Venice Area Orchid Society News

February 2016

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 3rd, 7 pm Venice Community Center (doors open at 6:30 pm) Speaker: Roger Hammer

Topic: Hunting Wild Orchids in Florida

Roger is a professional naturalist, botanist, author, and photographer. His specialty in wildflowers is native orchids, and of the 108 species reported for Florida, has photographed 94 of them. He was the Keynote Speaker at the 19th World Orchid Conference and also gave the keynote address at the 1997 and 2013 Florida Native Plant Society state conferences.



He was Senior Naturalist for the Miami-Dade Parks Department for more than 30 years. Roger grew up in Cocoa Beach but moved to Homestead after being honorably discharged from the Army as a tank gunner in 1968. He holds an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Florida International University as well as many other awards. He is a part-time instructor and field trip leader for the Fairchild Tropical Garden and works as a survivalist instructor for the Discover Channel's reality TV program, Naked and Afraid.

Don't miss what will undoubtedly be another fascinating and educational program. Roger will share his tips, answer questions and will have a selection of his books for sale.

See Culture Supplement for Important Information

The February 10th Growers Clinic will be a **Hands-on** Division & Repotting Clinic. See Supplement for complete information.

A Message From Your President

January finally cooled down and plants have slowed, especially my lawn, which looks more like a flat brown mass of coconut fiber right now. Fortunately, many of our members delivered some nice orchids and Jay and crew were able to erect a great display at the Sarasota



Show. Let us hope that we will have more nice flowers for our anniversary show next month, "50 Shades of Orchids". We have almost enough volunteers to staff the spots, but if you would like to help out, please email Carol Wood at ShowChair@vaos.org and add your name to the list. This is the best chance during the year to help the Society and get to know all the nice people in our group of orchidists. If you are handy in the kitchen, we need food for our vendors and staff for set-up and during the show. Please contact Carol if you can help!

Our website has been updated, with a new format, bigger type font, more information and handy links to resource topics. It's easier to read on your smartphone and connects well to our newsletter, as well as all past newsletters. Information on growing orchids is easier to get than ever and you can keep in touch with what's happening in your Society. Plus, you can let our website guru, Ted Kellogg, know about any items that should be up on the site with a quick e-mail to: tmkellogg@gmail.com. Now if I could just find where I left my phone....

Our February speaker is Roger Hammer, who has made a career of exploring the muck and mire of South Florida's swamps in search of rare and exotic orchids. He will talk about the travails of these hunts and his adventures in places that most people shudder to think about. Roger is a great speaker, very witty and engaging, so this will certainly be an entertaining evening for everyone.

Finally, we have Spring to look forward to fairly soon and that means another Orchid Greenhouse Tour! Sharon Kahnoski is looking for members to host a small tour in March thru their gardens and orchid collection. If you would like to participate, please contact her at social@vaos.org to learn about what is involved. We have had some great homes to visit, have learned a lot and you

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- Please direct comments to: Steve Vogelhaupt, <u>csec@vaos.org</u>
- · Written submissions are appreciated.

Minutes of the January 6th, 2016 Meeting

Bruce Weaver called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Announcements:

Bonnie Aldridge is having a moving sale and will sell her entire collection of orchids on January 16.

The annual picnic in April will be at a new venue, the South Venice Yacht Club. Further info will be forthcoming.

Anyone who is interested in having their growing area on the Spring Greenhouse Tour in March should communicate with Sharon. We need several volunteers.

Another volunteer is needed to assist with the snack table. It may not be necessary to be available every single month if we get enough volunteers to do a rotation.

Jay reported on the recent Sarasota Orchid Society Show and Sale. This was not an AOS judged event due to the timing around the holiday. However, both the Venice and Sarasota societies created displays and there was informal ribbon judging by 3 volunteer judges from each society. Rich Amos, Renee Bynum and Joanna Shaw were the judging team from Venice. This is the first time a 3-D background was used and it added a wonderful sense of depth to the display. Jay thanked all the volunteers, especially his wife, Judy, Carol Wood, Renee Bynum, Rich and Mary Amos, and Peg and Bill Fahrenback for their assistance.

Ted Kellogg introduced the new and improved VAOS website. He took us through the layout of the site and thanked the website team for their hours of effort to sift through the many layers of suggestions to formulate the new website. The website team consisted of Ted Kellogg, Carol Wood, Bruce Weaver, Jay and Judy Loeffler, Rich and Mary Amos, Steve Vogelhaupt, and Joanna Shaw. Our new website is informative, current, sleek and elegant. Check it out at www.vaos.org.

Bruce gave us an update on the Venice Orchid Project. He reported that another batch of orchids was recently put up on the grounds around Venice City Hall.

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Treasurer's Report January 2016 **Checking Account** Starting Balance 12/1/15\$ 15,175,20 Income 9,263.00 **Payments** 7,775.09 Closing Balance 12/31/15\$ 16,663.11 Cash Account Starting Balance 12/1/15 40.00 Closing Balance 40.00 12/31/15\$ **Money Market Savings** Starting Balance 12/1/15 25,052.07 Income 0.85 Closing Balance 12/31/15 25,052.92 **Total Assets** 12/31/15 41,765.03 Submitted by Mary Amos

Newsletter Culture Supplement

For those members who receive their monthly newsletter by email, be sure to check out the Culture Supplement.

Included are culture articles and handouts from our monthly Growers Clinics.

This supplemental information will only be available in our full color email edition of the newsletter.

Plant Table Awards January 6, 2016

The First Place Blue Ribbon was awarded to Carol

Wood for her delightful Dendrobium (Den.) Frosty Dawn. Carol has had this plant for 14 years hanging on a tree in her yard and she admits she doesn't fertilize it! This is what our speaker, John Budree, referred to as "letting nature"



Den. Frosty Dawn

care for your plants. Gentle winds ("moving air"), rainfall ("water") animal droppings ("fertilizer"), sunshine ("light") and perhaps bugs eaten by geckos ("disease control") makes this plant hearty and gorgeous. For all your 'work', Carol – Congratulations!

The Second Place Red Ribbon and Speakers Commendation Ribbon went to Ted Kellogg for his Lysudamuloa

(Lys.) Red Jewel. It's a unique Lycaste (Lyc.)/Anguloa (Ang.) hybrid which VAOS acquired from Palmer Orchids and Ted won at our Holiday Party auction. He wanted us to see this special plant



The Third Place Yellow Ribbon and Members' Choice Ribbon went to Tony Nacinovich for his grand Bulbophyllum (Bulb.) Wilbur Chang, set on an 18-inch pedestal so that its many long blooms



Lys. Red Jewel



Bulb. Wilbur Chang

could hang freely. This photo close-up helps us appreciate the flower's unique beauty. It's a cross of two Bulbo species (Bulb. *echinolabium x carunculatum*) and was first registered in 2006 by Mr. Chang in Hawaii. Huge specimen and fine display, Tony!

The Best Species Purple Ribbon was awarded to Bonnie

Aldridge for her Den. discolor x undulatum. It was a stately plant of 5 inflorescences with more than 100 flowers. What does "discolor" mean? It can mean the faded color of the flower and here it points to the lovely light brown and white of

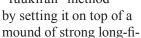


Den, discolor x undulatum

the blooms; and "undulatum"? This refers to the smooth wavelike motion of the sepals and petals. Thanks, Bonnie for your spectacular waving plant!

The New Member Growers Pink Ribbon went to

Janet Keown for her Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Bluebird', with its tiny dainty blue and white flowers. Its new name is Vandachostylis (Van.). Janet grows it on her pool cage using the Japanese "fuukiran" method





Van. Lou Sneary

bered sphagnum moss that is ball-shaped. Janet says she "likes to experiment" – and so far she's produced a lovely specimen!

-Narrative and photos by Cynthia Vance

President's Message (continued from page 1)

might get a chance to show off that new Cattleya you bought 3 years ago which finally bloomed again. Plus, I guarantee that your lawn will surely look better than mine!

Happy Orchiding!

-Bruce Weaver, Interim President & VP, Programs

Culture Tip of the Month

If you've ever bought 25 lbs. or eight bottles of orchid fertilizer, you might be wondering how long it is effective. The following information is from the most recent AOS Greenhouse Chat webinar hosted by Ron McHatton, Director of Education

<u>Granular inorganic (12:10:6, etc.):</u> shelf stable <u>Granular organic (Fish Meal/Kelp)</u>: shelf stable at normal temps and light

Granular containing Urea: Don't use on orchids Liquid inorganic (12:10:6, etc.): shelf stable, check for settling and agitate before using.

<u>Cal-Mag supplements or fertilizers</u>: Ca/Mg compounds draw moisture from the air, so store in air tight containers at low temps/humidity. Your garage may not be the best place. Consider using silica gel granules to reduce humidity. The small packets packaged with many electronic products contain silica gel and may be used. Silica gel is also sold by many "hobby" stores. Hang silica gel in the containers above the fertilizer and remove/refresh frequently. Packets may be reused after heating in the oven at low temps.

-Submitted by Steve Vogelhaupt

Minutes of the January 6th, 2016 Meeting (continued from page 2)

Carol Wood and Judy Loeffler gave a show update – we are less than 30 days to our annual show!!!! We still have 25 open volunteer slots. The upcoming newsletter will have a complete list of volunteers and tasks. Postcards and flyers were available for members to distribute. Carol thanked Cynthia Vance and Sue Grimmer for pounding the pavement and collecting over \$6000 in sponsorship from local businesses!

Entries into the Arts and Crafts section of the show are encouraged. They will be up on stage and will need their own display stands.

Toni Marie reported that the Orchid Boutique needs buckets and foliage 10-15' in length. The foliage/greenery needs to be fairly strong to hold up for several days.

She asked members to bring it to the Community Center in buckets of water on the Friday before the show.

Membership dues for next year are due – see Mary Amos.

Bruce introduced the speaker, John Budree, who gave a terrific presentation on Bulbophyllum with occasional reference to Paphiopedilum because they share many cultural requirements. His takeaway message was low light, moist damp conditions, and very good airflow for both genera. He likes an equal mixture of sphagnum, hydroton or charcoal, bark, and sponge rock.

John was also kind enough to present the plant table.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00.

-Joanna Shaw, Recording Secretary.

Last Chance to be included in 2016 Membership Directory!! Membership Dues Are Due Now

Now is the time to renew your Venice Area Orchid Society Membership. Dues are only \$20.00 per household each calendar year.

Please pay Treasurer Mary Amos at the next meeting or mail your check, payable to VAOS, to:

VAOS

P.O. Box 443 Venice, FL 34284-0443

Please don't delay so you can be included in the 2016 Membership Directory. This is also the time to make sure we have your current contact information- address, phone and email address. Please check your current Directory to see if your entry needs editing. Should your contact information have changed, please notify Judy Loeffler, Membership Chair, at: Memb@VAOS.org

-Submitted by Judy Loeffler

Support Our 2015 Show Sponsors

Please support our show sponsors whose financial contributions are especially appreciated.

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It's Show Time!

Our 50th annual show is just around the corner and all systems are go! Starting February 5th, we'll have a swarm of 130 member volunteers clad in purple t-shirts bustling around the community center, producing a first class orchid show and sale for 4000 attendees. Few orchid societies can boast the level of active participation we have at our annual show. We are proud of our members and appreciate your enthusiasm!

Here are a few reminders as our show date approaches: **Show Volunteers** - Please see the list of all volunteers by committee in the "cut and save" list in this newsletter. You'll see we still have a few slots to fill. If you can help, please email Carol Wood at ShowChair@VAOS.org to sign up. Please cut and save the list and note your show work schedule.

A separate "cut and save" list provides a detailed schedule for show volunteers beginning on Thursday 2/4/16 and ending at show take down Sunday 2/7/16. It includes general instructions for all volunteers.

<u>Food for Show</u> - If you have not signed up yet but can bring food during the show, please contact Linda Hahn at 408-7646. We need main dishes, side dishes, desserts, salads, and breakfast items Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

<u>Display Plants</u> - Jay Loeffler and his team have been working on their exhibit design theme for months and will need your blooming plants to create an award winning display. Please see the article in this newsletter that

provides instructions for plant registration and delivery to the show

Arts & Crafts - Our artistic members are invited to enter their arts and crafts for judging (needlework, paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, photography or printing). The registration deadline is Thursday 2/4/16 via email to Noreen Chervinski, pgifolks@yahoo.com. Entries should be framed or mounted and include the display holder. Please ensure your name is on your entries and display holders. Please bring your entries directly to the Venice Community Center on Friday 2/5/16 between lpm - 2pm.

AOS Magazines and Orchid Books - Please bring old AOS magazines and orchid books that you would like to donate to sell at our show to our Wednesday February 3rd meeting. Kathy Beck, our Librarian, will collect these items

Orchid Boutique Greenery - The Orchid Boutique team requests greenery from members for their floral arrangements. They need hardy greens that will not wilt easily such as crotons, ginger leaves, small palm leaves, asparagus ferns, etc. Please bring to the community center on Friday 2/5/16 between 11:30am and 5pm.

Please contact Carol Wood (497-4995, <u>ShowChair@ VAOS.org</u>) or Judy Loeffler (485-9569, <u>Memb@VAOS.org</u>) if you have any questions.

-Submitted by Carol Wood, Show Co-Chair

It's Show Time for Your Orchid Plant VAOS Show February 6-7

All plants must be registered in advance via email by Thursday February 4th

Jay and his team need your blooming plants to create a winning display! Our theme this year is "Fifty Shades of Orchids". Plants must be registered in advance via email and should be brought to the Venice Community Center:

• Friday morning 2/5/16 between 8:30am and 10am

• Or, Friday 2/5/16 between 12:00pm and 1pm.

Bring your plants into the Venice Community Center through the rear door to Room G (Right rear corner of building).

Pick up your plants on Sunday 2/7/16 at 4pm

Email your plant name with flower color description and size of the flower (larger than or smaller than 5") to Renee Bynum at Plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and disease and labeled

with both the plant name and the owner's name. Please be sure your name is on your pot. Flowers should be in prime

condition to last through the weekend show.

If you need further information regarding plants for our display, please contact Jay Loeffler at disp@vaos.org or 485-9569

Englewood Area Orchid Society Show March 4-5

The EAOS Annual Show and Sale will be held on Friday - Saturday March 4-5 at the United Methodist Church, 700 East Dearborn, Englewood. Set up is on Thursday March 3rd, 11am - 5pm.

Plants for the EAOS show must be registered in advance at <u>PlantReg@VAOS.org</u> by Tuesday 3/1/16 following the same instructions as above. Plants may be delivered to Carol Wood (South Venice) or Judy & Jay Loeffler (Venice Island) no later than Wednesday eve-

ning 3/2/16 for transport to the show and return. Plants may also be delivered directly to the EAOS show site on Thursday morning by 11am.

- Carol Wood, 4941 Bella Terra Drive (Venetia) 497-4995
 - Judy Loeffler, 833 Guild Dr.(Venice Island) 485-9569
 Please contact Jay Loeffler for further information.
 -Submitted by Jay Loeffler, VP, Displays

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Sarasota Orchid Show Results

The Sarasota Orchid Show used a different format this year due to a schedule conflict with New Year's dates. The show was not an AOS judged show this year in which AOS judges award ribbons in 200 different plant categories. In this case, SOS presented 21 ribbons in 7 categories which were awarded by judges from SOS and VAOS. Sarasota will return to a full AOS judged show again next year.

Our display team received 65 plants registered by 14 VAOS members to put together a 10 x 10 display. At 1:00pm on New Year's Day we started by hanging a 10'x 10' photographic backdrop of a forest canopy. Over the next few hours, orchids were arranged with ferns and other





greenery blending with the background adding wonderful color flow. Bill Fahrenback built a bench that was added along with driftwood from John Roche, giving a calming 3D effect to our display.

Ten ribbons were awarded to our members.

Rick Belisle – 2 Red Sharon Kahnoski – 1 Red Peg Fahrenback – 1 Yellow Renee Bynum – 1 Blue John Roche – 1 Red Joanna Shaw – 2 Blue & 1 Yellow Judy Loeffler – 1 Blue Thanks to everyone who

helped!!

-Narrative by

Jay Loeffler, VP, Displays Photos by Rich Amos and Peg Fahrenback

VAOS Show Schedule Thursday through Sunday



Thursday February 4th 1pm - 3pm

Kitchen and Room F access only Orchid Boutique set up cut flowers in water Room F

Friday February 5th 8:30am - 10am

Kitchen - Unload food and supplies

Room F - Orchid Boutique set up

Room G - Registration set up

Room E - Class Room set up

Room C/D - Vendor sales area set up

Room D and Lobby - Hang ceiling signs

Note: No work or noise in VCC during SILL's lecture (10am to approximately 12pm)

Friday February 5th 11:30am - 8pm

Set up volunteers arrive 11:30am

Room A/B - Vendor display area set up around 12pm

(immed. following end of SILL's lecture)

Greenery delivered to back hallway 12:00 noon

Sales Area set up 1pm - 7pm

Display Area set up 1pm - 7pm

Room G - Plant Registration 1pm - 4pm with changes until 5pm

Saturday February 6th 7am - 6pm

Clerks arrive 7:30am AOS judges arrive 8am Judging begins 8:30am Sales Area Open 10am - 5pm Display Area Open 11am - 5pm

Judges Luncheon 12:00 noon in Room G

Sunday February 7th 9am - 7pm

Sales and Displays open 10am - 4pm Take down volunteers arrive 3:45pm Take down 4pm - 6pm

General Instructions:

Enter through rear door by kitchen during Saturday and Sunday show hours - a security volunteer by the kitchen can advise members where to report for assignment

Clerk t-shirts will be distributed by Mary Anne Digrazia Saturday morning

Orchid Boutique t-shirts will be distributed by Jane Camarota Friday morning

All other t-shirts will be distributed at the Membership/Information table

Nothing should be unloaded at the front lobby doors. Use rear entrances only

Please contact Carol Wood (497-4995, ShowChair@vaos.org) or Judy Loeffler (485-9569, Memb@vaos.org) if you have any questions.

-Submitted by Carol Wood

VAOS Annual Show 2016 Committee Volunteers List

* Committee Chair

Letters after name are t-shirt size - S,M,L, XL,XXL

am = 9:45am - 12:15pm mid-day = 12:00 - 2:45pm pm = 2:30pm - 5:00pm (or 4:00pm on Sunday



Arts & Crafts Noreen Chervinski* M (505-1304)

Sandy Price M

Orchid Boutique

Jane Camarota* L (966-

Frank Camarota XL

Karen Mann M Toni Marie M

Janet Hoy L

Don Stoecker XL

Pat Stoecker L

Barb Schuette M

Irene Thimm M

Bev Manypenny L Noreen Chervinski

Cindy Randt L

Rita Toole L

Ellen Nacinovich L

Tony Nacinovich XL

Registration

Friday 1-6pm

Ted Kellogg* L (475-7029) Sally Glanz L

Steve Vogelhaupt L

Security

Sharon * L & John Kahnos-

ki * XXL (616-581-9131)

Ed Soentgen XL

Saturday a.m.:

Chris Davey XXL

Larry Mosby

Janet Keown XL

Geoff Kroll XXL

Susan Simek XL

Saturday mid-day:

Dale Richter Sue West XL

Geoff Kroll

Jane Loeffler Bob Loeffler

Saturday p.m.:

Robin Parsons Lou Ortt

Peg Beene Sally Bonnell

X

Sunday a.m.:

Sue West

Kathy Beck 2X Jerry Beck 2X

Sue Atkinson M Sally Bonnell

Sunday mid-day:

Steve Keller Kathi Keller

Denise Sciacca XL

Jane Loeffler Bob Loeffler

Sunday p.m.: Lou Kiesling 3X Lou Ortt XXL Sally Bonnell

X

Set Up/Take Down Friday Set up 11:30am

<u>-2pm</u>

Jerry Daenzer* L (284-

5001)

P. Fahrenback M B. Fahrenback XL

Ed Soentgen

Fred Berger XL Nora Berger L

Kristin Shaw M Sally Bonnell XXL

Lou Kiesling

Jim Thomas XL

Sue Grimmer M Steve Keller

Karen Schultheis

Steve Hartley Peg Hartley

Sunday Take Down

<u>3:45pm -6pm</u>

Carol Wood* XL (497-

4995) Ed Soentgen

Kristin Shaw Lou Kiesling

Valerie Rahn L

Jim Thomas Steve Keller

Alena Capek S

Dodi Sullivan M

Membership -

Information Desk

Judy Loeffler* XL (485-9569)

Saturday a.m.:

Rick Belisle XL Shelly Fedder M Bill Timm XL

Saturday mid-day:

Renee Bynum L Peg Fahrenback M Shelly Fedder

Saturday p.m.:

Cindy Czarnomski L Bob Czarnomski XL Shelly Fedder M

Sunday a.m.:

Suzanne West XL Marilyn Kilbride L

Sunday mid-day:

Steve Vogelhaupt John Roche XL

Sunday p.m.:

Jay Loeffler Steve Vogelhaupt

Show Chairs

Carol Wood XL (497-4995)

Judy Loeffler L (485-9569)

<u>Signage</u>

Judy Loeffler Bruce Weaver

Hospitality/Kitchen

Friday 11am - 5pm

Saturday 9:30am - 5pm

Sunday 9:30am - 4pm

Linda Hahn* XL (408-7646)

Bruce Hahn XL Dodi Sullivan (Sat))

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VAOS Display

Set Up Friday 1-6pm;

(Sun)

Take Down Sunday 4pm: Jay Loeffler * (485-9569)

Rich Amos Mary Amos Renee Bynum L

(Registration)
Linda Schaller M (Labels)

Peg Fahrenback Bill Fahrenback

Clerks (7:30am to 10:30am Saturday)

Maryanne DiGrazia *M

(697-9237)
Judy Russell L
Dale Hoy M
Gail Barton M
Gary Becker
Jackie Barrett S
Debi Sullivan XL
Jackie Wagner S
Joanna Shaw M
Kristin Shaw
Sally Bonnell

Gina Feinstein S
Steve Wiener XL
Sybil Levien L
Barbara Wich M
Marilyn Kilbride L
Jerry Daenzer
Peggy Beene M
Sally Glanz L
Pauline Adam M
Alena Capek S
Kathy Beck
Peg Hartley

Sharon Kahnoski X_____

Front Door Admissions

& Exit Handouts

Elaine Ortt* L (485-5313)

Saturday a.m.:

Steve Hartley

Paul Gross XL Carol Wolfers L

Joyce Bryan Mary Daenzer SL

Linda Kroll 2X **Saturday mid-day:**

Denise Sciacca Sybil Levien Ramsey Sadi XL Susan Sadi XL Cindy Randt

Saturday p.m.:

Mary Anne DiGrazia
Judy Russell L
Shirley Hoffman
Ellen Nacinovich M
Sue Inman L
Barbara Wagner L

Sunday a.m.:

Kathy Toth L David Rinella XL Gayle Rinella XL Carol Nissen Corey Plasek M Janice Felski L

Sunday mid-day:

Judy Russell Ramsey Sadi Susan Sadi Robin Parsons Lou Ortt

Sunday p.m.:

Mary Anne Digrazia Valerie Rahn L Barbara Griffin David Griffin Barbara Wich



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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 7:00pm at Venice Community Center Bring your blooming orchids for the Show Table (Doors open at 6:30pm) · Speaker: Roger Hammer

- Bring plants for the Raffle Table Bring your friends and treats to share.

Upcoming Events

January 23-24 (Sat and Sun): Tamiami International Orchid Festival. Info: www.OrchidFestival.com

February 3 (1st Wednesday):

VAOS Monthly Meeting, Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Venice Community Center, Speaker: Roger Hammer, Topic: Hunting Wild Orchids in Florida

February 6-7 (Sat and Sun):

VAOS Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Set up Friday February 5th. See articles in newsletter.

February 11 (2nd Thursday):

VAOS Growers Clinic, 7 pm, Venice Community Center, speakers Judy Loeffler and Joanna Shaw, Topic: Hands-on Dividing and Repotting Clinic.

February 12-14: Greater Orlando Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale. Info: Janet Dickinson, 407-310-0379, realtojanet@bellsouth.net

February 14- March 27: Marie Selby Botanical Gardens International Orchid Show. See Culture Supplement for additional information

February 26-28: Naples Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show. Info: rpippen@comcast.net

Upcoming

March 3 (1st Thursday): VAOS Monthly Meeting, Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm, Speaker and topic to be announced

March 4 -5 (Fri and Sat): Englewood Area Orchid Society Show and Sale. United Methodist Church. Setup Thursday, March 3. See article in newsletter.

March 5-6 (Sat and Sun): Tampa Bay Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale. See Culture Supplement for additional info and discount

March 10 (2nd Thursday): VAOS Growers Clinic, 7 pm, Venice Community Center, Speakers: Carol Wood and Richard Amos, Topic: Top Tips from Local Growers

Ongoing

Mentor Program: help for beginning growers, contact Pauline Adam, Mentor@vaos.org

Orchid Judging takes place at **Christ** the King Catholic Church, Mc-Loughlin Center – Room C, 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, **FL 33609.** at 6:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Info: http://www.fncic.shutterflv.com/

V.A.O.S. On FaceBook



"Join Us" and Share **vour Orchid Photos** Search for us as "VeniceArea OrchidSociety"

Hands-on Division and Potting Clinic on Thursday, February 11, 2016

Judy Loeffler and Joanna Shaw will present the first combined Hands-on Orchid Division and Repotting session on **February 11 (second Thursday)**, at the Venice Community Center at 7:00 pm. They'll explain the supplies, tools, and planting media, demonstrate basic procedures and share their tips of the trade. Participants will then divide/repot their own orchids with the assistance of several experienced growers and helpers. We'll work in teams of 4 to 5 around a table with <u>each person bringing an orchid that needs division and repotting or simply repotting</u>, as well as a suitable pot to replant the orchid and a sterile pair of shears.

With only two hours available and a large turnout expected, it's critical that everyone adhere to the instructions below:

- 1. Only one plant per person. All plants must be removed from their pot and all old planting media must be removed <u>prior</u> to the clinic. Please make sure your plant is free from pests and diseases.
- Media and supplies for Phalaenopsis, Cattleya alliance, and Dendrobium plants will be provided. Please contact Judy at NVRBDUN@verizon.net or (941) 485-9569 NOT LATER THAN Monday, February 8 if you are planning to bring other plants. This is **not** a Potting without Pots or mounting clinic.

Submitted by Judy Loeffler

The Nutritional Requirements of Orchids

Fertilizing Generalities For the Geeks & Ungeeks:

- constantly feed (weekly during active growth)
 - at a low concentration because orchids are light feeders
 - ensures nutrients at each watering, Plants grab what they need
 - use a fertilizer where N the highest P the lowest and K in between
- **■** fertilization rates if measuring TDS:
 - 80-100 PPM Nitrogen in hard water (high TDS); if water is relatively pure (low TDS) you can fertilize at a higher rate 100-150 PPM Nitrogen
 - do not exceed 500-600 TDS in your fertilizer water
- **■** fertilzation rates if not measuring TDS:
 - if using a fertilizer made for orchids use rate recommended on the container
 - if using a general purpose fertilizer use half the recommended rate
- which rate also depends on variety and growing conditions
- most fertilizers drop the pH of the solution; with pure waters can be a problem
- fertilize at a pH between 6 and 6.5 after adding fertilizer to water
- if using well water (and attempting to grow seedlings) essential to have it analyzed, using municipal water not necessary except for pH
- fertilize weekly for 3 or 4 times then with plain water
- do not use softened water (Na accumulation) K softeners are OK
- give up on "Blossom Booster" for most genera
- supplementing Ca, Mg, and S not necessary if using fertilizers with these added

Calculations for the Geeks Among Us:

To Convert Fertilizer Percentages to elemental percentages:

A fertilizer with a 10-10-10 ratio has:

10% Nitrogen

4.4% Phosphorus not 10%

8.3% Potassium not 10%

- nitrogen is expressed in the elemental form so 10% of the weight of this fertilizer is N.
- phosphorus is expressed as P2O5 so based on the atomic weight therefore AtWt P-15 x 2 = 30 + AtWt O-8 x 5 = 40
 Total Weight of the molecule is 30 + 40 = 70 and percentage of P is 30 ÷70 = 43% therefore in fertilizer 10-10-10 the % of P is 0.43 x 10% = 4.3%
- potassium is expressed as K2O so AtWt K-19 x 2 = 38 and AtWt O-8; Total Weight of the molecule is 38 + 8 = 46 and the percentage of K is $38 \div 46 = 83\%$ therefor in fertilizer 10-10-10 the % of K is $0.83 \times 10\% = 8.3\%$

To Convert Fertilizer Percentages to PPM

To convert to PPM, divide the stated % of the nutrient element (reduced to the elemental %) by 4 and move the decimal point once to the right. This results in the PPM for every gram of nutrient in 1 Gallon of water. 4.2 Grams = 1 tsp For 10-10-10 Fertilizer:

- N is $10\% \div by 4 = 2.5$ move decimal = 25 PPM (105/tsp/gallon)
- P is 10 x .43 = $4.3\% \div 4$ = 1.1 move decimal = 11 PPM (45/tsp/G)
- K is 10 x .83 = $8.3\% \div 4 = 2.1$ move decimal = 21 PPM (87/tsp/G)
- All other elements secondary or micro shown on the package are in elemental percentages.

To Calculate the amount of fertilizer to dilute in water to give you the desired PPM nitrogen. Let's use a fertilizer that is 14-10-12.

- Step 1: Multiply the desired nitrogen concentration by the gallons of fertilizer you want
- Step 2: Multiply the percent nitrogen in the formula by 75
- Step 3: Divide the value for Step 1 by the value from Step 2

Amount of fertilizer to add=

(desired N concentration X (# gallons of water) (% N in the fertilizer) X 75

So for 125 ppm of nitrogen in 1 gallon of water with our 14-10-12 fertilizer:

(125) X (1) (14) X (75)

or 0.119 ounces or 0.119 oz \div 0.2 oz/tsp = 0.6 tsp/Gallon.

FYI:

A comparison of 5 common fertilizers at 1 tsp/Gallon of water				
Brand	N-P-K	Elemental %	PPM N-P-K	TDS +
Jack's Classic Orchid	7-5-6	7-2-5	73-21-52	146
Dyna-Gro Grow	7-9-5	7-4-4	73-42-42	157
Schultz's	30-10-10	30-4.3-8.3	315-45-87	447
Grows Best Orchids	20-20-20	20-8.6-16.6	210-90-174	474
Grows Even Better Orchids	10-10-10	10-4.3-8.3	105-45-87	237
Jack's Professional RO	13-3-15	13-1.3-12.4	136-14-130	280
MSU Pure Water	12-3-15	12-1.3-12.4	126-14-130	270
Jack's Professional Well W	16-4-20	16-1.7-16.6	168-18-174	360
MSU Well Water	9-4-23	9-1.7-19	94-42-200	336

Selby Gardens International Orchid Show

Celebrating 40 Years at Selby Gardens

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens will be displaying more than 1,000 orchids from the subtropics and tropics of the Americas from February 14 – March 27, 2016 at the Gardens' conservatory. Visitors to the Gardens enjoy the included show as part of the larger visitor experience at Selby Gardens, which is the only garden committed to the study and preservation of epiphytes, including orchids. VAOS often has expert and entertaining speakers from Selby at our monthly meetings.

In addition to the Conservatory, Selby features a number of diverse and interesting indoor and outdoor gardens overlooking Sarasota Bay. A café and a gift shop featuring gifts, jewelry, orchids and other live plants are included in the experience.

Current AOS members receive free entry to the Gardens upon presentation of AOS membership card, with the exception of special events, throughout the year.

For further information, visit www.selby.org, and check out the Culture Supplement



THE ORCHID SHOW

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS AT SELBY GARDENS

FEBRUARY 14 TO MARCH 27

Tampa Bay Orchid Society 2016 Show

We would appreciate if you would share this information with your members, in your newsletter, on your website and/or Facebook pages.

Midway between the actual dates of Carnaval 2016 and Easter, Tampa Bay Orchid Society will be throwing their own party. We will be celebrating our thirty-fifth year in existence and the queen of the flower world – orchids. Be prepared to be amazed by over six thousand square feet of live orchid displays. This annual Orchid Show & Sale will take place March 5 and March 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the Stu Lang Center - Egypt Shrine Activities Building, 4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa FL 33634 (adjacent to A La Carte Pavilion). It is our seventh year at this venue.

Our event 'Orchid Carnaval' is an American Orchid Society judged show. Tampa Bay Orchid Society enjoys status as an AOS Affiliated Society. Entries are open to the orchid growing public. There is no entry fee to show plants. To be eligible for awards, plants must be registered the day prior to the show. Membership in the society is not required for participation in the show. Plant registration and membership information can be found on the Tampa Bay Orchid Society website. https://tampabayorchidsociety.shutterfly.com/2016show

Along with the general public, an invited group of well-known orchid growers and local orchid societies will be competing for Ribbons, Trophies and American Orchid Society flower awards with their live orchid exhibit presentations.

There will be orchid sales as well as orchid supplies available. Potting and repotting services are offered.

Please join us for the festivities! Your members will receive \$1 off admission when they show proof of membership in your society (name badge or membership card). PLUS there is an additional bonus if they bring in a printed copy of the rack card (side two) and present it with admission.

Hope y'all can come and bring a friend.

Julio & Eileen Hector

The TBOS Show Team

http://tampabayorchidsociety.shutterfly.com/

You are Invited

Tampa Bay Orchid Society Inc.





March 05 - 06 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Egypt Shriners Activity Building (adjacent to the A La Carte Pavilion)
4050 Dana Shores Drive, Tampa FL 33634

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Artistic Orchid Displays and Orchid Sales

- Accent Orchids
- Art Stone Company
- Florida SunCoast Orchids
- Krull-Smith
- Louis Del Favero Orchids
- Miranda Orchids
- Phelps Farm Orchids
- Smiley Orchids

PLUS
Local Orchid Society Exhibits
Hicks Orchid Supplies

AND

Potting and re-potting services (nominal fee)

Offered by TBOS Show Team Members

Ample Free Parking