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**Come to our
November
Meeting
Thursday
November 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.**

**The speaker will be
Francisco Miranda
Miranda Orchids
Haines City, FL**

**The topic:
“Orchids of Brazil”**

**November 2011
NEWSLETTER**



Upcoming Events

**November 3rd, NOS
Meeting in the gym
This is our annual election of
NOS Officers. All current
members may vote.
PLEASE ATTEND!**

**Next 2012 NOS Show
Committee
Meeting November 7, 2011
7 pm
310 Hawser Lane
(All are welcome)**

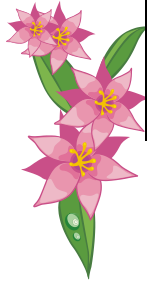
**Next BOD meeting
November 15, 2011
310 Hawser Lane
7pm
(All are welcome)**

**December 1, 2011
Our Christmas Pot luck
dinner**

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

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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.



President's Message
From Nancy Ginocchio
NancyGinocchio@comcast.net

The car carriers are coming.....the snow birds are arriving to enjoy another wonderful winter in southwest Florida. I hope that we can entice some of them to become members of our wonderful orchid society. Please don't hesitate to bring your northern friends to our friendly informative meetings.

Our annual sale is over and I would like to thank Susan Roehl for the excellent job she did on the sale. Patrece Rimmel and Norm Dolder have donated hours of their time to house and care for all the orchids we have for the sale. Without their efforts the society would not have as many plants to sell. When you see them please let them know how much we appreciate all the time and energy they have devoted to the society. The sale is a lot of work and very time consuming, but with all of the volunteers we had it was a wonderful event and not too taxing on anyone. A special thank you to all the growers and the members that donated plants to be sold.

We have not had our first cold front yet but we all should have that in mind. Have you made plans of what you are going to do on chilly evenings? For example.....

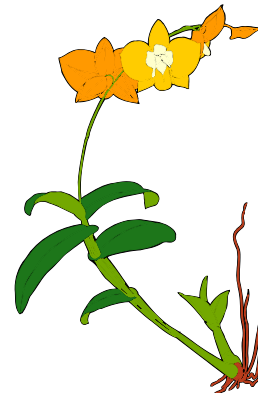
Bring in the plants? Cover the plants? Move the plants close to the house? Or let the plants fend for themselves!!! I have thought about getting my sheets out to cover the plants but I think I will put it off till I sniff the cold air coming. I feel there is no hurry when we are setting heat records as I am writing this.

Please plan on attending the November 3rd meeting to vote for your next year's Board of Directors. Every member's vote counts!

Your Board of Directors next meeting is November 15th at The Ginocchio house at 7pm. All are welcome to attend and give us input!!

Happy Growing and see you at the next meeting November 3rd.

OCTOBER
MEMBERSHIP
ATTENDANCE 101



AOS CORNER
Marilyn Moser
AOS Rep.
MM3purple@aol.com

Here are a couple of helpful hints: turn your orchids occasionally to keep them from becoming lopsided. However, once they are in spike do not turn them or change their position in any way as the flowers will not present well. This is especially true of phalaenopsis.

If you feel your plant is receiving too much light or sun, feel the leaves. If they are warmer than the surrounding air, reduce the light intensity.

Did you know that the definition of a cloned orchid is an individual plant raised from a single seed and all of its subsequent vegetative propagations?

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



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

On November 3, 2011 at our next NOS monthly meeting we will be voting on our 2012 NOS Officers. The following slate of officers was presented by the Nominating Committee to the NOS Board of Directors at the September 13, 2011 meeting, where it was unanimously approved to be recommended to the general membership for election:

- President – Kit Kitchen-Maran
- 1st VP – Norm Dolder
- 2nd VP – Deborah Gallagher
- Treasurer – Bill Overton
- Secretary – Cynthia Carlson
- Publicity – Kathleen Edwards
- Newsletter – Kris Morton
- Membership – Nanette Boerner
- 1 Year Director – Dick Pippen
- 2 Year Director – Patrice Rimmel
- 3 Year Director – Ralph Brand

ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES
NOMINATED AT OUR OCTOBER
MONTHLY MEETING:

- Bob Printz – President
- Beth Mattheus – 2nd VP

The four candidates' bios/resumes will be found on page 4 & 5.

**KIT KITCHEN-MARAN IS A CANDIDATE FOR
PRESIDENT OF NOS**

Kit Kitchen-Maran, member of NOS since 2002, has exhibited in every show, helping with setup/take down. For work on the 2004 budget crisis, she was made a lifetime member. She earned the NOS/AOS Exceptional Service Award in 2009 for her many articles in the Naples News and support of the Society as the first Publicity Chair on the Board from 2005-10.

Kit chairs the Website Committee; co-chairs 50th Anniversary Committee; is a member of the Scholarship, Show and Awards Committees; and is a Certified Crowd Control Manager, required for meetings and events by City ordinance. Under her leadership, NOS has received \$365 from the Shopping for a Cause fundraiser plus a \$956 grant from the Community Foundation for the new website.

Education: Ph.D., 1991, University of Illinois, in Agricultural Education; M.S., 1979, Indiana University, in Instructional Systems Technology and Environmental Education. She has experience with a 501(c)(3) non-profit from 1995- present.

Kit will work diligently not to lose sight of the traditions and concerns of the Naples Orchid Society, while leading NOS into new endeavors based on the needs and desires of the members. Her vision for the society is to encourage formation of committees to take responsibility and leadership to bring ideas to the board and carry them out.

In talks with Renee Rau, manager of the Fakahatchee Strand State Park, an NOS project can be developed to educate visitors to the boardwalk on U.S. 41 about native orchids found in the Fak. There may also be an opportunity to help propagate native species to place back into the swamp. Kit would also like to help plan an orchid unit for Corkscrew Swamp's education program.

**BOB PRINTZ IS A CANDIDATE FOR
PRESIDENT OF NOS**

I have been a member of the NOS for three years and as president would like to, with the input from the membership, accomplish several goals. In an outline distributed at the last Membership meeting, I proposed that, in addition to building on some of our existing successes, we create an education outreach committee; increase the public's awareness of the NOS thru the media; increase member satisfaction and participation using several techniques; include new-member and existing member profiles in each newsletter and on the website; create opportunities for social interaction among members; and, conduct a review of the by-laws. To learn more about my ideas for the NOS' success, please contact me at bobprintz@gmail.com.

In addition to my military service and academic degrees, my professional experience includes partnership in two construction and estate management companies; business manager and design team member for the St. Louis City Museum; and, chairperson for the St. Louis Mayor's Inauguration & Inaugural Ball.

My community service experience includes:

- **Naples Orchid Society–Volunteer at all shows and sales; hang orchids at Garden of Hope & Courage, Naples Zoo and Bonita Hospice; represent NOS at Naples Botanical Gardens**
- **Soulard Restoration Group–Founding member; Chair, Beautification and Code Development & Compliance Committee**
- **Soulard Mardi Gras Association–Board Member; Chair, Mardi Gras Ball**
- **Circus Flora –Fundraising chairman**
- **St. Louis Library–Planning Board Member**
- **St. Louis Art Museum Cookbook–Tester, editor**
- **St. Louis Art Fair – Board Member**
- **Alliance Française –Chair, Baker Gala**
- **Chatillon-DeMenil Mansion–President; Chair, Fundraising**

**DEBORAH GALLAGHER IS A CANDIDATE
FOR 2ND VP OF NOS - SHE IS THE CURRENT
2ND VP**

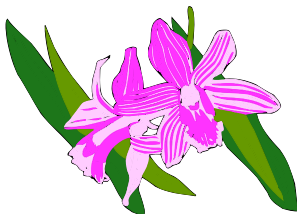
I am writing to announce my candidacy for second Vice President of the Naples Orchid Society. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors as second Vice President for the last five years. Thus far, I've been in charge of special activities, catering our show and sale, holiday banquet dinners, and organized all bus trips to various orchid shows and vendors.

I plan to maintain the already high standard of leadership that we have come to expect from our Board of Directors. To succeed in this mission, Naples Orchid Society needs a strong second Vice President with clarity of vision that can make tough decisions while rallying the support of our general membership.

My enthusiasm for orchids and gardening puts me in an excellent position to make the best decisions possible for the membership.

My experience as a board member for the last five years has prepared me for a continuing leadership role. I feel that the years I have put in as a board member to this point have prepared me to make a valuable contribution to the management of our resources and supervision of our mission.

Thank you for your support,
Deborah Gallagher



**BETH MATTHEUS IS A CANDIDATE FOR
THE 2ND VP OF NOS**

Beth Mattheus became a member of NOS at the 1997 Show and has been involved in serving the Society since her first meeting: 5 years as Librarian, then Treasurer and Board member for 4 years, followed by 2 years as Show treasurer. Beth continues to be involved in the Show Committee, Plant Sale, Website Committee; co-chair- 50th Anniversary Committee; and has been co-chair of both the Awards Committee and Show Registration for the last 2 years.

MSW, 1984, SUNY at Stony Brook in administration and clinical practice; BA, 1974, St. John's University, NY. She has both paid and unpaid experience with several 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies and organizations. She held several leadership positions in statewide and local advocacy Boards of Directors.

Beth will continue to use her knowledge of not for profit organizations and Boards to assist NOS members and Board to function for the betterment of the Society. In every NOS activity member volunteers have been the backbone of NOS. Beth will continue to encourage and include those members and others who wish to enjoy and learn about orchids. As Second VP, focus is on event planning and creating places for friendly networking around our interest in orchids. Beth is efficient and willing to share her organizational talents, her knowledge of NOS history and traditions to better the membership of the Society.



Thank you to our October cookie bakers:

Twyla Leigh, Deborah Gallagher,
Corrie van Caulil

Beverages:

Ken & Joylett Davis

November cookie bakers:

Kathy Akenson, Deborah Gallagher,
Kris Morton

Beverages:

Nanette Boerner

Raffle Table:

Bertha Chinn, Sook Kim
Raffle proceeds: \$242

Plant Table:

Bill Overton, Dave Orr, Charlette Roman

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU:

Goes to Steve Hall, our very professional
photographer.

Correction to email address

Tony Collinson: britbloke2@gmail.com

CARE & CONDOLENCE

A get well card was sent to Nancy Hennel who
suffered a broken leg. Get Well Nancy!



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR
GENEROUS SPONSORS OF THE
UPCOMING 2012 NAPLES ORCHID SHOW**

Craig Jones (Premier Sotheby's Int. Realty)

Kathleen Edwards (Naples Media Group)

Cynthia Carlson (Akerman Senterfitt)

Ralph Frengel (Downing-Frye Realty, Inc.)

Molly Woodworth x 2 (Topcoat 'N Tails/Fur,
Fins & Feathers)

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**AND OUR SILENT AUCTION AT OUR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF FEB. 2, 2012**

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An Orchid Vignette—Chocolate Drop, Such A Tasty Orchid



Chocolate and Orchids—how can you go wrong with either, but with both . . . Wow!! Some of the best chocolates come in small packages. The same is true with orchids. While many orchid flowers are large and very showy, some that are small are equally enchanting. For me that is the case with *Cattleya* Chocolate Drop. The name apparently comes from the appearance of the unopened flower buds which someone thought looked like drops of chocolate.

I became intrigued with *C. Chocolate Drop* after acquiring a couple of orchids that were offspring of *C. Chocolate Drop*. So I wanted to see what this famous parent looked like. *C. Chocolate Drop* is a cross between *C. guttata* and *C. aurantiaca*. It was created by Steward Orchids when they were still in California and registered by them in 1965. So this one has been around a while.

The plants are medium sized, standing about a foot tall. The flowers, borne in clusters, are individually only a little over two inches across but they are such an intense burgundy red with a lighter colored lip. Very striking. They also have a very nice fragrance.

C. Chocolate Drop has earned 21 AOS awards including a number for Cultural Merit (one with over 500 flowers!) as well as HCCs and AMs. On the International scene *Chocolate Drop* has received awards from the Australian Orchid Council, the Brazilian Orchid Society

and the New Zealand Orchid Society. The cultivar ‘Kodama’ is probably the best known, having earned an AM from the AOS as well as from the New Zealand Orchid Society and the Brazilian Orchid Society. My cultivar, ‘Volcano Queen,’ has yet to be awarded. ☺

C. Chocolate Drop has been used as a parent in 246 registered crosses and has 182 registered “grandkids!” A very prolific orchid, for one that only blooms once a year! Some of *Chocolate Drop*’s more interesting offspring (at least to me) include: *Bc. Roman Holiday* (with *B. nodosa*), *Blc. Netrasiri Fireball* (with *C. New Era*), *Ctna. Morse Code* (with *Ctna. Why Not*), *Slc. Tutankamen* (with *Slc. Mae Hawkins*), and *Slc. India Rose Sherwood* (with *Slc. Naomi Kerns*). The last one is pictured below. *Slc. India Rose Sherwood* blooms at the same time of the year as *Chocolate Drop* and is strikingly similar to it, but the flowers are slightly larger.



As you might guess, since one of *Chocolate Drop*’s parents is *C. aurantiaca*, which is no longer a *Cattleya*, but now a *Guarianthe*, our grex is now officially called *Cattlianthe* (*Ctt.*) *Chocolate Drop*. Whatever the name, the chocolate is still as sweet!

Contributed by Dick Pippen

Minutes of the NOS Monthly Meeting

October 6, 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.
- Ralph Brand reported that the Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for election as officers. Ralph explained the process for nomination and elections.
 - President – Kit Kitchen Maran
 - 1st VP – Norm Dolder
 - 2nd VP – Deborah Gallagher
 - Treasurer – Bill Overton
 - Secretary – Cynthia Carlson
 - Publicity – Kathleen Edwards
 - Newsletter – Kris Morton
 - Membership – Nanette Boerner
 - Year 1 Director – Dick Pippen
 - Year 2 Director – Patrice Rimmel
 - Year 3 Director – Ralph Brand
- Nominations from the floor:
 - Deborah Gallagher nominated Bob Printz for president; seconded by Tricia Rose
 - Marilyn Moser nominated Beth Mattheus for second VP; seconded by Eileen Davison
- No membership report
- Nancy thanked Cynthia Carlson for putting together the Board of Director binders.
- Kim Pendelton presented the official 50th anniversary shirt and explained the process for ordering.
- Sue Roehl, Treasurer and Chair of Sale, reported that the Suntrust account balance is \$3,512.57. The Orchid Sale is Oct. 15th. We still need orchid helpers and orchid pricers.
- Dick Pippen reported 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.
- Deborah Gallagher reported that in December we have our holiday dinner. Deborah passed sign up sheets for pot-luck items and clean up duty. She also asked for more beverage volunteers and cookie volunteers.
- Nancy announced other orchid society shows and sales.
- Nancy reported that the Community Foundation of Collier County has given NOS a grant of \$956 to improve its website.
- Kathleen Edwards reported that we have Save the Date bookmarks for the Orchid Show. Sponsorships are still available. Ads will be running for the Orchid Sale and there will be exhibits in several locations.
- Ted Moore, the Librarian, reported on the rules for the monthly competition held at the meeting and the requirements for completion of the green tag.
- Nancy announced the VIP Pre-Orchid Show party on Friday, March 16th. Nancy called for a committee to plan the party. Ted Moore volunteered to chair the committee. Report needed at next Show committee meeting on Nov 7th.
- Norm introduced our speaker, Linda Wilhelm, of Woodland Orchids (Charlotte, NC) who spoke on “How to Kill Your Orchids.”
- Plant table winners were announced.
- Raffle winners were announced.
- The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

This message is for those of you who receive your newsletter via snail-mail. Please consider getting your newsletter emailed to you. The pictures will be in beautiful color as will many other parts of the newsletter. Just let Marilyn or Kris know if you would like to change.

Date: October 6, 2011

Other Hybrid:

1st place: Cirr. Doris Dukes

Owner: Patrece Rimmel

Slippers:

1st place: (P. Makuli X Curtisii)X P. Maudiae

Owner: Gayle Dorio

2nd place: Paph. Hampshire Sprite

Owner: Ralph Brand

3rd place: Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz

Owner: Ralph Brand

Oncidium:

1st place: Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'

Owner: Elaine Gates

2nd place: Onc. Gower Ramsey 'Orange 09'

Owner: Monica Higgins

3rd place: Brsdm. Shooting Star 'Black Gold'

Owner: Barbara Pollack

Phalaenopsis

1st place: Phal. Ching Her Budda

Owner: Kim Pendleton

Dendrobium

1st place: Den. Blue Violetta X Den. Red Maroon

Owner: Linda Shockley

2nd place: Den. Thongchai Gold 'Double Delight'

Owner: Marilyn Moser

3rd place: Den. Somluck White

Owner: Steve Hall

Large Vanda

1st place: V. Bitz's Heartthrob X V. Urbchitr

Owner: Marilyn Moser

Small Vanda

1st place: V. Arsung 'Enlightened'

Owner: Lola Moncsko

2nd place: Ascda. Fuchs' Gold

Owner: Tony Collinson

3rd place: Ascda. Mem. Louis Matos

Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Cattleya

1st place: Blc. Keowee 'Mendenhall'

Owner: Lola Moncsko

2nd place: Lc. Blue Madonna of Poland

Owner: Tony Collinson

3rd place: Blc. Ezo Robins Magic

Owner: Ralph Brand

Small Cattleya

1st place: Blc. Kosh Wallis

Owner: Dick Pippen

2nd place: Epc. Plicaboia

Owner: Marilyn Moser

3rd place: Pot. Burana Beauty

Owner: Barbara Crist

Hybrid Special Award:

Plant: C. Paradise

Owner: Eunice Walker

Large Species

1st place: Cattleya labiata

Owner: Bill Overton

Medium Species:

1st place: Prostechea cochleata

Owner: Kim Pendleton

Small Species

1st place: Aerides quinquevulnera

Owner: Elaine Gates

Special Species Award:

Plant: Aerides quinquevulnera

Owner: Eunice Walker

Green tag plant:

Winner: Steve Hall



OCTOBER 2011 SHOW TABLE AWARDS



SPECIAL SPECIES AWARD
Aerides quiquivulnera
Owner: Eunice Walker



HYBRID SPECIAL AWARD
Cattleya Paradise
Owner: Eunice Walker

Steve Hall, Photographer