

# Venice Area Orchid Society News

February 2017

**Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 2, 7 pm**

**Venice Community Center  
(doors open at 6:30 pm)**

**Speaker: John Salventi**

**Topic: Roots – Why and How**

Prior to his involvement in the orchid industry, John Salventi was a health-care professional with more than 20 years of hospital management experience, including 17 years at the Lehigh Valley Hospital. John and Tom Purviance opened Parkside Orchid Nursery in 1992. Parkside grew to be one of the largest multi-genera orchid nurseries in the northeastern United States with five greenhouses, spanning over 14,000 square feet of growing space. Parkside was sold after 20 years in operation.



During the 20 years that they operated Parkside, both John and Tom traveled extensively to maintain an interesting inventory for the serious hobbyist and secured plants directly from the growers. These included frequent trips to South America, Central America, Hawaii and Asia. John continues to travel to South America leading Eco-Tours in Peru and Ecuador. In Peru, these trips have included The Manu Cloud Forest, the Wayqechas Biological Research Center, Cusco, and Machu Picchu. He has traveled extensively in Ecuador on several occasions and to Costa Rica twice, once traveling to the rain and cloud forests.

John served on the conservation committee of the American Orchid Society and the president's advisory council for the Amazon Center for Environmental Education and Research. He has spoken both nationally and internationally at Orchid Societies and Symposia on orchid and conservation topics. See [www.everythingaboutorchids.com](http://www.everythingaboutorchids.com) for additional information.

Rafael Romero, Plantio La Orquidea, one of our fine local vendors, will be offering a great selection of orchids for sale.

Members may bring their plants for our show to the meeting, **following registration.**

## A Message From Your President

This recent Sunday, when I opened the Herald Tribune and saw our show article on the front page of the Venice Section, I felt that familiar flutter of anticipation – just a few weeks to show time! For the last 14 years, I've been a member and the last 5 years I've served as Show Co-chair – my excitement becomes palpable at show time.



For those of you who are new to VAOS, show time is magical as the empty ballroom of the Venice Community Center (VCC) is transformed into an orchid paradise in less than eight hours. Thousands of blooming orchids are set into artistic displays and fill the vendors' sales booths. The visual and olfactory senses go into overload.

Over the years our show has gained the reputation of the "best show on Florida's West Coast" and one of the top three orchid shows in the state of Florida according to our vendors. Each year our attendance grows – we topped 4000 attendees last year. Watch for our advertising on ABC Channel 7, the Herald Tribune, the Venice Gondolier and more than 60 online websites and Facebook pages. Last year, a busload of 40 people from Michigan pulled up after seeing our show ad online! We are fortunate to have the full support from the City of Venice including the Mayor and City Council who also support our Venice Orchid Project (VOP).

While many orchid societies have shifted to a focus on sales, VAOS continues our 51 year tradition of displaying orchid exhibits as well, constructed by our show vendors and orchid society participants. The exhibits allow our

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## Meeting Date Changes

Our February meeting will be held on  
**Thursday 2/2/2017**

Our March meeting will be held on  
**Thursday 3/2/2017**

Following March 2017, all of our monthly meetings  
will be held the first Wednesday of the month.

Please mark your calendars

[WWW.VAOS.ORG](http://WWW.VAOS.ORG)

**Venice Area Orchid Society, P.O. Box 443, Venice, FL 34284-0443**

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Dick Lawson, (Technology)

Kathy Toth (Mentor Coordinator)

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Barry Zack

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## Minutes of the January 4th, 2017 Meeting

Carol Wood called the meeting to order at 7 pm by welcoming back our returning northern members and friends. We have 315 active members as of tonight, a record for us.

### Announcements:

- Annual dues are due. They are \$20 per household; please pay the Treasurer, Mary Amos.
- The next Growers Clinic will be January 12th. We will be kicking off a seedling growing competition coordinated by Renee Bynum. The society will provide each participant with a plant, a pot, media and stakes. Grow the plant and bring it back next year for awards.
- The 2017 Growers Clinic schedule will be in the Jan. newsletter
- The Holiday party was a success; copies of pictures are available at the front table.
- On Saturday, March 25th, the spring picnic will be at South Venice Yacht Club. This year we will have the mentor/mentee graduation party in conjunction with this event.
- The next monthly meeting will be on **THURSDAY, FEB 2ND**, not our usual Wednesday night. This will be the night before set up for our annual show, so bring your best plants to the meeting and leave them so we can put them in our display.
- We still have many volunteer slots open for our upcoming show, especially for security and judging clerks. Please see the signup sheets up front.
- Karen Mann, who will be working with the Orchid Boutique, spoke about needing an assortment of greens to put together orchid floral arrangements for the show. All the proceeds from sales of the arrangements will go to charity.
- Judy Loeffler presented the special collector's edition kelly green T-shirt for this year's show. All volunteers will receive one.
- Judy also pointed out the two sizes of show fliers available. She encouraged everyone to take a few and distribute them locally. All the ads for the show are done, the TV commercials will be starting

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### Treasurer's Report

#### January - 2017

#### Operating Fund

Starting Balance		
12/1/16	\$	20,304.03
Income	\$	8,146.00
Payments	\$	4,102.36
Closing Balance		
12/31/16	\$	24,347.67

#### Petty Cash

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#### Total Operating Fund

12/31/16	\$	24,387.67
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#### Reserve Fund

Starting Balance		
12/1/16	\$	25060.98
Income	\$	0.65
Closing Balance		
12/31/16	\$	25061.63

*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.

## Venice Area Orchid Society News

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- Published monthly.
- Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the prior month.
- Please direct comments to:  
Steve Vogelhaupt, [csec@vaos.org](mailto:csec@vaos.org)
- Written submissions are appreciated.

## Plant Table Awards for January 2017

**The First Place Blue Ribbon** was awarded to Donn Smart for his stately Oncostele (Onc.) Hilo Firecracker 'New York'. What is an Oncostele? It is a human-made hybrid composed of species and hybrids of the genera Rhynchostele and Oncidium. This orchid was created in 2010 by James Fang at the Hilo Orchid Farm, Hawaii. The Farm has created many new 'firestorm', 'firecat' and 'fuero' Oncidium hybrids which are also dashing. Donn staked his plant well to show off its statuesque beauty. Congratulations, Donn!



Onc. Hilo Firecracker

taneously hundreds of blooms creating a fine specimen plant. You're on the way, Karen. Good growing!



Onc. Twinkle

**Both the Second Place and Members' Choice Ribbons** went to Jeff Higel for his gorgeous Cattleya (C.) Pink Elephants 'Morning Light' a favorite of many hobbyists. It's a hybrid of *C. amethystoglossa*, *C. lodigesi* and *C. aclandiae*, a combo that likes hot, warm and cool temperatures, thus easy to grow in Venice. Jeff is the owner/grower/seller of many quality orchids at his greenhouse at Honeybee Nursery on Rte. 776, just a quick drive south towards Englewood. Kudos, Jeff for receiving 2 ribbons!



C. Pink Elephants

**The Third Place Yellow Ribbon** was won by Karen Mann for her dainty Oncidium (Onc.) Twinkle with 20-30 blooms. Created in 1958, it's a hybrid of two species, *Onc. cheirophorum* and *Onc. sotoanum*, both coming from Mexico and Central America. Its fragrant flowers (either pink or here, whitish) often bloom twice a year. As the plant becomes older and bigger, it may have simul-

**The Best Species Ribbon** was awarded to Renee Bynum for her striking Paphiopedilum (Paph.) *spicerianum* with its 3 beautifully shaped blooms and a suggestion of a sweet little face in the middle of each. This species grows on steep rocky slopes of the eastern Himalayas in India as well as China and it can bloom from fall through winter, needing lots of shade. We're thrilled that Renee brings so many oddities (for some of us) to our meeting and that she is able to grow species needing special care to thrive in our climate. Congratulations, Renee!



Paph. spicerianum

**The New Member Growers Ribbon** was given to Barry Reese for his delicate and aromatic Neofinetia (Neof.) *falcata* var *ampulanom*, recently classified as Vanda (V.) *falcata*. 'Falcata' means sickle-shaped, for the lip of the bloom can resemble a tiny sickle. The Neofinetia Falcata orchids grow as epiphytes on the branches and trunks of deciduous trees in China, Korea and Japan. Though the hook used to hang the orchid was deleted from the

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## Plant Table Awards for January 2017 (continued from page 3)

photo, be assured that hanging orchids high in your greenhouse gives them the dappled, but extra bright light they need to bloom, especially in the winter. Fine growing, Barry!



V. falcata

**The Speaker's Commendation Ribbon** was granted to Jimmy Thomas for his gorgeous Rhyncattleanthe (Rth.) Chief Sweet Orange 'Sweet Orange' with two perfect flowers in all their glory. This hybrid was created

by Chief Orchid Nursery, Taiwan in 2005 and most orchids with 'Chief' in their name probably derive from there. Perhaps you may find it at the Redland Int'l Orchid Festival, Homestead, FL, May 19-21, at the Water Orchids booth, if you order ahead -- and pick it up when the VAOS bus takes you there. Excellent specimen, Jimmy!



Rth. Chief Sweet Orange

*-Narrative and photos by Cynthia Vance*

### **Last Chance to be included in 2017 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 2017 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](mailto:Memb@vaos.org)

*-Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Membership Chair*

### **Have a Question?**

Have a question about your orchid? Has my hybrid cross been named? Has my plant been awarded? What's its parentage? Several VAOS members subscribe to OrchidWiz and will be happy to look it up for you. Email

your orchid name and question to one of the following:

Carol Wood

[showchair@vaos.org](mailto:showchair@vaos.org)

Ted Kellogg

[tmkellogg@gmail.com](mailto:tmkellogg@gmail.com)

*-Submitted by Carol Wood*

## Culture Tip For February 2017

Most of our members have seen, or possibly, have even grown a vanda similar to the photo. Such a plant is often called a 'Palm Tree' vanda due to the lack of leaves on the lower part of the stem. As with most orchids, vandas are unable to regrow or repair damaged leaves, so prevention is the key.

The most common causes are exposure to low temperatures (below 55 degrees), the dreaded Thai Crud fungal disease, and lack of adequate water.

Repeated or extended exposure to low temperatures will eventually cause vandas to drop their lower leaves, so protection is the key. Even temperatures above 55 degrees can be harmful if combined with strong wind.

Thai Crud disease, a fungal leaf spotting disease, is extensively discussed on the St. Augustine Orchid Society website [www.staugor-chidsociety.org](http://www.staugor-chidsociety.org) under Pests and Diseases and includes prevention and remedies.

The most recent AOS Greenhouse Chat webinar, hosted by Ron McHatton, AOS Director of Education, in part discussed the third cause in detail.

Vandas, being monopodial and not having one or more

pseudobulbs to store water, are particularly reliant on frequent and thorough watering during periods of active growth. The velamen surrounding the roots is unable

to absorb sufficient moisture before the water runs off the exposed roots and vandas are usually grown with little or no medium to hold the moisture. Watering should be repeated a few minutes later until the roots turn green. If not too large, vandas can be dunked into a pail of water for ten minutes. Misting is helpful in the late afternoon to prevent water collecting in the juncture of the leaves and stem, but is no substitute.

Many of the AOS webinars are available to both members and non-members and can either be viewed when broadcast or later. Simply go to [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org), click on Webinars, and you'll be able to register for upcoming webinars or view those recorded.

Please join us at our next Growers Clinic on February 9th when we will discuss basic culture for common orchids (cattleyas, phals, dens, oncidium, vandas, etc). Bring your problem plants for expert advice. Guests are welcome.

*-Submitted by editor, photo courtesy Ron McHatton*



## Arts & Crafts

Our artistic members are invited to enter their arts and crafts for judging (needlework, paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, photography or printing). All items must be orchid-related. The registration deadline is Thursday 2/2/17 via email to Noreen Chervinski, [pgifolks@yahoo.com](mailto: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 2/3/17 between 2pm - 4pm.

*--Submitted by Carol Wood*

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members to showcase their blooming plants and supports the AOS judging program. Palm trees and chairs placed among the displays allow our guests to pause and take in the beauty that surrounds them. Of course, none of this comes about without the hard work of many people, from the vendors and artists to our show committee and committee chairs who work throughout the year to plan for and produce a quality orchid show. Most important of all is the fantastic participation we get from our members

— so many sign up to help every year. The most frequent comment I hear from show attendees is praise for the army of volunteers in uniform color t-shirts, buzzing around, always smiling and helpful. So every one of you should be proud of our show.'

Thank you and I look forward to working with you to produce a successful 2017 show!

*-Carol Wood, President*

## Support Our Local Growers

### • Honey Bee Nursery

2383 Englewood Road (Rt. 776),  
Englewood, FL (941-474-6866)

### • Palmer Orchids

22700 Taylor Dr.,  
Myakka City, FL 34251(941-322-1644)

### • Plantio La Orquidea

3480 Tallevast Rd,  
Sarasota (941-504-7737)

### • Orchid Envy

339 Venice Ave. West,  
Venice, FL (941) 266-6351

### • Florida SunCoast Orchids

8211 Verna Bethany Rd.,  
Myakka City, FL (941-322-8777)

# VAOS Annual Show 2017 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)



<b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b>	<b>Security</b>	<b>Security</b>	<b>Set Up/Take Down</b>
<b>Noreen Chervinski* M</b> (505-1304)	<b>Sharon * L &amp; John</b> <b>Kahnoski * 2XL</b> (616-581-9131)	<b>Saturday p.m.:</b> X _____ X _____	<b>Friday Set up 11:30 a.m. -3pm</b> <b>Jerry Daenzer* L</b> (284-5001) Steve Keller XL Sally Bonnell Kristin Shaw M Bruce Weaver XL Natalia Romero John Kahnoski Sharon Kahnoski Matt Deli XL Ilona Deli L Louis Kiesling
<b>Orchid Boutique</b> <b>Janet Hoy * L</b> (445-9076) Karen Mann M Jane Camarota* L Frank Camarota XL Toni Marie M Don Stoecker XL Pat Stoecker L Barb Schuette M Bev Manypenny M Noreen Chervinski L Cindy Randt L Rita Toole L Nancy Singelais L Brenda Hoy M Judy Chisholm M Toni Nacinovich XL Ellen Nacinovich M Dale Hoy M	<b>Ed Soentgen XL</b> <b>Saturday a.m.:</b> Cynthia Vance Fred Berger XL Chris Davey XXL Julia Davey XL Carol Regan S Tom Regan L Louis Kiesling 2XL Valerie Rahn XL Dick Lawson XL Peggy Beene <b>Saturday mid-day:</b> Mary Daenzer L Jo Ann Britton S Lou Ortt 2X Inrig Lehmann S Anna Louiso L Charley Louiso XL Louis Kiesling Valerie Rahn Dick Lawson Peggy Beene <b>Saturday p.m.:</b> Dale Richter Dick Lawson Peggy Beene Sally Bonnell 2XL X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____	<b>Sunday a.m.:</b> Jerry Beck 2X Susan Simek XL Natalia Romero L Louis Kiesling Valerie Rahn Dick Lawson Gina DeWitt M Sy DeWitt L X _____ X _____ <b>Sunday mid-day:</b> Sue Bowering XL Jayne Stark M Sharon Miles L Pete Lippa Louis Kiesling Valerie Rahn Dick Lawson X _____ X _____ X _____ <b>Sunday p.m.:</b> Pete Lippa Steve Vogelhaupt Lou Kiesling Valerie Rahn Dick Lawson Bob Czarnomski 2XL Cindy Czarnomski XL	<b>Sunday Take Down</b> <b>3:45pm -6pm</b> <b>Ed Soentgen * XL</b> (468-5118) Steve Keller Lou Ortt 2XL Bruce Weaver Natalia Romero Matt Deli Ilona Deli Nancy Bevan XL Diane Vernon XL X _____ X _____
<b>Registration</b> <b>Friday 1-6pm</b> <b>Ted Kellogg* L</b> (475-7029) Sally Glanz L			

**VAOS Annual Show 2017 Committee Volunteers List**  
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<b>Show Chairs</b>	<b>Hospitality/Kitchen</b>	<b>Clerks (7:30am to 10:30am Saturday)</b>	<b>Front Door Admissions &amp; Exit Handouts</b>
Carol Wood XL (497-4995)	<b>Friday 11am - 5pm</b>	<b>Maryanne Digrazia</b>	<b>Elaine Ortt* L (485-5313)</b>
Judy Loeffler L (485-9569)	<b>Saturday 9:30am - 5pm</b>	<b>*M (697-9237)</b>	
	<b>Sunday 9:30am - 4pm</b>	Sally Bonnell	<b>Saturday a.m.:</b>
<b>Signage</b>		Kristin Shaw	Peggy Butler L
Judy Loeffler	<b>Linda Hahn* XL (408-7646)</b>	Dick Lawson	Mike O'Brien XL
Donn Smart	Bruce Hahn XL	Sybil Levien L	Diane Vernon
	Dodi Sullivan	Dale Hoy M	Renee Bynum XL
	<b>VAOS Display</b>	Alena Capek S	Peg Heffley
	<b>Set Up Friday 1-7 pm;</b>	Nora Berger L	<b>Saturday mid-day:</b>
	<b>Take Down Sunday 4pm:</b>	Bill Morris L	Sharon Miles L
	<b>Jay Loeffler * (485-9569)</b>	Bobbi Morris M	Courtney Miles XL
	Rich Amos	Gina Feinstein S	Barbara Wich M
	Renee Bynum L	Jackie Wagner S	Carol Wolfers L
	(Registration)	Pauline Adam	Amanda Mountjoy L
	Linda Schaller M (Labels)	Jackie Barrett	<b>Saturday p.m.:</b>
	Ken Dolan	Sally Glanz L	Kathi Keller L
	Steve Keller	Barbara Wich M	Teri Cuocci 2XL
	Louis Kiesling	Carol Wolfers L	Matt Cuocci M
	Donn Smart	Donn Smart XL	Gerri Fiorella M
	Bruce Weaver	Steve Wiener XL	X _____
	John Roche	Marilyn Kilbride L	<b>Sunday a.m.:</b>
	Kristin Shaw	Jerry Daenzer L	X _____
	Jim Thomas	Joanna Shaw M	X _____
	Peg Fahrenback	Natalia Romero L	X _____
	Bill Fahrenback	Sharon Kahnoski	X _____
		X _____	X _____
		X _____	Sunday mid-day:
			Kathi Keller
			Susan Farstrup M
			Anna Louiso
			Charley Louiso
			X _____
			Sunday p.m.:
			Mary Anne Digrazia
			Gerri Fiorella
			Renee Bynum
			X _____
			X _____



## VAOS Show Display

### Jay Loeffler & His Team Need Your Blooming Plants!

Finally, our annual show arrives, and with it the opportunity for our members to display their blooming plants for the 4000+ expected show attendees and to help Jay and his team create another winning exhibit. Because our February meeting falls on **Thursday, February 2nd**, the day before show set up, you may bring your plants to our meeting and we'll secure them overnight at the community center.

Alternatively, you may bring them in on Friday, February 3rd by 10am to Room F in the left rear corner of the community center.

**All plants must be registered via email by Thursday, February 2nd, 5pm**

Email your plant name with a photo or bloom size and color description to: [PlantReg@VAOS.org](mailto:PlantReg@VAOS.org).

Plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and disease and labeled with both the plant name and the owner's name. Please place tape with your name on the pot for easy visibility during set up. Please water your plants well. Flowers should be in prime condition to last through the weekend show.

*-Submitted by Jay Loeffler*

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soon, and we will have lots of newspaper ads.

- Cynthia Vance, Suzanne Grimmer and Sally Bonnell created an annual Growers Guide/sponsor magazine that will include year round orchid growing tips. They will be distributed to all show attendees. They brought in nearly \$10, 000 in sponsorship for our show!
- The Sarasota Area Orchid Society annual show is this weekend. Set-up will be Friday at 8am. Jay has been working hard planning the display and cleaning the greenery. We need your blooming plants.
- Bruce Weaver thanked Dusty and Natalie from

Orchid Envy for bringing a nice selection of plants to sell.

Bruce introduced the speaker for the evening, our own Ted Kellogg. Ted is an AOS judge and our local orchid guru. Ted gave a presentation designed to help all of us understand what the judges are actually looking for when they judge the plants we enter in the shows.

Joanna and Kristin Shaw presented the Plant Table followed by the Raffle Table, presented by Kathy and Jerry Beck. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05pm

*-Submitted by Joanna Shaw, Recording Secretary.*

### Instructions for Show Volunteers

Thank you for volunteering for our annual show! Here are some instructions and guidelines for our volunteers that will help ensure smooth operations throughout the weekend.

**All volunteers must enter through the rear door.** A security volunteer by the kitchen will verify your assignment from our list and provide directions.

All show volunteers receive a show t-shirt and free admission to the show. Food donations should also be brought in through the rear door and those members receive free admission to the show. All others must enter through the front door Saturday and Sunday and pay admission.

All t-shirts will be distributed by volunteers at the Membership Table.

Member nametags will be located in the Orchid Boutique room at the left rear of the building. Please pick up your nametag and your t-shirt before reporting to your assigned work area.

**The Venice Community Center has strict rules regarding loading and unloading. All show participants may use only the three rear steel doors for loading and unloading – no exceptions! Nothing may be brought in through the lobby or the side glass doors.**

All communications with the VCC staff should be through Carol, Judy or Ed Soentgen (to avoid any miscommunications).

Show attendees are our guests and we are famous for our army of friendly volunteers. Greet our guests with a smile!

We still have some holes to fill on our volunteer list. If you can help, please email Carol Wood at [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto>ShowChair@VAOS.org) and we'll sign you up!

Please contact Carol Wood and Judy Loeffler at [ShowChair@VAOS.org](mailto>ShowChair@VAOS.org) if you have any questions.

#### Show Schedule for Volunteers

##### **Friday February 3rd 7am - 9am**

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 - Hang ceiling signs

**Note: No work or noise in VCC during SILL's lecture (9am to approximately 12pm)**

##### **Friday February 3rd 11:30am - 8pm**

Set up volunteers arrive 11:30am

Room A/B/D Vendor display area set up around 1pm

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## Instructions for Show Volunteers (continued from previous page)

### Friday February 3rd continued

Sales Area set up 1pm - 7pm

Display Area set up 1pm - 7pm

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

Lobby set up 1pm - 7pm

### Saturday February 4th 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 5th 9am - 7pm

Sales and Displays open 10am - 4pm

Take down volunteers arrive 3:45pm

Take down 4pm - 6pm

### In Memorium

It is with deep sadness that we report the death of Lorraine Forshner, who was a long time member of both the Venice and Englewood Area Orchid societies. She passed away on December 27th after a prolonged illness

She will be greatly missed and we all join in extending our sincere sympathies to her family.



## VAOS 2017 SHOW SPONSORS

### PLATINUM

- Herald Tribune Media Group
- Citrus Plumbing of Venice
  - Costco Wholesale
  - Davis & Beyer, DDS
- Gettel Hyundai of Sarasota
- The Heart Institute of Venice
- Indigo Pools & Outdoor Living
- The Star Thai & Sushi Venice

### GOLD

- Best Nails & T-Nails of Venice
- Center for Sight
- Daiquiri Deck
- Doggie Divine
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- Stanley Dean State Farm
- Treasure Cove I

## VAOS Display Takes First Place at Sarasota Orchid Show!

Congratulations to Jay Loeffler and his team for taking the First Place Exhibit Trophy at the annual Sarasota Orchid Society (SOS) Show & Sale January 7-8. This was Jay's fifth consecutive 1st place exhibit win. Four societies exhibited at the SOS show – SOS exhibit took 2nd place and the EAOS exhibit took 3rd place. There was one large commercial exhibit at the entrance consisting of all of the show vendors' best plants. Judges awarded the AOS Trophy to this commercial exhibit.

Jay's design was unique to what we usually see in a display. It consisted of a double tiered rock wall built with 4" x 8" x 6' Styrofoam panels. He glued together the Styrofoam Panels and covered them with 3D rock wall paper. Bruce Weaver took Styrofoam blocks and made rocks to use on the floor. Greenery included small palm trees, ferns, green plants, moss and vines.

Fifteen (15) VAOS members supported Jay in putting in the exhibit – their work involved building the display



Fifty-seven (57) plants were exhibited by 19 VAOS members and their plants were awarded 38 ribbons and two trophies. Well done! Ribbon and trophy winners were:

**Kathy Beck** – One red, one yellow ribbon  
**Renee Bynum** – One blue and one yellow ribbon and Best Cypripedium Trophy for her plant *Paph. spicerianum*  
**Dusty Crum** – One blue, one red ribbon  
**Peg Fahrenback** – One red, one yellow ribbon  
**Sharon Kahnoski** – One blue ribbon and Best Cattleya Alliance Trophy for her plant *C. Fire Magic*  
**Steve Keller** – One blue, one yellow ribbon  
**Ted Kellogg** – One red, one yellow ribbon  
**Louis Kiesling** – One yellow ribbon  
**Judy Loeffler** – One blue, one red and one yellow ribbon  
**John Roche** – Four blue, two red and one yellow ribbon (congrats John!)  
**Joanna Shaw** – Two blue and two red ribbons  
**Jim Thomas** – One blue and three red ribbons  
**Cynthia Vance** – One blue and one red ribbon  
**Steve Vogelhaupt** – One blue ribbon  
**Carol Wood** – One red ribbon

props, cleaning and prepping the ferns and greenery used in the display, plant registration, plant labels, transporting display materials and plants to the show, building and designing the display and take down on Sunday. Thank you to the following volunteers:

Renee Bynum  
Bruce Weaver



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## VAOS Display Takes First Place at Sarasota Orchid Show! (continued from page 8)

*Volunteers continued from previous page:*

Judy & Bob Loeffler  
John & Sharon Kahnoski  
Peg & Bill Fahrenback  
Donn Smart  
Rich & Mary Amos  
Steve Keller  
Jim Thomas  
Judy Chisholm  
Carol Wood

Entering your plants in orchid shows is a great way to support our society and those who work so hard to create a winning display. Winning ribbons is icing on the cake and recognition of your orchid growing abilities. Thanks to all who participated!



*-Narrative by Carol Wood  
and photos by Sharon Kahnoski*

## VAOS Annual Picnic Saturday, March 25, 2017 11am - 3pm

VAOS members and families are invited to our annual Picnic for an afternoon of good food and friendship. We have again reserved the South Venice Yacht Club for our 4th annual spring gathering. The club is located at 4425 Yacht Club Drive, Venice, FL 34293. From US 41, turn west on Baffin Drive and continue until Baffin turns slightly right and becomes Yacht Club Drive. The club will be on your left. There is plenty of parking, sheltered picnic tables and restrooms, all with easy access. We are planning on having the picnic inside the club, although the outside area is available for games and to chat and enjoy a wonderful afternoon together.

VAOS will provide a catered picnic lunch with all the condiments and fixings. Members are asked to bring a dessert to share with your family and others as well as beverages.

We'll be celebrating the graduation of our mentees and recognize the outstanding contributions of our mentors. We'll have another Member Plant Sale/Swap Meet, so bring your orchids to sell or trade.

RSVP to Sharon: [social@vaos.org](mailto:social@vaos.org) no later than Saturday, March 11, 2017

*-Submitted by Sharon Kahnoski, VP, Social*



# Venice Area Orchid Society News

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## Next Meeting:

- Thursday, February 2, 2017 7:00pm**  
**at Venice Community Center**  
**(Doors open at 6:30pm)**
- **Speaker: John Salventi**
  - Bring your blooming orchids for the Show Table
  - Bring plants for the Raffle Table
  - Bring treats to share.

## Upcoming Events

**February 2 (1st Thursday):** VAOS monthly meeting in Venice Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm, Speaker: John Salventi, Topic: Roots – Why and How.

**February 4 -5 (Sat -Sun):** Venice Area Orchid Society Show and Sale, 'Orchid Bliss', Set up Friday, February 3. See newsletter for further information.

**February 9 (2nd Thursday):** VAOS Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, Doors open at 6:45 pm, clinic starts at 7:00 pm, Speaker: Renee Bynum, Topic: Culture Specifics for Specific Genera (Catts, Phals, Onc, Dens, Vandas, Paphs, other). Bring your problem plants for help from our experienced growers.

**March 2 (1st Thursday):** VAOS monthly meeting in Venice Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm,

meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Speaker: Stig Dalstrom, Topic: "Orchids of the Himalayas".

**March 9 (2nd Thursday):** VAOS Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center, Doors open at 6:45 pm, clinic starts at 7:00 pm, Speaker: Joanna Shaw, Topic: Hands-on Dividing and Repotting Clinic. Bring your problem plants for help from experienced growers.

### Upcoming

**April 7 -8 (Fri-Sat):** Englewood Area Orchid Society Show and Sale. Set up Thursday, April 6. Englewood United Methodist Church. Details follow.

**May 19 -21 (Fri-Sat-Sun):** Redland International Orchid Festival, Homestead Florida. VAOS will be sponsoring another fun bus trip, so be sure to mark your calendar. See Culture Supplement for flyer.

### Ongoing

Mentor Program: help for beginning growers, contact Kathy Toth, [Mentor@vaos.org](mailto: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.fncjc.shutterfly.com/>

### V.A.O.S. On FaceBook



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your Orchid Photos  
Search for us as  
"VeniceArea OrchidSociety"**

## Creating the Winning Orchid Display

First, we have to develop an idea. This is a process that takes a few versions before we have a final idea of what our team will put up. For the Sarasota show, it started back in October with an idea of a rock cave in place of an arbor. Well, don't I shoot for the stars (sounded good, not practical)? Our next version was to be a six foot by three foot tall rock wall. This could be easier to complete. Now how to make a six foot wall not the main feature of an orchid display, this is after all about orchids. Whatever the main prop is going to be it should be somewhat subtle. I finalized the Idea in December with a double tiered rock wall.

The first back wall was about three feet high and six foot long. Placed about one foot in front of that wall would be another two foot high by six foot wall. The walls were built with 4" x 8" x 6' Styrofoam panels. They were glued together and covered with 3D wall paper. Bruce Weaver took Styrofoam blocks and made rocks we could use on the floor. Greenery includes about 10 different small (3' - 5') palm type trees. The orchids need to be "framed" as to not blend into each other. For this we use small ferns, green plants and even some vines; we take about 40 of the small "Filler" plants.

Now comes the most important part, your orchids! Members allow us to register and display their orchids to the best of our ability. When we put together the display, we really don't know what we have to work with until they are brought into the building. The orchids are divided into colors to give the display color flow. Now is when we can plan placement. Do we have more yellows to orange, or do we have more pinks to purple? We might have too many of one color. This is a very tough problem and I have to make the decision to pull some of our member's orchids from the display and move them to the individual table. This is no way a reflection of your orchids; it really is a design and flow choice. Orchids on the individual table are still registered for ribbons, trophies and awards. The best case I remember was a member's cattleya that was placed on the individual table and then won "Best Cattleya in Show", receiving both a cash award and trophy. Many other orchids on this table come home with ribbons.

Members should not be afraid to enter their orchids for our display. When we first started, Judy thought we would never win anything. Within the first two years, Judy won two trophies and enough ribbons to have an "Orchid Ribbon Decorated Christmas Tree". As the number of ribbons given at a show will be in the hundreds, your chance is much better than you might think. Cleaning and staking your orchids is not as tough as one may think. Clean any water spots, stake the bloom up prior to opening and you have a good head start. Clean away any old sheaths and dead leaves. We have talented team members who can tweak your plants before placing in the display. We really don't have time to do all the cleaning and staking but can and will help.

We have many members that grow wonderful orchids and that allows us to put up some of the best displays possible. We have many new members and would love to include your orchids in our displays.

Submitted by Jay Loeffler, VP - Displays



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## **News from the AOS Corner**

The AOS Spring Member's Meeting will be held at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden on May 17-21, 2017. This will be in conjunction with the Redland International Orchid Festival held May 19-21, 2017. Details will follow.

### **Upcoming Webinars:**

#### **Novelty Cattleyas with Fred Clarke**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017 @8:30pm - 9:30pm EST** *Members Only*

Learn about what used to be called "Novelty Cattleyas". Fred Clarke will explain what parents are best used to create fanciful spotted and splash-petal Cattleya hybrids.

Register now using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5799193038419534850>

#### **The Dunes and the Mist: Sanctuary and Ledges: Orchids of Southern Brazil**

**Thursday, February 9, 2017 @8:30pm – 9:30pm EST** *Members Only*

Register now using this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2263227416717337859>

#### **American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017 @830pm – 930pm EST** *Everyone invited*

Please join Ron McHatton, AOS Director of Education, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send your questions by Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net).

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