



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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April 2017

April General Meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 5th, 7:00 pm

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

Speaker: Vern Block

Topic: Brassavolas and Related Species



I'm a retired navy pilot who got into orchids after leaving the service in 1987. Two years later Helen & I became owners of the Palm Bay Orchid Range. We participated in many orchid shows around the state. We sold the nursery in 2004, but continue to do business on a small scale. For the past 20 years I have regularly conducted programs for orchid societies ranging from the Florida

Keys to North Carolina. My main interest has always been the Cattleya alliance.

Vern will have a nice selection of plants for sale.

April Events

**April 1st
VAOS Annual Picnic**

**April 5th
VAOS Monthly Meeting**

**April 6th
EAOS Show Set Up 10am**

**April 7th & 8th
EAOS Annual Show & Sale**

**April 13th
VAOS Growers Clinic**



A Message from Your President

A warm winter with the exception of a few cold nights – our Florida Spring is now underway with weather the whole country envies. We are getting our orchids ready for the annual Englewood show April 7-8 and dividing and repotting those orchids ready for new digs.

Now is the time to apply time-release fertilizer (Dynamite) and to repot your Catasetums coming out of dormancy. Remember to wait until the roots are 3”–5” long before you start watering this group. This is also the time to repot soft-cane dendrobiums.

At our March meeting we elected our new Communications Director and Newsletter Editor Robin Parsons. Robin is an event planner and PR expert and helped Judy and me in promoting our show. She will be using Microsoft Publisher for our newsletter and has designed our new logo and banner for the newsletter. Let us know what you think of the new format, we are delighted to have Robin onboard!

During our March meeting we honored two members who have made substantial and long-term contributions to our society. Ted Kellogg, past VAOS president, AOS judge and longtime member was responsible for creating the very first VAOS website. He saw it through its transition to Word-Press and has continued to manage and maintain our website through many upgrades. Jay Loeffler and Renee Bynum have succeeded Ted as our Webmasters.

We also honored Steve Vogelhaupt who retired his position as Communications Director/Newsletter Editor after serving five years. During this time, Steve invested countless hours in compiling and editing our quality newsletter and writing many original articles.

Steve will continue as part of our Growers Clinic Team and society events photographer team. When you see Ted and Steve, thank them for their contributions and dedication to our society.

April will be a busy month with our annual picnic and the EAOS annual orchid show as well as our monthly meeting and growers clinic. We look forward to seeing our friends and welcoming our new members at these events. Enjoy our gorgeous weather and your time with your orchids.

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 (941-322-1644)

Plantio La Orquidea - 3480 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota, FL (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)

April Culture Tip

Now is the time to apply time-release fertilizer to your orchids. We recommend Dynamite, in the red canister, found in Home Depot's garden shop. Apply at the rate of 1 tsp. per 6" pot, sprinkling it around the perimeter of the pot. It lasts about six months when you can apply it again in September/October. Please plan to join us on April 13th, 7pm, at the Venice Community Center for our next Growers Clinic. Steve Vogelhaupt will lead a presentation and hands-on workshop to mount orchids. Guests are welcome.

April Growers Clinic

Thursday, April 13, 2017, 7:00 pm

Location: Venice Community Center (doors open at 6:45 pm)

Presenter: Steve Vogelhaupt and Team

Topic: Hands-on Mounting/Potting without Pots Clinic



Steve Vogelhaupt and team will present the first Hands-on Mounting Clinic of the year at the Venice Community Center, Room F, at 7:00 pm.

Following a short presentation and a few tips of the trade, participants will then mount their own orchid with the assistance of several experienced growers and helpers. We'll work in teams of 4 or 5 around a table **with each person bringing an orchid that they plan to mount, as well as a suitable mount and a sterile pair of shears. The necessary tools and supplies, as well as coconut fiber and New Zealand sphagnum moss, will be provided.**

With the exception of terrestrial orchids, almost any orchid may be mounted. Common mounts include tree fern plaques, pots, and totems, cedar and cypress slabs and driftwood that has been soaked to remove salts. If you do not have an orchid to repot, check the Raffle Table at our monthly meeting. A great selection of mounts is available at Honey Bee Nursery on Englewood Road, SR 776.

1. With only two hours available and a large turnout expected, it's critical that everyone adhere to the instructions below: Only one plant per person. All plants must have all old planting media and dead roots removed prior to the clinic. A jet of water from a garden hose will help in removing old media. Please make sure your plant is free from pests or diseases.
2. This is not a Dividing and Repotting clinic.

Bring your problem plants and questions for advice from Richard Amos.

Submitted by Steve Vogelhaupt

Plant Table Awards for March 2017



First Place and Blue Ribbon was presented to Kate Burda for her gorgeous multi-floral Dendrobium (Den.) Silky Heart with 35+ flowers. This hybrid was created by J. Yamamoto in 2009 in Hawaii. As a 'Nobile' dendrobium it prefers reduced water/feeding during the cooler months but still needs lots of light. Since it loves 55% humidity it's an easy orchid for a Venice hobbyist. Kudos, Kate, for your beautiful creation!



Second Place and Red Ribbon won by Bruce Weaver for his Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime'. Notice the huge mount that Bruce created for his plant and the other 2 plants including the Vanilla orchid. This hybrid was created in 1956 and is always a star of the springtime Santa Barbara Orchid Show, CA. Thanks Bruce for inspiring us with your wonderful orchid mount!



Third Place and Yellow Ribbon was bestowed to Joanna Shaw for her bright yellow Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Blazing Sun 'NN' with 6 blooms. 'NN' means it's a cultivar of Newman's Nursery, HI. Joanna likes this plant is because its small flowers are separate and rise above the foliage. If you fashion daffodils for spring, this may be the closest you get in Florida and sometimes you can find it for a bargain at Trader Joes. Good growing Joanna!



New Member Growers Pink Ribbon was granted to Joanne Britton for her lovely Phalaenopsis (Phal.) Jiaho's Pink Girl #3 which had dreamy pink petals and sepals and a striking shaped lip. This mini-phal hybrid was created by Shining Orchids, Taiwan, which goes out of the way to develop specific new Phalaenopsis varieties by customer request, producing more than 1 million plants per year. Joanne grows it in an appealing coconut shell. Beautiful job, Joanne!

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Members' Choice Ribbon was captured by Donn Smart for his impressive *Paphiopedilum* (*Paph.*) *Lowii* (species) having 8 flowers! Donn grows paphs in his outside greenhouse which receive bright light and have perpetually moist media. A fan at the top constantly draws in outside air and another at the base pulls it back out. This technique may be the key to staving off fungal disease which easily kills paphs in our local humid conditions. Great job, Donn!

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Best Species Ribbon was awarded to Joanna Shaw for her *Tricopilia* (Trpla.) *Suavis*. Notice how the blooms emerge from the bottom of the plant to fall gracefully over the pot. This warm to cool growing epiphytic species occurs from Costa Rica to Colombia in low, mossy woods on large branches and tree trunks between 3-5,500 in elevation. Many of us had never seen such a beauty. Thanks, Joanna!

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Speaker's Choice Ribbon was granted to Kathy and Jerry Beck for their dainty *Dendrophylax (Dlax.) Funalis* (species), having 3 darling 2-inch flowers with more on the way! First recorded in 1888, this native epiphyte is found only in the nation of Jamaica at 1000 to 2500 feet elevation among the moist rocks in the limestone forest. Many thanks to the Becks for cultivating and bringing in this exotic beauty to VAOS!

Photos and Article submitted by Cynthia Vance



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL VAOS PICNIC

Saturday, April 1, 2017 11am – 3pm South Venice Yacht Club

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 including Pulled Pork, Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Lemonade and Ice Tea, with all the condiments and fixings. Members are asked to bring a dessert to share with your family and others as well as beverages of your choice. We'll have another Member Plant Sale/Swap Meet, so bring your orchids to sell or trade. RSVP to Sharon: social@vaos.org

THE REDLANDS ORCHID FEST BUS TRIP

SIGN UP NOW - SEATING IS LIMITED

The Redland International Orchid Festival will be held in Homestead FL. May 19 – 21, 2017

Sign up now to secure a seat on the bus for only \$30 pp. This includes bus trip and driver gratuity, the \$10 admission fee and a \$5 discount ticket for purchase of an orchid \$25 or more. Snacks and water will be provided on the bus.

Departure is 7am from the Venice Community Center South Parking Lot on Friday May 19th. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early. This is the only pick up and drop off point for the event this year.

Estimated arrival time is 11am – 11:30am. For return, the bus will leave the festival at 4pm sharp. There is room under the bus to keep your orchid purchases. We suggest you bring boxes or bags to carry and store your plants. Please label them with your name. One rest room stop is planned for each leg of the trip. We also suggest you bring a hat, sunscreen, umbrella, a jacket or sweater (bus A/C) and as small cooler as we will not stop for dinner on the return trip.

More than 60 orchid vendors from around the world will sell orchids as well as orchid classes and great food.

Seating on the bus is limited to 41 people. Payment is due by April 19th for VAOS MEMBERS with no refunds after April 19th. After this date we will invite SOS and EAOS members to fill the remaining seats. You may sell your seat but please notify Sharon if you do so.

Make your \$30 check payable to VAOS and mail to:

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

Seating is limited so do not delay. Contact Sharon Kahnoski at 616-581-9131 or social@vaol.org for more information. For festival information visit www.redlandorchidfestival.org.

Submitted by Sharon Kahnoski, VP, Social Affairs

WE NEED YOUR BLOOMING PLANTS!

Englewood Area Orchid Society (EAOS) Presents "Orchids by Lemon Bay" APRIL 7-8

The Englewood Area Orchid Society (EAOS) will hold their annual show and sale at:

Englewood United Methodist Church 700 East Dearborn St, Englewood, FL.

Directions: Head south on US 41 towards Englewood, merge right on to SR 776. Travel south for 7 miles then turn left on E. Dearborn St.. The church is 1 mile down on the left.

Show Schedule:

Set up: Thursday April 6th 10am to 6pm

Show: Friday April 7th & Saturday April 8th – 10am – 5pm

Take Down: Saturday April 8th – 5pm

Bring your plants to the EAOS Show site on Thursday morning at 10am - or bring your plants to our April 5th meeting and we'll transport them to the show. Be sure to bring containers for transport.

ALL PLANTS MUST BE REGISTERED IN AVANCE BY EMAIL TO PlantReg@VAOS.org

BY Wednesday, April 5th, 5pm deadline.

Email your plant name with a photo or flower color description and flower size (larger or smaller than 5"). Place a piece of tape on your pot with your last name.

Plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and disease and in prime condition to last through the show. Please water your plants thoroughly before the show.

Pick up your plants Saturday evening at the show at 5:15pm, following display take down.

Please contact Jay Loeffler, VP Displays, for further information. 941-485-9569

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ORCHID SOCIETY BUSINESS

Minutes from March 3, 2017 Board Meeting—Carol Wood called the meeting to order at 7 pm by congratulating everyone on a successful annual show. It was one of our best ever! We had just under 4000 attendees. Our display team led by Jay Loeffler won not only first place for society displays, but also an AOS trophy. VAOS members entered a total of 98 plants and won 52 ribbons and 6 trophies. Thanks to all the committee chairs and volunteers! Announcements:

- Sharon Kahnoski announced that the spring picnic is coming up. It will be at the South Venice Yacht Club—please note the date change to April 1st from 11-3pm. This year we have the mentor/mentee graduation party in conjunction with the picnic. The society will provide the lunch, we ask that everyone bring a dessert to share. Lunch will be pulled pork, chicken BBQ, cole slaw, potato salad, lemonade and iced tea. Members are also welcome to bring any other beverage. Please sign up at the front.
- Friday May 19th will be the Redland Orchid Festival bus trip. The festival is in Homestead at the Fruit and Spice Park. There are more than 60 vendors from all over the world. The cost of the trip will be \$30, the price includes the bus trip and driver gratuity, snacks and water for the trip, and a \$5 coupon to put towards a purchase at the festival. This year there is only one pick-up location: 7am at the Venice Community Center. This was changed in order to reduce travel time and allow for more shopping time at the festival. Bring a cooler if you like, we do not stop for lunch but there are food vendors and picnic tables at the festival. Please sign up at the front, there are only 41 seats available.
- The next Grower's Clinic will be next Thursday night 3/9/17. It is one of our popular repotting clinics. Joanna Shaw announced that members should bring a plant and a pot to put it in. We will provide different types of media, pot clips, stakes, and lots of advice. Please remove your plant from its current pot and clean off the old potting mix ahead of time. We do not have the capacity to eliminate potting waste in the community center.
- Mary Anne DiGrazia, president of the Englewood Area Orchid Society asked for volunteers to sign up to help with judge clerking and other roles at the Englewood show coming up on April 7-8. Englewood is our sister society, we always help each other and have many overlapping members.

This month was our annual business meeting and we retired two member/volunteers.

Steve Vogelhaupt is vacating the Director of Communications / Newsletter Editor position.

Robin Parsons was elected as the new Director of Communications, a board position. Robin is a professional event planner and website designer and will be an asset to our board of directors. Ted Kellogg is discontinuing as Webmaster and transitioning the website to the care of Jay Loeffler and Renee Bynum.

Carol Wood thanked Steve for 5 years of service as the Communications director and thanked Ted for being the webmaster for more than 10 years. Ted has been a VAOS member for 17 years and took a moment to complement the society for our friendliness and our wealth of active members. He noted that new members are continually coming in and adding the energy that helps keep the society as active and friendly as it was when he joined.

Bruce Weaver introduced the speaker for the evening, Stig Dalstrom. Stig is a world travelling plant hunter, he is a photographer, artist and writer and studies how orchids grow around the world. He presented a talk on the Orchids of Bhutan, a small mountainous kingdom in the Himalayas. He shared with us the culture, flora and fauna of this interesting country. Joanna and Kristin Shaw presented the plant table, Kathy and Jerry Beck did the raffle table. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm

Submitted by Joanna Shaw, recording secretary.



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Kathy and Jerry Beck, - Raffle Table

Joanna Shaw, Kristin Shaw & Cynthia Vance - Plant Table

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 (Saturday): VAOS Annual Picnic, 11am – 3 pm, South Venice Yacht Club. See inside for details.

April 5 (1st Wednesday): VAOS monthly meeting in Venice Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Speaker: Vern Bloch, Topic: “Brassavolas and Related Species”.

April 7 -8 (Fri-Sat): Englewood Area Orchid Society Show and Sale. 10 am-5 pm both days. Set up Thurs- day, April 6, Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood.

April 13 (2nd Thursday): VAOS Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Steve Vogelhaupt & Team. Topic: Potting Without Pots/Mounting Orchids (Presentation and hands-on). Bring your problem plants for help from our experienced growers.

May 3 (1st Wednesday): VAOS Monthly Meeting in Venice Community Center. Doors open at 6:30pm. Meeting starts 7pm.

May 11 (2nd Thursday): VAOS Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center. Doors open 6:45pm. Bruce Weaver & Team. Topic: Orchid Basics Part 1 – Air, Light, Water, Fertilizer, Supplements. Bring your problem plants for help.

May 17 – 21, 2017 AOS Spring Members Meeting in conjunction with Redland Festival. Info: www.aos.org

May 19 -21 (Fri-Sat-Sun): Redland International Orchid Festival, Homestead Florida. VAOS sponsored bus trip Friday, May 19th, see inside for details.

Mentor Program: help for beginning growers, contact Kathy Toth, Mentor@vaos.org.

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

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