



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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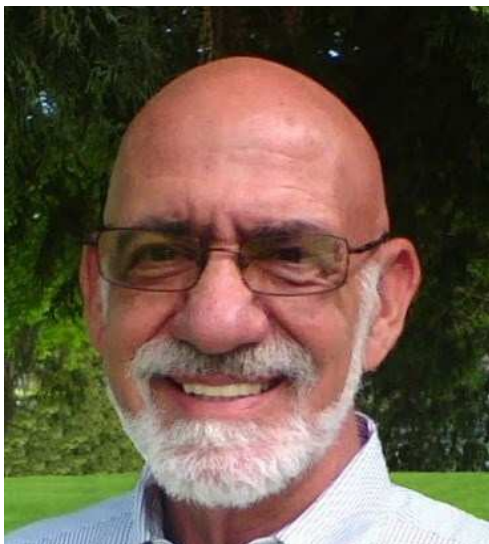
April General Meeting

April 4th at 7pm

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

Speaker: Monroe Kokin

Topic: "Orchid Growing Tips for Southwest Florida"



Monroe was president of the Sarasota Orchid Society for more than nine years and was show chairman for 13 years.

He is also a life member of Central Florida Orchid Society in Orlando and is a member of Central Jersey Orchid Society.

Monroe will share his tips for growing orchids in Southwest Florida.

"I also take photographs for the American Orchid Society Judging Centers and for various orchid societies in Southwest Florida area". My photographs have been published in the Awards Quarterly published by the American Orchid Society.

April Events

April 4th

(1st Wednesday)

Monthly Meeting

Venice Community Center.

Speaker: Monroe Kokin

Topic : "Growing Tips for Southwest Florida"

April 12th

(2nd Thursday)

Growers Clinic

Venice Community Center

Room F, 7pm.

Hands on - Potting without Pots.

March 25 (Sunday)

VAOS Annual Spring Picnic.

12 – 4pm.

South Venice Yacht Club.

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A Message from Your President

As we head into warmer temperatures, watch for thrips and scale in your collection. Thrips will ruin the flowers we wait so patiently to see bloom. Look for distorted and punctured buds and indented roots and spray with the recommended 50/50 solution of alcohol and water with a few drops of soap added. Scale is also a problem this time of year, often spreading to our orchids from palm trees or other greenery in your yard. Scale presents as “turtle shells” on the leaves or white cottony masses under the leaves or at the base of the pseudo-bulb. Segregate these plants and spray with the alcohol/water solution once every few days for several weeks until eradicated. Badly infested plants may need to be repotted. Consider using a systemic insecticide such as Orthene if you have a large collection. Systemic chemicals are longer acting but require special precautions.

We ended the 2018 show season with a bang! At the Englewood show, our exhibit took the AOS trophy, six trophies and 60 ribbons. A record number of 79 plants were entered by VAOS members – well done!

At our March 7th meeting Roy Kruger gave us an excellent Orchids 101 presentation. Our focus on the basics will continue at our April 4th meeting when Monroe Kokin will present Orchid Growing Tips for Southwest Florida. At our March 8th Growers Clinic we hosted our popular Repotting Clinic with 55 members in attendance. At our April 12th Growers Clinic we'll host our Orchid Mounting Hands on Clinic – see details in this newsletter.

As I write this, I look forward to seeing many of our members at our annual spring picnic March 25th at South Venice Yacht Club. We are hoping that many of our new members will join us so we can get to know them. Two annual events are coming up in May for the benefit of our members. On May 5th we'll host the Spring Orchid Garden Tour and on May 18th our annual bus trip to the Redland International Orchid Festival. See details in this newsletter for these events.

With 112 new members having signed up at our February show, we hope to get them off to a good start with our focus on the basics and hands-on clinics. These events provide the opportunities for all of us to meet new orchid buddies.

A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

Here are the minutes of the very first meeting of the Venice Area Orchid Society on January 5, 1962. Dues were set a \$1 per year per family and the society met in a room at the Sarasota Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. on Venice island.

"In the absence of Mr. Thomas Fels the January 5, 1962 meeting of the Venice orchid Society was called to order by the acting chairman Mr. Cecil Duff-Stevens. There being no secretary's or treasurer's report or any old business, the chairman proceeded at once to new business. Mr. Normand Patton proposed and Mrs. James Seattle seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Fred Hohlman to the office of Treasurer. The motion carried. Mr. Patton proposed and Mrs. Attwood seconded a motion to charge nominal dues of one dollar a year a family. The motion carried. Dues were immediately collected by the treasurer from all those present. (At the next meeting it was reported that \$12.00 was in the Treasury!) Mrs. Beattie proposed and Mr. Patton seconded a motion to hold the society's meetings in the evening. The motion carried. Mrs. Patton proposed and Mr. Clark seconded a motion that the name of the society shall be "The Venice Area Orchid Society." The motion carried. Mr. Patton told us he had made inquiries and the Venice Area branch of the Sarasota Federal Savings and Loan Association can let us have a room for our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M., an arrangement acceptable to all those present. (Our first orchid show was also on the counter of the bank!) The Chairman appointed Mr. Patton and Mrs. Beattie to present a framework of some simple by-laws at the next meeting. Mr. John Hall spoke out strongly for continuity of meetings with no summer hiatus. Mr. Hall discussed the plants on the display tables, then gave an interesting talk on diseases of orchids and showed slides which demonstrated the enormous variety and differences to be found in the members of this interesting plant family. Upon motion the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Olivia C. Beattie, Acting Secretary."

Treasurer's Report February 2018

Operating Fund

Starting Balance 2/1/18.....	\$15,297.13
+ Income.....	27,925.10
-Payments.....	9,789.66
Closing Balance 2/28/18.....	\$ 33,432.57
Petty Cash	40.00
Total Operating Fund 2/1/18...	\$ 33,472.57

Reserve Fund

Starting Balance 2/1/18	\$ 25,069.80
+Interest Income – 2/28/18....	.58
Closing Balance 2/28/18.....	\$ 25,070.38

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

Full Moon and Orchids by Lemon Bay

By Jay Loeffler, VP Displays

When team VAOS sets up a display during a full moon things get crazy and wonderfully strange. This display had so much color from our member's orchids it created a color blending transition that flowed wonderfully through our 100 square ft. display. The display was anchored with two tree skeletons up high in the back. Placed in the trees to the left were white *Palaenopsis* and *Dendrobiums* that flowed down the left side into lavender, pinks and purples. Placed up in the trees on the right were white *Phalaenopsis* and *Cattleyas* that flowed down the right side into the yellow and orange orchids that reached the front of the exhibit. The display center contained *Paphiopedilums* of different colors. Other orchid included in the display were *Oncidium*, *Lycaste*, *Oconiellea* and *Vandas*.

VAOS took 2nd Place Society Display Trophy for our 100 ft. display along with the AOS Trophy for best overall display. At first this did not make sense to me, 2nd and best overall? Well the truth be told is Ken Woodward from EOAS (2nd at VAOS show) and Jack Knuese from SOS (1st at EAOS show) have very good display teams and only a few points separated our displays.

In addition to the AOS trophy, VAOS members took six trophies and 60 ribbons. Congratulations to my display team and to the 24 members who entered 79 plants to make a beautiful display.

Let us start with five trophies to three first time trophy winners...

Sharon and Courtney Miles - 2 trophies - 2 orchids ... 1st time entered - 2 trophies - Most Outstanding *Phalaenopsis* for Rth. Haw Yuan Gold and Best *Oncidium* Alliance for *Onc. Sanguine* 'Celtic Goddess'

Kathy Beck - 2 trophies on 1 orchid - Best Specimen Hybrid and Most Outstanding *Dendrobium* Plant for her *Den. atrovioleaceum*

Janet Hoy - First Trophy - : Best Large Flowered *Cattleya* for Rth. Haw Yuan Gold

Plant judging went very well for VAOS (see list next page) with the quality of orchids our members let us use.

VAOS Exhibit – 2nd place and AOS trophy (84 points)

Pauline Adam – 1 yellow ribbon

Richard Amos – 2 blue ribbons

Kathy Beck – 2 blue and 2 yellow ribbons and 2 trophies: Best Specimen Hybrid and Most Outstanding Dendrobium Plant for her Den. atrovioleaceum (Congrats Kathy!)

Rick Belisle – 1 red ribbon

Kate Burda – 3 blue, 1 red and 1 yellow ribbon

Judy Chisholm – 2 blue, 2 red and 2 yellow ribbons

Donna Evans – 1 red ribbon

Peg Fahrenback – 1 blue, 2 red ribbons

Janet Hoy – 2 blue ribbons and trophy: Best Large Flowered Cattleya for Rth. Haw Yuan Gold (Well done Janet and Dale!)

Laurie Houkes – 1 blue and 1 red ribbon

Sharon Kahnoski – 1 blue and 2 yellow ribbons

Naoki Kawamura – 1 blue ribbon

Steve Keller – 1 red ribbon

Ted Kellogg – 2 yellow ribbons

Judy Loeffler – 1 blue, 1 red and 1 yellow ribbon

Carol Marcus – 1 blue and 1 red ribbon (arts & crafts)

Sharon Miles – 3 blue, 1 red ribbon and two trophies: Most Outstanding Phalaenopsis for Rth. Haw Yuan Gold and Best Oncidium Alliance for Onc. Sanguine 'Celtic Goddess' (way to go Sharon!)

Natasha Romero – 1 blue ribbon

Joanna Shaw – 4 blue, 2 red, 1 yellow ribbon and trophy: Most Outstanding Cattleya Alliance for Epc. Rene Marques “Flame Thrower” (Congrats Joanna!)

Donn Smart – 2 blue ribbons

Jim Thomas – 2 red, 1 yellow ribbon

Steve Vogelhaupt – 1 red ribbon

Debi Wolfe – 1 red ribbon

Carol Wood – 1 blue, 2 yellow ribbons

I would like to thank all of the display team members who helped with our exhibit that involved constructing and transporting display materials, cleaning and prepping greenery, plant registration, plant labels, designing and setting up the display and take down on the last day. They include Bruce Weaver, Ken Dolan, Peg & Bill Fahrenback, Sharon & John Kahnoski, Donn Smart, Steve Keller, Judy Loeffler, Carol Wood and Jim Thomas.



Venice Area Orchid Society Minutes from March 7, 2018

Carol Wood called the meeting to order at 7 pm by welcoming the 112 new members we signed up at the Venice show! She reviewed the meeting format for the new members.

Announcements:

- The next Grower's Clinic is tomorrow night. Joanna Shaw and the board will have the annual repotting clinic beginning at 7 pm. Next month the Grower's Clinic will be on Potting Without Pots.
- Allen Black, the scheduled speaker for the evening, had to cancel due to a family illness. Roy Krueger was kind enough to come on short notice.
- 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).
- The annual bus trip to the Redland International Orchid festival will be Friday May 18th. It will be \$30 and there is a signup sheet.
- May 5th will be a spring orchid garden tour focusing on new members, details will be forthcoming.

The annual election was held. There are 3 board members completing their 4 year terms: Bruce Weaver, Vice President of Programs, Sharon Kahnoski, Vice President of Social Affairs, and Mary Amos, Treasurer. In addition, Judy Loeffler will be finishing as Membership Chair, a position she has held for 6 years. Carol thanked them for their years of service. The Nominees are Natasha Contreras Romero as Vice president of Programs, Janet Keown for Vice President of Social Affairs, and Judy Loeffler as Treasurer. There was a unanimous vote to approve. The new officers take their positions immediately following the election.

Bruce introduced the speaker for the evening, Roy Krueger, a great hobby grower and long time member of the Sarasota and Manatee Orchid societies. Roy spoke on Orchids 101, and gave a great introductory orchid presentation appreciated by our many new members. Jeff Higel from Honey Bee had a nice selection of orchids for sale

Joanna and Kristin Shaw presented the plant table. Jerry and Kathy Beck did the raffle table. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15.

Submitted by Joanna Shaw, Recording Secretary.

March Growers Clinic Recap and Culture Tip

Our March Growers Clinic featured our popular Repotting Clinic. More than 55 enthusiastic members turned out to participate in the clinic, many of them new members. We made a mess but all went home happy with their repotted plants.



Many of us use time – release fertilizer (Dynamite available at Home Depot) in March and September each year to supplement our fertilizing regime. Instructions are to sprinkle it around the perimeter of the pot at the rate of 1 tsp. per 6” pot and tap down 1” into the media. The question is how to apply time – release fertilizer to a mounted plant?

One approach is the ‘Bird Nest’ method. Dampen a small amount of coconut husk fiber and shape it into a bird nest. Fill it with 1 tsp. Dynamite. Push it down into your mounted plant between the roots and the mount. This will provide up to six months fertilizer supplement to your plant.

Please join us for our April Growers Clinic on April 12th when we will host our annual

“Potting Without Pots –Mounting Orchids”.



Hands-on Mounting/Potting without Pots Clinic

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Steve Vogelhaupt and team will present a Hands-on Orchid Mounting Clinic at the Venice Community Center, Room F, at 7:00 pm. Following a short presentation and a few tips of the trade, participants will then mount their own orchid with the assistance of several experienced growers and helpers. We'll work in teams of 4 or 5 around a table with each person bringing an orchid that they plan to mount, as well as a suitable mount and a sterile pair of shears. The necessary tools and supplies, as well as coconut fiber and New Zealand sphagnum moss, will be provided.

With the exception of terrestrial orchids, almost any orchid may be mounted. Common mounts include tree fern plaques, pots, and totems; cedar and cypress slabs and driftwood that has been soaked to remove salts. If you do not have an orchid to repot, check the Raffle Table at our monthly meeting. A great selection of mounts is available at Honey Bee Nursery on Englewood Road, SR 776.

- 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. **All plants must have all old planting media and dead roots removed prior to the clinic.** A jet of water from a garden hose will help in removing old media. Please make sure your plant is free from pests or diseases.

2. This is **not** a Dividing and Repotting clinic.

Bring your problem plants and questions for expert advice from our Growers Clinic Team. Guests are welcome.

Submitted by Steve Vogelhaupt

Spring Orchid Garden Tour

Saturday May 5th

9am – 1pm

VAOS members (especially our new members!) are invited to join us on Saturday, May 5th, to tour three experienced growers orchid growing areas in south Venice and on Venice Island. Each growing area is unique and will provide the opportunity to share culture tips and see how others grow their orchids.

Judy Loeffler grows her orchids in a greenhouse and in a custom-designed shade house in her back yard. Her 300+ collection includes a wide variety of orchids including cattleyas, dendrobiums, phalaenopsis, vandas and some specialty plants.

Judy Loeffler
833 Guild Dr.
Venice Island
485-9569

Directions: From Rt. 41 bypass, take the Circus (south) Bridge to the island. Turn right on Pine Grove and then right on Guild Dr. #833 is on your left near the end of the street. Park in the driveway, on the street and on the grass in front of their house. Walk around the right side of the house to the growing area.

Naoki Kawamura recently relocated from Portland OR to Venice. He grows about 200 vandaceous orchids and some brassovola and cattleya orchids in his pool cage.

Naoki Kawamura
4447 Via Del Villetti
Venetia (south Venice behind Walmart)
503-539-1760

Directions: Rt. 41, turn south on Jacaranda Blvd. Enter through the Jacaranda visitors gate and dial the code for Kawamura, Naoki for access. Proceed straight on Corso Venetia Blvd. Turn right on Natale Dr. and then right on Via Del Villetti to the 11th house on the right. Park on street – do not block driveways or mailboxes. Enter through front door – please do not ring doorbell. .

Carol Wood grows 300+ orchids in her pool cage and in trees. Her collection is primarily cattleya alliance plants but also includes phalaenopsis, dendrobiums, and a few other varieties.

Carol Wood
4941 Bella Terra Dr.
Venetia (south Venice, behind Walmart)
497-4995

Directions: Rt. 41, turn south on Jacaranda Blvd. Enter through the Jacaranda visitors gate and dial the code for Wood, Douglas for access. Turn right at the first stop sign and then left at the next stop sign onto Bella Terra. Second house on left. Park in street – pls. do not block driveways or mailboxes. Enter at front door.

If you plan to come, you must sign up. Based on the number of people we have we may divide the group into different starting points. Parking is limited at each location.

Sign up at our monthly meetings or growers clinics or contact Janet Keown at social@vaos.org to sign up.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE POPULAR REDLAND ORCHID FEST BUS TRIP
FRIDAY MAY 18TH
LIMITED SEATING

The annual **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. There will also be lectures and international food available for purchase. .

Seating on the bus is limited to 41 people. Payment is due by April 20th for VAOS MEMBERS with no refunds after April 20th. After this date we will invite SOS and EAOS members to fill the remaining seats. You may sell your seat but please notify Janet 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 Janet Keown at social@vaos.org for more information. For festival information visit www.redlandorchidfest.org.

Submitted by Janet Keown, VP, Social Affairs

March 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 taken by Judy Muligan for her perfectly round Ludisia (Lus.) discolor hosting 200+ flowers. Known for its velvety maroon foliage as much as its blooms, *Ludisia* is an orchid genus of just one species, *Ludisia discolor*, referred to as the 'jewel orchid'. As a native terrestrial it thrives on the forest floor in southern China and east Asia. Judy has had this robust plant for 4 years having divided it several times; she grows it in dirt like an African violet and it blooms several times a year!! Great cultivation practices, Judy!

Second Place and Red Ribbon was won by Judy Chisholm for her striking Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Mildred Rives 'Orchidglade' FCC/AOS with the lovely white picotee ruffle on the lip. FCC means it was awarded First Class Certificate by the American Orchid Society – that is the flower scored over 90 points on a scale of 100 and indicates an extremely high-quality plant. Keep an eye out for other hearty FCC plants as you build up your collection. Beautiful job, Judy!



Third Place and Yellow Ribbon was granted to Kate Burda for her delightful beauty, Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc.) Windward Flare, a cross of B. Nodosa and Lc. Memoria Robert Strait and registered in 2003 by A. Buckman. B. Nodosa, a favorite choice gives it the lovely large lip and Lc. Memoria donates its beautiful dark red color which becomes an entrancing dreamy pastel pink on its lip. Wonderful growing, Kate!

Best Species and Purple Ribbon was presented to Donn Smart for his *Dendrobium* (Den.) *aggregatum* a lovely compact-growing species with more than 10 pendulous sprays of many 1.5" lovely lemon-yellow flowers. Most growers give it a winter rest, without watering, to stimulate producing spring blooms. Donn continues watering but also ensures it receives good sun exposure. Due to its flowing flowers, it's an orchid collector's favorite. Exquisite specimen, Donn!



New Member Grower and Pink Ribbon was awarded to Ken and Stephanie Luburger for their stately *Brassidium* (Brsdm.) *Shooting Star* 'Black Gold'. The flowers last approximately six weeks and are a show stopper. The *Brassidium* is a hybrid of a *Brassia* species, from which it gets its 'spidery' look, and the rest from an *oncidium*. The Lubergers found this gem at Lowes which often has bargains. A *Brassidium* thrives if it is treated grown like an *oncidium*. Splendid job, Ken and Stephanie! We're glad you joined VAOS.

Members' Choice and Green Ribbon was won by Debi Wolfe for her enticing dark red *Brassolaelio cattleya* (Blc.) *Eagle Island* 'Sangria'. This hybrid is Blc. *Memoria Ralph Placentia* x Blc. *Oconee*, registered in 1987 by Carter and Holmes. When exhibited in the 1992 Atlanta Orchid Show it earned an AM/AOS award and now 'Sangria' has been cloned and distributed to hobbyists across the world. It's a robust plant to add to your collection. Way to go, Debi!



Speaker's Choice and White Ribbon was given to Donn Smart for his lovely *Lysudamuloa* (Lys.) *Red Jewel* a hybrid of (*Lycamerlycaste* *Geyser Gold* x *Angulocaste* *Red Jade*) registered by Wang in 2010. The plant has exquisite russet-red flowers with a burgundy lip surrounded by yellow and often exudes a pleasing watermelon aroma. Donn grows it in his shade house, watering it later in the day, and under fans to keep the humid Florida air moving. It's a most enchanting orchid to own. Thanks for bringing it in,

Next Meeting April 4th

Bring a friend

Bring a treat to share

Donate plants for the Raffle Table

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

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

April 20-22 – Pan American Orchid Society Show, R.F.Orchids, Homestead FL.
Info: emailocha@yahoo.com

May 2 (Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting. Venice Community Center. Speaker: Courtney Hackney. Topic: Cattleyas – the Art and Science of Hybridizing”.

May 5 (Saturday) - Spring Orchid Garden Tour for Newbies - Tour three members' orchid growing areas – specifically for our new members. See details in this newsletter

May 10 (Thursday) – Growers Clinic. Orchid Basics Part 1 – Air, Light, Water, Fertilizer and Supplements. Presentation and examples. Venice Community Center Room F.

May 18 (Friday) – VAOS Redland Bus Trip. Redland International Orchid Festival. Bus Trip May 18. Advance payment required by April 20th. 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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SAVE THE DATE!

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