



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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October 2017

October General Meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4th at 7pm

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

Speaker: Dr. Kristen Uthus

Topic: Japanese Orchids, the Small and the Mighty



Dr. Kristen Uthus studied both plant and animal ecology and evolution at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Ohio State University (OSU). She then taught biology and ecology at several colleges including VCU, OSU, University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University. The daughter of a plant fanatic, Kristen has been growing orchids for over 20 years, sometimes more and sometimes less seriously. In April 2013, however, she began working with Dr. Glenn Lehr, the previous owner of New World Orchids, one of the first people to introduce Japanese orchids to the American market. After a short time, he offered her the business, and she fulfilled a lifelong dream of making orchids a full-time commitment by purchasing NWO from Dr. Lehr in January 2014.

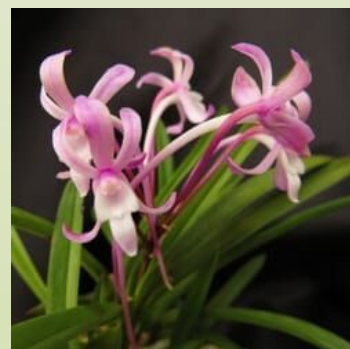
Although she enjoys growing many varieties of orchids and other plants, miniatures remain her passion—the weirder the better. New World Orchids specializes in Japanese species including *Neofinetia falcata*, *Dendrobium moniliforme*, and *Sederia japonica* as well as Asian *Cymbidium* species, but her miniature selection has been expanding to include other small species including *Pleurothallids*, *Bulbophyllums*, and *Angraecums*. Although not ever entirely up to date, you can check out some of NWO's offerings at www.newworldorchids.com.

Japanese orchids are not typical in the orchid world as they are often collected for their leaves rather than their flowers. In her talk Japanese Orchids: the Small and Mighty, Kristen will speak about what makes Japanese orchids stand out in a crowd and why *Neofinetia falcata* may be the easiest of all orchids to grow. Kristen lives in Manchester, MI, about an hour west of Detroit. She is supported in her orchid pursuits by her husband, Dr. Kevin Wehrly, her two sons, Henry and Gus, and a veritable menagerie of lovable animals. Kristen will have plants for sale.

October Events

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VAOS Monthly Meeting
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VAOS Growers Clinic
Hands On Dividing and
Repotting Clinic



Neofinetia falcata - Fu-ran
The Japanese Wind Orchid

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Neofinetia Care Sheet

Care of *Neofinetia falcata* –Fu-ran, the Japanese Wind Orchid

LIGHT: Neofinetias prefer medium light levels, from 1500 – 3000 foot-candles. If you are growing under fluorescent lights, keep the plants about 6"– 8" from the tubes. Under high-intensity lamps, grow approximately 4 feet from the fixture. This plant can be grown on windowsills, given an east, south, or west exposure. Plants may be grown outdoors in the summer with filtered sunlight.

TEMPERATURE: This plant can tolerate a wide range of temperatures. In the spring and summer, daytime temperature should be 70° F or above, with a 10 to 15 degree difference at night. During winter months, day temperatures below 65° F are preferred. *Neofinetia falcata* will tolerate winter temperatures in the upper 30's!

HUMIDITY: should be kept from 40 to 60%. Use humidity trays or a small room humidifier when growing on windowsills.

WATER & FERTILIZER: Use clean water, such as rainwater, distilled or reverse osmosis water if possible. Flush the plant regularly, especially if using municipal or well water. Never use artificially softened water. Let the plants dry out between watering. Use ample water in spring and summer while the plants are in active growth and in flower, reducing quantities during cooler winter days. Use a balanced fertilizer year-round, preferably urea-free. If using rain, distilled, or reverse osmosis water, add some municipal or well water to supply the necessary calcium and magnesium. Fertilize very lightly every other watering during the growing season, once a month during the winter rest period should do.

FLOWERING: Neofinetias bloom mostly from spring through fall. The inflorescence may have from three to 15 flowers. Most forms have white flowers with a long nectary/spur. They will last from one to two months, and are extremely fragrant both day and night. There are also pink, green, cherry-red, and yellow-colored forms, as well as those with variegated leaves and different growth habits.

REPOTTING: Repotting is preferably done in the spring and early summer, every two years. Either clay, plastic, or net pots or wood baskets will work.

Sphagnum: Using a good-quality, long-fibered sphagnum moss, place the root ball over a small amount of moss or a foam peanut. Wrap the root ball loosely but securely in sphagnum moss, so that the plant does not wobble. Keep the base of the plant higher than the rim of the pot. Plants can be similarly planted using osmunda fiber.

[Neofinetia potting illustrated.](#)

POSSIBLE POTTING MIXES

- 3 parts sphagnum, 1 part perlite or #3 sponge rock, 1 part medium tree fern fiber
- 3 parts fine fir bark, 1 part perlite or #3 sponge rock, 1 part fine tree fern fiber
- 3 parts fine fir bark, 1 part perlite or #3 sponge rock, 1 part chopped sphagnum

Any of the above mixes can be used – or something similar – these plants are not very particular. You want to have an open mix that will drain freely. When growing in a basket, line the basket with a thin layer of sphagnum or coconut fiber to keep the mix from falling through the slats. Plants may also be mounted on cork or tree fern plaques, or on wood branches like oak, sassafras, etc. You can mount the plants with a little sphagnum or osmunda to help keep them moist. If kept humid, some growers plant Neofinetias on rocks with live moss.

Ran = Orchid Furan = Wind Orchid Fukiran = Rich and Noble Orchid Reprint:

Dr. Kristen Uthus, New World Orchids

A Message from Your President



We hope that all of our members are recovering from the damage of Hurricane Irma. While we certainly dodged the bullet with little structural damage, many of us were impacted by downed trees, debris, evacuations and power failures. We feel very fortunate and thankful as we all work to return to normal.

We checked with our local growers for damage reports. Jim Roberts, Florida SunCoast Orchids in Myakka City, was our only local grower to sustain serious damage to his greenhouses and orchids. Several of us went out to support his fall sale on September 23rd and to present Jim with a check donation from VAOS. With new greenhouse covers, we hope that he will soon be able to resume normal operations. It is so important that we support our local vendors who do so much for our society.

Plantio La Orquidea will hold their annual fall sale on November 10-11 and Palmer Orchids on November 17 – 19. We hope that our members will plan to come out to support their sales events.

At our September 6th meeting we had only about 40 attendees. With Hurricane Irma headed our way, the meeting gave us a brief respite from our anxiety and Fred Clarke gave us a wonderful presentation on spotted and splashed cattleyas. We canceled our September 14th Growers Clinic in the storm aftermath. The presentation we had planned, Orchid Pests & Diseases Part 2, Fungus, Bacteria and Virus, is available on our website: www.vaos.org, Resources, VAOS Publications.

At our next meeting on October 4th Dr. Kristen Uthus of New World Orchids will educate us on neofinetias, a fascinating small and easy to grow plant. Dr. Uthus will have plants for sale and her growing tips for this species are included in this newsletter.

Our October 12th Growers Clinic will host the popular Hands-on Repotting session— preparation instructions are included in this newsletter.

We hope that we've seen the last of the hurricanes this season. Be well and enjoy your orchids.

Carol Wood, President



It is with great sadness we report that long time VAOS members Jane and Frank Camarota lost their oldest son, Bill, to cancer in September. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 8th, 2 pm, at the Bird Bay Community Center, 606 Bird Bay Dr., Venice, FL 34285. With heartfelt sympathy, our thoughts are with Jane and Frank and their family.

Orchid Society Business

Minutes from September 6, 2017 – Carol Wood called the meeting to order at 7pm. With only about 40 members in attendance, Carol suggested that the meeting and presentation might provide some temporary relief from the anxiety all of us were feeling with the approach of Hurricane Irma.

Announcements:

- The next Grower's Clinic will be September 14th on Orchid Diseases – Fungus, Bacteria and Virus
- The October general meeting on the 4th will feature Dr. Kristen Uthus, topic: Japanese Orchids
- The October Grower's Clinic on the 12th will be our Hands on Dividing and Repotting Clinic
- Three of our local vendors are planning fall sales events. They include Florida SunCoast Orchids on Sept 23rd, 9am – 4pm; Plantio la Orchidea on November 3 & 4; and Palmers Orchids on November 17, 18 & 19. Members were encouraged to attend to support our local vendors.
- Bruce Weaver introduced our speaker, Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids in San Diego, CA. Fred is one of our most popular speakers and gave an excellent presentation on spotted and splashed cattleyas.
- Fred Clarke and Bruce Weaver presented the plant table. The meeting was adjourned at 9pm following the raffle table.

Submitted by Joanna Shaw, recording secretary.

Treasurer's Report August 2017

Operating Fund Starting Balance 08/01/17	\$ 15,352.90
Income	\$ 7,645.90
- Payments	\$ 903.43
Closing Balance 08/31/17	\$ 22,095.37

Petty Cash	\$ 40.00
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Total Operating Fund 08/31/17	\$ 22,135.37
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Reserve Fund

Starting Balance 08/01/17	\$ 25,066.00
+Income	\$ 64
Closing Balance 08/30/17	\$ 25,066.64

Submitted by Mary Amos



RAFFLE TABLE DONATIONS

Don't forget our monthly Raffle Table when dividing your plants. Many new members start their collections from our raffle table. Share your plants and support our society.

HAVE YOU LOST A PLANT LABEL? NEED PARENTAGE OR CULTURE INFO?

If you've lost the label from your orchid, we may be able to help you identify it. Email a photo of the bloom and the plant to Pres@VAOS.org. I'll share it with the Growers Clinic team and we'll try to ID it for you. Wondering what your plant's parentage is or looking for culture advice for a special orchid? Send an email to me with your plant name and question and our group of experts will help.



Growers Clinic Presentation – Orchid Pests & Diseases Part 2

We had to cancel our September 14th Growers Clinic due to Hurricane Irma aftermath. This presentation, Orchid Fungus, Bacteria, Virus and Other Diseases, can be found on our website. Go to www.VAOS.org, Resources, VAOS Publications, Orchid Pests & Diseases Part 2.

August 2nd 2017 Plant Table Ribbon Awards

Attention New Members: Please bring in your blooming plants. We'd love to see them! If you have been a VAOS member for less than 2 years you just might be awarded The New Member's Ribbon!



First Place and Blue Ribbon First was captured by Rick Belisle for his awesome Dendrobium (Den.) Sonia. This multiflorous specimen is commonly used in Hawaiian leis, especially in autumn when the fragrant Frangipani flowers are not in bloom. It is one of the most popular of dendrobiums and hobbyists will want to have such a sturdy and stand-out bloomer in their collection. Congratulations to Rick for his majestic plant!



Second Place and Red Ribbon was awarded to Carol Wood for her lovely Cattleya (C.) Caudabec 'Carmela' HCC/AOS with 13+ blooms. It happily grows in a wooden basket which holds the water well yet dries out quickly, thus keeping its roots healthy. Our members are wise to collect clones of HCC/AOS (Highly Commended Certificate) plants, because as strong hybrids they become hearty producers. Kudos to Carol for cultivating such a gem!



Third Place and Yellow Ribbon was presented to Donn Smart for his delicate Bc. Marg Putnam created at H & R Nurseries, Hawaii and registered in 2004. It was formerly called Blc (Intermedia x Morning Glory) Doris but no one is sure who Doris is or was! Donn's plant had 9 gorgeous flowers and was a magnificent breath-taking beauty. Good growing Donn!



Members Choice Ribbon went to Donn Smart for his *Habenaria* (Hab.) *Medusa* x *tracy*. This orchid is referred to as the pink egret orchid. Donn is dedicated to raising more terrestrials and uses potting media for violets or sphagnum moss.

After his plant blooms, it goes dormant in winter until the corm puts up a shoot 3 months later. If you are fascinated about growing Habs check out <http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/WhyDoYouGrowtheOrchidsYouGrowbySueBottom.pdf>

We so enjoy seeing these rare plants. Thanks, Donn!



Best Species Ribbon was given to Donn Smart for his stately *Habenaria medusa*. Westerners discovered this species in 1890 in Sumatra, Java, and Borneo although the native residents had adored it for years. Its name derives from its snakelike blooms similar to those of Medusa in Greek mythology -- the winged female monster with venomous serpents for hair. Thanks for bringing this scary treasure to VAOS, Donn!



Speaker's Choice Ribbon was awarded to Donn Smart for his striking *Encyclia* (Enc.) *cordigera* x *enc. Pyriformis* with 22+ flowers. Donn's plant had a wonderful aroma as many encyclias do. They love bright light and a small pot with fast drying media kept bone dry between watering. They also make lovely mounted plants. Both the shape and deep purple of the flowers make them wonderful specimens to enhance your collection. Our hats off to Donn, again!!

-Narrative and Photos by Cynthia Vance

Our Donations at Work



VAOS members present Jim Roberts, Florida SunCoast Orchids, with a donation to help rebuild his greenhouses after hurricane Irma
September 23, 2017

Support Our Local Growers

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

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

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

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

Plantio La Orquidea 3480 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota, FL (941-504-7737)

FALL ORCHID SALE

Friday and Saturday | November 10 and 11, 2017 | 9 AM to 4 PM



- Browse through 10000+ sq ft of Orchids.
- Thousands of Orchids, species and hybrids to choose from.
- Advice on Orchid Growing from Experts. Free Parking.

Plantio La Orquidea, 3480 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota, FL 34243, Same driveway as Tropiflora

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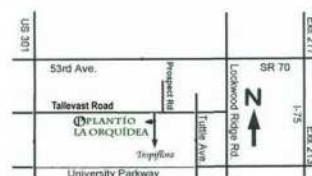
Phone: 941-504-7737

E-mail: info@plantiolaorquidea.com

Free Plant
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\$ 5 off any purchase over \$25

Limit one coupon per customer. Valid only the dates of the event



October Growers Clinic

Hands-on Orchid Division and Repotting Clinic

Thursday, October 12th, Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm

Joanna Shaw, Jim Thomas and the Growers Clinic team will present a Hands-on Orchid Division and Repotting session at the Venice Community Center at 7:00 p.m. They will explain the supplies, tools and planting media, demonstrate basic procedures and share their tips of the trade. Participants will then divide/repot their own orchid with the assistance of several experienced growers and helpers. We will work in teams of 4 or 5 around a table with each person bringing an orchid that needs division/repotting or simply repotting, 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 is critical that everyone adhere to the instructions below:

- All plants must be removed from their pot and all old planting media and dead roots must be removed prior to the clinic
- Only one plant per person
- Bring your pot and shears
- Please make sure your plant is free from pests or diseases.

Media and supplies for Phalaenopsis, Cattleya alliance, and Dendrobiums will be provided.

Note: Attendees are requested not to wear perfume as this is a small room and many of our members have allergies. Thank you.

Note: Park on the left side of the building and enter Room F at the side entrance.

October Culture Tip - Repotting Your Orchids (Rookie Errors)

Here are some of the most common errors the Growers Clinic Team sees when new growers repot their orchids:

- Over potting/selecting too large a pot. Overpotting an orchid can result in root rot. Choose a pot just large enough to accommodate 2 years of new growth.
- Centering the plant in the new pot. Instead, place the oldest growth against one side of the pot, allowing room for new growth.
- Burying the rhizome. Repot your plant about 1" below the rim and leave the rhizome exposed.
- Not securing the plant in the new pot. New roots will not establish if they are not secured – use one or two rhizome clips and stakes if needed to secure your plant in its new pot.

Please join us for our Hands- On Repotting Clinic on Thursday, October 12th, 7pm, Venice Community Center Room F. All members and guests are welcome. See above instructions for preparing your plants.

Why I Grow the Orchids I Grow

This has to be one of the best questions someone can ask anyone involved in orchids. If you ask 100 orchid growers, you could probably get 100 different stories. Before I explain "Why I grow the orchids I grow" I would like to tell you a story.

This story has an ending I never saw coming. This story begins with a "Yes" moment. Driving by our local community center in the winter of 2011 my wife saw signs for an orchid show and sale. I don't really remember but my wife said it had some sort of theme and asked if we could stop. Of course, my response was, "Yes".

We walked into the front entrance and immediately were met with an intoxicating cocktail of orchid aroma. The first thing I remember seeing were mountains of orchids arranged at one end of the hall. For the life of me, I could not figure out how someone could take all these colors of orchids and create those mountains. Hundreds of people were taking pictures and talking about which were their favorites. We spent an hour just looking and wandering around and looking at those mountains.

Making our way around the rest of the hall, we walked through what seemed like a supermarket of orchids. So many colors, sizes and shapes. I had no idea what I was looking at and just followed my wife around telling her, "Yes I like that one" and "Oh that is really pretty!" She found a few orchids that she wanted to buy and asked what I thought. What I really thought was, "this is a stick with a few leaves on it, why would you want that?" But of course, you can't say that to your wife, at least not like that. I was in a tough spot. Being the good husband that I am (I was in this place because of "Yes", after all!) I told her "If that is what you want, you should get it. I later found out what she bought was called a bare root. No flowers, not potted, just a stick and leaves. I had no knowledge of any of this. But what the heck she was happy, and I was a good husband.

We continued around the community center and found a lot of people with the same color t-shirts on walking around. They were all volunteers doing different types of jobs; it seemed they had a hundred colored t-shirts on that floor. My wife stopped to ask one of the "T-shirt" guys about this group and found it was a local orchid society that meets once a month in this same building.

This got my wife asking even more questions. The man we came to know as Jimmy started explaining they will have a "Growers Clinic" the following week. Jimmy explained a mentor's program they had that would pair an experienced grower with a new grower. We must have talked with Jimmy for about 1/2 hour when my wife asked if he would be her mentor. We will never forget the smile that came over Jimmy's face as she asked him that question. Jimmy said yes...

The following Wednesday evening my wife was going to the Growers Clinic. She asked me if I would go so she did not have to walk in alone. I told her I would go with her for the first time. I thought I can sit and listen about this stuff for an evening. I mean what is one evening, it can't be that bad. This class had about 7 or 8 people in it. Jimmy was in the back of the room and we sat up near the front. I don't even remember what the instructor was talking about as it was all Greek to me. (I mean, what is a "cat"? or a "fail"? Really?) The information given that night was enough for my wife, she was in.

She was signing up and going to the next meeting. Before we left the class, Jimmy asked what we thought. My wife was thrilled and could not wait, "Jimmy are you still going to be my mentor?" she asked. And we saw that smile again- the one that lights up his whole face. As we walked out the door that night of the grower's clinic Jimmy was invited over to our house, and a wonderful friendship began.

On Sunday Jimmy came over to our house and went right into orchid educating. We sat at our kitchen table with my wife's new all-in-one computer and saw a ton of orchids. We found out that a "cat" is really a cattleya, an orchid with a really good size flower. Cattleyas were the original corsage orchid, worn by women for proms, weddings, and for Mother's Day.

Five minutes into his visit, I knew a lot about orchids, or so I thought. After another hour or so around that table looking at so many different cattleya orchids, I realized that I knew nothing about orchids. Before Jimmy left he invited us over to his house to see his collection of orchids. There was no way I was turning down that invitation, my curiosity was peaked.

The mentor program turned out to be a program started by a wonderful lady named Peg. Peg started this program to pair mentees with mentors. This gave the new members a social aspect, keeping us interested in orchids and at the same time giving us new "Orchid" friends. This program seemed to spill into the growers' clinics as well.

Many of the mentees became friends with other mentees and the circle of friends grew rapidly. Many mentors would also attend growers' clinics and create an open forum type clinic. As time went on, the number of Friends at the clinics jumped to around 18 - 20. we saw many new Mentors- Cynthia, Carol, and Richard to name a few. These people would come to be involved in our lives more than we could ever imagine.

Did I mention I was going with my wife for one meeting so she would not feel awkward walking in by herself? Well that did not work at all. We found out we were being groomed over the last few months to take over the membership directors positions as Jimmy was going to take V.P. of programs. Within a few months we were on the board of an orchid society and had another group of friends. This sat well with me. I was not the better orchid grower, that was my wife. But we felt we could help organize and help run this society. We make a good pair my wife and I. It seems the society thought so also.

Jimmy had taken over the grower's clinics and I would pick his brain as to what he was going to do next. One time he mentioned the clinic would be on how to divide orchids. We had been shown this at one of our visits to Jimmy's house. I mentioned that with the classes getting bigger it might be hard for people to see what he was doing. We came up with an idea to use a camcorder and projector to show what he was doing up close. We started using this for other clinics also and saw our attendance go up to 25 - 30. Everyone seemed to be more involved and we had a ton of fun.

Into our second year we went up to our sister societies orchid show. On the last day, I helped bring home orchids from the display that they had put up a few days earlier. Before takedown I was walking around with Carol looking at the displays and I started making comments about them. Carol looked at me and said "You have an eye for this". I had no idea how they put these displays together but could see what was working and what was not. At the next board meeting I made sure to tell Richard, our V.P. of displays, that if he needed help I would be more than happy to do whatever I could.

Richard had stepped in to do the V.P. Displays position when the previous person dropped out. I handled whatever his display team needed. I watched him build those mountains we had seen at that first show we went to. It did not take too long for me to start having ideas of how to put these together. Richard and I would spend hours talking of ideas we could use. The grooming had begun.

Richard was making me his replacement and I could not learn it fast enough. The following season Richard introduced me to Michael, a commercial vendor who put together some of the finest displays I had seen in my short time with orchids. Michael would put together his displays and I was off in the back taking pictures of what he built, step by step. Because we had our own display being built I missed a few steps, but it got me started.

Michael is one of the nicest men I now know. Whenever we were at the same show I would wander over and see what he had done. I have more pictures of displays he put together than he knows. (Am I a "Display Stalker"? Is that even a thing?) After we finished with our display I would ask Michael to look over our display and give pointers on how to improve on what we had done. Every time he gave us his opinions and told about little tricks to improve upon what we had done. Michael got the best in show and A.O.S. trophy every time I saw one of his displays... I thought "I want to be Like Mike".

I got my chance with our own display team a few years later. We gathered all the props and orchids from our members and drove 1 1/2 hours to setup my team's first display. Richard forgot to tell me that I would get no sleep the night before a show. Do we have this? Did we remember that? Will we have enough orchids? What colors will we have to work with? It was "Self-Inflicted Stress". The display was going well when all of a sudden, I could not see how to continue the color flow on the cool color side. I started to get very nervous as time was becoming an issue. Richard saw what was happening, he stopped me and said, "Just go to the other side and finish this side later". Wow, so easy and I never saw it. Thanks again to Richard we received a First-Place trophy for best Society Display.

Our next display was not an A.O.S. judged event. We decided to go way outside the box and try a 3D type display. We hung a 10' x 10" photographer's backdrop of a tree canopy and brought the orchids out to the front of the display. It really turned out well and wished it could have been judged. I did see a photo of that display a few months later in another on-line garden magazine.

Now it was time to put together our third display at our own society show and sale. We had an idea in mind for almost a year before, this was our 50th show. Another member from our society named Bruce helped build a prop that was 7' tall and 8' wide that looked like an Old Italian Cottage. As if we did not have enough to do, we also wanted to put up an educational display for a project we started. We had started hanging orchids in the trees throughout our small-town parks. None of this could have happened if our members had not pulled together and helped out.

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This story of "Why I grow the orchids I grow" has really turned into a large group of friends who enjoy orchids and have become a major aspect in our lives. "Why I grow the orchids I grow" really has less to do with orchids. We love our orchids and have a small greenhouse with about 300 orchids. We water, fertilize, divide, repot and enjoy our orchids like all of you. One other thing we enjoy are the blossoms of friendship.

I had planned on going to one meeting with my wife, never expecting to end up with so many wonderful friends. I expect to make many more. When you think back on your time with orchids I hope you can thank as many people as I do, like my wife Judy and good friends like Jimmy, Peg, Bill, Carol, Richard, Mary, Renee, Bruce, John, Sharon and the many other members of our society who help out with so many things.

Oh yea, those displays we did for our 50th show- First Place Trophy for best society display, A.O.S Certificate for Educational Display and the A.O.S. trophy for best overall display. When you have a team of good friends it is easier to win. Michael was at this show and received the trophy for best commercial display. He was one of the first people I had to thank. For that day- "I was like Mike"

Jay Loeffler V.P. Displays Venice Area Orchid Society

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4 (Wednesday): Monthly meeting, Venice Community Center, doors open at 6:30pm. Speaker: Dr.Kristen Uthus Topic: Japanese Orchids, the Small and the Mighty

October 12 (Thursday): VAOS Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm. Hands On Dividing and Repotting Clinic

October 13-15, 71st Miami International Orchid Show 'Melody of Orchids'. University of Miami Watsco Center, 1245 Dauer Dr., Coral Gables, FL. www.sforchid.com

November 1 (Wednesday): Monthly meeting, Venice Community Center, Speaker: Mike Polen Topic: Get Your Display Ready to Win!

November 9 (Thursday): VAOS Growers Clinic, Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm. Donn Smart "Paphiopedilums"

November 10-11 (Friday-Saturday): Plantio La Orquidea Fall Sale, 9am –4pm, 3480 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota, FL 34243. www.plantiolaorquida.com(NOTE DATE CHANGE)

November 11 (Saturday): Englewood Area Orchid Society (EAOS) Annual Members Plant Sale. Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave. Englewood. 8am – 12pm www.eaos.org

November 17 – 19 (Friday – Sunday): Palmer Orchids Fall Sale, 9am –4pm, 22700 Taylor Dr. Bradenton, FL 34211 www.palmerorchids.com

December 8 (Friday): VAOS Annual Holiday Dinner Party, Boca Royale Country Club, Englewood. Details to follow.

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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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