

VENICE AREA Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2018

January General Meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 3rd at 7pm

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

Speaker: Dr. Antonio Toscano de Brito

Topic: Newly Discovered Orchids of Brazil



We're fortunate to have Dr. Toscano de Brito return and share the latest in his world travels searching for new orchids and studying how they create new species in response to diverse environments. For our newer members, Dr. Toscano received his PhD. from the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, lectured at Harvard University, and participated

in the Global Plants Initiative. He continues to be active at the Marie Selby Gardens in Sarasota where he heads the Selby DNA Monitoring Unit and frequently travels to Brazil where he is now a "Special Visiting Researcher" at Parana University.

He is the world's leading expert on the more than 4,000 species of Pleurothallids, mainly found in South and Central America. His lively presentation will be illustrated with many photographs from his friend and co-worker, Dr. Wade Collier, who accompanied him on his most recent trip and who also volunteers at Selby. Dr. Collier will provide tips on orchid photography in challenging environments. Following the presentation, Dr. Toscano will entertain questions from the audience and perhaps share a favorite recipe or two from his time in Brazil as owner/chef of the "Orchidarium", a Brazilian/Portuguese restaurant.

January Events

**January 3 (Wednesday)
Monthly Meeting
Venice Community Center
Speaker: Dr. Antonio
Toscano de Brito
Topic: Newly
Discovered Orchids of
Brazil**

**January 5- 7
(Friday – Sunday)
Sarasota Orchid Society
Annual Show & Sale
Sarasota Municipal
Auditorium**

**January 11 (Thursday)
Growers Clinic
Venice Community Center
Room F, 7pm.
Rick Belisle
Dendrobium Culture**

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A Message from Your President



As we close 2017 and welcome in the new year, I wish to thank our members and our board for their many contributions over the past year. We are fortunate to have active and enthusiastic members, ready to jump in and help where needed – I think that our society is special in that regard. I appreciate the dedication and time that our board members contribute to our society. Every one of them is forward-thinking, enthusiastic and dedicated to the best interests of our society. I deeply appreciate their leadership and good work.

I wish all of our members a happy and healthy new year!

Carol Wood, President



Volunteers Needed for Our Annual Show

Our annual show is rapidly approaching and we still need to fill 78 volunteer time slots. If you have not signed up, or if you can do more, please sign up now for a 2-3 time slot Friday, Saturday or Sunday, February 2-4.

Please email Carol Wood at ShowChair@VAOS.org to sign up, or sign up at our January 3rd meeting. All show volunteers receive the show collector edition t-shirt, free admission to the show, great food, fun and camaraderie.

Instructions for Volunteers - All volunteers should enter through the rear door of the community center to check in and be directed to their assigned location. T-shirts can be picked up at the Membership Table after checking in.

Arts & Crafts—A reminder to our members to get your arts and crafts ready for display at our show. Pre-register with Noreen and bring them to the community Center on Friday, February 2nd, between 2 – 4pm. Chair: Noreen Chervinski, pgifolks@yahoo.com

Food - Bring your favorite dish Friday, Saturday or Sunday: hot or cold main dishes, casseroles, pastries, platters, desserts, etc. Saturday is the most important day. Note what dish you will bring and on what day on the sign- up sheet for food or email to Linda Hahn, Chair. Email: Lindaw-wfl@verizon.net

The chart below summarizes where we need your help and describes the job. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we depend on all of members to join us to produce a successful show.

Sign Up Now for our 2018 Show

Friday February 2nd 11am -8pm Set Up

Saturday February 3rd 10am - 5pm

Sunday February 4th 10am - 4pm

Show Committee	When	Job	# Time Slots Volunteers Needed
Set Up Coord: Jerry Daenzer 284-5001	Friday 2/2/18 11:30am - 2pm	Set up the hall for exhibits. Lay plastic, assist vendors in bringing in plants and greenery. Some strong backs needed.	All set!
Take Down Coord: Carol Wood 497-4995	Sunday 2/4/18 3:45pm - 6pm	Show take down and clean up. Assist removal of plants and displays. Dispose of trash, sweep floor. Fresh/rested volunteers needed.	All set!
Clerks Coord: Mary Anne Digrazia 697-9237	Saturday 2/3/18 7:30am - 10:30am	Work with AOS judges finding and pointing out plants in the exhibits and placing ribbons. A great learning experience as the judges share their knowledge of what makes a quality plant and flower!	Need 9 more
Front Door Admissions Coord: Elaine Ortt 485-5313	Saturday 2/3/18 9:45am - 5pm Sunday 2/4/18 9:45am - 4pm	Sell admission tickets. Cashier skills required. A sit down job. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Saturday or Sunday.	Need 11 more
Show Hosts Coord: Sharon & John Kahnoski 616-581-9131	Friday 2/2/18 12pm – 5pm Saturday 2/3/18 9:45am - 5pm Sunday 2/4/18 9:45am – 5 pm	Monitor entrances and exits. Ensure visitors do not step into displays. Serve as Show Host for AOS judges, other societies and vendors. Sign up for a 2.5 hour slot Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Some sit down jobs.	47 more 4 – Friday 18 – Saturday 25 - Sunday
Hospitality/Food Coord: Linda & Bruce Hahn 408-7646	Friday , Saturday and Sunday	Bring your favorite dish Friday, Saturday or Sunday: hot or cold main dishes, casseroles, pastries, platters, desserts, etc. Bring to kitchen by 11am each day. Sign up your dish and what day. Help with clean up Saturday or Sunday	All

Updated 12/20/17

Sign-up at our January 3rd monthly meeting or email [ShowChair@vaos.org](mailto>ShowChair@vaos.org)

VAOS Annual Show 2018 Committee Volunteers List

* Committee Chair

am = 9:45am - 12:15pm

mid-day = 12:00 - 2:45pm

pm = 2:30pm - 5:00pm (or
4:00pm on Sunday)

Show Co-chairs Judy Loeffler (485-9569) Carol Wood (497-4995) Arts & Crafts Noreen Chervinski* (505-1304) Registration Friday 1-6pm Ted Kellogg* (475-7029) Sally Glanz (485-9569) Orchid Boutique Janet Hoy * (445-9076) Karen Mann Jane Camarota Frank Camarota Toni Marie Don Stoecker Pat Stoecker Bev Manypenny Noreen Chervinski Cindy Randt Rita Toole Nancy Singelais Brenda Hoy Judy Chisholm Dale Hoy Ingrid Lehmann Peg Heffley Sybil Levien	Shoe Host - Friday Sharon & John Kahnoski * (616-581-9131) Friday mid-day: Courtney Miles Ed Murphy Peggy Beene Gina DeWitt Friday p.m.: X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ Membership Table Judy Loeffler Mary Amos Kathy Beck Rick Belisle Sue Grimmer Show Facility Manager Ed Soentgen	Show Host - Saturday Saturday a.m.: Fred Berger Chris Davey Julia Davey Peggy Beene Ellen Monter Beverly Krieger Ken Drieger X _____ X _____ X _____ Saturday mid-day: Peggy Beene Courtney Miles Sharon Miles X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ Saturday p.m.: Tony Nacinovich Peggy Beene X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____	Show Host - Sunday Sunday a.m.: Gina DeWitt M Peggy Butler X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ Sunday mid-day: X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ Sunday p.m.: Fred Berger Nora Berger X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____
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<u>Down</u> <u>Friday Set up</u> <u>11:30 a.m. -3pm</u> Jerry Daenzer* (284-5001) Ed Soentgen Natasha Romero Matyas Deli Ilona Deli Bruce Weaver Janet Keown Steve Keller Naoki Kawamura Dick Lawson Tony Nacinovich Kristin Shaw Sharon Miles Sue Grimmer <u>Sunday Take</u> <u>Down 3:45pm -</u> <u>6pm</u> Carol Wood * (497-4995) Ed Soentgen Matyas Deli Ilona Deli Bruce Weaver Janet Keown Steve Keller Kristin Shaw Sue Grimmer Jerry Beck Natasha Romero Pete Lippa	<u>Hospitality/Kitchen</u> <u>Friday 11am - 5pm</u> <u>Saturday 9:30am - 5pm</u> <u>Sunday 9:30am - 4pm</u> Linda Hahn* (408-7646) Bruce Hahn Dodi Sullivan <u>VAOS Display</u> <u>Set Up Friday 1-7 pm;</u> <u>Take Down Sunday</u> <u>4pm:</u> Jay Loeffler * (485-9569) Rich Amos Renee Bynum (Registration) Linda Schaller (Labels) Donn Smart Jim Thomas Bill Fahrenback <u>Individual Display</u> <u>Table</u> <u>Set Up Friday 1-3 pm</u> Kristen Shaw Donna Evans <u>Road Signage</u> <u>Saturday January 27th</u> Judy Loeffler*	<u>Clerks (7:30am</u> <u>to 10:30am</u> <u>Saturday)</u> Mary Anne DiGrazia * (697-9237) Judy Chisholm (AOS Judge Host) Sally Bonnell Kristin Shaw Dick Lawson Dale Hoy Alena Capek Gina Feinstein Jackie Wagner Sally Glanz Jerry Daenzer Joanna Shaw Natasha Romero William DuBois Ingrid Lehmann Mike O'Brien Peg Butler Ken Luburger Stephanie Luburger Donna Evans Naoki Kawamura X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____	<u>Front Door</u> <u>Admissions</u> Elaine Ortt* L (485-5313) <u>Saturday a.m.:</u> Peggy Heffley Diane Vernon Renee Bynum Nancy Bevan Laurie Houkes <u>Saturday mid-day:</u> Mary Anne DiGrazia Carol Wolfers Mike O'Brien Mary Daenzer Ed Murphy <u>Saturday p.m.:</u> Mary Anne DiGrazia Ellen Nacinovich Joan Nestor X _____ X _____ <u>Sunday a.m.:</u> Naoki Kawamura Ellen Nacinovich Pauline Adam X _____ X _____ <u>Sunday mid-day:</u> Mary Anne DiGrazia X _____ X _____ X _____ X _____ <u>Sunday p.m.:</u> Mary Anne Digrazia Steve Vogelhaupt

First Show of the Season

Your Blooming Plants are Needed!

Sarasota Orchid Society Show January 6-7

Our first orchid show of the season, the annual Sarasota Orchid Society (SOS) Show and Sale, will be held at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, January 6th-7th. **Setup is Friday, January 5th, 2018, from 9am - 4pm.** Show hours are Saturday 9am - 5pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm. Your blooming plants are needed to create our display.

Please bring your blooming plants to our January 3rd meeting and we will transport them to the show. You can pick them up Sunday 5pm at the SOS show or arrange with us to transport them back. Please bring a box or container for transport.

Alternatively, you may drop off your plants at one of two locations by Thursday January 4th, 6pm:

- South Venice: Carol Wood, 4941 Bella Terra Dr., Venice (Venetia), 497-4995 (Leave on front porch)
- Venice Island: Bruce Weaver, 328 West Bay Dr., Venice, 800-7804 (leave by front door)

We will be happy to transport them to the show and bring them back for your pick up on Monday.

You may also bring them directly to the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium on Friday January 5th at 9am

All plants must be registered in advance via email by Wednesday January 3rd, 5 pm:

Email your plant name with a photo or bloom size and color description to Renee Bynum, PlantReg@VAOS.org. Plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and disease and labeled with both the plant name and the owner's name. Flowers should be in prime condition to last through the weekend show. Please water your plants thoroughly and place in a box or container for transport to the show.

We need help transporting plants and with display set up on Friday and take down on Sunday. If you can help, please contact Jay Loeffler at 485-9569



VAOS Holiday Dinner Party

The VAOS Holiday Dinner Party was held once again at the Boca Royale CC on Friday, Dec. 8th. The country club was festively decorated as were the attendees. With the music of George DeJong, a at the country club, we enjoyed Christmas music before and during dinner. We had about 40 orchid plants to auction along with jewelry from Robin Parsons and a beautiful centerpiece from Natasha Romero. What fun we had during the auction with some out-bidding others and a lot of banter and fun had by all. Natasha also donated favors at each place-setting that were orchid filled Christmas ornaments. Thank you for your thoughtfulness both Robin and Natasha, we were all thrilled with them. The meals again were done well and each plate decorated with a pretty pink orchid. The music continued after the auction and the dancers took to the dance floor. For those that could not make it this year, we look forward to having you join us next time.

Submitted by Sharon Kahnoski, VP-Social



Bruce & Toni



Dodi and waiter



Janet and Dale Hoy



Donna, Kristen and Cynthia



Fred and Nora Berger



Jerry and Kathy Beck



Judy and Jay



Jerry and Mary



Julie and Chris Davey



Donn Smart and Robin Parsons



Kate and Al



Linda Schaller and Richard



Naoki and Joanna



Marilyn Singer and Claudette



Natalia and Henry



Sharon and John



Peg and Bill



Peg and Nancy



Rich and Mary



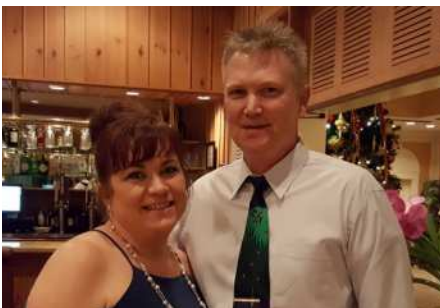
Sally and Judy



Steve and Kathi



Sharon and Courtney Miles



Stephanie and Ken



Ted and Sally



Tony and Ellen

Membership Dues Are Now Due

Now is the time to renew your Venice Area Orchid Society membership. Dues are only \$20.00 per household each calendar year.

Please pay Treasurer Mary Amos at our January 3rd meeting or mail your check, payable to VAOS, to:

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

Please do not delay so that you can be included in the 2018 Membership Directory. This is also the time to make sure we have your current contact information - address, phone and email address. Please check our 2017 Membership Directory to see if your entry needs editing.

If your contact information has changed, please notify Judy Loeffler, Membership Chair at: memb@VAOS.org

Submitted by Judy Loeffler



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January Growers Clinic

Our next Growers Clinic is Thursday, January 11, 2018 when Rick Belisle will present Dendrobium Culture Tips. We will also hold our Seedlings Competition awards ceremony at this time so those of you who took on the challenge on 2/3/17, bring in your plants for awards and prizes. VAOS Growers Clinics are held the 2nd Thursday of the month in Room F, Venice Community Center, 7pm. Use the left side entrance of the building. Bring your problem plants for expert help.

All members and guests are welcome.

Sprouting Backbulbs

ASK 10 ORCHID growers how to sprout backbulbs and you'll likely get a dozen answers. These include everything from the sphag-n-bag method to potting the backbulbs as you would a front division and hoping for the best.

The theory behind the sphag-n-bag method (and its corollaries) is that by keeping the backbulbs in a constantly humid environment, but not touching wet potting mix, dormant eyes will eventually break. The method varies, ranging from placing the backbulbs in Ziploc bags or large plastic pretzel jars to suspending the backbulbs in a dry cleaning bag over moist potting medium and hanging the whole affair from the bottom of a greenhouse bench (popular when I first started growing orchids in the 1960s). But they all rely on nearly 100 percent humidity.

Other methods that involve potting the backbulbs in one fashion or another, including laying the backbulbs on a tray of moist medium, are based on the theory that contact with moist medium will eventually trigger growth.

One method that is almost never mentioned is standing the cleaned backbulbs in water. The simple mention of orchids in standing water tends to raise hairs on the back of the neck, but this method works surprisingly well. Not all backbulbs will eventually sprout, but neither do they turn into a smelly mess like cut flowers in water. And it is necessary to change the water only if a backbulb begins to decay.

The backbulb divisions are cleaned of sheathing bracts, all dead roots are removed and the division is stood upright in an open container of water covering the dormant eyes. This container then goes on the growing bench and water is added to maintain a constant level covering the eyes. Depending on the backbulb and the age of the dormant eyes, sprouting can occur in as little as a week, but in virtually all cases an eye will sprout in a month or less. The backbulbs can be left standing in water until the new growth develops sufficiently to begin rooting, and then potted in your choice of potting medium. I've personally left these divisions in water for up to six months. By that point, the new growth is very well developed with roots several inches long.

Acknowledgment: I would like to thank my old friend Leon Glicenstein for reminding me that so few people today know that this nearly foolproof method works. — Ron McHatton, AOS chief operating officer (email: rmchatton@aos.org).



Orchid Show & Sale

Venice Area Orchid Society Presents

Orchids & Oldies

February 3rd & 4th, 2018

Saturday 10am - 5pm

(displays open at 11am)

Sunday 10am - 4pm

Venice Community Center

326 S. Nokomis Ave.
Venice, Florida

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Venice Community Center.

Speaker: Dr. Antonio Toscano de Brito

Topic: Newly Discovered Orchids of Brazil

January 6 -7 – Sarasota Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale

Sarasota Municipal Auditorium.

Set up: Friday

Show: Saturday and Sunday. See details in this newsletter.

January 11 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic

Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm.

Speaker: Rick Belisle - Dendrobium Culture

Also: Seedlings competition judging and awards.

January 12 -14 – Tamiami International Orchid Festival

Dade County Expo Center, Miami.

Show Info: www.orchidfestival.com

January 19 - 21 – Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society

Show Info: www.flos.org

February 2 - 4 – VAOS Annual Show & Sale

Venice Community Center.

Friday: Set up

Show: Saturday and Sunday. See details this newsletter.

February 7 (1st Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting

Venice Community Center.

Speaker: Vern Bloch

Topic: Cattleya Species

February 8 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic

Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm.

Speaker: Renee Bynum, Topic: Culture Basics for Specific Genera

March 2- 3 – Englewood Area Orchid Society (EAOS)

Annual Show & Sale

Englewood United Methodist Church.

Thursday March 1st : Set up - Details to follow.

ONGOING

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 33609. at 6:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Info:

<http://www.fncjc.shutterfly.com/>

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