



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2018

March General Meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 7th at 7pm

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

Speaker: Allen Black

Topic: Novelty Brassavola / Cattleya Alliance
Breeding - Spiders And Stars



Allen Black is a hobbyist orchid grower and breeder (i.e., non-commercial) living in Richmond, VA. He was exposed to the pleasures of horticulture at a very

young age in central Pennsylvania. Early exposure to houseplants and flower/vegetable gardening were common for Allen in his formative years. He has been growing and breeding orchids for over 25 years. His main breeding efforts have been directed at Brassavola - Cattleya alliance novelty hybrids. He performs his own orchid laboratory work, including flask media preparation, seed sowing, & replating.

He has registered over 70 of his orchid hybrids.

The presentation includes lots of beautiful pictures and covers the following topics: breeding goals, Brassavola species, Brassavola primary hybrids, Brassakeria (Brassavola X Barkeria hybrids), and other wild & wonderful Brassavola/Cattleya alliance hybrids. Allen will have many of his seedlings for sale at the meeting, giving members a chance to get something new and rare.

March Events

**March 2-3 – Englewood
Area Orchid Society (EAOS)
Annual Show & Sale,
Englewood United
Methodist Church.**

**March 7 (1st Wednesday)
Monthly Meeting
Venice Community Center.
Speaker: Allen Black
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**March 8 (2nd Thursday)
Growers Clinic
Venice Community Center
Room F, 7pm.
Hands on Dividing and
Repotting Clinic.**

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Annual Spring Picnic,
12 – 4pm. South Venice
Yacht Club.**

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A Message from Your President



Congratulations, VAOS on our best show ever! Everyone seemed happy – our vendors, our show attendees, the judges and all of our smiling volunteers. So many plants were sold on Saturday that many of our vendors had to return to their nurseries to restock for Sunday. They were thrilled and had so many compliments for our members. I have written thank you notes to our vendors and AOS judges – one of whom traveled from Kansas City to judge our show. So many people to thank - I had to write a separate article to thank our members who filled more than 200 volunteer positions for our show. Just an amazing turnout!

Just under 4000 people came to our show. The income from our show will support all of our society's operations this year and will also allow us to subsidize our annual picnic, Redland bus trip, our holiday party and also provide funds for student scholarships and orchid education and conservation projects.

Our display was fantastic and took 1st place. Did you all see the 1928 Ford Truck? It was created by Jay Loeffler and Bruce Weaver from scratch. How about the 74 gorgeous plants entered by our members? Beautiful!

At the Membership Table our team signed up a record 112 new members. Amazing! Of course, the challenge now is to get these newbies up to speed on basic orchid culture before they get discouraged. Sixty members attended our Growers Clinic the night after the show, many of them new. Our Growers Clinic and Mentor Program are two innovative and successful programs we have established to help our new members. We are also planning an Orchid Growing Area Tour on May 5th specifically for our new members, an opportunity to see how three experienced growers grow their orchids.

When you see a new face at our meetings, please introduce yourself and show them around. It can be intimidating to attend a new club meeting for the first time – please help us to make them feel comfortable and welcomed.

As I write this, we are preparing for our third and final show this season in Englewood. I hope that our members will enter their blooming plants for our display and will come out to support EAOS at their annual show. ***Thank you all for a job well done and a sincere welcome to our 112 new members!***

Carol Wood, President

VAOS DISPLAY TAKES 1ST PLACE 8 TROPHIES AND 58 RIBBONS!

Congratulations to the VAOS display team for taking the 1st Place Exhibit Trophy for Best Society Exhibit. This was Jay Loeffler's 9th consecutive 1st place exhibit award. Englewood (EAOS) took 2nd place and Sarasota (SOS) took 3rd place. The Art Stone/Palmer display took the 1st place Commercial Exhibit Trophy as well as the AOS Trophy.

Congratulations to our VAOS member exhibitors who took a total of 58 ribbons and seven trophies! Seventy-four plants were registered by 19 VAOS members. The 58 ribbon awards included 34 blue, 16 red and 8 yellow ribbons.

Here is a summary of ribbon and trophy winners:

Plants

Pauline Adam – 1 blue

Rich Amos – 2 blue ribbons and Trophy
– Best Dendrobium

Kathy Beck – 2 blue, 2 red ribbons

Rick Belisle – 2 red ribbons

Nora Berger – 1 yellow ribbon

Kate Burda – 1 red, 1 yellow ribbon

Peg Heffley – 1 yellow ribbon
(Peg's first ribbon!)

Steve Keller – 1 red, 1 yellow ribbon

Judy Loeffler – 1 blue, 1 red ribbon

Charlie Rogg – 1 red ribbon

Linda Schaller – 1 red ribbon

Joanna Shaw – 8 blue, 2 red ribbons and 3 Trophies: Best Large Cattleya; Best Cattleya Alliance and Best VAOS Member Plant (*Congrats Joanna!!!*)

Donn Smart – 13 blue, 2 red, 2 yellow and Trophy: Best Oncidium (*Congrats Donn!!!!!!*)

Carol Wood – 3 blue ribbons and Trophy: Best Small Cattleya



Arts & Crafts

Mary Anne DiGrazia – Photography, 1 red ribbon

Donna Evans – Acrylic, 1 blue, 1 red ribbon

Carol Marcus – Water Color, 1 blue, 1 red, 1 yellow ribbon

Toni Marie – Sculpture, 1 blue ribbon

Tony Nacinovich – Trophy: Best Arts & Crafts (photography)

Marnie Oystick – Oil Painting, 1 blue, 1 red and 1 yellow ribbon

VAOS created a 10' x 10' floor display with our "Orchids & Oldies" theme, flowing from above the top of a replica "1928 Ford Model A" that was located in the right corner of the exhibit. Colors flowed with white phalaenopsis and cattleya plants, blending member's good quality of orchids into yellows on the right side and reds in the center. Pinks and purples to the left along with my favorite leafless tree. Again, our exhibit displayed wonderful color flow with the combination of members' great orchids.

Several VAOS members helped the team with our exhibit which involved constructing and transporting display materials, cleaning and prepping greenery, plant registration, plant labels, designing and setting up the display and take down on Sunday. Thank you to the following volunteers: Bruce Weaver, Ken Dolan, Peg & Bill Fahrenback, John & Sharon Kahnoski, Renee Bynum, Linda Schaller, Donn Smart, Rich & Mary Amos, Steve Keller, Kristin Shaw, Donna Evans, and Jim Thomas.

Congratulations to our ribbon and trophy winners and a "VERY Special Thank You" to all who worked hard to create a winning exhibit for VAOS!

Submitted by Carol Wood & Jay Loeffler

Orchid Society Business

Minutes from February 7, 2018

Carol Wood called the meeting to order at 7 pm by welcoming new members and guests and discussing the annual show. We had a fabulous show with only a couple of glitches including a vendor that broke down on I-4 on the way to the show and was 4 hours late. Fortunately many of our member volunteers assisted her with set up and she was ready to go on time. We filled over 200 volunteer slots and gained over 100 new members. Carol gave special thanks to the following teams:

- Jay Loeffler and the display team created their 9th consecutive first place display!
- Renee Bynum did all the plant registrations and Linda Schaller created all the labels.
- Bruce Weaver, Donn Smart, and Pete Lipa made sure everything was cleaned up, delivered to the right location, and put back into storage after the show.
- Kristin Shaw and Donna Evans decorated the individual plant table
- Sharon and John Kahnoski coordinated the entire team of show hosts/security
- Janet Hoy and Karen Mann coordinated the Orchid Boutique and the raffle table sales.
- Linda and Bruce Hahn coordinated a steady stream of wonderful food for the vendors and volunteers throughout the weekend.
- Elaine Ortt and her admissions team brought in more than 3800 guests!
- Judy Loeffler signed up 110 new members at the membership table.
- Sue Grimmer and Cynthia Vance created the Grower's Guide/program given to all the attendees and brought in more than \$10,000 in sponsorship money!
- Ted Kellogg managed the AOS judging team and plant registration, Mary Ann DiGrazia managed the clerking team
- Jerry Daenzer managed the logistics of setup and take down, Dick Lawson put out and took back all the street signage, and Ed Soentgen came all the way from North Carolina to be the facility manager!
- Noreen Chervinski managed the arts and crafts table

Announcements:

- The next Grower's Clinic is tomorrow night. Renee Bynum will speak on Brassavola and Broughtonia culture.
- Plantio las Orquideas will have an open house on Feb 23-24, there will be a flyer sent out.
- The Englewood Area Orchid Society will have their annual show on March 2-3. We will need member's blooming plants to create our display, details
- forthcoming. Mary Ann DiGrazia, president of EAOS spoke briefly about helping distribute postcards and flyers for the show.
- Our next general meeting will be March 7th, the speaker will be Allen Black, brassavola hybridizer, speaking on "spiders and stars"
- The next Grower's Clinic on March 8th will be our annual dividing and repotting clinic.
- March 25th will be our annual spring picnic at the South Venice Yacht Club, it will be catered, and it will be free to members (signup required).

Next month is our Annual Election. Judy Loeffler, membership chair, reported 3 board positions will be open. Bruce Weaver has completed his term as Vice President of Programs, Natasha Romero is the nominee. Sharon Kahnoski will compete her term as VP, Social, Janet Keown is the nominee. Mary Amos will complete her term as Treasurer, Judy Loeffler is the nominee. All other board positions will continue unchanged this year. Judy opened the floor for other nominations but there were none. She also announced Rich Amos will join the board as Director at Large, Kathy Beck will take over the position of Membership Chair being vacated by Judy Loeffler, and Sharon and John Kahnoski will take over the raffle table from Kathy Beck.

Bruce Weaver spoke briefly about a new project in which members will have an opportunity to display their blooming orchids in the atrium at City Hall. This project will be in conjunction with the Garden Club of Venice and will feature potted orchids that will be rotated as needed. Bruce introduced the speaker for the evening, Vern Bloch. Vern gave an interesting presentation on brassavola species and crosses and had a wonderful selection of plants for sale.

Joanna and Kristin Shaw presented the plant table. Jerry and Kathy Beck did the raffle table.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45.

Submitted by Joanna Shaw, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report January 2018

Operating Fund Starting Balance 1/01/18	\$ 29,593.61
+ Income	\$ 1,062.00
- Payments	\$ 15,358.48
Closing Balance - 1/31/18	\$ 15,297.13

Petty Cash	\$ 40.00
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Total Operating Fund - 1/31/18	\$ 15,337.13
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Reserve Fund

Starting Balance - 1/1/18	\$ 25,069.12
+Interest Income - 1/31/18	\$ 0.68
Closing Balance - 1/31/18	\$ 25,069.80

Submitted by Mary Amos

VAOS Annual Election

Our annual election is held at our March meeting each year to elect new officers and directors to our board. This year we have three officers completing their four-year terms:

Bruce Weaver, VP Programs
Sharon Kahnoski, VP Social
Mary Amos, Treasurer

We deeply appreciate the time, talent and contributions that Bruce, Sharon and Mary have made over the past four years for VAOS – thank you for a job well done!!!

Judy Loeffler, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the following nominees at our February 7th meeting:

Natasha Romero, Nominee, VP Programs
Janet Keown, Nominee, VP Social
Judy Loeffler, Nominee, Treasurer

We thank these members for their willingness to serve in these positions and we look forward to working with them on the board. Other officers and directors on the board have agreed to complete their current terms. Bruce Weaver will continue to serve on the board as Immediate Past President and will continue his work on the Venice Orchid Project.

Kathy Beck will succeed Judy Loeffler as Membership Chair and Richard Amos will serve as Director At Large. Sharon and John Kahnoski have agreed to coordinate the raffle table.

Following the election in March, we will celebrate and thank our officers who are completing their terms, and welcome the new officers to VAOS.

VAOS's success has been based on the active participation of our members. We welcome those who would like to serve on the board, committees or volunteer positions to let us know your interests. Several board positions will open next year. At this time we are looking for volunteers for the following committees:

Venice Orchid Project City Hall Project
Meeting refreshment committee
Newsletter writers team
New Members Welcoming Committee
2019 Show Committee

Please contact Carol Wood or Judy Loeffler if you interested and for more information..

Hands-on Orchid Division and Repotting Clinic

Thursday, March 8th, 2018—Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm

Joanna Shaw 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's critical that everyone adhere to the instructions below:

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

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

Any questions please contact Joanna at rsec@vaos.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

March Culture Tip—March is the month to apply time release fertilizer to your orchids. We recommend Dynamite, in the red canister, found in Home Depot's garden shop. Apply at the rate of 1 tsp. per 6" pot, sprinkling it around the perimeter of the pot and tapping it down 1" into the media. It provides a small amount of fertilizer each time you water, supplementing your regular fertilizing regime. It lasts about six months when you can apply it again in September.

Winter Watering - It may be winter up North but it sure feels like summer here in Venice! Despite a few cold nights recently, our February weather has been in the low to mid-eighties – hot enough to maintain our watering schedule. Learn the “heft test”– lift your pot and get to know when it is heavy or light, in need of watering. Or master the finger/pencil/skewer stick test – inserted in the media to detect moisture level. New growth pseudobulbs should be fat and plump. Water thoroughly when you water and then water again in 15 minutes.

Please join us for our next Growers Clinic on March 8th, when we will host our popular hands-on dividing and repotting workshop. See article in this newsletter for instructions. Venice Community Center Room F (enter left side of building), 7pm.

Bring your problem plants for expert advice.

Guests are welcome.

WOW – WHAT A SHOW! THANK YOU VAOS MEMBERS

Our VAOS members turned out in force to produce a hugely successful annual orchid show again this year. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and so many members came out to work our show, volunteering to support more than 200 volunteer positions. Everything went smoothly and we received many compliments from the AOS judges, vendors and show attendees. Many of our vendors commented on how “happy” our volunteer members were and how special that was among orchid societies. Thank you to all who participated!

Thank you Ed Soentgen, who worked tirelessly from set up to take down to ensure everything ran smoothly. Thank you Jerry Daenzer and his team who set up the display area in record time. Thanks to our volunteers who came in Sunday afternoon for takedown and clean up so that we could all be home in time for the Super Bowl.

Our front door admissions chair Elaine Ortt and her 30+ volunteers sold tickets to just under 4000 show attendees with a smile. Thank you.

Our hospitality team led by Linda and Bruce Hahn managed the kitchen throughout the weekend and we appreciate the delicious food brought in by our members. Thanks also to Dodi Sullivan and Jane Hyde for their help throughout the weekend.

Congratulations to Jay Loeffler and his team for creating an amazing display (did you all see the 1928 Ford Truck in our display?) VAOS took 1st place and our members took home 60 ribbons and 8 trophies. This was Jay's 9th consecutive first place award. Congrats!!! Thanks Renee Bynum who registered 74 plants and Linda Schaller for doing the plant labels. And special thanks to Donn Smart, Pete Lippa and Bruce Weaver for doing the heavy lifting to load up and return to storage all of our display materials, props and greenery.

Thank you Kristen Shaw and Donna Evans for your imaginative design for the individual table – well done!

Sharon and John Kahnowski and their 60+ volunteers did a great job as our show hosts ensuring a smooth operation and receiving many compliments from our vendors – thank you!

Jane Camarota, Janet Hoy, Karen Mann and their Orchid Boutique team raised over \$3000 for our society through their sale of orchid floral arrangements, jewelry and accessories and their plant basket raffle. Thank you!

Thirty-one members signed up this year to serve as AOS judge clerks under Chair Mary Anne Digrazia's guidance. We heard wonderful feedback from the judges –thank you!

Noreen Chervinski once again coordinated our member Arts & Crafts display on the edge of the stage. Well designed and many ribbons awarded to our members. Thank you Noreen!

Ted Kellogg managed plant registration for our show and coordinated the AOS judging – thank you Ted!

Thank you Dick Lawson for placing the show signs around town and picking them up after the show.

Jim Thomas conducted basic orchid culture classes three times a day Saturday and Sunday to a packed audience. Show attendees raved about it. Thank you Jimmy!

Judy Loeffler and her team managed the Membership/Information Desk throughout the weekend, answering questions, handing out culture sheets, signing up new members and selling books and old AOS magazines. This team signed up a record 112 new members at our show! Thank you.

Mary Amos, our Treasurer, and Kathy Beck managed the show income and expense accounting before, during and after the show with expertise. Thank you.

Sue Grimmer and Cynthia Vance led our show sponsorship campaign raising over \$10,000 for our society this year. Sue designed and produced the show brochure, distributed to our 4000 attendees – what a great job! Thank you!

Special thanks to my Show Co-Chair Judy Loeffler who handled so many aspects of our show planning and to whom I am indebted and could not do this without her. Thank you Judy!

Thanks again to all who contributed to an outstanding orchid show. I can't say enough about all the wonderful people in our society and I'm so proud to be a part of it! *Submitted by Carol Wood*



Please support our generous show sponsors and thank them for their support!

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February 2018 Plant Table 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!

- Narrative and Photos by Cynthia Vance



First Place and Blue Ribbon was captured by Jerry Daenzer for his stunning golden Dendrobium (Den.) Yellow Song 'Canary' with 30+ blooms. This is a new variety developed by Yamamoto Dendrobiums, HI. What's special about this orchid? First, we are guaranteed flowering on new canes, yet that is a rare quality for yellow inflorescence. Secondly canes grow fast and multiple shoots can develop producing golden blossoms in profusion, resulting in a bouquet full and festive, more than typical Dens. Such robust character brings great satisfaction for new growers. Great growing Jerry!



Second Place and Red Ribbon was awarded to Joanna Shaw for her magnificent deep pink Cattleya (C.) Lueddemanniana with 13 blooms and a wonderful fragrance. She bought it several years ago from Rafael Romero, owner of Plantio La Orquidea, Sarasota. As Joanna said, "This species is a wild-collected lueddemanniana from Venezuela and demonstrates what nature made on its own. See how the petals

cup forward to surround the lip and lure the pollinator? In the formal orchid world, it's considered poor form to be cupped like this, but I feel it makes it very elegant!" We agree, Joanna. Beautiful job!

Third Place and Yellow Ribbon was granted to Janet Keown for her striking Oncidium (Onc.) Kramerianum Psychopsis. Resembling a butterfly, it's named after the goddess Psyche, the wife of Eros, who had butterfly wings. What's amazing about this orchid? As with all psychopsis, the scapes continue to produce one flower after another for years, so don't remove them until they turn brown! Janet's plant has two other scapes which will produce sequential blooms and, in a few years, it will have even more scapes and blooms at the same time! This is truly a collector's dream for having wildly exotic flowers nearly year-round. Wonderful growing, Janet!





Members' Choice and Green Ribbon was awarded to Ted Kellogg for his Dendrobium (Den.) Willette Klausner Supernova, a beautiful Australian hybrid. Australia has 1700+ native orchids and Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, CA hybridizes them. He observes, "Australian dendrobiums are one of the most rewarding orchid alliances. Their adaptability to a wide range of growing conditions, fragrance, and variety of flower color, shape and sizes makes these an excellent hobby plants. Everyone should have some in their collection. So why not grow and flower an Australian dendrobium or two or three, to perfection?" Looks like Ted did just that!

Speaker's Choice and White Ribbon was also awarded to Ted Kellogg for his other Australian orchid, Dendrobium (Den.) To Shay XOXO, a striking hybrid of Aussie Parade x Den. Allyn Star recently registered in 2015 by J. Lawson. Aussie Parade is renowned for its breeding capabilities and there are many hybrids of it available for the hobbyist. It helps create a compact, space saving and pleasing multi-flowered specimen. For our members who want to branch out by adding Aussie hybrids to their collection, you will enjoy this comprehensive cultivation information on line. http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/html/culture_aussie_dens.html. More congrats, Ted!



Best Species and Purple Ribbon was presented to Donn Smart for his Dendrobium (Den.) Cuthbertsonii, a robust little 1-inch beauty, that's widely distributed on the island of New Guinea along forest edge embankments. It's nearly impossible not to step on them due to the sheer numbers! An intriguing characteristic of this species are the 'warty' leaves that appear to serve as water traps. No other orchid known anywhere has a similar leaf epidermis. Plants do best if their roots are constantly wet while their foliage and flowers are kept dry. Meticulous Donn meets this challenge beautifully!

VAOS DISPLAY TEAM NEEDS YOUR BLOOMING PLANTS!

EAOS PRESENTS “Orchids by Lemon Bay” March 2-3, 2018

Members make it possible for us to participate in orchid shows. We would not be able to build our wonderful displays if our members did not grow beautiful orchids and allow them to be shown. Your blooming plants are needed to create our display.

The Englewood Area Orchid Society (EAOS) will hold their annual show and sale at Englewood United Methodist Church 700 East Dearborn St, Englewood, FL

The church is just 8 miles past the Rt. 41 and Rt. 776 intersection. Directions: Travel south on Rt. 776/Englewood Rd for 7 miles. Turn left on E. Dearborn St. then 1 mile to the church on the left.

Show Schedule:

Set up: Thursday March 1st 10am to 6pm

Show: Friday March 2nd & Saturday March 3rd – 10am –5pm

Take Down: Saturday March 3rd –5pm

Bring your plants to the EAOS Show site on Thursday morning at 10am. If you are unable to bring your plants to Englewood, you may bring them to Carol Wood's home for transport:

4941 Bella Terra Dr., Venice, no later than 5pm, Wednesday, February 28th.

PLANTS MUST BE REGISTERED IN AVANCE BY EMAIL TO PlantReg@VAOS.org by Wednesday, February 28th, 5pm deadline. Email your plant name with a photo or flower color description and flower size (larger or smaller than 5"). **Place a piece of tape on your pot with your last name.**

Plants should be cleaned, staked, free of pests and disease and in prime condition to last through the show. Please water your plants thoroughly before the show. Pick up your plants Saturday evening at the show at 5pm, following display take down.

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



SIGN UP NOW FOR THE POPULAR REDLAND ORCHID FEST BUS TRIP

Friday May 18th LIMITED SEATING

The Redland International Orchid Festival will be held in Homestead FL May 18 – 20, 2018. Sign up now to secure a seat on the bus for only \$30 pp. This includes bus trip and driver gratuity, the \$10 admission fee and a \$5 discount ticket for purchase of an orchid \$25 or more. Snacks and water will be provided on the bus.

Departure is 7am from the Venice Community Center South Parking Lot on Friday May 18th. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early. This is the only pick up and drop off point for the event this year.

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

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

Seating on the bus is limited to 41 people. Payment is due by April 18th for VAOS MEMBERS with no refunds after April 18th. After this date we will invite SOS and EAOS members to fill the remaining seats. You may sell your seat but please notify Sharon if you do so.

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

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

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

Submitted by Sharon Kahnoski, VP, Social Affairs



VAOS Annual Spring Picnic Sunday, March 25, 2018 12-4pm

South Venice Yacht Club 4425 Yacht Club Dr. Venice (off west Shamrock Dr.) Free!!!

Just sign up so we will know how much food we'll need! Chicken, pulled pork, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, dessert, lemonade & iced tea. Indoors – Air Conditioned Outdoor lawn games Get to know our members & make new orchid buddies! Bring your plants to swap or sell Sign up at our

March 7th meeting or email: Social@vaos.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2-3 – Englewood Area Orchid Society (EAOS) Annual Show & Sale, Englewood United Methodist Church. Set up Thursday March 1st. See details in this newsletter

March 3-4 – Tampa Bay Orchid Society Show. Tampa FL
Info: TampaBayOrchidSociety@Verizon.net

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March 8 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic. Venice Community Center Room F. 7pm. Hands on Dividing and Repotting Clinic. See details this newsletter.

March 8-11 – Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance Show. Naples FL.
Info: Jlongwell1@comcast.net

March 17-18 – Jacksonville Orchid Society Show.
Info: Russell_art@bellsouth.net

March 25 (Sunday) – VAOS Annual Spring Picnic, 12 – 4pm. South Venice Yacht Club. Details in this newsletter.

April 4 (1st Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting. Venice Community Center. Speaker: Monroe Kokin. Topic: Orchid Growing Tips for Sarasota Area

April 12 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic. Potting Without Pots – Mounting Orchids. Presentation and hands-on class. 7pm. Venice Community Center Room F.

PLANNING AHEAD

May 5 (Saturday) - Spring Orchid Garden Tour for Newbies - Tour three members' orchid growing areas – specifically for our new members. Details to follow

May 18 (Friday) – VAOS Redland Bus Trip. Redlands International Orchid Festival. May 18 – 20. Homestead FL. See details this newsletter.

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/>

Contact Us

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Next Meeting:
March 7th

Bring a friend

Bring a treat to share

Donate plants for the Raffle Table

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Visit us on the web at
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SAVE THE DATE!

VAOS 2019 Orchid Show & Sale.
Feb. 2 & 3, 2019
Set up Friday Feb. 1st