?

It is YOUR passport to public gardens across North America!

What's Blooming in My Collection?

Ctna. Why Not Yellow
Marilyn Moser

Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds'
Stuart Rubin

Lsu. Dick Pippen Suncoast
Marilyn Moser

Blc. Copper Queen
Marilyn Moser

Tolumnia Aleka "Peaches"
Karen Davenport

Phalaenopsis Bellina
Stuart Rubin

Rth. Burana Beauty "Burma"
Nancy Castonguay

Den. Fuchs Blue Angel 'Royal'
Karolyn Hall

Lsa. Dick Pippen Yellow Yum Yum
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

August 3, 2023

Submitted by Dick Pippen

Large Cattleyas
First Place: *Lc*. Marcie Foster 'Dark Beauty'
Owner: Marie Harris

Small Cattleyas
First Place: *Brolaelianthe* CF Cherise 'Cerise'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Cattleya* Maui Plum 'Volcano Queen'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Bc*. Yellow Bird
Owner: Mary Southall

Large Vandas
First Place: *V*. Adisak Blue
Owner: Terre Moore
Second Place: *V*. Dr Anek x *V*. Mimi Palmer 'Midnight Serenade'
Owner: Diane Ervin

Small Vandas
First Place: *Waironara* Tango Fire
Owner: Mary Lane
Second Place: *V*. Ashleigh Elizabeth Johnson
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *Vandachostylis* Conference Gold
Owner: Diane Ervin

Dendrobiums
First Place: *Den.* Bicentennial 'Blue'
Owner: Karen Davenport

Large Species
First Place: *Prosthechea cochleata*
Owner: Stuart Rubin

Medium Species
First Place: *Trichoglottis bracheata* 'Lee & Co. Raspberry Red'
Owner: Marie Harris

Small Species
First Place: *Schoenorchis phitamii*
Owner: Diane Ervin

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Miltassia* CM Fitch 'Izumi'
Owner: Diane Ervin

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

Best Species Award
Plant Name: *Prosthechea cochleata*
Owner: Stuart Rubin

Best Hybrid Award
Plant Name: *V*. Adisak Blue
Owner: Terre Moore

Green Tag Winner:
Plant Name: *Bc*. Yellow Bird
Winner: Diane Ervin

Gold Ribbon Winners August 3, 2023

Photos this page by Susan Roehl, NOS Webmaster

LARGE VANDAS
Plant Name: *V.* Adisak Blue
Owner: Terre Moore

LARGE SPECIES
Plant Name: *Prosthechea cochleata*
Owner: Stuart Rubin

Blue Ribbon Winners August 3, 2023

Photos this page by Marilyn Moser, AOS Representative

LARGE CATTLEYAS
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Owner: Marie Harris

SMALL VANDA
Plant Name: *Waironara* Tango Fire
Owner: Mary Lane

SMALL CATTLEYAS
Plant Name: *Brolaelianthe* CF Cherise 'Cerise'
Owner: Karen Davenport

DENDROBIUMS
Plant Name: *Den.* Bicentennial 'Blue'
Owner: Karen Davenport

MEDIUM SPECIES
Plant Name: *Trichoglottis bracheata* 'Lee & Co. Raspberry Red'
Owner: Marie Harris

SMALL SPECIES
Plant Name: *Schoenorchis phitamii*
Owner: Diane Ervin

ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE
Plant Name: *Miltassia* CM Fitch 'Izumi'
Owner: Diane Ervin

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

An Orchid Vignette - Orchids - Can They Survive Exploitation

Contributed by Dick Pippen

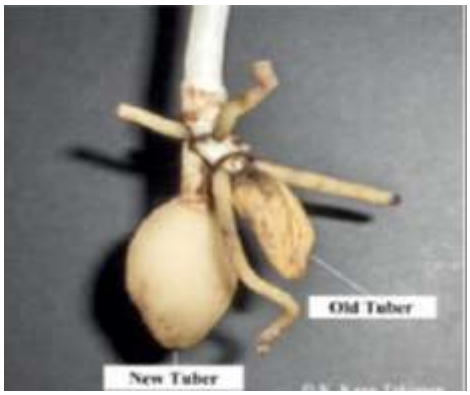
There was a very interesting article in the May 2023 issue of Orchids Magazine, the journal of the American Orchid Society (*Sustainable Harvest*, by Tamara Ticktin and Jacob Phelps, *Orchids* V 92, No. 5, 362-366.2023) that discussed whether or not there are some orchids that are able to continue to thrive despite commercial exploitation. We are well aware of the poaching of wild orchids, and the destruction of habitat that leads to threatening the continued existence of orchids in the wild.

One such example is the Yellow Lady Slipper (*Cypripedium calceolus*) (photos left and right) in the United Kingdom. Due to over-collecting, this species is now considered endangered. In the United States all, the lady slippers are protected but I do not think their situation is as critical as in the United Kingdom.

Drink Up. On the other hand, some orchids apparently are able to continue to thrive despite their popular commercial use. Take, for instance, **Salep**. This is a popular drink in typically found in Eastern Mediterranean countries, especially Greece and Turkey. Salep is made from the tubers of several terrestrial orchids that grow in that region. Two of the general most commonly used for Salep are *Dactylorhiza*

and *Orchis*. *Dactylorhiza sambucina* is known, as the Elder Scented *Dactylorhiza* is common throughout northern Europe. *Orchis anthropophora* is widespread throughout Europe and Northern Africa. Can you imagine encountering fields of these species as shown here! The tubers are dried and then ground up. It is estimated that 10 to 20 million tubers are harvested each year to make Salep. Ten to twenty million! Wow!! (and that has been going on for years!) You can even buy "instant Salep!—Despite that these orchids apparently continue to do well.

Photo left is a close up of *Dactylorhiza sambucina*. Photo center is a close up of the tubers of *Dactylorhiza*



sambucina cleaned and prepared for drying. Photo right is a close up of *Orchis anthropophora*.

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