

# Venice Area Orchid Society News

Sept. 2013

## Next Meeting: Wednesday September 4th at 7:00 p.m.

**Speaker:** Bill Thoms

**Topic:** "Orchid Collecting in the Phillipines"

Bill Thoms, renowned orchid grower, internationally recognized speaker and world traveler, will be discussing his experiences collecting orchids in the Phillipines.

Bill and his wife, Doris Dukes, have been growing orchids in Central Florida for more than 40 years and have received almost every award granted by the AOS. They received more Awards for Culture than anyone else in the world, (93 in over 29 genera, including 42 in the bulbophyllum alliance), capped off with a 97 point Certificate of Cultural Excellence for Bulb. Sue Blackmore.



Bill has collected orchids in various parts of the world and has spoken throughout the United States and internationally on a wide range of orchid topics. His presentations are spiced with funny stories and great slides so whether you grow thousands of orchids, only a few, or none at all, you will have a wonderfully entertaining time and benefit from Bill's long experience. He makes many of the most important requirements for growing world class plants easy to understand and remember.

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn how to grow these fascinating plants and to hear one of the most knowledgeable, interesting and funny speakers in the orchid world. Bill will have plants from his collection, supplies, and other orchid related items for sale.

## A Letter from your President:

The frequent subtropical show-ers have been especially heavy this year for our outside orchids. Surely many Snowbirds will be rewarded when seeing their vibrant blooms upon their return!

Our Holiday Party will be Saturday evening, December 7th at the Boca Royale Golf and Country Club, at \$25 per person. They gave us a super deal compared to 4 other sites.

Ali Hicks, our Treasurer, has done an excellent job for VAOS over the past 4 years. She is an experienced accountant who has demonstrated high integrity. She carefully tracks our money, helps develop a detailed annual budget, helps to reduce our expenditures, and maintains our tax-exempt status.

Janice Felski, VP Social, who



Cynthia Vance

*Continued on page 4*

## Your Plants Urgently Needed for the Ridge Orchid Show!!!

The Ridge Orchid Society Show, "Fountain of Youth", in Lakeland, FL September 14-15, 2013 is the first show of the season. In past years, we haven't had enough plants for this show. Your blooming plants are needed for Rich Amos and his team to create a winning display. While Rich and his team can work magic, they can't do it without your plants! Please bring your plants to the Growers Clinic meeting Thursday, September 12, 7pm at the Venice Community Center. We will deliver them to the show and arrange the return of your plants on Monday September 16th. As an alternative, you may drop off your plants at Carol Wood's home in south Venice before Thursday, September 12th (497-4995). Please bring your plants, even if you think they're not "perfect"; we'll get them into show condition.

Set up is Friday, September 13th starting at 10am. The show will be held at the Lake Mirror Center in Lakeland, FL.

**All plants must be pre-registered!** Please email your plant name with the size and color description of the flowers to Carol Wood, [showchair@vaos.org](mailto:showchair@vaos.org) no later

*Continued on page 4*

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

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

## Officers 2013 – 2014

### President

Cynthia Vance, [pres@vaos.org](mailto:pres@vaos.org)

### Vice President - Programs

Jim Thomas, [programs@vaos.org](mailto:programs@vaos.org)

### Vice President - Social Affairs

Janice Felski, [social@vaos.org](mailto:social@vaos.org)

### Vice President - Show Displays

Richard Amos, [disp@vaos.org](mailto:disp@vaos.org)

### Treasurer

Ali Hicks, [tres@vaos.org](mailto:tres@vaos.org)

### Recording Secretary & Mentor Coordinator

Peg Fahrenback, [rsec@vaos.org](mailto:rsec@vaos.org)

### Communications Director & Newsletter Editor

Steve Vogelhaupt, [csec@vaos.org](mailto:csec@vaos.org)

### Membership Chairs

Jay & Judy Loeffler, [memb@vaos.org](mailto:memb@vaos.org)

### Immediate Past President & Webmaster

Ted Kellogg, [tmkellogg@gmail.com](mailto:tmkellogg@gmail.com)

### Directors At Large:

#### Annual Show Chairs

Barbara Wagner

Carol Wood

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

#### Volunteers

The Cullens, Raffle Table

Judy Russell, Plant Table

Jerry Manegold, Technology

Sharon Schneider, Librarian

#### Newsletter Production

Barry Zack

#### VAOS Printer

Creative Technology of Sarasota

## Venice Area Orchid Society News

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

- 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.

## Minutes of the August 7, 2013 VAOS Meeting

Cynthia Vance opened the meeting welcoming the many guests, noting this is a joint meeting of the Englewood Area Orchid Society and VAOS. She asked for a show of hands from members of the Englewood Area Orchid Society, and then the Sarasota Orchid Society. Guests who had attended previous meetings and Growers Clinics were invited to join VAOS for an annual cost of only \$15 for a household. She encouraged members and guests to purchase raffle tickets and welcomed our speaker, Roy Tokunaga, from Hawaii.

Upcoming Events were printed and placed on seats. Information about those events, including next week's Growers Clinic, the Holiday Party on Dec. 7th, and the Sept. 14-15 Ridge Orchid Show in Lakeland, FL was discussed. The Ridge Show theme is "Orchids, the Fountain of Youth." Cynthia urged members to carefully prepare their plants for the show. They may bring show plants to the Sept. 12th Growers Clinic and Rich Amos and Jimmy Thomas will bring them to the Show. A used Dell computer with OrchidWiz Software was offered for sale by Bill Timm, via a Silent Auction. All proceeds were donated to VAOS.

Cynthia briefly discussed new financial procedures for the Society. Forms will now be used when members request reimbursement for Society expenses. These procedures will improve the process of managing Society finances.

Bill Fender introduced our speaker, Roy Tokunaga of H & R Orchids. Bill and Susan have purchased orchids from Roy for more than 20 years. Roy gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation entitled "Looking for Flower Booster." He detailed how the balance of light, water and fertilizer boosts blooming for orchids. He discussed the PH level of water and how it may affect orchids.

*Continued on page 4*

### Treasurer's Report

August, 2013

#### Checking Account

Starting Balance		
6/15/2013	\$	1,473.35
+ Income	\$	488.00
- Payment	\$	1,045.38
Closing Balance		
8/14/2013	\$	915.97

#### Show Checking Account

Starting Balance		
6/15/2013	\$	2,447.04
+ Income	\$	0
- Payment	\$	1,500.00
Closing Balance		
8/14/2013	\$	947.04

#### Cash Account

Starting Balance		
6/15/2013	\$	40.00
Closing Balance		
8/14/2013	\$	40.00

#### Money Market Savings

Starting Balance		
6/15/2013	\$	32,027.71
Closing Balance		
8/14/2013	\$	32,027.71

#### Total Assets

8/14/2013	\$	33,930.72
-----------	----	-----------

*Submitted by Ali Hicks*

## Support our 2013 Show Sponsors

### Platinum

- Edgewood Nursery
- Herald-Tribune Media Group
- Raleigh & Associates
- Stanley Dean State Farm

### Gold

- AAA Auto Group
- Burgundy Square Cafe
- Center For Sight
- Daiquiri Deck
- Dr. Frederick Bloom
- Drs. Davis & Beyer, DDS
- Happy Puppy Pet Spa
- The Ramada Venice
- Silverstein Institute
- Jacaranda Trace Retirement Community

### Silver

- Valenti's Allegro Bistro
- Scottie's Dawghouse And Catering Co.

## Plant Table Awards August 7, 2013

The plant table reflected the slow days of August. Spring bloomers have come and gone – the fall blooming season awaits. The outstanding plants that won the night’s awards were:

The **First Place Ribbon and Members’ Choice** award was earned by Judy Russell with an attractive intermediate sized hybrid, Rlc. Angel Lace. This is a cross made by Carter and Holmes of C. Little Angel, a white flower, and the well-known frilly-lipped species, Rl. digbyana. The color is as expected from the hybrid and the lip brings forward some of the interesting structure of the Rl. digbyana lip. The five flowers caught everyone’s eye. Congratulations, Judy!!

The **Second Place ribbon and Speaker’s Choice** award went to the Brassavola nodosa, well-known to our plant table and providing an outstanding display. The species



Rlc. Angel Lace

ter and produce a new bulb next season. The plant shown appears to have male flowers as the female flowers are usually fleshy with a shorter column. Thank you for bringing it in, Anna!

Joanna Shaw received the **New Members’ ribbon** with her entry Rlc. Eagle Island ‘Sangria’ (below). The cross was registered by Carter and Holmes in the same year as Rlc. Angel Lace above. The Sangria clone earned an AM/AOS award for Carter and Holmes when they exhibited it in the Atlanta Orchid



Rlc. Eagle Isle ‘Sangria’



B. nodosa

is wide spread throughout Central America and northern South America. While described as intermediate to warm growing, many VAOS members grow it cooler and attach it to trees. Cynthia Vance was the exhibitor and grew this specimen size plant in just two years after receiving it as a gift from Roy Klinger. Great job, Cynthia!

Anna Sibille earned both the **Third Place ribbon and Best Species** award with her Cynoches loddigesii (right), a plant native to northern South America. The plant grows rapidly in the warm summers, blooms, and loses its leaves in the fall. The bulbs will dry out over the win-



Cynoches loddigesii

Show in 1992. They then cloned the plant and it has been widely distributed. The color of this plant was very hard to capture in a photograph. Other images of the clone show much more red – maybe a consequence of summer compared to winter blooming. Joanna has only been a member since May 2013. Way to go, Joanna!!

*Narrative and photos by Ted Kellogg*

## The Benefits of Joining AOS

If you are not already a member, membership in the American Orchid Society is a truly rewarding experience. Whether a beginner or an expert orchid grower, you will find information to inspire and inform in both the print and on-line media. Join others worldwide who share a passion for orchids, as well as supporting AOS conservation and research efforts for these wondrous plants.

Join today and begin receiving a wealth of membership benefits including:

- TWELVE issues of award-winning ORCHIDS magazine
- Electronic edition of ORCHIDS magazine, available to members from any computer
- Access to reliable on-line orchid information and fea-

### Minutes of the August 7, 2013 VAOS Meeting (continued from page 2)

Plant Table orchids were presented by Bill Fender and Jimmy Thomas; awards were announced. The meeting was adjourned following the Raffle.

*Respectfully submitted by Peg Fahrenback*

### Plants Needed for Ridge Orchid Show (continued from page 1)

than Wednesday, September 11th, 5pm.

All plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and diseases, and labeled with both the plant name and the owner's name. Flowers should be in prime condition to last through the weekend show.

If you would like to participate in setting up our display, help with take down on Sunday, and transporting plants and materials to the show, or need further information, please contact Rich Amos at 894-5351.

*Submitted by Carol Wood*

### VAOS Website Update

Ted Kellogg and his team are working to revamp the VAOS website - [www.vaos.org](http://www.vaos.org). We're updating content, working on format and organization. Our website is hosted by WordPress and we are looking for a member with experience in WordPress to assist us on technical issues. If you have this experience and can contribute a few hours a month, please contact Ted at 475-7029, [tmkellogg@gmail.com](mailto:tmkellogg@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Carol Wood*

tures available only to our members at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

- Receive the annual Orchid Source Directory detailing orchid suppliers worldwide
- Free and discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta
- 10% discount on purchases on-line at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) including a discount on back issues of ORCHIDS magazine and on American Orchid Society published books

A popular benefit of AOS membership is participation in the Reciprocal Garden program of the American Horticultural Society. Many members report that they save more than the cost of AOS membership annually by using this program. Check out the listing of participating gardens and arboreta at [www.ahs.org/gardening-programs/rar](http://www.ahs.org/gardening-programs/rar)—some offer free admission or other benefits to AOS members. You will need to show your AOS membership card to participate.

Membership is \$65 a year. The VAOS has AOS membership applications at our meetings or visit [www.AOS.org](http://www.AOS.org) to join.

*Submitted by Carol Wood*

### Message from your President (continued from page 1)

brings 20+ years of non-profit management to the VAOS Board, suggested we develop more stringent financial procedures to incorporate best practices in accounting for our growing society. Our new financial internal control system will safeguard assets, prevent errors, provide credible information, and protect both VAOS directors and members. Thank you, Janice, Carol and Ali for your contributions to this board committee as we work to finalize these procedures.

Here are just a few of the changes: Our financial record-keeping will be password protected, held in a secure location, and off-site copies will be maintained in a free digital storage system. Forms to obtain reimbursement of funds are included and matched to the budget category and then approved by the president. Forms for income received will also be used. All checks sent to VAOS will be directed to our official PO Box. We are pleased that our long-time member, Elaine Ortt, who has extensive experience in tax preparation and finance, has agreed to review our financial record-keeping quarterly.

If an unusual event forces us to cancel our annual Show, we always keep enough funds in the bank to carry VAOS through the following year of operations, including seed money for the next Show. I trust that through all these efforts, VAOS members can be assured of our Society's diligent financial management to safeguard and manage our assets.

Now back to growing our wondrous orchids!!!!

## Simple Fertilizer Mixing

Over the years, many people have utilized the various fertilizer calculators we have provided here on this website. Some however, are not so interested in the more technical approaches to fertilizer management, so here we seek to provide a much simpler method. All you need to do is estimate how frequently you water and feed your plants, and refer to the chart below as a reference.

Let's start with a general recommendation: we have found that if you feed your plants at every watering, a nitrogen concentration of about 50- to 75 ppm appears to be good for a wide array of genera. Therefore, if you feed your plants every other watering, then it seems reasonable to apply the fertilizer at approximately twice that concentration. If you fertilize plants less frequently than that, it would seem logical to simply use the appropriate multiplier to determine your concentration, but we must keep in mind that too strong of a solution can be damaging, particularly to more sensitive plants. That is one reason we always recommend dilute, frequent feeding as opposed to stronger, more spaced-out feedings. Using our own nutritional analogy, it's healthier to eat several small snacks than to gorge yourself at one big meal.

I'm not going to "let you off the hook" from doing math altogether, but this is actually pretty simple. First, decide what concentration in ppm N that you're shooting for. In the chart, simply select the factor next to that value and divide it by the %N on the label of your fertilizer. The result is the number of teaspoons to use to mix up a gallon

of fertilizer. The metric factor, when divided by the %N, gives the milliliters to use for a liter of solution.

Concentration ppm N	Factor (English)	Factor (Metric)
250	20	26
225	18	23.4
200	16	20.8
175	14	18.2
150	12	15.6
125	10	13
100	8	10.4
75	6	7.8
50	4	5.2

For example, if I am shooting for 75 ppm and have a 19-7-13 fertilizer, then I will mix  $6/19=0.32$ , or roughly 1/3 of a teaspoon, per gallon of solution. If doing a metric calculation for the same concentration, I would divide 7.8 by the 19% N, and use 0.4 ml/L.

Article reprinted with permission of [www.firstrays.com](http://www.firstrays.com)

### GROWERS CLINIC UPDATE

Our August 15th Growers Clinic program topic was "Online Resources", presenting some of our favorite websites to learn more about orchids, research their culture or where to purchase plants and supplies online. The handout is attached and includes a list of recommended books. This handout will be available at our September 4th meeting and will be added to our website. At our next Growers Clinic, September 12th, Dr. Jimmy will provide a demonstration of plant dividing, certainly one of the most challenging aspects of orchid growing.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the many new members who have joined VAOS over the past few months! We're happy to have you onboard and look forward to getting to know you.

Our regular monthly meetings offer limited time to socialize and mingle, so we recommend all new members also join us at our monthly Growers Clinics held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Venice Community Center, 7pm. Not only will you learn the basics of orchid growing, but we'll have an opportunity to get to know you in a small group relaxed setting. Please plan to join us!

# Venice Area Orchid Society News

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

## Next Meeting:

**Monday, September 4, 7:00 p.m.**

- **Speaker: Bill Thoms**
- **Topic: "Orchid Collecting in the Philippines"**
- Show table entries welcome
- Bring plants for the Raffle Table
- Bring treats to share

## Upcoming Events

### September 4, 2013:

VAOS monthly meeting, 7pm, Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL. Speaker: Bill Thoms. Topic: Collecting Orchids. Bill will have orchids for sale.

### September 12, 2013

Growers Clinic, 7pm, Venice Community Center. Presenter: Jim Thomas. Topic: Orchid Division 101. Open Q&A. Bring your problem plants for expert help. Also bring your plants for the Ridge Orchid Show!!.

### Patronize Our Local Growers

- Honey Bee Nursery (941-474-6866)
  - Jeff Higel2383 Englewood Road (Rt. 776)  
Englewood
- Plantio La Orquidea (941-504-7737)
  - Tina & Rafael Romero3480 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota  
[www.plantiolaorquidea.com](http://www.plantiolaorquidea.com)

### September 14 – 15:

Ridge Orchid Society Show, Lake Mirror Center, 121 South Lake Ave., Lakeland, FL.  
Info: Rich Amos, 894-5351

### October 2, 2013:

VAOS monthly meeting, 7pm, Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL.  
Speaker: Jamie Lawson. Topic: Orchid Flasking. Jamie will have orchids for sale.

### Newsletter Supplements

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

### October 11 – 13:

South Florida Orchid Society Show, Univ. of Miami Bank United Center, 1245 Dauer Dr., Coral Gables, FL.  
Info: [www.sforchid.com](http://www.sforchid.com)

### December 7 (Saturday):

VAOS Holiday Party, Boca Royale Golf and Country Club. Details to follow.

### Ongoing:

Mentor Program: help for beginning growers, contact Peg Fahrenback, [rsec@vaos.org](mailto:rsec@vaos.org)

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

Info: [www.fncjc.shutterfly.com](http://www.fncjc.shutterfly.com)



# VAOS GROWERS CLINIC HANDOUT

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### August 15, 2013

This Growers Clinic Handout presents some of our favorite online resources to learn more about orchids, research culture and purchase orchids and supplies.

#### Great Links

- American Orchid Society Website [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)
- Orchid Mall ("Your complete online orchid resource center") [www.orchidmall.com](http://www.orchidmall.com)
- Orchid Wire (orchid resource directory) [www.orchidwire.com](http://www.orchidwire.com)

#### General Orchid Culture

- Dendrobium types <http://www.alohaorchid.com/DendrobiumIntermediate.aspx>
- First Rays (fertilizers, chemicals, home remedies) [www.firstrays.com](http://www.firstrays.com)
- St. Augustine's Orchid Website <http://www.staugorchidsociety.org/>
- Courtney Hackney Website (culture articles) [www.roseg4art.com](http://www.roseg4art.com)

#### Species Culture/ Information

- Brazilian orchid species info [Mirandaorchids.com/brazilianorchidsVGA.htm](http://Mirandaorchids.com/brazilianorchidsVGA.htm)
- Jay Pfahl's Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia [www.orchidspecies.com](http://www.orchidspecies.com)  
16,400 species in 777 genera - **best free resource** for species native habitat info.
- RHS/Kew Checklist [www.kew.org/science/orchids](http://www.kew.org/science/orchids)

#### Glossaries

- Glossary of Orchid Terms - McLellan Botanicals <http://www.taisucoamerica.com/orchid-information/glossary-of-orchid-terms/>
- Glossary of Orchid Terms [http://www.beautifulorchids.com/orchids/orchid\\_care\\_tips/glossary.html](http://www.beautifulorchids.com/orchids/orchid_care_tips/glossary.html)
- Orchid Name Pronunciation <http://www.crazyorchidlady.com/pages/pronunciation-of-orchid-names/>
- Orchid Name Basics <http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=401>

#### Pests and Diseases

- 
- AOS Website Pests and Diseases <http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=117>
- Clouds Orchids Online Orchid Doctor <http://www.cloudsorchids.com/doctor/diagnose.htm>
- Sue Bottom, St. Augustine Orchid Society [www.staugorchidsociety.org](http://www.staugorchidsociety.org)

## Photos

- Greg Alikas, the Orchid Photo Page [www.orchidworks.com](http://www.orchidworks.com)
- Jay Pfahl's Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyc. [www.orchidspecies.com](http://www.orchidspecies.com)

Online Vendors - Here are some of the best online sources for purchasing orchids. Vendors with an \* participate in our annual show - please support them! Vendor specialties are noted.

Andy's Orchids (Species)	<a href="http://www.andysorchids.com">www.andysorchids.com</a>
Big Leaf Orchids (Phalaenopsis)	<a href="http://www.bigleaforchids.com">www.bigleaforchids.com</a>
Carmela Orchids (Seedlings, Variety)	<a href="http://www.carmelaorchids.net">www.carmelaorchids.net</a>
Carter & Holmes (Variety)	<a href="http://www.carterandholmes.com">www.carterandholmes.com</a>
Chadwick & Son (Cattleya divisions)	<a href="http://www.chadwickorchids.com">www.chadwickorchids.com</a>
Del Favero Orchids * (variety)	<a href="http://www.delfaveroorchids.com">www.delfaveroorchids.com</a>
Exotic Orchids of Maui (Seedlings, variety)	<a href="http://www.maiorchids.com">www.maiorchids.com</a>
Florida SunCoast Orchids* (variety)	<a href="http://www.floridasuncoastorchids.com">www.floridasuncoastorchids.com</a>
Gold Country Orchids* (Cattleyas)	<a href="http://www.goldcountryorchids.com">www.goldcountryorchids.com</a>
H&R Nurseries (Seedlings, variety)	<a href="http://www.hrnurseries.com">www.hrnurseries.com</a>
Krull-Smith Orchids* (Mature, variety)	<a href="http://www.krullsmith.com">www.krullsmith.com</a>
Miranda Orchids (Brazilian)	<a href="http://www.Mirandaorchids.com">www.Mirandaorchids.com</a>
Oak Hill Orchids (species)	<a href="http://www.oakhillgardens.com">www.oakhillgardens.com</a>
Odom Orchids* (mature plants)	<a href="http://www.odoms.com">www.odoms.com</a>
Palmer Orchids* (Local, variety)	<a href="http://www.orchidworks.com/palmer">www.orchidworks.com/palmer</a>
Plantio la Orquidea	<a href="http://plantiolaorquidea.com/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=OINF&amp;Store_Code=PLO">http://plantiolaorquidea.com/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=OINF&amp;Store_Code=PLO</a>
Parkside Orchids (mature plants)	<a href="http://www.parksideorchids.com">www.parksideorchids.com</a>
RF Orchids (Vandas)	<a href="http://www.rforchids.com">www.rforchids.com</a>
Sunset Valley Orchids (CA, Variety)	<a href="http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com">www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com</a>

Online Supplies - These online suppliers sell excellent quality media for growing your orchids as well as fertilizers, pesticides, plastic pots, hangers, etc.

Broward Orchid Supply	<a href="http://www.browardorchidsupply.com/">http://www.browardorchidsupply.com/</a>
First Rays	<a href="http://www.firstrays.com">www.firstrays.com</a>
IGS (Stainless steel shelves)	<a href="http://www.indoorgardensupplies.com">www.indoorgardensupplies.com</a>
Kelley's Korner	<a href="http://www.kkorchid.com">www.kkorchid.com</a>
OFE International*	<a href="http://www.ofe-intl.com">www.ofe-intl.com</a>
Roberts Flower Supply	<a href="http://www.orchidmix.com">www.orchidmix.com</a>

Some local resources for supplies include:

- Home Depot – Clay slotted pots; wooden baskets; Dynamite fertilizer (in red canister)
- Lowes - Pots, baskets, fertilizer, pest control
- Honey Bee Nursery (941-474-6866) Jeff Higel. 2383 Englewood Rd. (Rt. 776) Englewood (orchids, potting and mounting supplies including Orchiata Bark)
- MRT Garden Center (chemicals)

Online Forums - Each forum has a search engine and FAQ section, good resources for specific culture advice. Orchid Source Forum has excellent photo gallery of hybrids and species.

AOS Forum	<a href="http://www.aosforum.org/forum">http://www.aosforum.org/forum</a>
Garden Web Orchid Forum	<a href="http://forums2.gardenweb.com/forums/orchids">http://forums2.gardenweb.com/forums/orchids</a>
Orchid Geeks	<a href="http://www.orchidgeeks.com/forum/">http://www.orchidgeeks.com/forum/</a>
Orchid Source Forum	<a href="http://forum.theorchidsource.com">http://forum.theorchidsource.com</a>
Slipper Orchid Forum	<a href="http://www.slipperorchidforum.com">http://www.slipperorchidforum.com</a>

### **Software and Subscription Services**

**AOS AQ Plus** - Comprehensive orchid research software available by subscription from AOS ([www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)) including AOS award in Awards Quarterly format and images.

**AOS Beginners Newsletter** - Register at [www.aosforum.org/phplist](http://www.aosforum.org/phplist)

**Martin Motes Florida Orchid Growing Month by Month** - Monthly emails available by request from [Martin.Motes@gmail.com](mailto:Martin.Motes@gmail.com)

**Orchid Wiz** - Comprehensive orchid research software available by subscription ([www.orchidwiz.com](http://www.orchidwiz.com)) including hybrid registrations and AOS awards, images, and Baker culture data for species.

## **RECOMMENDED BOOKS**

Many orchid growers also collect orchid books! Here is a list of recommended books - check the VAOS Library first for copies of these books to borrow. A good source to purchase these books online is [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) where you may find inexpensive used books for sale.

### Beginner Orchid Books

- Golden Guide to Orchids
- Your First Orchid - A Guide for Beginners, AOS
- Understanding Orchids, William Cullina

### Classics

- Mary Noble: You Can Grow Orchids; You Can Grow Cattleya Orchids; You Can Grow Phalaenopsis Orchids
- Rebecca Northen: Home Orchid Growing; Orchids As House Plants

### Coffee Table Books

- Flora's Orchids, Timber Press
- The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Orchids, A. Pridgeon, Ed.
- The New Encyclopedia of Orchids, I. la Croix
- The Orchid, Mark Griffiths
- The World's Most Beautiful Orchids, Greg Allikas and Ned Nash

### Florida Orchid Culture

- Florida Orchid Growing Month By Month, Martin Motes, PhD (**the only book you will ever need on So. Florida orchid culture**)
- An Intro to Orchids, A Guide to Orchid Growing in the Subtropics, So. FL Orchid Society (also an excellent book)
- Orchid Growing In the Tropics, Orchid Society of So. East Asia (also an excellent book)

### Florida Native Orchids

- Wild Orchids of Florida, Paul Martin Brown
- Wild Love Affair, Essence of Florida's Native Orchids, Connie Bransilver

### Genera Specific Books

- Angraecoid Orchids, Joyce Stewart, etc.
- Bulbophyllums: From A to Why?, Bill Thoms
- The Classic Cattleyas, Chadwick and Chadwick
- Dendrobiums and It's Relatives, B. Lavarack, W. Harris, G. Stocker
- Moth Orchids: Complete Guide to Phalaenopsis, Steven Frowine
- Paphiopedilum Growers Manual, Lance Birk
- Tropical Slipper Orchids, Harold Koopowitz
- Vandas - Their Botany, History and Culture, Dr. Martin Motes

### Identification and General Culture Books

- AOS Growing Orchids
- Botanica's Orchids
- Ortho Books: Complete Guide to Orchids
- Simon & Schuster's Guide to Orchids
- Taylors Guide to Orchids

### Non-Fiction/**Must Reads !**

- Orchid Fever, Eric Hansen
- The Orchid Thief, Susan Orlean

### Pests & Diseases Books

- Pests and Diseases , AOS

