

Venice Area Orchid Society News

Nov. 2013

**Next Meeting: Wednesday
November 6th at 7:00 p.m.**

Speaker: Ted Kellogg

Topic: "Orchid Names from Lan to Lorenara "

Ted needs no introduction, having contributed to our society for many years and currently serving as Immediate Past President and Webmaster. He is an active AOS judge and has been growing orchids and sharing his knowledge and experience for nearly 50 years.



Recorded orchid names have existed for over 2500 years. Through these years, the names people give orchids have continually changed. Ted will give a brief history of how we got to the names we use today. He'll define and illustrate the ways names of orchid species and hybrids originate and are changed. Examples of commonly grown genera will be illustrated. Ted will address the reasons for the recent changes in orchid names and what the orchid pot name tag at a big box store really means. The intent of his presentation is to help new and more experienced orchid growers understand the nature

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Mark Your Caledars

Please note the changes in our regular meetings over the holiday season:

No monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 4th - instead, our Holiday Party will be on **Saturday, December 7th.**

The December Growers Clinic will be on Thursday, December 12th, 7pm. Topic: Open discussion, bring in your problem plants for advice.

The January monthly meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 8th** as the first Wednesday of the month is New Year's Day.

The January Growers Clinic will be on **Thursday, January 9th.**

A Message from your President

This is the time of the year when so many events happen! You should know of some of our recent accomplishments and also some new opportunities to participate.

Our presence at our VAOS booth at the Venice Chamber EXPO was impressive, with a lovely orchid display designed by Jimmy Thomas. Thanks to Jean Fairchild, Pauline Adam, Richard and Mary Amos, the Loefflers and Jimmy for volunteering to talk up our Society's educational and mentor programs at the booth. As a result, seven persons joined VAOS at the EXPO, several more joined at our Growers Clinic and we found some new potential sponsors for our Show.

Thirty-five members came to the "Hands-on Repotting" Growers Clinic. The enthusiasm was palpable as we worked together to re-pot our plants. Some also brought the mounted plants they created at last spring's "Potting without Pots" session. These beautiful mounts show some fine artistry on the part of our members.

You should also note two upcoming events. At our November meeting, we'll have tables available for members who want to sell their orchids and orchid supplies. Please note Members' Market details on page 6. This is a good way to expand your collection by purchasing quality plants at bargain prices. At this meeting, members will also be asked to sign up for your volunteer spot at our Annual Show, "Orchid Paradise".

Finally, many of you have asked for more social events so we can get to know each other. We are having a Tailgate Party before the November Growers Clinic on Thursday, November 14 and details of the event are on page 4. Your Board is also planning some picnics and trips for next year so we all can make new "orchid lover" friendships with each other. Please send any suggestions to me at pres@vaos.org.



Cynthia Vance



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Minutes of the October 2, 2013 VAOS Meeting

Cynthia Vance opened the meeting; she suggested that members vote for their favorite orchid on the Plant Table. She also announced that instead of a Raffle, we are holding a silent auction. Charlie Cullen is currently ill; he and his wife, Margaret, manage the Raffle Table. We send Charlie our wishes for good health. Cynthia welcomed our newest members.

Cynthia discussed upcoming events which were printed and placed on chairs. These include Growers Clinic, Englewood's Annual Plant Sale and the Dec. 7th Holiday Party at Boca Royale Golf and Country Club. The cost of the Holiday Party is \$25 per person. This includes dinner, dessert, music, dancing and an orchid auction. Food entrees include Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala or Salmon with dill sauce. Vegan and Gluten Free options are also available. Reservations must be made by Dec. 1st. Send checks to Treasurer, Ali Hicks with your choice of entrée written on your check. Auctioneer Bill Timm will auction blooming orchids purchased from Palmers.

Sharon Schneider, our Librarian, presented information about the VAOS Library. She reviewed the wide variety of books, videos and magazines available on loan at each monthly meeting.

Cynthia announced the upcoming Tailgate Event that will be held in the Venice Community Center parking lot, at 5:30pm prior to the November Growers Clinic on November 14. She credited Jimmy Thomas and Judy/Jay Loeffler for this idea that will promote socialization.

Mary Anne Digrazia presented details about the upcoming Englewood Annual Plant Sale. It will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, Englewood on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9am to 2pm.

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Treasurer's Report

October, 2013

Checking Account

Starting Balance		
9/12/2013	\$	5,306.87
+ Income	\$	427.50
+ Transfer		2,000.00
- Payments	\$	6,181.73
Closing Balance		
10/15/2013	\$	1,552.64

Show Checking Account

Starting Balance		
9/12/2013	\$	947.04
Closing Balance		
10/15/2013	\$	947.04

Cash Account

Starting Balance		
9/12/2013	\$	40.00
Closing Balance		
10/15/2013	\$	40.00

Money Market Savings

Starting Balance		
9/12/2013	\$	27,029.14
+ Income		1.14
- Transfer		2,000.00
10/15/2013	\$	25,030.28

Total Assets

10/15/2013	\$	27,569.96
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Submitted by Ali Hicks

Support our 2013 Show Sponsors

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- AAA Auto Group
- Burgundy Square Cafe
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- Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the prior month.
- Please direct comments to:
Steve Vogelhaupt, csec@vaos.org
- Written submissions are appreciated.

Plant Table Awards October 2, 2013



Blc. Blue Grotto 'Takagi'

The First Place ribbon was awarded to Jane Camarota's beautifully grown Blc. Blue Grotto 'Takagi' (Lc. Blue Boy x Blc. Victoria). Jane's plant had seven stunning lavender-blue flowers with ruffled lips on one sturdy inflorescence. A beautiful plant, congratulations, Jane!

The Second Place ribbon went to Vanda Ladda Gold, grown and displayed by Peg

Fahrenback. This plant is an Ascocenda (Ascda.) now classified as vanda. It is a cross of V. Tubtim Velvet x V. Bangkhuntian Gold. Peg notes that she purchased two of these plants from Palmer in 2012. One blooms gold and the other yellow/orange. Peg's husband, Bill, constructed a special hanging rack on their pool deck for her vandas and mounted cattleyas. They clearly are very happy there. Good growing, Peg!



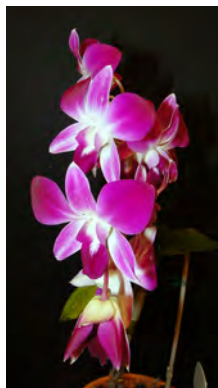
Vanda Ladda Gold

Jane Camarota also took the Third Place ribbon for her plant Dendrobium Caronii-Darcie. This is a classic, although unregistered, compact growing purple and white dendrobium. Jane's plant was well grown with gracefully arched stems full of pretty flowers. Nice growing, Jane!



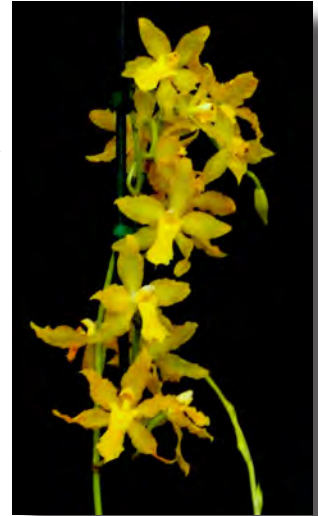
Den. Caronii-Darcie

Our guest speaker chose Rick Belisle's plant, Den. Sonia, for the Speaker's Choice award. This plant, a cross of Den. Caesar x Den. Tomie Drake, had pretty magenta purple flowers with white throats. Rick appears to be well on his way to becoming our resident expert at growing Dens. Congrats, Rick!



Den. Sonia

Judy Loeffler impressed all of us with her Odontoglossum and Miltassia plants. These plants are not commonly found in South Florida collections as they are cool growing plants preferring 58 to 66 degree night temps unless bred for warmth tolerance. Her plant, Odm. Geyser Gold 'Okika', took the New Member award.



Odm. Geyser Gold 'Okika'

It is a cross of Odm. Anneliese Rothenberger x Odm. Parade. Geyser Gold has beautiful yellow, star shaped flowers with darker yellow and orange spots and splashes.

Judy also took the Members' Choice award for her plant Miltassia (Mtssa.) Charles M. Fitch. This plant, with lavender flowers barred and spotted with purple-brown, also prefers cooler temps unless bred for warmth tolerance. It is a cross of B. verrucosa x Miltonia spectabilis. Judy purchased this plant at the Venice Farmers

Market five years ago. Well done, Judy!

Thanks to everyone who brought plants for us to enjoy.



Mtssa. Charles M. Fitch

Narrative by Carol Wood, photos by Cynthia Vance

Rolling Orchid Stand

Rick Belisle, one of our members since 2012, was kind enough to share an orchid stand which he invented to hold hanging pots. The photo shows some of the gorgeous dendrobiums we've seen as winners at recent Plant Tables. Thanks a lot, Rick!

The stand uses only readily available materials and he's provided a complete list of materials, where to get them, and assembly instructions which you'll find in the culture attachment.

Rick promised to bring one of his stands to the Tailgate Party on Thursday, November 14, 5:30 p.m., at the Venice Community Center south side parking lot. Jimmy will have copies of the materials list and assembly instructions available.

I'm sure there are a lot of other great ideas and projects which I encourage you to share with our members. We have a great society and the willingness to share our talents and expertise plays a large role in the development and retention of our membership. Feel free to get in touch with me at csec@vaos.org and I'll gladly take pictures and write the article if you want.

Narrative by Steve Vogelhaupt and photo by Rick Belisle



Newsletter Supplements

For those members who receive their monthly newsletter by email, look for extra content which began in 2012. Included are culture articles and handouts from our monthly Growers Clinic. This supplemental information will only be available in our full color email edition of the newsletter.

VAOS Tailgate Party

With our tremendous increase in members, thanks to Judy and Jay Loeffler, and the many others who helped at various events, your society is striving to promote activities and events that will make it easier to get to know each other in informal social settings. We will be holding a Tailgate Party at the Venice Community Center, south side parking lot, on Thursday, November 14, at 5:30 p.m. just before the monthly Growers Clinic.

Members and guests are asked to bring soft drinks, munchies for yourself and to share, and a chair. There is no formal program or presentation, only plenty of time to get acquainted, share orchid secrets and enjoy the evening.

Hope to see you there!!

Submitted by Steve Vogelhaupt

Minutes of the October 2, 2013 VAOS Meeting (Continued from page 2)

Cynthia announced the theme/name of the upcoming VAOS Feb. orchid show: Orchid Paradise. Volunteers will be needed, so sign-up sheets will be passed around during future meetings. Members were encouraged to volunteer for two hours or more during the show.

Jimmy Thomas presented information about the Oct. Hands-on Potting Growers Clinic and also discussed the October Chamber of Commerce Expo. VAOS will have a booth at the Expo to publicize our orchid society and promote the February show. We will display blooming orchids and provide information about VAOS.

Jimmy Thomas introduced our speaker, Jamie Lawson,

whose topic was "Orchids in Love." Jamie gave a unique PowerPoint presentation illustrating his orchid lab work in Micco, FL. He propagates orchids using seed flasking and mericlone. He also demonstrated working with baby orchids. Jamie invited everyone to visit his orchid lab to learn his techniques.

Plant Table orchids were presented by Jimmy Thomas and John Masters; awards were announced. The meeting was adjourned following the silent auction and a raffle for Jamie Lawson's items.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Fahrenback

Hands-on Repotting Clinic

Our own Jimmy Thomas, better known as the Orchid Doctor, put on another informative and enjoyable program for the 35 attendees. Assisted by Jay Loeffler, sound technician, Dr. Jimmy discussed and demonstrated the basics of orchid repotting. After showing the different types of pots and baskets, media, tools, clips and stakes, he used several of the orchids which had been brought in to be repotted to discuss their particular potting requirements.

Dr. Jimmy demonstrated various potting techniques and answered numerous questions from the audience with the help of Richard Amos and other experienced growers. He was also able to provide insights and even names and cultural tips for a few of the “mystery” orchids brought in by our newer growers.

With the enthusiastic attendees divided among six round and one oblong table, members were given the opportunity to put theory into practice, assisted by mentors

and experienced growers. Those growers who didn't have an orchid for repotting were “lent” a division from Dr. Jimmy's own collection. Jimmy circulated throughout the room, assessing progress, correcting and explaining errors, and providing lots insights, tricks of the trade, and pointers from his many years of experience.

Some of the attendees brought in the orchids which they had mounted at the Potting without Pots Hands-on clinic held last May. All were alive and well, some even in bloom and we're all waiting to see the repotted orchids next spring.

Everyone agreed that it had been a wonderful experience and thanked Jimmy and his helpers. Many of the participants mentioned that they had particularly enjoyed working closely with other new members at the round tables. Thanks, Jimmy, for another great educational experience!!

Narrative by Steve Vogelhaupt and photos by Cynthia Vance



The Spirit of Holiday Giving

Last year our members donated food items to the Center of Hope and once again we ask our members to be as generous as possible during these very difficult times. Some of you may not know that Charlie Cullen, half of the Cullens who so ably support our society at the Raffle Table, has been a longtime volunteer at Center of Hope and several other local organizations, including the South County Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, etc.

According to Charlie, Center of Hope is a social services organization located here in Venice and serving clients who are either homeless or otherwise in dire straits. Center of Hope is open Tuesday – Friday from 9am-1pm and holds a soup kitchen on Saturday where they feed more than 150 people and also offer them

clothing. Their food is obtained from the All Faith's Food Bank, either free or costing \$.14 per pound, and/or donations from others. They usually get their bread from Panera and give a bag of cooking or non-cooking supplies to their clients during the week, depending on availability.

All the food pantries are very low on food and the shortage will only increase throughout the holiday season. Please bring your donation to our meetings on November 6th or 14th. The Cullens will make sure that your contributions go to the neediest during this holiday season. Food items and clothing are welcome and cash donations are always especially appreciated. Please be generous!!

Rare Orchids That Look Like Animals



'Monkey Orchid' - *Dracula Simia* & *Orchis Simia*
Habitat: southeastern Ecuador and Peru



'Flying Duck Orchid' - *Caleana Major*
Habitat: eastern and southern Australia

Photos courtesy of arenaflowers.com

Next Meeting (continued from page 1)

of orchid names.

Since Ted seldom parts with any of his gorgeous orchids, members will be selling their own orchids and supplies at the meeting. This eliminates the need for members to reserve half tables together.

Details of the Members' Market are below:

1. The cost is \$20.00 per sales table and \$10.00 for half a table. This deletes the requirement of having members reserve half tables together.

2. The reservation request and a check for payment in full must be submitted to VAOS Treasurer, Ali, Hicks, P.O. Box 443, Venice, FL 34284-0443 not later than

Wednesday, October 30. No reservations will be accepted after that date.

3. Sale items limited to orchids and orchid supplies.

All items must be priced before display and a photo or description of the flower must accompany all plants.

4. All sellers must have tables set up and items ready for sale by 6:30pm. Cash only!! Sellers are responsible for collecting any monies. VAOS will not assist in collecting monies and accepts no responsibility for sale items.

5. Questions should be directed to Jimmy Thomas at pis2ces4@verizon.net or (941) 966-2479.

Orchid Show & Sale

Venice Area Orchid Society Presents

Orchid Paradise

February 1-2, 2014

Saturday: 10-5pm (Displays open at 11am)

Sunday: 10-4pm

Venice Community Center

326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice, Florida

Admission: \$5 (under 10 free)

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Support Our Local Growers

Plantio La Orquidea is having their Fall Orchid Sale on Friday and Saturday, November 1-2, 9 am to 4pm. They have more than 1000 sq. ft. of gorgeous orchids on display including both species and hybrids. They will have a free Plant Raffle and also \$5.00 off any purchase over \$25. Simply tell them that you're a member of VAOS and they'll apply the coupon to your qualified purchase. Plantio La Orquidea is located at 3480 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota, FL 34243 (same driveway as Tropiflora).

They're one of the few remaining local growers in our area along with Palmer Orchids in Bradenton and Jeff Higel at Honey Bee Nursery here in Venice. Plantio La Orquidea has a great reputation for selling quality orchids at fair prices and has been a vendor at our and other area shows.

While it's often tempting to snap up a bargain orchid at Lowe's, Home Depot and Ebay, you're missing out on

the free advice and many years of experience with local conditions, diseases, pests and culture tips. Our growers can tell you about the parentage of the orchids and what qualities you can expect from the blooms, answer your questions, and suggest the best plants for your particular growing environment. Local growers offer one stop shopping, not only for your orchids, but also for pots, baskets, planting media, fertilizers, pesticides and fungicides, and anything else you might need.

Our growers are competing against large scale producers in Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines, among others, whose goal is to sell the largest number of orchids at the lowest possible prices and have little concern for local suitability or cultural requirements. Our growers provide individualized service and quality plants and are counting on us to stay in business. Show them that you care by patronizing their nurseries!!

Submitted by Steve Vogelhaupt

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.

- **Speaker:** Ted Kellogg
- **Topic:** "Orchid Names"
- Show table entries welcome
- Bring plants for the Raffle Table
- Bring treats to share
- Bring donations for Center of Hope

Upcoming Events

November 1-2, 2013:

Plantio La Orquidea Fall Orchid Sale, 9am-4pm, 3480 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota, FL. See Pg. 7 for details.

November 2, 2013:

EAOS Annual Plant Sale, 9 am-2 pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Englewood, FL

November 6, 2013:

VAOS monthly meeting, 7 pm, Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL. Speaker: Ted Kellogg. Topic: Orchid Names. VAOS Members' Market (see pg. 6 for details).

November 14, 2013:

Tailgate Event, 5:30 pm, Venice Community Center south side parking lot (See pg. 4 for detail)s. The event will be followed by the Growers Clinic at 7 pm, presented by Jimmy Thomas. Topic: Updated Video Presentation of Members'

Growing Areas. Bring your problem plants for expert help.

November 14-16, 2013:

AOS Fall Members Meeting, Orchid Show and Sale. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. Info: www.aos.org

December 7, 2013 (Saturday):

VAOS Holiday Party, Boca Royale Golf and Country Club. \$25 per person. Dinner, dessert, music, dancing, and orchid auction. Open bar. Reservation in advance.

December 17, 2013:

VAOS Growers Clinic, 7 pm, Venice Community Center. Topic: Open discussion with Q & A. Bring your problem plants for expert help.

January 8, 2014:

Monthly meeting 7pm. Speaker Jim Roberts, Florida SunCoast Orchids.

January 9, 2014:

VAOS Growers Clinic, 7 pm, Venice Community Center. Topic: Open

discussion with Q & A. Bring in your problem plants for expert advice.

Ongoing:

Mentor Program: help for beginning growers, contact Peg Fahrenback, rsec@vaos.org.

Orchid Judging takes place at the **Christ the King Catholic Church** – McLoughlin Center, Room C, 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, FL 33609 at 6:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Info: www.fncjc.shutterfly.com

Patronize Our Local Growers

- Honey Bee Nursery (941-474-6866) 2383 Englewood Road (Rt. 776) Englewood, FL
- Palmer Orchids (941-322-1644) 22700 Taylor Dr., Myakka City, FL 34251
- Plantio La Orquidea (941-504-7737) 3480 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota

Orchid Tower

Materials:

4x4 Pressure Treated post (Home Depot)

6' Treated Lumber Picket (Home Depot)

10 Plant Hangers (Hang-a-Pot)

4 Roller Wheels (Home Depot online)

Wood Screws/wood glue/paint

Directions:

Cut 4"x 4"x 4'

Cut picket to 2 pieces, each 16" long to form legs, then cut each piece in ½ lengthwise giving you 4 legs.

Glue/screw legs to bottom of post. Assure all is "square"

Optional: Paint stand desired color before applying casters and hangers

Add casters to legs

Add hangers to post as follows:

- 1/2" from top of post
- 11 ½" from bottom of top hanger
- 11 ½" from bottom of middle hanger

Where to Buy: (for Home Depot, go to Homedepot.com, in *What can we help you find?* type in Internet # or SKU # to see or order item)

- Wheels: ONLY AVAILABLE ON-LINE at Home Depot.com: **Shepherd 1-5/8 in. U-Bracket-Fitting Twin Wheels (2-Pack)** Model #9420 Internet # 100176190
- 4x4 Pressure Treated Post: Home Depot.com Model # 4220254 Internet # 257974
- Legs: Home Depot 5/8' x 5 1/5" x 6' Pressure Treated Pine Dog-Eared Picket Model # 0210950 Store SKU # 169757
- Pot Hangers: www.hangapot.com



Obsession

With the permission of Susan Fordyce and orchidcentral.org

Oh Heavens above – I’m obsessed and I’m crazed

More often than not I go about dazed

My orchids have multiplied like rabbits in heat

I try to contain them, but they’ve got me beat.

I started out small – a gift from a friend

An innocent hobby – a fabulous trend-

Soon my countertops were crammed and I added a rack

And said “No more room!” – but my resolve was to crack

A greenhouse window was installed – and a Bay for good measure

And, lo, skylights were added for the light that they treasure.

The humidifier was next – and some fans for a breeze

(cause the mold it was causing was making me sneeze!)

I invested in Molly bolts and dozens of books

To hand up my Vandas like I read in the books.

Soon my shower and tub were filled to the brim

(and my social life suffered, and became very dim).

On the john I installed a fertilizer injector –

A few couplings here and a hose to connect ‘er.

She works gosh darn well, though the output is small,

But I have to go to the neighbors to heed nature's call.

Throughout my kitchen – I pitched it all on a lark-

(But I did save the oven for sterilizing the bark)

The cabinet doors had to go – they were abandoned with glee –

Inside I put grow lights – what an ingenious me!

Loud speakers are rigged to play a rainforest tune

(the hoot of some monkeys, the cry of a loon)

I'm sure the plants love it – they never complain

(Which is more than I can say for my neighbors refrain...)

I pilfered a street light from just down the road

And put it on a timer in my humble abode –

Now my rooms are aglow, and it's worth every watt

But the cops raided my place – they suspect I grow pot!

In my closet I've rigged up, by pulleys and chains,

A gaggle of hoses and a series of drains.

I sleep in a bunk bed with my clothes in some bags

'Cause the top bunk houses my collection of Phrags.

My plants take lots of time – but I don't need to fret –

If there are plants to be purchased – there's always the NET.

I find orchids to buy and chat with crazies like me

They give good advice (and they don't charge a few).

If there's a program to join called "orchids ANON"

I'd check myself in – I'd surely be drawn

Nut alas – none exists – there's no hot line to dial –

For most orchid fanatics are in denial.

I'd build me a greenhouse, but I'm poor as a mouse

You see – I just rent this apartment – I don't own a house.

The landlord is coming to evict me next week

(My neighbors below me claim their light fixtures leak).

So here's my sad story, my little hobby gone mad,

But I've met great new friends – and that's not so bad –

In fact dear old' friend, ol' buddy so true,

I'd like very much to come live with you.