

Venice Area Orchid Society News

A Valentine for you.

February 2012

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326 S. Nokomis Avenue, Venice, FL
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The Venice Area Orchid Society meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Venice Community Center, 326 South Nokomis Avenue, Venice, Florida.

Orchid Growers Clinics are informal question and answer sessions addressing questions from new orchid growers or growers with problem plants. They are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Venice Community Center.

Guests are welcome.

Visit the Venice Area Orchid Society on the web at:

www.vaos.org

A Message from Your President

All systems are going! Our annual show, “Enchantment” has caught the imagination of many. Online sites are already receiving more than 50 hits a day; our sponsor donations have almost doubled; scintillating Ads have been sent to the media; and our VAOS member patrons are giving generously.

Look for surprises at the show – some new vendors with huge orchids; our tropical individuals’ exhibit, the rolling slide show of our sponsor’s Ads and a special recognition gift for our volunteers.

Committee chairs have accomplished their tasks ahead of schedule.

Now it’s your turn. If you want learn how orchids are awarded, come Saturday morning to assist the judges. We need more clerks. If you enjoy sitting, join the security team. We need a few more folks. If you are artistic, help the plant boutique to make flower arrangements. If you love to cook, bring the best you make – attractive salads, casseroles, deserts and meat dishes. I’m told that we need more food, especially on Sunday.

VAOS is special because at least 75 members always say “yes” and volunteer at the show. As one member exclaimed, “I love our Society so much because it has such high standards

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Greg Allikas “Pedilonium Dendrobiums”



Greg Allikas

Greg Allikas is known the world over for his brilliant photographs of orchids. His extensive knowledge of his subject and artistic background offer a unique interpretation that is both accurate, and stunningly beautiful. Greg has been a commercial photographer in the Palm Beaches for forty years. He is well known for his library of theater photography and his passion for street photography.

An orchid grower since 1970, Allikas is awards photographer for the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center, Florida-Caribbean Judging Center in Miami, and many annual South Florida and international orchid shows, including Ft. Lauderdale, Delray Beach, Naples and Boca Raton. His photos are regularly seen in AOS publications, including the annual calendar and *Orchids* magazine. He has written articles for both *Orchids* magazine and *Orchid Digest* and has been published in Germany, South America, Sweden and in the Russian magazine, *World of Orchids*.

Greg also has many photos in the latest editions of the *Sunset* and *Ortho* books on orchids and supplied all of the photography for *Growing Orchids is Fun* (Hollingsworth), *Orchids to Know and Grow* (Sheehan & Black), and *Orquideas en la Gran Ciudad* (Verdura). The latter is the first book on orchid culture written and published in Spain.

In November 2005, Thunder Bay Press published his second book co-authored with Ned Nash, *The World’s Most Beautiful Orchids*, which features over 500 photographs and 450 pages of text. A third Allikas-Nash collaboration; *Four Seasons of Orchids*. was published

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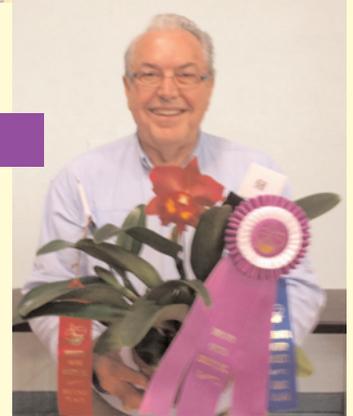
VAOS Garners Many Awards at Sarasota Orchid Show January 7th and 8th



VAOS tabletop display at the Sarasota Orchid Show.

Congratulations!

VAOS Member Jim Thomas won TWO purple rosettes (most outstanding), a blue and a red ribbon for the many plants he entered into the Sarasota display.



Other VAOS Members who were awarded ribbons are:

- Richard Amos – 3 blue and 1 red
- Ted Kellogg – 2 blue; 1 red
- Roy Klinger – 1 blue
- Carol Liddy – 1 Yellow
- Tony Nacinovich – 1 Blue; 2 Red and 1 Yellow
- Bill Timm – 4 blue; 4 red and 2 yellow
- Barbara & Bob Wagner – 1 Red
- Bob Wallace – 1 blue
- Carol Wood – 1 Red

Many thanks to ALL members who brought plants for the display.

Speaker: Greg Allikas *continued from page 1*

by Creative Homeowner in 2007. This 256-page book features more culture information than the previous two volumes and deals with culture from a seasonal approach. It has just been released in a second printing.

In 2005, Allikas was honored to consult on, and supply photography for, a United Nations Postal Administration endangered species stamp release featuring 12 endangered orchid species. Greg is a popular speaker and in demand at orchid societies across the U.S.

He especially enjoys field trips to photograph orchids in their native habitats and rarely turns down an invitation to see and photograph orchids growing in the wild.

Greg will be bringing some photographic prints for sale, specially priced for VAOS.

2012 Show Talk – Ways YOU Can Help

- ALL members can help publicize our event. Talk it up ... and often! Tell your friends!
- Print a Show Poster and hang it! It has been emailed to you.
- Distribute the “Counter Cards”
- Become a show sponsor
- Bring your blooming orchid plants for the show exhibit – It is very helpful if you pre-register. Registration forms can be printed from www.vaos.org; you will also receive an E-mail alert. See the January 2012 issue, page 5 for Tips on Grooming.
- Trim your yard plants and bring some interesting foliage for use by the floral arrangers
- Sign up for a committee. Volunteers are welcome for as much time as you can offer.

Sign up for a volunteer task before or during the show. It is a lot of fun working together and most time slots are only 2-3 hours. Telephone or email the committee chair and choose your time. See their contact information in this newsletter and get on board!

Hall Setup and Takedown

Show up on Friday at 1, we need people (men, especially) to move both chairs and plants and to set up tables. [Note: Special allowance by the VCC will have the greenery arriving at 12 Noon; will need a few strong arms then also.] The vendors will also be arriving at 1. (Need 10+ people) Take down is 4 p.m. on Sunday – c'mon back!

Sign up with Bob Wallace (Bob@flgulfhomes.com)

Plant Data Entry

A Friday-only job. For the computer savvy person, you will work with Ted Kellogg to catalog each plant in the show. An opportunity to learn some “weird and funny” plant names. (Need 4 persons) Sign up with Ted Kellogg (475-7029 or tmkellogg@gmail.com)

Clerks

This entails an early arrival on Saturday morning (7:30) to work with the judges, finding and pointing out plants, and placing ribbons. We will need 3 persons on each of 6 teams. One will be the head clerk; one will be the ribbon clerk, and one will be the plant spotter. Clerking is an opportunity to enhance your orchid knowledge. (Need 18 people). Please note that 2-3 people will be needed to stay into the early afternoon to pull plants for AOS judging.

Sign up with Mary Anne DiGrazia (697-9237 or tommmaryanne@centurylink.net)

Front Door

Greet visitors, collect money and hand out hourly raffle tickets and programs. (Need 8 people)

Sign up with Elaine Ortt (485-5313 or lhortt@verizon.net)

Security

Mostly a sitting job to guard our exit doors. Also needed are roving cops to guard people from entering displays or touching plants when trying to get that best photo. (Need 9-12 people)

Sign up with Jerry Manegold (416-0294 or gmanegold@gmail.com)

Kitchen

We are asking members to bring in their “tastiest” dish – hot main dishes (especially if the weather is cold), interesting salads, cheese and vegetable platters, devilled eggs and desserts. This year the Judges’ Luncheon will be presented by our kitchen staff and some special dishes will be prepared. The kitchen is our volunteer gathering place where we have a lot of fun talking and sharing. We also need people to help serve and clean-up. (Need 6-8 people to work in kitchen).

Sign up with Bruce & Linda Hahn (408-7646)

Membership Table

Talk to attendees and tell them the benefits of joining VAOS. Often novice growers feel they are unworthy to join – so boast about our educational meetings, and our “Growers Clinic” where they can receive personal advice. Give out culture sheets and if they join VAOS, our own published “Orchid Growers Guide”. (Need 6 persons)

Sign up with Gerry or Jim Thomas (966-2479 or pis2ces4@verizon.net)

Arts and Crafts

Enter up to 3 items *with an Orchid Theme* into the Arts and Craft display. *Sewing, painting, woodwork, photos, quilting, knitting or any other craft* that you have made. Bring your entry to the Venice Community Center on Friday, February 3rd at 1 p.m. Craft display table will be in front of the stage.

Sign up with Noreen Chervinski (505-1304 or pgifolks@yahoo.com)

Questions? Contact your 2012 Show Chairs:
Barbara Wagner (923-7706 or barbjwag@verizon.net) and Carol Wood (cwood12@msn.com)

VAOS Meeting Minutes: January 4, 2012

President Cynthia Vance opened the meeting by passing out a "3 Minute Membership Survey" to gather information about members' skill sets. This Information is needed to encourage talented members to contribute to the Society; it will also help determine individual likes and preferences. She also encouraged members to post photos on the VAOS website. Photos of systems used to protect orchids from cold weather would be of special interest. Cynthia announced that she will continue to be President of VAOS for one more year. Membership fees of \$15 per household are currently due.

Carol Wood presented the trophy selected for our VAOS annual February Show. This trophy has a beautiful picture of the most famous hybrid from Fender's Flora: Susan Fender "Cinnamon Stick." Twenty will be awarded at the Show. As Carol said, "this award design is to honor Bill and Susan Fender for all that they have contributed to the Society." All of our members applauded.

Cynthia cited an increase this year of our Show corporate sponsors, especially those who have agreed to donations of \$250 to \$500. Many are anchors of our community – AAA, Raleigh and Associates, Center for Sight, Silverstein Institute, Jacaranda Trace, State Farm Insurance, etc. She encouraged members to either request corporate sponsorship directly or provide information to herself or Carol Wood, so they may speak with officials about sponsorship. She thanked those who worked on Sponsorship Fundraising – Barbara Wagner, Carol Wood, Jimmy Thomas, Jane Camarota and Cynthia Vance for

their efforts to obtain sponsors. Those sponsors who give \$250 or more will have full page Ads on a rolling slide show on the big screen on the VCC stage. This "advertising strategy" encouraged sponsors to give, or give more this year. These sponsors will also receive a number of "Be our Guest" free tickets to give their employees.

Barbara Wagner presented the need for volunteer workers at the Feb. Show. She passed around a variety of sign-up sheets. Set up will begin Thursday evening from 4 to 7 pm, to complete table set up. Design set up will be Friday afternoon starting at 1:00 after the SIMS lecture. Food is needed for both workers and judges. Many volunteers are needed to secure exits, sell tickets, stamp hands, serve as clerks for the judges, set up on Thursday/Friday, and tear down on Sunday. Patron donations are needed to help with up front show expenses.

Bob Wallace announced the Sarasota Orchid Show is Jan. 7 and 8 at the Municipal Auditorium. Plants are needed for the VAOS display. Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday and tear down on Sunday. Carol Wood and Bob Wallace will take blooming orchids there if members bring them to Bob's and Carol's homes.

Toni Marie requested donations of "Oasis" for the Orchid Boutique. This medium is used to create wet floral displays. It can be purchased at Walmart in the crafts section and members may bring it to the Show on set-up afternoon, Friday.

Cynthia announced most of the replacements from those retiring from the Board have been made by the Nomination Committee. These names will be announced at the February meeting; additional nominations may be made from the floor. The full membership will vote at our annual meeting in March.

Cynthia announced the next Board meeting will be 7:00, Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the Masonic Lodge. Show Chairs are all invited. She also distributed colorful promotional bookmarks and flyers. Tony Nacinovich stated that 8.5 X 11 posters will soon be printed. Bookmarks and flyers were distributed to members for promoting the Show.

President's Message

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and promotes quality – and then it all comes together like a fine theatrical performance at the end of the year – this year "Enchantment."

A final word – we have only 6.5 hours to set up and create our Society display at 1:00 Friday afternoon. Come and help and please stake and clean your best plants for our Society's display. This will save us much time.

–Cynthia Vance

Membership Dues Are Due NOW!

Now is the time to renew your VAOS membership. Dues are only \$15 *per household* each calendar year.

Pay Treasurer Ali Hicks at the next meeting or mail your check, *payable to VAOS*, to:

Ms. Ali Hicks, Treasurer
P.O. Box 443
Venice, FL 34284-0443

Pay ASAP so that you will be included in the 2012 Membership Directory.

Don't delay!

Jerry Manegold reported Bill and Susan Fender are providing orchids for sale at the meeting because Bob Scully, Jr., the speaker, is no longer a commercial grower. Bill Fender introduced Bob Scully Jr., saying the family business, Jones & Scully, set the standard for orchid growing in South FL. They were the first FL nursery to produce and distribute an orchid catalogue; these early catalogues are now collectables.

Bob Scully, who grew up in the orchid growing business, presented a unique historical perspective. He presented beautiful pictures and interesting cultural information about big *Cattleya* orchids. The family nursery thrived from 1947 until 1992, when Hurricane Andrew totally destroyed the labs and greenhouses.

Bob Scully and Ted Kellogg presented orchids from the Plant Table and cited awards.

The meeting was adjourned following the raffle.

Respectfully submitted, Peg Fahrenback

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Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the prior month.

Please direct comments to:
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Written submissions are appreciated.

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Plant Table Awards: January 4, 2012

Monthly meetings include a show table of members' plants. Six ribbons are awarded each month, four of which are selected by a random team of VAOS member judges. These four awards are Best Species, and a First, Second and Third place award to any plant. VAOS members vote on a plant for the Members' Choice award and there is a Speaker's Choice award. Plants from commercial growers are not eligible for ribbons. Plants are named as presented with minor editing corrections.

In January, 23 plants were shown. Judges were Pauline Adam, Judy Russell, and Don Stoeckler.

First Place and Members Choice:

Cattlianthe Spring Imp 'Lennette #3' HCC/AOS

Grower: Tony Nacinovich.

Many bright orange red flowers caught everyone's attention of this complex hybrid of many generations. The strong influence from the hybridizers selection provided an orchid which strongly shows the influence of *Guarianthe aurantiaca*, a great grandparent to the hybrid. The clone 'Lenette #3' got its HCC award in 2004 with 17 flowers on two inflorescences.



Second Place: *Brassocattleya* Yellow Bird

Grower: Tawanna Hardenbrook

This well-known hybrid of *Brassavola nodosa* by *Brassocattleya* Richard Mueller has received 11 AOS awards, six of them for culture. The cross, registered by H & R in 1990, has only two species in its background – *Bc. nodosa* and *C. milleri*. It is an excellent plant for our area. It will withstand our 'cool' night and our summer heat to produce blooms during the winter months.



Third Place: *Rhyncholealiocattleya* Theresa Hill

Grower: Bob Wallace

This hybrid of *Rlc. Carolina Splendor* x *Rlc. Goldenzelle* was registered by Krull-Smith in 2008. The cross was also made by Bill Fender, using Goldenzelle as the pod parent. The parents bring together a clear bright yellow with a red orange. The seedlings are usually an 'art shade' color. This plant was from the Fender cross.



Species of the Month: *Guarianthe bowringiana*

Grower: Shirley Hoffman

A winter blooming species from Central America. Known commonly as *Cattleya bowringiana*, and also as *Cattleya autumnalis*, it produces many flowers on upright stems. The color is enhanced by a glistening surface texture.



Speakers Choice: *Rhyncholealiocattleya* Liz Wright

Grower: Richard Amos

Two beautiful, large size 'classic' orchid flowers won the approval of our speaker, Bob Scully. This cross was registered in 1981 and represents the best of the large purple *Cattleya* breeding at that time. Large *Cattleya* breeding fell out of favor at that time – will we see more of this type of breeding?

Plant descriptions: Ted Kellogg; Photos: Ted Kellogg, Tony Nacinovich



Next Meeting:
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 at 7 p.m.
Speaker: Greg Allikas,
"Pedilonium Dendrobiums"
• Show table entries welcome
• G. Allikas Photographic Prints for Sale
• Refreshments

Upcoming Events

January 21-22 – Manatee River Orchid Society Show, Manatee Civic Center, 1 Haben Blvd., Palmetto, FL.

January 28-29 – Tamiami International Orchid Festival, Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo Center, Miami, FL.

February 1 – VAOS monthly meeting. 7 p.m. Venice Community Center. 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL. Speaker: Greg Allikas, "Pedilonium Dendrobiums."

February 3 (Friday)– Setup for VAOS show. VCC. *1 p.m.* (See page 3.)

February 4-5 – VAOS Show "Enchantment" (see poster at right)

February 8 – VAOS Orchid Growers Clinic, 7 p.m. VCC.

February 10-12 – Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show, Orlando Garden Club, 210 E. Rollins St., Orlando, FL.

March 2-4 – Key West Orchid Society Show, West Martello Towers, Key West.

March 7 – VAOS monthly meeting. 7 p.m. VCC. 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice, FL. Speaker: Bill Fender, Fender's Flora.

March 8-11 – Orchid Society of Coral Gables Show, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd., Coral Gables, FL.

March 14 – VAOS Orchid Growers Clinic, 7 p.m. VCC.

March 16-17 – Englewood Area Orchid Society Show, United Methodist Church 701 East Dearborn, Englewood, FL.

~Area orchid show listings can be found on the American Orchid Society site, www.aos.org; Events page~

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Listing of 13 upcoming Flower Events on Florida's SE coast.