

**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
October
Meeting
Thursday
October 6th, 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.**

**The speaker will be
Linda Rolf
Woodlands Orchids
Charlotte, NC**

**The topic:
“How to Kill an
Orchid ”**

**October 2011
NEWSLETTER**



Upcoming Events

**October 6th, NOS
Meeting in the gym**

**NOS Annual Orchid Sale
October 15, 2011
Moorings Presbyterian
Church
Noon until 4 pm (or sold out)**

**2011 SFOS Orchid Show
“Falling for Orchids”
And Speakers Day Event
Orchid Show October 1 & 2
10 AM – 5 PM
Speakers Day
October 2, 8 AM – 4 PM
www.sforchid.org**

**SW FL Yard & Garden Show
Saturday, October 29
9 am to 4 pm
Sunday, October 30
9 am to 3 pm
Collier Co. Univ. Ext. Office
147 Immokalee Rd.
Info. 353-4244**

**Deadline for entries in the
Newsletter is the 15th of the
month, 3 pm.
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President's Message
From Nancy Ginocchio
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By the time you read this newsletter the snow birds will be starting to arrive and our quiet summer and clear roads will be over. I have very little to report this month. I hope all of you are carefully going over your orchid collection with the idea of thinning it out a bit to make room for new. Please save the cast outs for our annual plant sale October 15th at MOORINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The plant sale is our only fund raiser for the year. The money we make pays for speakers, plants, show awards, facility rental and our general operating expenses. SOOOOO we need lots and lots of plants to sell. The plants can be dropped off at Baker Hall on October 14th between 5pm and 7pm or Saturday morning starting at 8am. Of course in addition to plants we need worker bees. Call Susan Roehl for information.

Please be thinking of a show theme. The show committee already has been in session to plan for our 2012 show. The person with the winning name receives fifty dollars!! Put on your thinking caps!!! A box will be on the front table at the next meeting to put your suggestions in.

A large thank you goes to Cynthia Carlson for all her wonderful efforts that went into creating a Board of Directors notebook. The notebook is filled with all the essential information that all board members need to know. Thank you again Cynthia.

Happy Growing and see you at the next meeting. October 6th.

Nancy Ginocchio, President



NOS October Orchid Sale

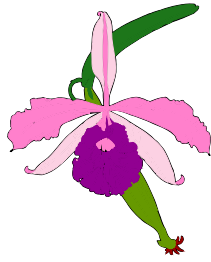
This year's annual orchid sale will be held on Saturday, October 15. Orchid donations are welcome from NOS members. Contact Norm Dolder if you have any orchids you want to donate at 594-3520, or Sue Roehl at 404-1916. Below you will find a list of things to consider when donating.

When donating plant for the orchid sale, remember to:

Only donate plants like those you would want to buy for yourself.

- 1. Make sure they are properly staked.**
- 2. Make sure they are pest and disease free. They must be able to pass inspection by a state official who will come and inspect the plants on the day of the sale.**
- 3. No seedlings – only mature blooming sized plants. If possible, please bring plants in bloom which will help make our sales tables more interesting. If your plants are not in bloom, please include a photo of the flowers if at all possible.**
- 4. And finally, make sure the orchids are properly labeled.**

Sue Roehl
2011 Orchid Sale Chairperson
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I was in our Nation's Capitol during the weekend of hurricane Irene. Lots of wind and rain. And on that rainy Saturday we went to one of my favorite places in DC.....the United States Botanic Garden which was established on the National Mall in 1820, the dream of Washington, Jefferson and Madison. It has been in continuous operation and open to the public since 1850. It has a huge plant collection consisting of more than 60,00 specimens. The moment you step inside the conservatory, the world's troubles fall away and you know you are in a wonderful place. Take a deep breath and you feel happy. There are many different sections and of course my favorite is the orchid section. There are many orchids throughout the building and many of these are huge, old plants the likes of which you never get to see. The USBG orchid collection numbers about 5,000 specimens and hundreds are on display at any given time. In the center of the building is the rainforest jungle. The dome rises to 93 feet and there is a canopy walk high above. It was amazing to see huge vandas and other orchids attached this high up. The USBG is the perfect oasis especially on a cold wintry day.



View from above at the United States Botanic Garden in Washington, DC.



Attendance at September meeting
78

Profits from our September Raffle: \$250

Care and Condolence Cards

A Sympathy card was sent to Judy and Dave White for the loss of their daughter
Kim Marie Grant.



Thank you to our September cookie bakers:

Deborah Gallagher, Freddie Brantley and
Wilma Swan

Twyla Leigh, Deborah Gallagher, and Corrie
Van Caulil

September beverages:

Tim Doyle

October beverages:

Ken and Joylett Davis

Thank you to our Plant Table workers:

Bill Overton, Kim Pendleton and Joy Corritore

Thank you to our Raffle Table workers:

Bertha Chinn, Sook Kim and Denise Sapia

And from Kit Kitchen-Maran:

Eleven Naples Orchid Society members raised \$365 for NOS by selling \$5 "Shop for a Cause" tickets to the Macy's Department Stores' charity fundraiser in August. We'd like to thank Barb Aldrich, Cynthia Carlson, Joylette & Ken Davis, Gayle Dorio, Nancy Ginocchio, Monique Hobt, Kit Kitchen-Maran, Kris Morton, Kim Pendleton & Tricia Rose for their efforts. That's \$365 more in our treasury than we had before. The Davis' raised the most – a bouquet of orchids to you all!

**And thank you to our first sponsors of our
upcoming 2012 NOS Show & Sale:**

Ralph Frengel (Downing-Frye Realty)

Naples Media Group (Kathleen Edwards)

Molly Woodworth (Topcoat 'N Tails)

Molly Woodworth (Fur, Fins & Feathers)

Cynthia Carlson (Akerman Senterfitt)



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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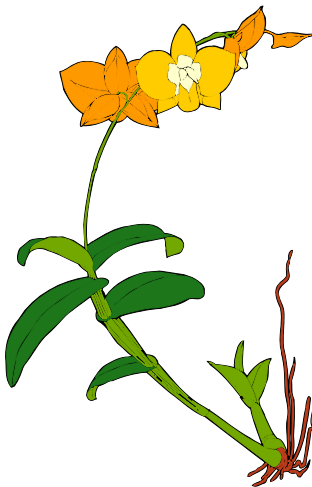
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And this note from Norm Dolder:

For those of you who were lucky to get some of Norm's 'babies' (seedlings) at the last meeting, please note the correct spelling of their name:

Den. David's Delight

**Den. Burana Charming 'blue lip' x Den
Iasianthera**



MY MOST PROLIFIC ORCHID

By Marilyn Moser

At the Miami Orchid Show in February of 2010 I purchased Ascda. Sweet Pea (V. bensonii x Ascda. Peggy Foo) from RF Orchids. It has turned out to be my most prolific orchid. It is a beautiful rich, dark red and never stops blooming. Just when the flowers start to fade, I notice another spike coming. And sometimes it has two spikes in bloom at the same time. I don't treat it any differently than any of my other vandaceous plants...it gets no more fertilizer than any other. It just happens to be an amazing plant that produces flowers all the time. If you can find this plant, I'm sure you will be rewarded as well.

MUSINGS OF AN ORCHID JUDGE

**By Bill Overton, NOS Director & AOS
Judge**

One question I am asked constantly, whenever I am at a society meeting, is “which flower do you think is the best Bill?” And I always respond with “I think that this one is the best,” but I seldom get a chance to explain why. I am hopeful that in this column, and subsequent ones, I can explore questions like this one in great detail.

Take our monthly Plant Table as an example, specifically the large Cattleya Table. When we, as beginners new to orchids, start to flower our own plants we are easily overwhelmed by the color of a flower. We are further intrigued by the shapes, the sizes, the textures and fragrances, but does anyone ever really look closely at the flowers? As a judge of some sixteen years I do this automatically and without ever really thinking about it. It has become second nature to me.

I can see past the beautiful flower and say, “Why is there only one?” On a Cattleya hybrid there should always be at least two with 4” to 8” blooms. A single flower is almost always a sign that there is something wrong with the culture of the plant. Perhaps too little light, too little water, it might need repotting, things of that nature. I think a similar thought when I see a large plant on the table, of perhaps ten to twelve pseudobulbs, and there is but a single inflorescence with two flowers. For a plant that size there should be more. Three inflorescences with nine or ten flowers would be proper for the size of the plant.

Always keep this in mind - “It takes as much time to grow a plant poorly as it does to grow one properly!” Wouldn’t it make sense to grow

them to their fullest potential rather than growing large “cabbages” with just a single flower? Here in South Florida standard or large Cattleyas are very easy to grow! Since I moved here, many of my plants are blooming more than once a year, which up until now I didn’t think possible. We can just unlock their full potential. I would much rather have benches full of flowers that a few flowers on a few plants.

When speaking about the shape of the flowers think full and nearly round. If we placed a ‘dot in our minds’ at the tip of each flower segment and connected the dots with a pencil, again in our minds, those dots should connect and form a perfect circle! The flowers should not be cupped, looking as if they are not fully open. They should be nearly flat when viewed from the side. Last but not least there should be no “holes” between floral segments. The petal edges should touch or slightly overlap at the dorsal sepal and the lateral sepals should be pleasingly arranged to round out the flowers’ form. There should not be any spaces allowing one to see things behind the flower, such as another plant or the top of the orchid bench.

If anyone who reads my columns would love to gain a little more insight as to what makes better flowers, I will be happy to explain things and to show them firsthand. Just ask me at a meeting before things really get cookin’ and we’ll take a walk over to a group of plants and take a look see. I am so enthralled with orchids in general and I always want to grow mine to their fullest potential! I can appreciate three flowers more than I can appreciate one AND I would rather enjoy them twice a year per plant rather than just once!

Orchid Vignettes—If It's October It's Angel Heart Time



Some things you can always count on in October—Columbus Day, Halloween, and Angel Heart in bloom. *Laeliocattleya* (*Lc.*) Angel Heart always blooms for me in October, and such a nice show it puts on. The 3.5 inch flowers are borne in clusters of 3-5 per spike. In addition the flowers exude a delightful daytime lilac-like fragrance, and they last for at least a month or more!

Lc. Angel Heart was created by H&R Nurseries of Hawaii and registered by them in 1988. It is a cross between *Lc.* Puppy Love and *C.* Penny Kuroda. *Laeliocattleya* Puppy Love is a cross between *Cattleya dubiosa* and *Laelia anceps*. *Laelia anceps* is a species that comes from Mexico, so, unlike the laelias from Brazil, which have all been transferred to the genus *Cattleya*, *L. anceps* is still a true *Laelia*. Thus the correct name for this plant is still *Laeliocattleya* Angel Heart. Surprise!

Lc. Angel Heart has earned eight American Orchid Society awards, three AMs, three HCCs, and

two CCMs. In addition two HCCs have been awarded by the Australian Orchid Council. The cultivar I have, 'Nora,' earned an AM/AOS in 2008 at the Mid Atlantic Judging Center where it was exhibited by Longwood Gardens. *Lc.* Angel Heart has been used as a parent in 20 crosses and has eight "grandkids." One of the "grandkids," *Lcr.* (*Laeliocatarthron*) Winter Fantasy (*Caulaelia* Snowflake x *Lc.* Angel Heart), is another favorite of mine, but we'll talk more about that grex another time.

The plants of *Lc.* Angel Heart are relatively tall, the pseudobulbs and their two leaves each extending at least a foot high. However the pseudobulbs are relatively narrow, so the plant is not what I would consider "big." The flowers have pale pink sepals, pastel pink petals with a central white splash, and the lip has a pink edge, white center with a deeper pink splash at the tip. The spikes extend above the foliage (a feature probably inherited from its *L. anceps* grandparent) so the flowers are clearly visible.

It is interesting to me how dominant the *Lc.* Puppy Love parental influence is. The other parent, *C.* Penny Kuroda is heavily spotted, but no spots show up at all in Angel Heart.

My plant appears to do well in a west-facing pool cage receiving filtered sunlight. The plant is growing in a clay pot in a lava rock, charcoal and Hydroton mix, and receives fertilizer about once a week.

Even though the flowers are pastel pink and not blazing with bright dramatic colors, the pleasant fragrance and month long flowering period make this a delightful addition to a collection.

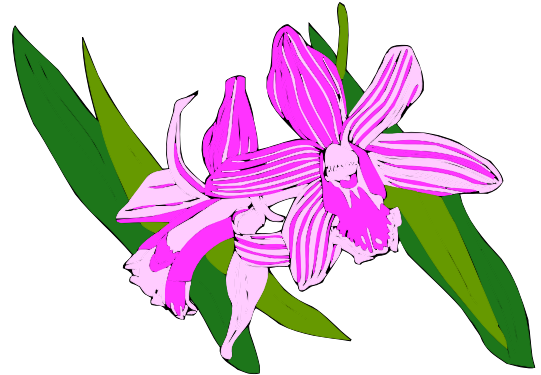
Contributed by Dick Phippen

**Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting
September 1, 2011**

Submitted by Cynthia Carlson, Secretary

- President Nancy Ginocchio called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
- Nancy thanked the cookie bakers and the beverage providers.
- Kit Kitchen Maran announced that the results of the fundraising at \$350. For the 50th anniversary, we plan to have a silent auction with items such as family membership to Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Dawn Bertress jewelry, and tickets to opera. Please help us gather more items.
- Sue Roehl announced that the balance in checking account is \$6,624.39. She also passed a sign up for the October sale.
- Dick Phippen announced that the Orchid culture class starts on January 7th for 8 weeks on Saturday morning from 9 to 12. The cost of the class is \$60 for non-members and \$50 for members.
- Dick also announced that the next Show Committee meeting is Sept 19th. Sponsorships are available. We are still taking suggestions for the show theme. A request was made for a list of the prior show themes.
- Norm introduced our speaker, Bill Thoms, who presented on bulbophyllums.

- Plant table winners were announced.
- Raffle winners were announced.
- The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.



**OTHER ORCHID SHOWS IN
FLORIDA**

October 1-2, FL West Coast Orchid
Society Show, Clearwater FL
Info: brent@irbhardware.com

October 28-30, Delray Beach Orchid
Society Show, Delray Beach, FL
Info: aojax@comcast.net

October 29-30, Brevard Co. Orchid
Society Show, Melbourne, FL
Info: jfzpf@aol.com

And Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society invites interested persons/societies to enter exhibits in their upcoming show "Celebrating Orchids" January 20-22, 2012. Those interested must contact Christine Crepage @ 1401 NE 27 Dr., Wilton Manors, FL, 33334, by Nov. 30, 2011. More info. in next NOS newsletter.

Date: September 1, 2011

Novice:

1st place: Ascda. Crownfox Citron Beauty
Owner: Mary Sue Presentin

Slippers:

1st place: Phrag. Cape Gold Nugget
Owner: Ralph Brand

Oncidium:

1st place: Alcra. Hilo Ablaze
Owner: Joy Corritore
2nd place: Tol. Jairak Rainbow
Owner: Barbara Crist
3rd place: Brsdm. Wild Warrior
Owner: Corrie Van Caulil

Phalaenopsis

1st place: Dtps. Pixie Red
Owner: Paxton Roan

Dendrobium

1st place: Den Mini Salaya 'Ministripe'
Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Vanda

1st place: Mok. Chark Kuan
Owner: Barbara Crist

Small Vanda

1st place: Ascda. Banjong Topaz
Owner: Sook Kim
2nd place: Ascda. Marty Brick
Owner: Gayle Dorio
3rd place: Ascda. Rafael Montoro
Owner: Lola Monesko

Large Cattleya

1st place: Gsl. Land of Enchantment x B. nodosa
Owner: Steve Hall
2nd place: Bc. Hawaii Stars 'Paradise'
Owner: Dick Pippen
3rd place: Blc. Ronald Hausermann "Carl"
Owner: Ralph Brand

Small Cattleya

1st place: Epcnt. Don Herman "Gold Rush"
Owner: Eunice Walker

Hybrid Special Award:

Gsl. Land of Enchantment x B. nodosa
Owner: Steve Hall

Large Species

1st place: Bulbophyllum echinolabium
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Medium Species:

1st place: Vanda tessellata
Owner: Deborah Gallagher

Small Species

1st place: Schoenorchis fragrans
Owner: Marilyn Moser

Special Species Award:

Bulbophyllum echinolabium
Owner: Gayle Dorio

Green tag plant:

Winner: Barbara Crist



September 2011 Show Table Awards

Special Species Award:
Bulbophyllum echinolabium
Owner: Gayle Dorio



Hybrid Special Award:
Gsl. Land of Enchantment x B.
nodosa
Owner: Steve Hall

