SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Cover Worthy!

Be Glorious May
Karen Davenport

NOS Events

Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday September 5, 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 **– Bredren Orchids, Phillip Hamilton**
Topic:" Broughtonia"
See Write-up on Page 4

Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: September 17, 2024 6:30 p.m.
See page 4 for details
All Current Members are Welcome to Attend

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jackie Dixon, Kathleen Hawryluk and Linda Hoening

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

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The Naples Orchid Society is a non-profit organization, devoted to the promotion of, interest in, and the appreciation of orchids and the preservation of our native orchids. It is also our aim to disseminate information pertaining to their culture and hybridization.

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President's Letter

September 2024

Richard Davenport
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Greetings to all orchid lovers!

NOS exists to let us focus and learn with our friends about orchids, their culture, propagation and preservation. Almost all of you already know Southwest Florida has more species of native orchids than any other part of the United States! NOS has supported university-level research by Illinois College, University of Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University about orchids in SW Florida for the past 13 years. Our recent research area consists of Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park and Florida Panther Wildlife Refuge, two large, low lying, undeveloped, swampy areas. This research is important, as orchids are seen by many scientists as "canaries in the coal mine" for many plant and animal species. This is due to the highly evolved nature of our endemic orchids. If local orchids are doing well, the entire ecosystem will be doing well also.

PROBLEM

Our world's weather is warming. Current scientific concensus is much of this warming is caused or materially worsened by human activities. Individuals may prefer alternate theories, such as very long-term climatic fluctations occuring without human interaction. NOAA predicts that sea levels will rise during the current century. They offer an online interactive website: the NOAA Office for Coastal Management "Sea Level Rise Viewer". This web-based mapping tool may be used to visualize impacts from sea level rise from one foot up to 10 feet in user-selected one-foot increments.

In South Florida, even a five foot sea level rise will significantly adversely impact most coastal communities, including almost all of the Florida Keys (Monroe County), Everglades City, Everglades National Park, Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, the Florida Panther Wildlife Refuge, and Picayune Strand State Forest. In addition, hurricanes may drive salty ocean flood waters inland into many previously dry inland areas during future storms. Many orchids will not survive such salt exposure without almost immediate TLC. Therefore, NOS is pursuing a possible new orchid multi-year research program. If we are successful, we may be able to preserve, propagate and "re-wild " endemic orchids at a large scale.

CONCEPT

Locate a large site of undeveloped, swampy land found with significantly higher elevations than the known native orchid areas in Southwest Florida, to determine suitability to serve as a successor site to preserve and protect orchid diversity. Such a successor site could be an "ark" to preserve orchid diversity in the wild in the event future sea level rises occur in Southwest Florida. Foresight and timely action is crucial now as orchids are very slow growing with specific pollinator and climate requirements.

Evaluate the existing endemic orchid population of the potential successor site to establish data baselines, including precise geographic locations, plant health and size, evidence of recent reproductive activity, mycorrhizal fungi present, host tree species for epiphytic orchid species, positioning on the host trees, and relative elevations of the orchid plants above current ground level.

PROPOSED SITE

The initial proposed successor site is the Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest, largely buffered from nearby privately owned and developed farmlands and ranches by the Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area, near Felda, Florida, about 30 miles east of Fort Myers, Florida. The OSSF property is owned by the State of Florida and is managed by the Florida Forest Service. The OSSF is mostly in Hendry County, with a small southern portion in Collier County, well north of Immokalee. *(continued on next page)..*

INITIAL ACTIVITIES

A. Obtain permission from the Florida state agencies controlling the site to go onsite and perform research there.
B. Make a comprehensive review of existing and probable future site conditions affecting the viability of endemic Southwest Florida orchids on the OSSF site.
C. Initiate boots-on-the-ground surveys for existing OSSF orchid populations. Focus initial surveys on forest regimes that historically support epiphytic orchids. The proposed surveys will include all orchids, not just epihytes.
D. Determine if Southwest Florida orchids not currently found at OSSF may be viable on the OSSF site in the near future given sea level rise projections and temperature rise forecasts.

PROPOSED APPROACH TO ORGANIZATION

NOS is proposed as the initial catalyst organization. We have a track record of funding orchid research. We have experience working with colleges and universities, botanic gardens, governmental agencies, and environmental groups. For a project of this potential scale, NOS will invite others to join as fellow collaborators for funding, education, and support.

Stay tuned. More to come soon.

Richard Davenport
President

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We are 244 members strong! Your challenge for our September 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!

OUR NOS MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

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

EDUCATION OUTREACH CORNER

Our Orchid Doctor, Rae Jean Walker, is an experienced orchid grower, an NOS Board member, and has received AOS Awards for her orchids. Her 200+ orchids are grown in a pool cage with bright sunlight. Rae Jean has spoken to community groups and is most known for mounting orchids throughout her own community where she has mounted hundreds of orchids in trees. If you have questions about your own orchids, Rae Jean can answer them or find the answers for you! Come early to Orchid Doctor starting at 6:30 at every monthly meeting!

LAST MONTH'S MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2024

Please access this link for more details:

Monthly-Meeting-Minutes-August-1-2024.pdf (naplesorchidsociety.org)

Board of Directors Meeting for September 2024

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday September 17, 2024

All Current Members are Welcome

Time: 6:30 pm

Forest Glen Golf and Country Club

3855 Forest Glen Blvd

Naples, FL 34114 (at the Community Center)

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.

FEATURED SPEAKER – **Bredren Orchids, Phillip Hamilton**

We are excited to announce that Phillip Hamilton, of Bredren Orchids, will speak about Broughtonia at our meeting on Thursday, September 5, 2024.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Phillip inherited his father Claude's passion for orchids and grew up working in his parents' orchid nursery, Hamlyn Orchids. Although his father's true orchid passion is with the Jamaican native, Broughtonias, and their hybrids, Phillip's passion leaned heavily toward Phalaenopsis, which he has been growing and hybridizing since the age of eight.

Phillip earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida in Gainesville and is an American Orchid Society Senior Judge.

Professionally, Phillip has worked for two major orchid production nurseries in Central Florida as a grower and grower/manager. In 2013, he formed his own business, Bredren Orchids, to facilitate the small-scale sale of some of the more unique Phalaenopsis and Broughtonia species and hybrids he grows and breeds. Since 2017, he has managed Bredren Orchids full time with the generous help of his wife, Liz.

2025 SHOW PREVIEW

STAY TUNED!

AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING FOOD ORGANIZERS

Thank you to all our members who brought a great variety of food goods to our July meeting including Terre Moore, Karen Davenport, Karolyn Hall, Mary Southall, Robin DeMattia, Tamara Allan and Marie Harris.

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:

September 5 - 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

AUGUST REPOTTING MEETING UPDATE

At the August meeting, "Tips for Successful Orchid Repotting," Jim Longwell, Karen Davenport, and Richard Davenport discussed and demonstrated repotting techniques for several different genera. At the end of the meeting, every member received a free cattleya orchid and potting supplies. There were experienced orchid growers at every table to help with any questions while members enjoyed repotting their new orchid. Experienced grower Elaine Gates walked around offering potting tips and answering questions.

Snapshots From our August 2024 Meeting

Featured Event: Tips for successful repotting is well attended by NOS members

Orchid Doctor – Rae Jean Walker shares her orchid growing expertise with members during Q & A.

YOUR AOS REP
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AOS CORNER

From your AOS Representative Kris Morton

The August 2024 "Orchids" issue from AOS has great Q & A compiled by Larry Sexton from the last month's Q &A. Great information covering *Potting Mix Size*, *Blind Sheaths, Leaf Pitting & Phaleanopsis Problems* will be found on pages 590-591.

Sue & Terry Bottom have Part ll of "Orchid Parts and Why They Matter" on pages 588-589.

The Orchid Conservation Alliance will have information in the September 2024 "Orchids" magazine about OCA Orchids in the Wild Eco tours for 2025. Info: https://orchidconservationalliance.org.

MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Hello to our Societies from the President! I hope your summers are all being productive with your members. We are planning some nice surprises coming soon that will be of benefit to you and your members. We have a very active Membership Committee. We want your participation in helping us develop new ideas to get new members. People do not like to join things any more. How do we get around that? Talk to each other. Each society has ideas that could be shared. We offer so much to the average person who gets an orchid. He/she needs and wants help so what can we do to leverage their limited knowledge and get them into a local society and the AOS reach out and call each other.

Maybe and here is a radical idea, have joint meetings if you are close enough. We did that and it was very interesting and yes entertaining to come together and share a speaker. However, more, we got so many great ideas. Come view our webinars coming up, September, October and November, we are having speakers from Longwood. These are member webinars, so your members must be a member of the AOS. The history of our organization and what it has done, and is doing, for orchid growers cannot be underestimated. Enjoy your summer!
Fall will be here before you know it! – Cheryl Erins – cerins@aos.org

AOS WEBINARS

September 05, 2024: Thursday 8:30 pm EST. Greenhouse Chat Q&A. Send in your photos & questions by September 03. Presenter: Ron McHatton, Chief Education & Science Officer.

September 10, 2024: Tuesday 8:30 pm EST."New & Novel Hybrids at Longwood Gardens and How to Grow Them." Presenter: Greg Griffis, Horticulture Specialty Grower, Longwood Grower.

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. **VISIT US ON FACEBOOK @**
https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28-29, 2024: Ridge Orchid Society's "Orchids: Nature's Steampunk," United Women's Club of Lakeland, 1515 Williamsburg Square, Lakeland FL; Contact: Keith Emig, 863-221-3172; dkemig@gmail.com.

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

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 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.

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

Sign-up sheets will also be at our September 5th meeting.

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

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.

OCA
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?

Stenocoryne aureofulva
Marilyn Moser

V. Ashley Elizabeth Johnson
Karen Davenport

V. Wattana Pink
Karen Davenport

Bc. Binosa 'Kirk'
Karen Davenport

Dendrobium Nestor Variegated
Nancy Castonguay

Bulbo Crownfox
Karen Davenport

C. Purple Splendor *X C.* Sydney J
Marilyn Moser

Trichoglottis atropurpurea
Karen Davenport

Vct. Florida Blues
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
August 1, 2024

Submitted by Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleya
First Place: *Blc.* Willette Wong 'The Best'
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Blc.* Ports of Paradice
Owner: Karen Davenport

Small Cattleya
First Place: *Myc.* Rios Little Treasure
Owner: Mary Southall
Second Place: *Len.* Chein Ya Cranberry
Owner: Diane Mieras
Third Place: *Lsa.* Dick Pippen
Owner: Stuart Rubin

Large Vanda
First Place: *Pap.* Lily Javate
Owner: Jim Rawson
Second Place: Aranda Christine
Owner: Karen Davenport
Third Place: *V.* Gordon Dillon x V Ketmea
Owner: Jim Longwell

Dendrobium
First Place: *Den.* Two Tone
Owner: Terre Moore

Large Phalaenopsis
First Place: *Phal.* Green World
Owner: Mary Southall

Small Vanda
First Place: *V.* Lou Sneary 'Blue Horizons'
Owner: John Ervin
Second Place: Prayard Muang
Owner: Jim Longwell
Third Place: *Perr.* Le Beau Bleu
Owner: Jim Longwell

Large Species
First Place: *C.* violacea 'semi alba'
Owner: Jim Longwell

Medium Species
First Place: Trichoglottis atropurpurea
Owner: Karen Davenport
Second Place: *Prost.* cochleata
Owner: Twyla Leigh
Third Place: Trichocentrum stacyi
Owner: Mary Southall

Small Species
First Place: Rhynchostylis coelestis
Owner: Barbara Holdworth

Oncidium Alliance
First Place: *Onc.* Mendenhall
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

Orphan
First Place: Vanda
Owner: Heather Remillard

Best Hybrid Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: Vanda Somsri Blue Classic x Prahyad Muang
Owner: Jim Longwell

Best Species Gold Ribbon
Plant Name: Rhynchostylis coelestris
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

Green Tag Plant Winner
Winner: Heather Remillard
Plant: *Lcn.* Taiwan Orange 'Karen's Joy' ccm/aos

Gold Ribbon Winners August 1, 2024

Photos on this page by Sue Roehl, Webmaster

BEST HYBRID
Plant Name: Vanda Somsri Blue Classic x Prahyad Muang
Owner: Jim Longwell

BEST SPECIES
First Place: Rhynchostylis coelestris
Owner: Barbara Holdsworth

Blue Ribbon Winners August 1, 2024

Blue Ribbon Winner Photos by Marilyn Moser

LARGE CATTLEYA
First Place: *Blc.* Willette Wong 'The Best'
Owner: Karen Davenport

LARGE VANDA
First Place: *Pap.* Lily Javate
Owner: Jim Rawson

SMALL CATTLEYA
First Place: *Myc.* Rios Little Treasure
Owner: Mary Southall

DENDROBIUM
First Place: *Den.* Two Tone
Owner: Terre Moore

LARGE PHALAENOPSIS
First Place: *Phal.* Green World
Owner: Mary Southall

LARGE SPECIES
First Place: *C.* violacea 'semi alba'
Owner: Jim Longwell

SMALL VANDA
First Place *V.* Lou Sneary 'Blue Horizons'
Owner: John Ervin

MEDIUM SPECIES
First Place: Trichoglottis atropurpurea
Owner: Karen Davenport

SMALL SPECIES
First Place: Rhynchostylis coelestis
Owner: Barbara Holdworth

ORPHANS
First Place: Vanda
Owner: Heather Remillard

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