

**Naples
Orchid
Society**

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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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**Come to our
March
Meeting
Thursday
March 3rd, 2011
At the
Moorings
Presbyterian
Church**

**Flower Registration
6:30 p.m.
Flower Judging
7:10 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Program 7:45 p.m.**

**An informational
program on
everything you need to
know for our
upcoming Orchid
Show, including
cleaning, staking &
demonstrations for
orchid arrangements.**

**MARCH 2011
NEWSLETTER**



Upcoming Events

**March 3rd, NOS
Meeting in the gym**

**2011 NOS Show & Sale
March 25-27, 2011
At the Moorings Presbyterian
Church**

**Jacksonville Orchid Society's
Annual Orchid Show & Sale
"The Magic of Orchids"
March 19-20, 2011
1005 Riverside Ave.
Jacksonville, FL**

**RF Orchids "Spring Fling"
April 8-10, 2011
28100 SW 182nd Ave.
Homestead, FL**

**"Spring Orchid Festival"
presented by St. Germain
Orchids
April 8-10, 2011
18290 SW 254 St.
Homestead, FL**

**Deadline for entries in the
Newsletter is the 15th of the
month, 3 pm.
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THIRD NOTICE

2011 DUES ARE DUE

Single membership = \$30

Family membership = \$40

There will be a reminder on your newsletter envelope if you received this by mail. If you are a new member, a life member, or have already paid your dues, please ignore this notice. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES BY THE MARCH 3 MEMBERSHIP MEETING YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS.

Make checks out to NOS & mail to:

Eileen Davison

6170 Sea Grass Lane

Naples, FL 34116

President's Message

Nancy Ginocchio, President
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The SHOW is coming!!! The SHOW is coming!!! In a little more than three

weeks our annual show will open at the Moorings Presbyterian Church on Harbour Drive. All the planning and preparation will come to fruition. I hope all NOS members will consider volunteering a small amount of time to the society's efforts to make this the best show ever! We need volunteers to set up on Wednesday, March 23 (9 am on) to help set up the tables and PVC stands. Lots of black cloth will need to be draped and probably steamed too. Thursday is for set-up and members always need help carrying plants, etc. Friday morning the judging takes place and if you would enjoy seeing and being part of the process please sign up with Eileen Davison to help clerk. If you have participated in any way in the show you are invited to the V.I.P. dinner on Friday night at 6:30 pm at the Ginocchios' (address is in the directory.) On Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday we need cashiers and hosts and hostesses. Please call Kris Morton or Sue Roehl. Lastly, we need lots of hands for the clean-up effort at 5 pm on Sunday. Last year we had many volunteers and it only took an hour and a half after the show ended on Sunday to undo all our hard work!!! Please sign up for something even if you can only give an hour or two.

In addition to all the opportunities to volunteer for the show I encourage all of you to bring in plants to show. The success of the Naples Orchid Society depends on members bringing in plants. If you have never brought in a plant now is the time to do so. We have knowledgeable members who will assist you in placement and arrangement of your plant and answer any questions you may have.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made the culture class possible. A special round of applause goes to Dick Phippen for organizing the Orchid University. And special thank you to Patrece Rimmel, Tricia Rose, Norm Dolder, Ralph Brand and Bill Overton. These six Naples Orchid Society members gave a great deal of time and energy for the betterment of the society. When you see them please say thank you!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on March 3rd at 7 pm.

**THANK YOU TO OUR FEBRUARY
COOKIE BAKERS:**

Susan Payne, Cynthia Williams, Kathy MacMillan.

MARCH COOKIE BAKERS:

Joan Miller, Sheila Demkovich, Sue Fundingsland.

**ATTENDANCE AT FEBRUARY
MEETING**

125

**RAFFLE MONEY AT FEBRUARY
MEETING**

\$333

CARE AND CONDOLENCE

A card was sent to longtime NOS member Anne Knox, who had knee replacement & is going through rehab. at Moorings.

**THANK YOU TO OUR FEBRUARY
PLANT TABLE WORKERS**

Bill Overton, Kim Pendleton, Charlette Roman, and Ted Moore.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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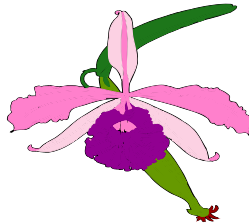
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Palm Beach Judging Center, which is in Delray.

Remember, I always have AOS membership applications at all our meetings. One year is \$65 and you get 12 monthly issues of "Orchids" magazine, a members only website, and reciprocal benefits at over 200 botanical gardens nationwide – plus free entry to the AOS Center and the beautiful gardens and greenhouse. Join the AOS today!

AOS CORNER



Marilyn Moser, AOS Representative
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I hope you are all gearing up for our upcoming show. Get those orchids ready. Stake those spikes, clean those leaves. Make sure the plant looks nice and tidy. And find the parents to put on your entry card. And don't forget to sign up to volunteer at the show. You will meet many great people who also love orchids.

Mark your calendars for the weekend of April 8-10, when RF Orchids will be having their annual "Spring Fling." It is always a pleasure to visit RF Orchids and difficult to choose from so many beautiful plants.

Your board of directors voted to provide lunch in March for the judges at the West



TREASURER'S REPORT

Susan Roehl, Treasurer
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SunTrust Account: \$13,960.84
Vanguard Account: \$14,799.19

A NOTE FROM YOUR CO-EDITOR

Thank you to all our members that have gone 'green' & are now receiving your newsletter on line. I'm still receiving undelivered emails to members that have not unblocked us at their server. Please make sure that you are able to receive the emails from NOSnewsletter@gmail.com. And we still have some unreadable email listings that might not be entered in our data base correctly. I'll continue trying to contact those that are returned. This is a new adventure??? for me. Still trying to learn Photoshop, sizing, etc. Hope to improve as time goes on. Thanks for everyone's support. Kris

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
February 3, 2011
Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

- President Nancy Ginocchio called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
- Glen Stacell announced that the Friends of the Fakahatchee is having a fundraiser to support the expansion of the facilities at Fakahatchee State Park on Feb 26th. NOS will have table there. More information is available on the website, www.friendsoffakahatchee or www.orchidswamp.org.
- Thanks to cookie bakers, Susan Payne, Cynthia Williams, Kathy MacMillan.
- Kim Pendleton announced that the rug being raffled at the show is here to see and she has a picture of it. Raffle tickets are for sale. NOS shirts are for sale for \$20. Order forms are on the table at the meeting. Sign up and indicate the size and color you want.
- Marilyn Moser circulated the sign-up sheets for the show. We still need cashiers, set up and clean up persons and hosts and hostesses.
- Marilyn also announced that some newsletter emails are being returned. Please make sure we have your correct email. If you have not been receiving the newsletter, then we don't!
- New members were announced.
- Susan Roehl, Treasurer, reported that the balances in the accounts are as follows: Sun Trust account \$13,960.84; Vanguard \$14,799.19
- Deborah Gallagher announced that we need someone to bring in beverages for the meetings.
- Patrice Rimmel announced sign up for the March show. Tabletops are full but there are still openings for cut flowers and container arrangements.
- Ted Moore, Librarian, announced that NOS has a large book collection. Ted spoke briefly about the book The Private Life of Orchids.
- Frank Ginocchio, Show Chair, reminded us that the show is March 25, 26 and 27. The last committee meeting is March 7 at 7pm at the Ginocchio home. At the next membership meeting on March 3, there will be instruction on entering the show and how to arrange flowers and plants. Advance tickets for the show are for sale in the back.
- Norm Dolder announced that the next culture class is on dendrobiums. The class will also be re-potting.
- Jim Roberts from Florida SunCoast Orchids gave a talk titled "Summertime and the Growin' is Easy" about growing orchids outside. His hint: for botrytis, spray with a mix of ¼ teaspoon of baking soda in a quart of water.
- Marcella Coe announced the plant winners.
- The raffles were announced.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

An Orchid Vignette— The Gold Digger Started The Gold Rush



Eplc. (*Epilaeliocattleya*) Don Herman (photo above) brightens up any orchid collection. It is a manageable sized plant, about a foot tall, producing bright yellow flowers with a splash of magenta on the lip. The flowers are individually small, only about 2-2.5 inches across, but each spike bears 3-4 flowers and the plant usually produces multiple spikes, resulting in a nice display. It usually blooms twice a year, once in early winter and again in late summer, but the flowering period lasts at least a couple of months.

Eplc. Don Herman is a cross between *Laeliocattleya* (*Lc.*) Gold Digger and *Epidendrum stamfordianum*. You can see from the photos that *Lc.* Gold Digger dominated in the cross, although the lip shows some *Epi. stamfordianum* influence. *Eplc.* Don Herman was created by Carmela Orchids of Hawaii and registered in 1996. It has received seven AOS awards. The cultivar I have, 'Gold Rush,' earned an HCC with 78 points in 2000 at a show in Hawaii. Don Herman has been used as a parent in three crosses.

Lc. (*Laeliocattleya*) Gold Digger (photo above right) (*Lc.* Red Gold x *C.* Warpaint) is a delightful plant and well known in hybridizing circles as a "good parent." In fact it has been used in 71

crosses, including *Eplc.* Don Herman, and has 85 "grandkids." Gold Digger was created by Mr. & Mrs. William O'Dell of Miami, Florida and registered in 1974. It has received 17 AOS awards, many of which are CCM's for outstanding culture. The three most frequently encountered cultivars are 'Fuch Mandarin,' (which is the one featured here) 'Orglades Mandarin' and 'Orchid Jungle.'



Lc. Gold Digger, unlike its *Eplc.* Don Herman "offspring," blooms only once a year, in February or March. It usually produces several multi-flowered spikes that arise from brown, dried sheaths. The flowers are an "orangish"-yellow with a reddish blotch in the lip and they last for about a month. The plants are about a foot or so tall.

Both these plants appear happy planted in clay pots in a mixture of lava rock, charcoal, and coconut husks in a west-facing pool cage where they receive filtered sunlight. They are fertilized weakly, about once a week.

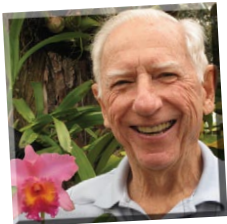
Alas, these well known *Eplc.*'s and *Lc.*'s have been victims of the rash of name change in the orchid world. *Lc.* Gold Digger is now *Cattlianthe* and thus *Eplc.* Don Herman is now *Epicatanthe*. Whatever you call them they are still great orchids and deserve consideration for your collection.

--Contributed by Dick Pippen

PARTING SHOT

A Beginner's Tale

I bought my first orchid at the Naples Orchid Society show in 2007, a *Rhyncholaeliocattleya*¹ George King 'Serendipity', AM/AOS (Buttercup × C. Bob Betts) (shown at right), from Jim Roberts of Florida-Suncoast Orchids in Myakka City. Then I acquired a couple of others at the show so the first one wouldn't be lonely. My plan was to have only eight orchids and to house them on a shelf on the south side of my screened porch. Those of you who grow orchids know that this is faulty thinking. Once you begin the experience of growing orchids, you get the bug. Now that I owned these beautiful orchids, the question was, "What's next?"



Jim Connell

I made another early mistake. Soon after the show, I searched the Internet and found on-line catalogs offering orchids for sale, all with beautiful pictures, all saying how easy it was to order. Odom's Orchids in Fort Pierce, Florida, showed beautiful cattleyas and I ordered 18 while still not knowing how to care for the first ones. About 35 orchids later, I knew I was in deep trouble.

Fortunately, I think the orchid gods look after people like me, for they said, "Ask your friend Tom Coffey what to do." Well, Coffey took me in, held my orchid hand and answered all my questions. (Hundreds of questions over several months. Even today, three years later, he is still answering my questions.)

Here is some of his advice you might find useful:

- ◆ Create a 3 × 5-inch (7.5 × 15-cm) card file on each orchid. Start with your first and it is easy to keep up.

I decided to number each orchid on the card and also put a numbered tag along with the name tag into each pot. (It is easier for me to remember a number than a name.) On the card, I put the name, the cross, how much I paid, source of the plant (grower or gift, etc.), and the date acquired. On the reverse side, I write "Flowered:" and then half way down "Repotted:" then as each occurs, I add notes, and date. Because I use my computer daily, I also add the information in a file, again using my numbering system.

- ◆ Don't overwater but do give them enough to live.

Great advice, but how is this done? Because I was only growing cattleyas, I knew to water at least once per week (that was what the grower whom I purchased the orchids from advised). Now I know that it depends on the medium in which the orchids grow.

- ◆ When you repot, clean the roots and remove the rotten ones.

What? What do you mean, cut off roots? And what is this repotting you speak of? You mean I have to take this thing out of the pot it is growing in and do what? Tom said, "Now you have to buy a larger pot and get some orchid mix and orchid fertilizer."

- ◆ When you repot, you must keep everything clean. Repot on a newspaper and then just throw the paper away when you are finished.



I followed his advice and still report on newspaper. I had to learn which roots were healthy and which were rotten. The first time you examine a plant, you don't know. Rotten roots on cattleyas are soft; they look water soaked, and are usually dark brown. It varies somewhat as to species, but it must be learned if one is to be successful.

- ◆ Plant the orchid at the same depth that it was growing, and don't leave large air spaces in the mix.

That is easy to say but sometimes when you are beginning difficult to do. I found bark mix difficult to pack as the sizes seem too large and dry. I learned to wash the mix first to remove the "fines" and to use a damp mix when planting.

I have a degree in agriculture and I spent a large portion of my working life in that field. I knew the insects and diseases that affected vegetables and tree crops, but nothing about orchids nor how the diseases looked and acted upon them. I had a lot to learn.

One advantage of record keeping is that you can go back and see what was done and when you did it. This became important to me as my number of orchids grew and my losses increased.

I would lose plants to black rot 14–30 days after repotting. My losses the first year were probably 20 to 30 percent. I did not know what I was doing wrong. I changed my mix from bark to small red lava rock and then to Stalite, an expanded shale from North Carolina. Still, plants died.

I had been potting on a folding table with paper under the orchid as suggested. Then I cleaned the table surface and glued on a 2 × 4-foot (0.6 × 1.2-m) flat piece of aluminum. I used that with paper as my potting surface. Each time I pot one orchid I spread newspaper, then place the orchid to be repotted on the paper. In this way, when I pick up the paper, all the waste material is disposed of rather easily and then I wipe the top clean. If I had been working with a diseased plant, I wipe the top with alcohol.

The most important change was to spray the cleaned roots with an algacide such as RD20. When I began this practice, black rot losses dropped almost to zero.

Surviving the first year means I owe a great deal of thanks to the people who helped me — friends who are experts and professional growers — and to reading the articles in *Orchids* and orchid books.

My collection has expanded to more than 250 orchids that have outgrown the porch in my condominium, forcing me to look for a larger place. When the orchids begin to bloom, then I know it is worth the effort. Orchids are intoxicating and growing them to flower is extremely enjoyable, albeit addictive. — Jim Connell is a native Floridian who was born in Coral Gables. He graduated from the University of Florida, Gainesville, with a degree in agriculture. Today, he grows primarily cattleyas plus some phalaenopsis. He is a member of the Naples Orchid Society and the American Orchid Society. With Coffey, he created a symbiotic relationship between the Naples Rotary Club and the Naples Orchid Society and together these organizations cosponsor an annual orchid show. According to Connell, this is a unique combination. 138 Ambledwood Lane, Naples, Florida 34105 (e-mail jimco138@comcast.net).

¹Formerly *Brassolaeliocattleya*.



AM-AOS

C Lavender Ice Mem Rose Brand

Grower: Ralph Brand
December, 2010



HCC-AOS

C Angelwalker-Lydia Brand

Grower: Ralph Brand
December, 2010



HCC-AOS

Catt URG Lydia Brand

Grower: Ralph Brand
December, 2010

Congratulations to NOS member &
Director Ralph Brand on his big win at
the West Palm Beach Judging Center in
December.



Hybrid Special Award

Rlc. Prada Green Deluxe, Owner: Steve Hall



Special Species Award

Dendrobium bicallosum,

Owner: Freddie Brantley

Show Table Awards

Date: February 3rd, 2011

Novice:

1st place: Phal. Sogo Yukadian x Phal Taisuco
Wonder
Owner: Diana Lee

Other Tribes: no entries

Slippers:

1st place: Paph. philippinense
'Alford' AM/AOS x Paph. Stone Lady 'Crystelle'
Owner: Vince Giunta

Oncidium:

1st place: Dgmra. Mem. Jay Yamada 'Kauai'
Owner: Ruthann Terry
2nd place: Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'
Owner: Barbara Crist
3rd place: Pyschopsis papilio
Owner: Sheila Demkovich

Phalaenopsis

1st place: Phal. Join Melody
Owner: Dave Orr

Dendrobium

1st place: Dend. Super Ise
Owner: Kit Kitchen Maran

Large Vanda

1st place: V. Josephine Van Brero x V. Varvavuth
'Purple'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Small Vanda

1st place: Ascda. Nicole Eaton
Owner: Steve Hall
2nd place: Rhync. giganteum x Rhync. retusa
Owner: Maria Davis
3rd place: Ascda. Peggy Foo x Aerangis mitrata
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Large Cattleya

1st place: Rlc. Prada Green Deluxe
Owner: Steve Hall
2nd place: Blc. Mahina Yahiro 'Mashima' AM/AOS
Owner: Kit Kitchen Maran
3rd place: Pot. William Farrell 'Dawn Light'
HCC/AOS
Owner: Steve Hall

Small Cattleya

1st place: Lc. Gold Digger 'Orchid Jungle'
HCC/AOS
Owner: Dave Orr

Hybrid Special Award: Rlc. Prada Green Deluxe

Owner: Steve Hall

Large Species:

1st place: Rhyncholaelia digbyana
Owner: Bill Overton

Medium Species:

1st place: Myrmecolaelia fuchsii
Owner: Dick Phippen
2nd place: Rhynchostylis gigantea
Owner: Vince Giunta
3rd place: Maxillaria coelogyne 'graminifolia'
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Small Species

1st place: Rhynchostylis gigantea
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil

Special Species Award: Dendrobium bicallosum

Owner: Freddie Brantley

Green tag plant:

Winner: Vince Giunta



Spring Orchid Festival

presented by **St.Germain Orchids**

April 8-10, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
18290 S.W. 254 Street
Homestead, FL 33031

Participating Vendors
Broward Orchid Supply
Ruben in Orchids
Hennington Farms
Mac's Orchids
Stelmar Gardens
Caribe Plants
Music & Festival
Production by **Unique Audio**

Free Admission

A spectacular festival of exotic orchids in a picturesque garden setting. Peruse the beautiful blooms while savoring a mouth-watering barbecue, luscious desserts, beverages and live entertainment.

Receive free tips on orchid care. Orchid repotting services available.

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