



VENICE AREA Orchid Society

Newsletter

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September 2018

September General Meeting

Wednesday September 5th at 7pm

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

Speaker: Brian Monk, Blu Llama Orchids

Topic: *Paphiopedilums*



Our guest speaker is Brian Monk of Blu Llama Orchids Inc. in Naples, Florida. Brian will discuss *Paphiopedilums* orchids and how to grow them successfully in our climate.

Brian Monk was born in Milton, Florida in 1969. Shortly after his birth, Brian's family moved to Charleston, West Virginia where he spent the next 18

years. As a young man, Brian's intense passion for nature led to his profession and his many hobbies including bird-watching, orchid growing and natural history. In 1992, Brian received his B.S., cum laude, from Hampden Sydney College in Virginia followed by a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Virginia Tech in 1997.

September Events

September 5th

Monthly Meeting

**Speaker: Brian Monk,
Blu Llama Orchids**

Topic: "Paphiopedilums"

September 13th

(2nd Thursday)

Growers Clinic

Venice Community Center

Room F, 7pm.

**Topic: Pests and Diseases
Part 2—Diseases**

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Brian started growing and hybridizing orchids in his backyard, but this has expanded to 4000 square feet of greenhouse space. He will grow anything green, but focuses on his hybridizing projects, which include the development of multi-floral white and pink Paphiopedilums, warmth-tolerant red Oncidiinae, and a standard pink Cattleya with an all-white lip. Accompanied by his wife and inspired by his orchids, Brian continues to pursue and perfect his orchid culture and photographic skills. Brian's photography has won awards online, in the International Orchid Show, and the World Orchid Conference

Brian will bring plants to sell our members

You can visit Brian's website to learn more at:

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A Message from Your President

Labor Day is approaching and the end of summer in many parts of the country, but not here. We can expect another month of humid, hot and wet weather. On top of that, we are dealing with the red tide and the upcoming hurricane season. Thank goodness we have our orchids to keep us smiling!

We have some great speakers lined up for the rest of the year. On September 5th Brian Monk from Blu Llama Orchids will be our speaker, presenting Paphiopedilums. Paphs are somewhat of a challenge to grow here but very rewarding if you can meet their cultural requirements. They are truly one of the most unique species of orchids. Brian Monk is both a full time veterinarian and avid orchid grower and hybridizer and we look forward to his presentation. On October 3rd one of our favorite speakers returns – Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids all the way from Lincoln CA. Alan's presentation is entitled: Unusual Species for the Cattleya Grower, sure to be interesting. In November Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, also from California and one of our favorite speakers will present: Recent Trends in Catasetums. The Catasetum alliance offers great options to area growers – unique plants that grow very well here in our climate.

We are currently working to line up our 2019 meeting speakers as we try to book one year in advance. We are excited about the lineup – several new speakers covering a variety of topics sure to be of interest to our members. As always, we work to present a broad range of topics ranging from basic culture to specialized presentations.

In October and November three of our local orchid growers and show vendors will be holding their fall sales events. See the article in this newsletter and mark the dates.

Your show committee is busy working through the tasks and details that go into a successful annual show. Our 2019 show theme is "Orchids at the Opera" and I am sure our exhibitors will have fun incorporating the theme into their orchid displays. And yes, there will be music!

Let's hope for an end to this red tide and also for an uneventful hurricane season. Stay safe and enjoy your orchids!

September Culture Tip

In many parts of the country September, Labor Day, is the time to bring plants indoors. Not so for us – September continues to be a hot and wet month, similar to August. With frequent rain you may want to increase your fertilizer dosage as the rain will wash out the nutrients. Watch for water accumulation in new growths and spray with Physan to prevent fungus. Following a heavy rain is an ideal time to peel back those dry sheaths on your cattleya alliance orchids – they will peel off easily. Don't be surprised to find scale hiding under the sheath. Treat with 50/50 solution of rubbing alcohol/water with a few drops of dish washing liquid soap. Isolate your plant and treat every 5-7 days for 3 weeks.

Please join us at the next Growers Clinic, Thursday, September 13h, for our presentation on Orchid Diseases: Fungus, Bacteria, Virus. Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm. Enter left side of building. Bring your problem plants for expert advice. All members and guests are welcome.



Lost a Plant Label? Need Culture Info or Parentage?

If you've lost the label from your orchid, we may be able to help you identify it. Email a photo of the bloom and the plant to Pres@VAOS.org. I'll share it with the Growers Clinic team and we'll try to ID it for you. Wondering what your plant's parentage is or looking for culture advice for a special orchid? Send an email to me with your plant name and question and our group of experts will help.



September In Your Orchid Collection

September looms as the only truly dismal month in South Florida. Even without the prospect of the unspeakable 'H' word, September disheartens since it is easily the dampest, dulllest month in the year. Although more inches of rain fall in June, more hours of rain occur in the often slow, seemingly endless drizzles of September. Frequently a day or two can pass without so much as a solid hour of truly bright sunshine to lift our spirits and dry out our plants. Days are growing much shorter also, with long nights when our plants are wet from the frequent rains. Coming at the end of the rainy season when disease pressure has been building, September presents the maximum opportunity for fungal and bacterial diseases to take hold of our orchids. Hopefully careful watering practices and the judicious use of fungicides will have diminished the potential for disease in our collections. But even in the best managed collection, September calls for extra vigilance. Keep a close eye out for problems and remove immediately any plant that shows the first sign of fungus to a dry location to prevent the disease being spread by splashing rain drops. Good hygiene is particularly important this month. Clean up growing areas and remove any dead leaves, twigs or other organic debris from the plants and the ground. In September numerous diseases that linger in decaying plant material find the ideal conditions that allow them to jump to the living tissue of our prize orchids. Such problems can develop more quickly in September than in any other month. September is a month to stay home and be there for your orchids. Look at every plant, every day.

September, above all, is the month that the old Florida growers' adage that "One needs a cat to grow good orchids," holds true. By leaving enough space between plants on a shade house bench for a cat to walk around without knocking them down, one provides the good air circulation which is absolutely essential in periods of protracted wet weather. Well spaced plants are much less likely to encounter disease problems this month. Remember that your plants will have grown considerably over the summer and that the space they occupied comfortably in the Spring has now been filled by their own growth as well as their neighbors. Space them out. Now is perhaps the time to decide to hang some of the larger ones where they will dry much more quickly. The small cute ones left behind on the bench will be very appreciative of the extra air and light.

Another excellent way to increase air circulation and enhance rapid drying is by trimming excess (particularly vertical) branches from all trees which support orchids or are near to orchid growing areas. By increasing the light and air flow one will also garner the benefit of reducing the possibility that such trees will be knocked down in a severe storm. Trees trimmed to permit proper air circulation and light for orchids were frequently the only ones which survived upright after Andrew. As there is rarely time to do such pruning when storm warnings are actually posted and creating extra debris is not then wise, now is the time to protect both your orchids and your trees. Days are shortening quickly now and more hours of rain and overcast skies mean that your orchids will benefit from all the additional light that they can get. Beginning the process of "hardening off" our plants by allowing more light to reach them will give them a leg up on the coming cool weather as well.

As orchids grown outside are so frequently wet in September, it is often difficult to apply fertilizer or fungicides to the plants because they are already damp. Catch 22! — the plants need extra protection because they are wet and because they are wet one can't apply chemicals to protect them. In these circumstances, many growers find Quaternary ammonium compounds

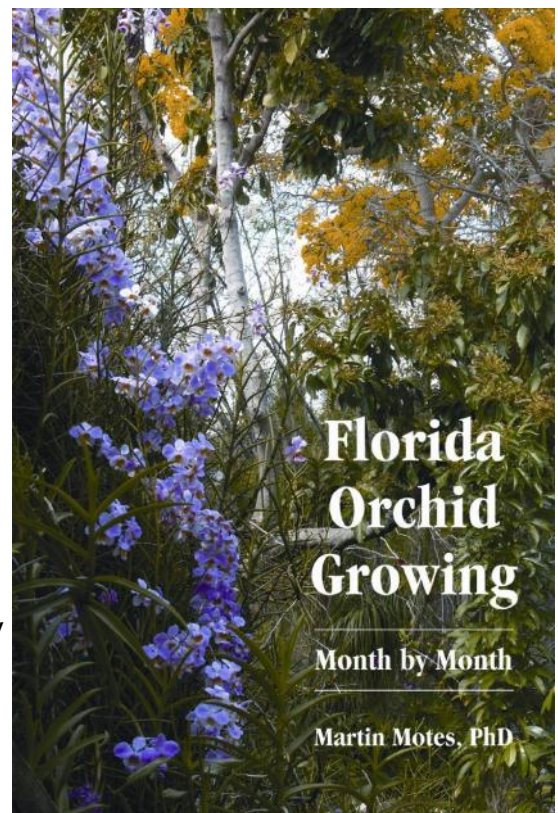
September In Your Orchid Collection, continued...

useful. Sold as Physan, Consan, Greenshield or Triathalon these disinfectants dissolve totally in water and can be applied to wet plants. Strengths vary so follow the label. Although Federal regulations say they should not, many growers substitute the cheap and readily available pool algicide which contain the same active ingredient. Home Depot sells a brand called "Pool Time" which could be purchased legally to disinfect walks and pathways at the rate of 1 to 2 tsps. per gallon and would certainly do no harm at that rate, if it came into contact with the orchids no more frequently than every 7-10 days.

This month when those brief periods of dry weather permit growers to think of applying other pesticides, they are tempted to think of giving their starving charges fertilizer as well. This is generally not a good idea with any fertilizer containing phosphorous (the second in the numerical series of three numbers). Phosphorus changes the PH of water and tends to interact with many other chemicals reducing their effectiveness. In September we need as much fire power from our chemical arsenal as we can get. A much better strategy in general to add some nutrients employs potassium nitrate (KNO₃) 13-0-43 at a rate of 1 tbs per gallon of water. One should ask for the type usually referred to as "spray grade". In general sympodial orchids are reaching the end of their growth cycle as September progresses so a reduction in nitrogen from the potassium nitrate substitution or a missed fertilizer application usually does little harm to orchids grown outside in South Florida. Soft cane dendrobiums of the "Nobile" types will actually benefit from the reduction in feeding. It's time to wean these deciduous types before cutting them off entirely from the grub next month. Vandas and Phalaenopsis on the other hand can be fertilized as often as weather permits and will bloom all the stronger for this extra attention in the coming months.

Snails can also be a problem again in September. Even if you earlier used the "lightly, frequently" baiting suggested in July, snails can travel long distances on wet ground in the dull, dark weather of September. Chances are your neighbors have not been as good as you on snail control. So, once more with feeling: snail bait "lightly, frequently" to give a warm welcome to any recently arrived mollusks. With an eye to the heavens (or at least to the TV screen), removing any old boards, empty pots or other debris that might fly about in a storm will also render the humble snails homeless. An opportunity to re-double your virtue and save some precious moments in the face of the storm that we hope never comes!

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Congratulations!



Natasha Romero was the lucky winner of the largest plant we have ever had on our raffle table. While we were all thrilled for her, we did wonder how she would get it home! Several members helped her to load it into her car and somehow she was able to mount it in a tree in her yard.

The plant is Enc. Orchid Jungle 'Myakka City' donated by Jim Roberts, Florida SunCoast Orchids. Jim won a certificate of cultural merit (CCM/AOS) for his plant in June 2011. At that time the plant had 255 flowers and 185 buds.

Congratulations Natasha and thank you Jim!



Treasurer's Report July 2018

Operating Fund Starting June 30, 2018	\$ 15,727.68
+ Income	\$ -
- Payments	\$ 2,141.75
Closing Balanced July 29, 2018	\$ 13,585.93

Petty Cash \$ 75.00

Total Operating Fund June 29, 2018 \$ 13,660.93

Reserve Fund

Starting Balance June 30, 2018	\$ 25,082.88
+ Deposit	\$ 100.00
+Interest Income July 31, 2018	\$ 0.66
Closing Balance June 29, 2018	\$ 25,183.54

Submitted by Judy Loeffler, Treasurer

Victorian Orchidelirium

by James L. Blackburn

Anyone who attended Venice's outrageously popular Orchid Show will have but a bee's taste of the frenzy stirred by that flower in Victorian England. (For coverage of the Show, see April 2018 Paradise Living: Spring Home & Garden in the Venice Gondolier Sun.) Orchidmania was probably unrivaled until Beatlemania, when four Liverpool lads sent the English nutty again. (The English are always nutty over something.) This flower fever, dubbed *orchidelirium*, resulted from the confluence of several factors, but basically two: a strong demand for and the ability to supply the rare and beautiful plant.



Although found on every continent but Antarctica, orchids were virtually unknown in England and Europe before the 18th century. No mention of them can be found in English literature until the middle of the 16th century. However, in the Far East and in Latin America they were well known and employed. When Cortez dropped in unannounced on the Aztecs in 1519, they offered him a vanilla-flavored refreshment. (Starbucks had not been invented.) The vanilla pod (a fruit, actually) comes from a species of orchid. This explains why a handful of men was able to conquer the Aztec nation; everybody was hopped up on vanilla lattes.

Long before its widespread popularity in England and Europe, the orchid was used for a variety of purposes elsewhere. In ancient Greece and other ancient civilizations, it was associated with virility and fertility. (The word comes from the Greek *orkhis*, meaning testicle.) These ancients used it for an aphrodisiac. So too did the Aztecs, when they put their lattes down for a while. In Japan, legend has it that one emperor's wife was barren until she breathed the flower's sweet scent. After that she had 13 children. What a miracle! And they all resembled the royal gardener. Ah! the mysteries of Nature.

In China it was used for coughs and other respiratory problems. The flower has been used for perfume. The vanilla pod can provide relief for nausea, and it is one of the world's most popular flavorings. Orchids were also used as talismans to ward off evil spirits or bring good luck. It was thought a woman eating orchids would bear sons. The flower or a tea made from it has been used as a sedative. And one interesting application was to apply an orchid tincture to the fingertips because it was thought to improve the sense of touch. Crazy world.



These benefits, real or imagined, were not to account for the orchids enormous growth in desirability in Victorian England, however. It was prized for its beauty, of course, as all beauties are. But it was extraordinarily difficult to get one to England alive and in flower. Those that survived the long sea voyage would not bloom again. It was not until 1787 that the first orchid bloomed at the Royal Botanic Gardens, also known as the Kew Gardens. Those that arrived alive had to be put in glasshouses and carefully managed. Orchids were therefore extremely expensive and the exclusive luxury of the wealthy and royalty. Thus, they became a status symbol.

Victorian Orchidelirium, continued...

A technological advancement of the Victorian period was the Wardian Case. This terrarium-like glass box maintained a semi-tropical environment and permitted orchids to be transported and cultivated more successfully. Until orchids were coaxed to bloom in English glasshouses and before the Wardian Case was put into widespread use, orchidists had to wait for plants to grow to sufficient size to divide them. This took years and was very costly.



Throughout the 19th century the importation of orchids grew, but so did the demand for them. "Orchid hunters" were employed by the wealthy, nurseries and royalty. The Queen's Royal Orchid Grower, Frederick Sander, employed many such hunters to scour the forests of South America. Sadly, these men gave not a toss about what we today would call their environmental impact. Our concept of environment was a long way off; Nature was there to be exploited. One of Sander's men even bragged that he had despoiled of all orchids Quito and Cuenca, two charming colonial Spanish cities in Ecuador known personally to this author.

Orchid hunting is almost universally outlawed today, thankfully, but much of the damage will never be undone. Many species are now extinct because of this. Orchids have a delicately balanced relationship with their habitat. Charles Darwin observed that some species would allow only a specific pollinator. And recent research has shown that the Brazil nut tree requires a specific species of female bee for its pollination, and those females will only mate with males carrying the scent of certain orchids. We should not be too harsh on Victorian orchid hunters, however. At that time they had no clue to the interdependency of the forest's flora and fauna. Today, the orchids you buy and grow are clones, thanks to modern science and inexpensive tissue culture techniques.

While orchids are still enormously popular, thanks to advances in cultivation, propagation and cloning they are no longer the exclusive domain of the rich. We all can afford and enjoy them. Here in southwest Florida we are fortunate to live in a climate favorable to them. And to think it started with some jittery Aztecs for want of a Starbucks.

Mr. Blackburn may be reached at
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Venice Area Orchid Society Meeting Minutes from August 1, 2018

Carol Wood called the meeting to order at 7 pm by welcoming our guests from the Englewood Area Orchid Society, new members and guests. She thanked EAOS for hosting us at their meeting last month.

Jim Roberts from Florida SunCoast Orchids is here as our guest speaker. Jim has been a long-term supporter of VAOS, a regular vendor at our annual show and one of our favorite speakers. Carol noted that Jim had donated a spectacular, large specimen encyclia for our raffle table tonight.

The next Grower's Clinic will be Thursday August 9th with a presentation on Orchid Pests. Our September 13th Growers Clinic will present Orchid Diseases.

Our September 5th meeting will host Brian Monk, Blu Lama Orchids, presenting "Paphiopedalums"

Florida SunCoast Orchids will hold their fall tent sale on Saturday October 13th with several vendors and light snacks served. Palmer Orchids will hold their fall sales event November 16 – 18.

Natasha Romero introduced Jim Roberts. He presented "What's A Good Orchid to Grow" covering many basic orchid culture tips as well.

Jim Roberts presented the plant table with assistance from Kristen Shaw. Pete Lipa and Donn Smart managed the raffle. Natasha Romero was the lucky winner of the giant encyclia!

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm

August 2018 Meeting Plant Table Awards



First Place and Blue Ribbon and Member's Choice Green Ribbon was presented to Steve Keller for his statuesque beauty, *Brassia (Brs.) Maculata*. This vigorous species is native to southern Mexico, Central America, Cuba, and Jamaica. The genus 'Brassia' was introduced in 1813 to honor William Brass, a well-known collector and illustrator. Steve grows it in his pool cage providing shade and natural air circulation that dries out the plant quickly after our daily summer rains thus preventing bacterial disease. Congratulations twice, Steve!!

Second Place and Red Ribbon won by Carol Wood for her luscious *Cattleya (C.) Hybrida x Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Plum Perfection* with gorgeous fuschia blooms. This plant is a hybrid of *C. loddigesii* x *C. guttata* + *C. Island Breeze* x *C. loddigesii* receiving the flower color, spots and the lip to form a magnificent bloom! Notice that Carol grows it in a clay pot and after the plant exceeded its space, she "potted up" by placing it into a larger basket. Obviously, the plant loves this. Kudos to Carol for this time-saving technique!



Third Place and Yellow Ribbon was bestowed to Bill Rich for his graceful and exquisite *Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Wendy Patterson*. One is overwhelmed with awe while viewing this delicate bloom showing often with a hint of yellow on the interior of the lip. It is a hybrid of *C. Helen P. Dane* x *C. intermedia*, a species. You may add this beauty to your collection from the reputable Chadwick & Sons Orchids, VA, Code# 1965. Good growing Bill!

August 2018 Meeting Plant Table Awards Continued....



Best Species Ribbon was awarded to Steve Vogelhaupt for his delicate scarlet beauty -- *Dyakia hendersoniana* which is endemic to Borneo. *Dyakia* is a genus of orchids that contains only one species and this is it! They sparkle on trees in swampy forests from sea level to the height of 2300 feet, hence they love Venice! To avoid bacterial disease, Steve only uses inorganic media – rocks – so his plant can breathe easily in Joanna's lovely home-made pot. Beautiful job, Steve.

New Member Grower's Ribbon was given to James Blackburn for his darling mini-cattleya, a NOID hiding its name from us. Most striking was the lovely hanging 'vase' that James created to hold it. He used a Royal Palm frond, tied together in the front with sisal twine holding in the sphagnum moss media. Then he added a longer sisal string with shells to enhance the presentation. See his other examples at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/HungUpOnOrchids> Inspiring work, James; we're glad you've joined VAOS!



Speaker's Choice Ribbon was granted to Natasha Romero for her eye-catching Miltonia or Miltoniopsis, unfortunately a NOID. These pansy-like orchids are becoming more popular but they cannot tolerate the heat of our summers. Natasha purchased her plant at Home Depot 3 years ago and she grows it indoors near a sunny window that is 'not too bright'. Its apple-green leaves tell us that it receives just the right amount of light in order to bloom. Great job, Natasha!!

Thank you to all the members who brought in their beautiful plants!

Everyone is encouraged to bring in their plants for judging!

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Upcoming events

Florida SunCoast Orchids

2018 Fall Tent Sale

Saturday October 13 at 9a

8211 Verna Bethany Rd.

Myakka City, FL 34251



Team Solly Orchid Auction

October 20, 2018

11 am - 4 pm

Jupiter, Florida

*Hosted by Cherie Blickenstaff
and Paul Price*



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(TEAM SOLLY)

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Jim can continue his journey to get better.
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care and financial needs while they fight cancer.

Here are some samples of orchids that will be auctioned off



Aerth grandiflorous



Ple Pendiculata



Vandopsis

If you would like to donate orchids for the auction please
contact Paul Price at pdprice772@gmail.com or Facebook

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<https://www.gofundme.com/jim-and-alexis-solly-team-solly>

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EAOS Annual Members Plant Sale

VAOS members are invited to participate in the Englewood Area Orchid Society Annual Plant Sale.

November 3rd

9am – 12pm

Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave. (Rt. 776), Englewood
Orchids, other plants, orchid related
arts and crafts can be sold

Tables provided but bring your own
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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5 (1st Wednesday) - Monthly Meeting

September 13 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic –
Presentation: Pests & Diseases Part 2 Diseases. Venice
Community Center Room F. 7pm

September 22-23 – Ridge Orchid Society Show, Bartow, FL.
Info: glengary54@yahoo.com

September 29-30 – Miami International Orchid Show, Coral
Gables, FL. Info: www.sforchid.com

September 29-30 – Tampa Orchid Club Expo Show and
Sale, Tampa, FL. Info: cents4me@aol.com

October 3 (1st Wednesday) – Monthly Meeting, Venice
Community Center, 6:30pm. Speaker: Alan Koch, Gold
Country Orchids. Topic: Unusual Species for the Cattleya
Grower.

October 5-7 – East Everglades Orchid Society Show and
Sale, R.F. Orchids, Homestead, FL. Info:
concept22@aol.com

October 11 (2nd Thursday) – Growers Clinic – Hands On
Repotting Clinic, Venice Community Center Room F, 7pm

October 13 (Saturday) - Florida SunCoast Orchids Fall Tent
Sale. Several guest vendors. 9am – 4pm.

October 31 – November 3 – AOS Fall Members Meeting
held in conjunction with the International Slipper Orchid
Symposium, Apopka, FL. Info: orchidfrank@aol.com

November 3 – EAOS Annual Members Plant Sale, 9am –
12pm, Christ Lutheran Church, Englewood (see article in
this newsletter)

November 9-10 – Plantio la Orchidea Fall Open House/Sale.
Details to follow

November 16 – 18 - Palmer Orchids Fall Sales Event.
Details to follow.

December 7 (Friday) – VAOS Annual Holiday Dinner Party.
Boca Royale Country Club, Englewood. 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/](http://www.fncjc.shutterfly.com/)

Next Meeting September 5th

**Bring a friend
Bring a treat to share
Donate plants for the Raffle Table**

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SAVE THE DATE!

VAOS 2019 Orchid Show & Sale

Feb. 2 & 3, 2019

Set up Friday Feb. 1st